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"Daily Worker" SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS **Silent About GPU Exposure**

Communist Party Mum Following Disclosure By Budenz Of How Stalin Murdered Trotsky

NEW YORK, Mar. 11 - Almost a week has passed NEW YORK, Mar. 11 — Almost a week has passed since The Militant reported Louis F. Budenz's disclosures Soaring Prices that leaders of the American Communist Party participated, together with Stalin's secret police agents, in preparing the assassination of Leon Trotsky in Mexico City

and the **Daily Worker** have he here and addresses and was names and addresses and was consulted in the selection of on the damning charges. The Stalinists will not be able ranks.

ever. For Budenz's revelations PERFORMED HER JOB fully refute the GPU version of In 1937 "Roberts" got Budenz the murder of Trotsky printed to introduce him to Ruby Weil, forecast of the prices you will in the Daily Worker in 1940 and a Stalinist friend of Budenz, who soon pay at retail stores, hit repeated in the book. The Great was then drawn into the plot, a 27-year high last week and Conspiracy, which the Stalinists although she claimed later she the end is not yet in sight, are currently distributing in did not know its ultimate aim. according to the U.S. Bureau great numbers.

The GPU version is that the disillusioned sympathizer of the This Is My Story, which will be released by Whittlesey House next week, Budenz admits how, under the instructions of top CP leaders, he cooperated with GPU agents in New York in preparing the way for Jacson to

BUDENZ KNEW A LOT

home

Budenz, a leader of the CP and Marxist leader. managing editor of the Daily Worker until 1945 when he quit agent. other work in the party.

the Trotskyists and had always protect themselves as well as fought against them, was given Stalin and the GPU.

information about them for the these conditions. The leaders of American workers are taking a GPU. For many months he kept the Communist Party must and terrific slice in their purchasing at this work, even when "Rich- will be made to answer the power, with more cuts to follow. ards" was replaced by another charges about their own com- CAPITALIST HOPE GPU agent named "Roberts" plicity in this crim

Her job was to cultivate Sylvia

assassin, "Frank Jacson," was a did it successfully. The following year they went to Paris to-"Frank Jacson."

Ageloff, a Trotskyist, and she Trotskyists. But in his book, gether. Here Ruby Weil com- ing March 1 recorded a onepleted her part of the work by month leap of 4.3% - marking introducing to Sylvia Ageloff a a stratospheric climb of 36% in

worm his way into Trotsky's as Ageloff's husband and survey on bread prices showing through her was able to gain ac- new hikes of from one to three cess to Trotsky's home in 1940, cents a loaf either already in

man she asserted was a friend of the past 12 months. These are hers - "Jacques Mornard," the government's own conservawho later took the name of tive admissions.

The testimony of Budenz is important not only because it to join the Catholic Church, confirms the identity of Stalin was ordered to meet with a GPU as Jacson's employer, which was "Richards," by Jack already established in 1940, but Stachel in the presence of a also because for the first time member of the CP Control Com- it brings to light conclusive evimission in 1936. He was told dence that the top American that co-operation with "Rich- Stalinist leaders were involved ards" took precedence over his in this crime. It is now plain

that their efforts to cover up Budenz, who knew a lot about Jacson's tracks are intended to the job of collecting all possible Silence will not suffice under ment economists. Meanwhile,

Hit 27-Year in August 1940. But the CP -and the Daily Worker have He checked on photographs, Record High agents to join the Trotskyist Escalator Contracts

> **Offer Best Protection** Spurting wholesale prices

of Labor Statistics.

The index of wholesale commodity prices for the week end-

On March 9, the Associated "Jacson" came to be accepted Press reported a nation-wide when he assassinated the great effect or pending in major cities. Meat prices, despite plentiful

supplies, have passed the black market levels during the days of OPA ceilings. Predictions of \$1a-pound pork chops are being made as hog prices in Chicago pass \$30 a hundredweight nearly SIX TIMES the price in Jan. 1941. H. M. Conway, market analyst for the National Association of Livestock Producers Assn., warns that beef prices will

follow the trend of pork. When will prices break? Maybe sometime next fall, or winter,

or the spring of '48, say govern-

the time would come when news

of a possible business recession

assault against unionism.

that prices will fall.

ne only "nope" put forth by low-income tenants.

Wall Street's Verdict

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dine

Threatened With 15% Rent Boost A general 15% increase in rent ceilings, affecting low- | threatens to become a flood.

income families numbering 60,000,000 people, was predicted last week by Senator C. Douglas Buck, head of the Rent Subcommittee of the Senate Banking Committee. His committee has approved a 9

bill for a 10% boost, which powerful bloc is demanding re- ed living standards a third since ty of "contempt" when it failed mination of the law, acted at "personally I would like to see." moval of all ceilings by June the end of the war. But he added that he thought 30 of this year.

Congress would "favor" taking The Senate voted last week to organizations can protect them- tion to call off the strike. the 15% slice from millions of end the OPA Rental Division of selves from the rent-robbers only

Workers will be the largest group of victims of any new rent boosts. It will mean a further

Workers Of The World, Unite!

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THE MULTANT

Organized labor and tenants Judge Goldsborough's injunc-

ington: Freeze all rents!

It imposed the vindictive

JUDICIAL STRIKEBREAKING **Mine Rulings Give Courts Deadly New Anti-Strike Weapon**

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By Art Preis

Wall Street's Supreme Court has put its seal of approval on government strikebreaking by injunction. It has thereby dealt the American labor movement the deadliest judicial blow in decades.

By a five-to-four decision, the U.S. Supreme Court on March 6 upheld the federal district court injunction prohibiting the AFL Mine Workers strike last November. The Supreme Court contended that the government is not bound by the provisions of the Norris-LaGuardia Anti-Injunction Act, which was passed in 1932 specifically to prevent strikebreaking by injunction. The Court ruled, in effect,

that when the government assumes the role of employer, whether actual or merely os-

iginally levied by Judge Golds-

tensible, workers on strike no borough, if the union fails, withlonger have legal protection in a time to be stipulated by the against judicial bludgeoning. Court, to withdraw the cancel-The Big Business government lation of its contract with the has only to claim the role of emgovernment.

ployer during a strike against a In its ruling on the contempt private employer — as it did in proceedings, the Court held that the mine case — and it is free "the District Court had the to break the strike by injuncpower to preserve existing con-

ditions while it was determining The Supreme Court also ruled, its own authority to grant insharp boost in the rising cost of by a seven-to-two majority, junctive relief. The defendants, to abide by Federal District their peril."

This establishes the principle that regardless of the legality of an anti-strike injunction the

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PRICE: FIVE CENTS

Monarchists In Greece Hail Wall Street's Aid

falism in Greece has been greeted with jubilation by all Consolingly writes the editor of workers and veterans, to force hands of the courts, whose ties the reactionary supporters of the despotic Glucksburg on March 7. dynasty. The State Depart-9-

ment agreement to move correspondent of the Monitor full force to the demand for the

laborators put in office by the Allies against the will of the the left-wing uprising. By sum- rising living costs. Allies against the wint of the left-wing uprising. Ly the left-wing uprising, Ly the area of how well the Greek fair idea of how well the Greek over the ships built at the ex- Army, using British and it is payers which will be turned over to them as part of the deal. And of final departure of British increased military supplies from the depots of the American arm- ARREST LEFTISTS ed forces, are going ahead with

plans for new repressive moves from the following incident: On against the masses.

PREDICT COLLAPSE

The Washington correspondent of the Christian Science Monitor, evidently referring to information released by the State Department, declared March 5: . "Without aid - and aid soon - sources here were prodicting a collapse of the Greek regime before the month of Nicaria, condemned to a is out.'

This estimate is confirmed by penal colony. The press did not Secretary of State Marshall's bother to mention what kind statement that the economic of trial was given them. condition of Greece has "deter- The possibility of renewed forated to the verge of collapse." strife in Greece gives substance Since their defeat under the to the declaration of Senator the union leaders. onslaught of British armed force Carl A. Hatch that American the Greek people have been re- Greece to maintain the moncuperating their forces. They archy. As N. Y. Times corresrefuse to accept the Allied pup- pondent C. L. Sulzberger points pet government. They want to out: "It has been evident for choose their own form of government.

To block this upsurge, the Greek monarch is preparing a insure stability and maintain new blood-letting. The London order."

the Office of Temporary Con- by the most powerful mass re- of \$700,000 on the miners, plus union must obey it until and unthe capitalist spokesmen is the While the housing shortage, trols by June 30. Supplemental sistance, including rent strikes \$10,000 on their president John less the injunction is withdrawn prospect of a "business reces- particularly in the low rental appropriations for continuing and demonstrations. The de- L. Lewis. The union fine will be or a higher judicial body rules sion" — when enough workers units, becomes more acute every OPA, according to OTC Direc- mand must thunder in Wash- raised to \$3,500,000, the sum or- it illegal. Violation of a judge's are fired, then mass purchasing day, Congress threatens to open tor Fleming, are insufficient to power will decline so drastically the door to a gigantic rent steal continue rent ceiling enforceby the real estate interests, whose ment after April 30.

"Who would have said that profits have doubled in six years. Even if some form of rent Nothing can halt this new control is retained for six months rent-gouge except direct organ- or a year after final expiration Washington's decision to take over for British imper- would be welcomed with relief?" ized mass action of tenants, of OPA, it will be placed in the the Christian Science Monitor Congress to back down from its with the propertied interests are scheme to let landlords legally well known.

Continued soaring prices give pick every tenant's pockets.

flood of good hard American left Greece." The Monitor adds: escalator clause in an union con-tracts providing automatic wage lar upsurge. The Senate Subcom- Feb. 15, the rate of approval of justice. "This period of showdown will increases, above the basic mini- mittee proposes to end all con- such "hardship" increases has This belief had been nurtured present the maximum peril of mum wage rates, in line with trols by Dec. 31. More cautious mounted rapidly under the new by the man they trusted most,

In direct response to the drive financial support for the Government plans to utilize its The Militant and the Socialist quidation of rent controls. The piece-meal rent decontrol by Street imperialism means a United Nations Commission has escalator clause in all union con- control without causing a popu- granted up to last Jan. 1. Since

elements say June 30, 1948. A "liberalized" regulations. It John L. Lewis. He had called

Lewis Support Of Court Helped Disarm Miners

tion.

into Greece means American reports a sinister "spring house-sliding scale of wages to meet the preliminary to wrecking of ceilings, the Administration has U.S. Supreme Court's vindictive decision against their un-It is reported that many coal miners reacted to the interpret it to the best advancleaning by which the Greek rising prices, long advocated by all rent ceilings by complete li-already instituted a system of ion with "shock" and "surprise." They clearly did not exonly debate going on in Con- granting landlords rent increases pect such an anti-labor blow. They believed the Supreme awe. Workers who denounce In addition, this move of Wall a convenient interval after the abreast of prices is through an would be safe to abolish rent increases had already been body that would give them he claimed, so that the Supreme Court would be "free from public

citizens.

pressure superinduced by the hysteria and frenzy of an economic crisis."

tage of the capitalist class.

No other agency of the capitalist government is held in such Congress and the President as tools of Big Business, often hesitate to question the class nature of the Supreme Court.

The capitalists have deliberately given the Supreme Court

the character of a "sacred" in-Then the Supreme Court could stitution. They have surrounded be trusted to render fair judgit with an aura and tradition of ment. Lewis said, because "the indisputable wisdom and impar-Supreme Court is, and we betiality. This is what has given lieve will ever be, the protector the Court its great influence and of American liberties and the authority. rightful privileges of individual

STANDS REVEALED

Lewis's statement helped give Removed from this concealing substance to one of the most in- sheath, the Supreme Court sidious lies spread by the capi- stands revealed for what it is -talist propagandists. It is the American capitalism's sharpest fiction that the U.S. Supreme judicial sword, a deadly weapon Court is irreproachable in its which Wall Street has swung at judicial wisdom and stands the miners and the working

Nothing could be more false. Lewis's statement covering up The Supreme Court, as its de- the capitalist class character of cision in the mine case has again the Supreme Court did the minconfirmed, is the most carefully- ers a great disservice. It helped selected and most powerful ju- to disarm and disorient them. dicial instrument of the capital- Instead of relying on their own posed of corporation lawyers and faith in the "justice" of Wall capitalist politicians whose loy- Street's "protector of American alty to the monied interests has liberties." They were cruelly debeen thoroughly tested. ceived.

This Court is virtually irre-The attack on the miners was movable. The people have no say spearheaded by Truman, supin its selection. It is "above poli- ported by Congress and carried tics" - but only in the sense through by the courts - especithat it is furthest removed from ally the Supreme Court. This the will of the people. Its de- assault demonstrated once again cisions have the power of law, and most openly the WHOLE which cannot be changed except government is an instrument of to nullify any act of Congress or | miners' struggle.

The Supreme Court's decision against the miners gives | core. The decisive factor is labor's organized strength -What is in store can be judged American labor another ominous warning of the deter- not legal rulings. mined, ruthless and all-out character of Wall Street's

in the capitalist government's offensive against the work- workers, not a wheel could turn.

Such a counter-offensive can be launched by a Nation-

of mass pressure on Congress. It could organize nation- by Wall Street-dominated Presi- of the rest of the labor movepears so weak and ineffectual against the anti-labor drive. wide demonstrations, mass delegations, mass meetings and dents and Senators. It is com- ment, they were led to put their The profiteering monopolists, through their Congress and publicity, a labor march on Washington.

It could begin the building of labor's own independent party so that the workers would have their own political weapon. Then labor, representing the majority of the peo-The job to be done by the local unions is to develop

united mass action around an effective program in every Because they know the meaning of power, they retreat community. These local actions must be the spur for similar ted Conference of Labor. Flood the top union leaders with by a later contrary opinion of the capitalist class. That is the Some in labor's ranks claim that the Supreme Court's resolutions. Demand militant joint action of all unions the Court itself. It has the power greatest lesson taught by the

troops.'

hoped United States arms, can

March 4, while the American capitalist press was discussing the implications of Washington taking over Britain's "policing" role, the Greek puppet govern- ing class. It is an extension and intensification of the guerrillas in the North."

ment arrested 571 "leftists." Big Business anti-labor drive. They were charged with "aiding

them were shipped to the Island year's sentence in the notorious

On the following day 556 of ernment agency - executive, legislative and judicial is allied in a conspiracy to cripple organized labor and to strengthen the power of the American plutocracy.

Wall Street's Supreme Court dares to reveal its class nature so brazenly only because the labor movement ap-

Court, exhibit an open contempt for the verbal pleas of

The capitalists are guided only by their class interests, in the civil war two years ago, troops might be required in their profits. They are not moved by appeal to reason or ple, could fight for political power, so that ITS Congressthe people's needs. They fight with cold calculation, using men would write the laws, ITS courts would enforce them. every weapon. They rely, in the last resort, only on naked power.

> months... that the Greek Army only before greater organized power, wielded just as ruth- united action on a national scale through a National Uniitself is not strong enough to lessly and determinedly as their own.

decision has "set labor back decades." That is false to the NOW!

HOW TO ANSWER COURT'S RULING An Editorial -

American labor still stands at the peak of its organized

strength, 15 million strong. Its ranks are composed of This blow is the latest and one of the most damaging tested, seasoned, loyal fighters. Without these organized

All that is needed to stem the anti-labor drive is for above all class interests and bias. class. these 15 million workers to be mobilized in a united, militant counter-offensive. That can be done and must be done.

The vindictiveness and class bias openly displayed by tives of all union locals, regardless of affiliation.

the Supreme Court confirms once again that every gov-

al United Conference of Labor composed of representa-This conference could map out an effective program ist ruling class. It is hand-picked organized strength and the aid PAGE TWO

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Planned Economy Vs. Capitalist Chaos

By Joseph Hansen

United States." The crises abroad, they maintain, result from planned economy; whereas the prosperity at home is the fruit of capitalism. Therefore, they conclude, capitalism is proving its superiority over planned economy.

This logic is, no doubt, intended to pulverize the advocates of planned economy. In face of the indisputable fact that the United States "is able to ship heavy relief consignments to Europe and eat well itself," who can stand up and defend planned economy?

Let us begin by listing the countries where the economic crises of "planned economy" are occuring, according to these high-paid publicity experts: (1) The Soviet Union ("wheat cri-("inflationary crises").

They contrast "the current possible. Otherwise we run American arms and dollars. economic crises breaking out the danger of insufficient What about imperialist and not in planned economy. We armies of Germany? And when Third World War can leave the how productive capacity increas- resistibly. all over Europe and parts of evidence leading us to in- France? The nationalization of can check this conclusion by these capitalist armies in turn United States in ruins. Or a es with the growing complexity The idea of planned economy Asia" with "the current phe- correct conclusions. We note, for some industries undertaken considering the "coal shortage" retreated didn't they likewise depression in the near future can and size of the factory system. is likewise gaining support in nomenal prosperity in the example, that the capitalist edi- there so far leave the capital- in Great Britain. tors did not mention the crisis ists their profits and prevent the The British coal industry was sponsible for the devastation in

> in Indo-China and Indonesia nationalizations serve to prop up hungry capitalists. They and invading armies? where capitalist France and Hol- the capitalist system and not to they alone were responsible for This consideration calls atten- economy on the theory that at-

in the Near and Middle East, Nor SMOKE SCREEN LIFTING the crises in half a dozen councrises in capitalist Japan, Italy Congressmen themselves ex- capitalist economy in Great Brit- NOT PERMANENT and Germany!

Obviously the defenders of they granted the recent loan to erately weight the scales. state. Is China a workers' state? | set up their own government in the "wheat crises."

This elementary step pays off To the best of our knowledge, October 1917.

in the Philippine Islands, which workers from controlling and not ruined in the short period the Ukraine then-planned econsurely cannot be ascribed to managing industry under a ra- since it was nationalized. It was omy or the capitalist economy planned economy. Nor the crises tional and unified plan. These ruined long before by profit- that organized and launched the

land bar the road to independ- replace it. The problem in the disastrous methods of min- tion to an amazing gap in the tack is the best defense? Are ence. Nor the crisis in India France, according to these same ing, for permitting equipment analysis presented by Wall they trying to cover up the fact where famine and civil strife capitalist editorial writers, is to to deteriorate until it broke down Street's spokesmen. In telling that the Second World War like rages under the rule of British bolster a decrepit capitalist class and for blocking the modern- us what has given rise to the the First arose out of capitalcapitalism. Nor the crises in against the surge of the working ization of this key industry. Thus present relative prosperity of the ist economy? Are they simply Greece, Palestine, and elsewhere class toward planned economy. the coal shortage, far from ex- United States in contrast to trying to pin on planned econ-And the same holds true of of planned economy, stands as leave out of account the effects system is responsible? tries in Latin America. Nor the Great Britain. Wall Street's an annihilating indictment of of the Second World War?

plained at great length, when ain.

capitalism found their case so Britain, that this loan would WHO IS RESPONSIBLE weak they felt obliged to delib- give capitalism another breath- But at least - Wall Street's Axis armies did not blow up, the ing specialists believe. They have ing spell and strengthen the publicity experts might respond Allied armies. levelled to the come to some pretty definite To establish fully the falsity dikes against planned economy. - you admitted that planned ground. The United States, on conclusions about certain quesof their propaganda, let us look That leaves the Soviet Union. economy was introduced some the other hand, escaped the outa little closer at the countries There, it is true, planned econ- time ago in the Soviet Union. right devastation of war. ses"); (2) Great Britain ("coal they do list. Planned economy omy was begun after the work- Consequently you've got to agree Thus America's present pros- italism. It is the growing shortage"); (3) China, France is possible only in a workers' ers overthrew capitalism and that planning is responsible for perity is due primarily to its strength of this opinion that dis-

Europe and the Far East were major battlefields. What the Street's high-pressure advertis-

more fortunate position in the turbs Wall Street.

at once. What about the coun- capitalism combined with vest- The smoke screen is now be- the key area where these crises any greater efficiency of capital- productive powers reside in mod- Europe especially where the The capitalist press of late ing to compare two systems that unhappy land. General find the causes of the crises in right, didn't the Soviet armies only as Wall Street's profeshas been aiming its editor- of economy, then we must Marshall's mission there was to countries other than the Soviet carry out a scorched earth pol- sional apologists try to make out, instance, what they could turn in a quarter of a century of capial guns at planned economy. consider as many countries as bolster up that system with Union, we must seek them in the icy in the Ukraine when they re- This fortunate position, howev- out with the industrial machine italist economy, the drive toward workings of capitalist economy treated before the capitalist er, is not at all permanent. A during the war. They can see planned economy is growing ir-

> At this point the question naturally arises: why did these propagandists "forget" this item of the second world slaughter? Are they attacking planned

posing any alleged disadvantages crises elsewhere, how could they omy the very ills for which their

The truth is that the great masses of people throughout the world are not as stupid as Wall tions, and one is the advantages of planned economy over cap-

ployed.

MUST LEAD TO WAR

Let's see. Isn't the Ukraine Second World War and not to The workers know what vast

apply the torch? Who is re- also leave disaster in its wake. A single trust can plan in its the United States. The first efown field, setting goals, organ- fect of the integration of econizing output and managing a omy here under a general plan productive force exceeding that would be a tremendous spurt of entire nations a century or forward in productive capacity. so ago. It does not require much The introduction of atomic enimagination to see what could ergy in industry, the ending of be done if the country's whole unnecessary duplication and the industrial machine were co-or- replacement of antiquated equip. dinated under one general man- ment would step up production agement and organized to pro- to still higher peaks. Expanding duce for the needs of the people. production would quickly mean What prevents this step being not only high-income jobs for taken? The workers know the all but greatly increased leisure answer to that one too. It's the time.

capitalist stockholders who run PLANNED ECONOMY

industry only for the sake of Planned economy in the Sovprofits. When the markets beiet Union operates under terrible come glutted, that is, when no disadvantages. To begin with, profits can be realized, then the Russia was one of the most stockholders close the plants backward and impoverished down, even though there may countries in the world. The debe millions of destitute people. velopment of the economy was The experience of the last defurther hindered by the growth pression is still fresh in the and degeneration of the Stalinminds of the workers. As many ist bureaucracy, which disreas 20,000,000 able-bodied men, gards the needs of the masses anxious to work, were forced and devours a huge part of the into the ranks of the unemnational income. Despite this, planned economy was able in a

few short years to achieve what Those workers who think for it took decades to do in the adthemselves are likewise convanced capitalist countries. When vinced that only planned econ- this is borne in mind, it is not omy can prevent another war. difficult to imagine what heights The German workers must bit- the United States could reach

terly ask themselves as they under planned economy. watch the Allied power prepar- Under world - wide planned ing another "peace"-more mon- economy, mankind for the first strcus than Versailles-isn't this time would achieve complete where we came in? So long as freedom from want. Humanity world economy is chopped up could turn full attention to into national segments with the stamping out disease and all various capitalist cliques im- forms of ill health. Fear would pelled to fight for a share in the die out along with class oppresworld market, the economic riv- sion. True civilization would bealries inevitably burst sooner or gin.

But this perspective means the later into armed conflict. By uniting world economy, the end of a privileged minorthe workers end not only the ity. That is why the capitalist cause of depressions but also the press is campaigning against cause of war. That is why in planned economy.

Our Program:

1. Defend labor's standard of living!

ployment

breaking!

- A sliding scale of wages man escalator wage clause in all union contracts to provide automatic wage increases to meet the rising cost of living!
- Organize mass consumers committees for independent action against profiteering and price-gouging!
- Expropriate the food trusts! Operate them under workers control
- 2. Full employment and job security for all workers and veterans!

to prevent layoffs and unemployment!

For the 6-hour day, 30-hour week! A sliding scale of hours reduce the hours of work with no reduction in pay

Government operation of all idle plants under workers' control!

Unemployment insurance equal to trade union wages for work-

3. Against all anti-labor laws and government strike-

No restrictions on the right to strike and picket!

No injunctions! No compulsory arbitration!

4. Build an independent labor party!

Repeal the payroll tax! No sales taxes!

No taxes on incomes under \$5,000 a year!

5. Tax the rich, not the poor!

low-rent housing!

ers and veterans during the entire period of unem-

Judicial Strikebreaking Upheld By Supreme Court In Mine Case

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makes a union and its members ing, they continue to be bound subject to such penalties, crim- by the anti-strike injunction. inal and civil, as the judge may This will be effective until the see fit to impose.

This decision is as ominous expires on June 30, when the as the ruling on the injunction government is required to reitself, and may be even more far- turn the mines to the private reaching. It places into the hands operators. Meanwhile, the minof every corporation-minded ers' contract, as well as their judge a new strikebreaking wea- strike truce, ends March 31. pon of incalculable destructive-

Legal safeguards won by la- strikebreaking against the coal bor over decades of bitter strug- miners, the coal operators are gle now stand prey to the whims now reported to be making new bound to obey any order to end other important gains secured a strike issued by a judge. If it by the UMW are endangered. fails to do so, the judge can cite The operators are demanding the union and its members for elimination of these vital gains contempt. strip it of its finances as a prerequisite to the negoby staggering fines and railroad tiation of a new contract. its members and leaders to pri-

son.

on anti-union laws before the Senate.

Labor must beware of the op-Smith-Connally Anti-Strike Act tions, will have only limited effect in extending use of injunctions to break strikes. This view Emboldened by the Supreme

Court's support of government cies - federal, state and loand class-bias of any judge. Un- and onerous demands on the cal - powers of injunction der this decision a union is union. Safety measures and against striking government employes. The right to strike for can automatically be cancelled by judicial fiat. Their final and most effective weapon to protect their rights in collective bargaining is virtually destroyed. This Court decision, so obvi-

ously bearing the class stamp They are rendered helpless slaves, crush the labor movement. If a union complies with an il- of Big Business, erects another without defense from governlegal anti-strike injunction, its formidable barrier to current un- ment tyranny. School teachers, strike is broken. If it fails to ion wage demands in a dozen for instance, who are engaged in comply, it can be subjected to major industries, steel, auto, rub- a great struggle for higher pay, brutal penalties. Violation of a ber, maritime, railroads, electri- may now be subject to judicial man administration and the

proposed by his committee. He Act expires, the government has restraining order automatically ignore the Supreme Court's rulon to see if the House can't act ergency" during a strike, "seize" the plants by putting up a notice and raising a flag on the proper-

timistic interpretation that the ty, and then issue an anti-strike Supreme Court decision, exempt- injunction against its "employing the government from the es." In this manner, the Norris-Norris-LaGuardia Act restric- LaGuardia Anti-Injunction Act could be virtually nullified.

The Supreme Court decision is not borne out by the facts. was coldly calculated in the in-To begin with, the Court's terests of the American capiruling gives government agen- talist class. It was deliberately designed to provide the Big Business government, acting for the employers, with new offensive weapons against organized labor. millions of government workers It is part and parcel of the ferocious anti-labor drive - conducted on all fronts, legislative, executive and judicial - whereby Wall Street's government seeks to cripple and ultimately

Thus, the Supreme Court has placed the cap-stone on the foul conspiracy between the Tru-

mine owners to deprive the

mine workers of their bargain-

ing powers. And this conspiracy,

the Supreme Court's decision

the miners alone, but at all Am-

erican labor.

makes plain, was aimed not at



Members of the CIO Industrial Union of Marine & Shipbuilding Workers are joined by members of AFL Seafarers International Union in picketing the water front, after the Ira S. Bushey ship repair company in Brooklyn, N. Y. continued to refuse to settle with the strikers. Aid of other AFL and CIO maritime unions was recently implemented by the CIO Oil Workers International Union, whose members tabbed all Bushey craft as "hot ships." Federated Pictures

What the Nathan

The facts and figures con-

tained in the Nathan Report

are utilized by Warren Creel

in the March issue of Fourth

International to explode the

fraudulent claims of the big

Creel analyzes the inter-

Report Reveals

deprive a worker of even the poly corporations generally can acting as prosecutor and jury in ing prices. determining violations. And he fixes sentence.

In this manner, the right to strike — the most fundamental right of labor - may be nullified by any judge.

SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES

The Supreme Court's decision - jubilantly proclaimed their will have an immediate effect endorsement of the judicial blow not only on the miners' struggle against labor. for higher wages and better conditions, but on all labor's fight New Jersey, head of the House for wage increases and against Labor Committee, promptly anthe Congressional anti-labor nounced the Court's decisions drive. Unless the miners choose to harsher anti-labor bills to be

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judge's strikebreaking order can cal and others. The giant monorestraints when they go on strike. elementary right to trial by jury, be expected to take an even more This decision's full implicaaccorded even to thieves and arrogant attitude against the tion for all workers in private murderers. Judge-made law rules just demands of the workers industry has been made plain supreme, with the judge himself for higher wages to meet soar- by Justice Frank Murphy in his dissenting opinion. He warns

that "government could easily AIDS ANTI-LABOR DRIVE

utilize seizure as a subterfuge for The most immediate effect of breaking any and all strikes in Chicago Jury the Supreme Court rulings has private industry. Under some been to stimulate the anti-labor drive in Congress. Congressmen could seize private properties at Scores Owners and Senators almost to a manthe behest of the employers Republicans and Democrats alike the benest of the employers of **Of Firetraps**

Republican Rep. Hartley of

would be the basis for even

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occurred, on a finding that the public interests was in peril.

employes . . . After the strike

CHICAGO, Mar. 8-Owners "A restraining order could of firetrap tenement buildthen be secured on the specious ings were castigated by a theory that the government was coroner's jury this week. The acting in relation to its own jury went on record "as con-

demning vigorously the conwas broken, the properties would ditions existing at premises" be handed back to the private employers." located at 1733 Washburne Ave., He points out that this was where four children of James the case in the mine strike which Hickman were burned to death

grew out of a dispute between on Jan. 16. They called the attention of 'the private coal operators and the private miners . . . The the city and county authorities to He made no mention in his miners remained private em- the conditions "which existed in lengthy report of the militancy ployes despite the temporary violation of all codes, laws and and solidarity in the strike last presented two important resolugloss of government possession ordinances governing places for year. The leadership put a damp- tions that were referred without and operation of the mines." human abode, and especially do er on militancy.. The government has merely we wish to condemn the pracfronted for the mine owners, who tice of the landlord, or owner, still actually run the mines and or agent of said premises for permitting such conditions to get the profits.

exist, and for such profit-mak-Even if the Smith-Connally ing theory as exercised therein." They stated that such buildings "should be condemned by the city and wrecked, to avoid further recurrence."

The jury was unable to come to a decision as to whether the fire was accidental or incendiary in origin. They recommended that the case be turned over to the State's Attorney for further investigation, "with emphasis on housing conditions, particularly in segregated areas, affecting human lives."

MEMORIAL MEETING for Comrade **Florence Ward** Former Organizer of the Harlem Branch SUNDAY, MARCH 16

at 4:00 p.m. 103 W. 110th St.

Demands Drafted **Detroit UAW Parley** At

DETROIT, Mar. 8 — 'A National General Motors Delegates Conference of the CIO United Automobile Workers was held here yesterday and

Thursday to draft demands and recommendations for the union's GM National Bargaining Committee in coming negotiations.

corporations that higher wages The conference approved demust bring higher prices. mands for a $23\frac{1}{2}$ -cent an hour increase: a corporation-financed connection between low wages health and welfare fund and an and colossal profits and exold age retirement fund equal plains why Big Business must to three per cent of total hourly continue to slash at the workwages; and a guaranteed weekly ers' living standard in order wage based on a 40-hour week. UAW President Walter Reu-

to maintain these profits. Single copies at 25 cents or militant spirit in the delegates.

recommendation to the Interna-

One resolution advocated that mined by the National Policy calator wage clause similar to Committee and CIO top leaders, that of the CIO Oil Workers' not by the assembled local un- Sinclair contract which has ion presidents and bargaining granted automatic wage inceases for rising living costs.

All resolutions offered by the The other resolution called for delegates had to be approved by "a policy of 'one for all, and all the top conference committee be- for one'" in present wage nefore they were submitted to the gotiations. "In other words, the conference. The resolutions were General Motors workers will not read by the secretary in the last settle their wage demands until half-hour of the conference when similar settlements have been most delegates had left. In this effected with Ford and Chrysway, Reuther prevented a real Jer; and that we request Ford and discussion of policy in the com- Chrysler negotiating committees

of Detroit Fleetwood Local 15, solidarity in our common fight."

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committee members.

ing negotiations. to adopt this same policy to the John W. Anderson, president end that we may all proceed in

ther, who is also head of the union's GM Division, avoided anything that might arouse a

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Why The GPU Ordered Budenz To Keep Silent In Reiss Murder

Louis Budenz reveals in his Rome, Schildbach came to Swit- the Representation Commerciale book This Is My Story how the zerland in response to a letter Sovietique in Paris. They re-GPU ordered the American Stal- from Reiss telling her about his quested the Paris police to arinist press to lay off the Ignace break with Stalin. She posed as rest them and hold them for ex-Reiss case. He does not tell, how- sympathetic. On Sept 3 she in- tradition on the charge of comever, why the GPU considered vited him to dinner. plicity in the murder of Ignace

it too hot to handle. The fact When they left the restaurant, Reiss. was that the Swiss police caught a Chevrolet drove up. A man HOLES IN POLICE NET the GPU red-handed in this sen- jumped out and slugged Reiss But Grosovsky had already sational murder.

On Sept. 4, 1937, on the Cham: desperately, but the odds were zky was questioned once by the blandes road not far from too great. They shoved him into police, and then also disappear-Lausanne, the Swiss police the car and drove off. The police ed. GPU agent Lydia Grosovsky found the body of a well-dressed identified the wisps of hair in his was the only one caught by the man riddled with machine gun hand as those of Schildbach. Paris police.

slugs. His dead hand clutched Checking her hotel room, they Contrary to all precedent, howa few strands of gray hair. A Czechoslovakian passport in a box of chocolates poisoned with into the press until much later, his pocket gave his name as Hans strychnine. The connecting the Paris court released this as-Eberhardt, a name already fam- room had been taken by a sassin on bail of 50,000 francs. lliar to the Swiss police. An man who registered as Naturally she was never seen

short time previously had falsely later identified him as Roland tested vigorously, but it was too accused Eberhardt of being a Abbiat, a citizen of Monaco born late. "trafficker in drugs." Evidently in London. His baggage like that On the evidence they had the aim of the "informer" was of Schildbach's had been left amassed, the Swiss police asked to make the premeditated mur-behind. In it the police found Paris to arrest a number of other der appear part of a gang war a map of Mexico City including GPU agents, including Schildamong dope peddlers.

the body. His real name was Ig- time. The authorities revealed of the GPU, who was in Paris. nace Reiss, a former high func- that the Russian consulate in But in view of the anxiety of the tionary of the GPU, decorated Lausanne had been attempting French government to keep in with the Order of the Red Flag. to get a passport to Mexico for the good graces of Stalin - this On June 27, 1937, he had broken a man named "Rossi." from the GPU and announced REVEALS MURDER PLOTS

he was joining the Fourth International. The GPU killers were on his trail.

friend of Reiss for 20 years. It was she who had lured him into the trap.

A GPU operator stationed in

Zionism Analyzed Another chapter from the still unpublished manuscript, "The Materialist Conception of the Jewish Question" by A. Leon, appears in the March issue of Fourth International. The origin and development of Zionism is analyzed in this article. "Capitalist decaybasis for the growth of Zionism—is also the cause of the impossibility of its realization." The author proves that the Jewish question cannot be resolved within the framework of the capitalist system. Single copies at 25 cents or a year's subscription for \$2 can be ordered from Fourth International, 116 University Place, New York 3, N. Y.

with a blackjack. Reiss struggled fled to the Soviet Union. Belet-

found papers, photographs and ever, and without letting it leak anonymous letter sent them a "Francois Rossi." The police again. The Swiss authorities pro-

Coyoacan, the suburb where bach and Michael Spiegelglass, The victim's wife identified Leon Trotsky was living at the sub-chief of the Foreign Service

was during the Franco-Soviet

pact — the holes in the police net proved wide enough for all On Sept. 8 the police arrested of them to slip through.

Renata Steiner, a 29-year-old GPU agent who had rented the Identified one of the murderers as Gertrude Schildbach, a close Converted to Stalinism around French Workers Continue Converted to Stalinism around 1931, she had been twice to Mos-cow. In 1936, through the So-viet consulate in Paris, she was Struggle For Higher Wages

pointment

sent into the GPU. One of her first assignments was to trail

By N. Henri Trotsky's son, Leon Sedoy, Besides Abbiat, she named a numstruggle of the French work- content in a number of factor- of sacrifices than in illness or as well. ber of other GPU agents who had ers for wage increases con- ies. Because of the press strike, death. Protests will accomplish been trailing Sedoy. She herself succeeded in striking up a speak- tinues in the form of isolated the powerful Humanite cannot nothing." ing friendship with Sedov after and sporadic movements give the line to thousands of rank One of the principal reasons to be ready for large-scale econ-Sedov in which she participated the employers and the govern- are taking place. failed only because illness pre- ment towards the demands of vented him from keeping an ap- the workers. Recently the leader of the duction except on certain articles, France must pay its quota and,

Renata Steiner revealed de- Communist Party (Stalinist), such as wheat (recently bought moreover, fix the franco-dollar tails of how the GPU organized Thorez, vice-president of the with dollars), metal products and rate of exchange. the murder of Reiss.

agents of the GPU stationed at those of January, when Blum chief of the government, con-valuation of the franc.

Upsurge In Asia Poses Big Threat To World Imperialism

Effects Of Martial Law In Palestine

British martial law in Palestine has been answered by a new outbreak of bombings, resulting in seenes like the one above. The British are turning over the Palestine question to the United Nations and the Zionist organizations are continuing their pressure to increase immigration.

Federated Pictures

While the future of Europe is being debated by the lacking the resources to "pacify" "Big Four" Foreign Ministers in Moscow, with little likeli- the country on its own terms, as hood that their conference will produce agreements that it used to be able to do before can restore political and economic stability in Europe, the war. Like the British, the French

virtually the entire continent of $\frac{9}{1}$ civil war and economic stagna-Asia and her adjoining islands tion.

have entered a stage of crisis India has not yet won its freewhich may in the end yield even dom, despite the British promgreater headaches for world im- ise to turn over the power in power," meaning U.S. imperialperialism than the European June, 1948. But, as the debate in Parliament demonstrated last China and edge the French out. question.

Japan will hold another na- week, the British are no longer tional election next month, and strong enough, militarily or this election will show how fast economically, to rule this great the process of radicalization has sub-continent alone.

Henceforth, the British will AFTERMATH OF WAR moved in occupied Japan. The Yoshida government, which Mac- have to share their rule and their Arthur sought to prop up, has profits with the Indian capital- jewel in the crown of the Dutch become steadily more unpopular ist class, with the prospect being Empire, will hever again shine every month. Public opinion polls an ever smaller share of both so brightly for Dutch imperialshow that the Socialist Party, for Britain, and with the everalthough it got only a small pro- looming possibility that the portion of the votes a year ago, young Indian working class will the Indonesia Republic last year, is now the strongest party in intervene to kick both out. the country and may possibly Burma, too, is the scene of British retreat and compromise elements in the Republic have gain an absolute majority in the new Diet. as the only means of retaining

5 MILLION ORGANIZED

any of its former privileges. The Equally important has been British Cabinet has refused to the rapidity with which the Jap- set a time limit for Burma as it anese workers have organized a did for India, but it recognizes omic resources and the Dutch, huge trade union movement, re- that its role in Burma is about ported to include as many as to be ended unless it can come five million members; their mili- to terms with the Burmese natancy and solidarity against the tionalist leaders. And here too,

made the first reduction of 5%. cluded by saying: "Do not look into conflict not only with the Alongside the present strike for justice in all this. There is employers but with the govern-PARIS, Feb. 27 — The actions there are signs of dis- no more justice in the division ment and the occupation forces the same time a guarantee that relationship of forces, and every-

> China, according to Wall again regain its old status. Street's timetable, was supposed

in the fact that March 31 is the country has been caught in an The government has recently date on which in accordance with inflationary spiral and its econdecided to make another 5% re- the Bretton Woods decisions, omy is as helpless as a leaf in the wind.

> While the Marshall mission did everything possible to cover up

The trails of the GPU killers the radio in which he strongly ducts which have to be import- fluences in Washington consider and corruptness, it failed to British Communist Party, in- Joaquin Maurin, general secre-, all led across the border into supported the government's pol-France. The Swiss police con-icy of opposing all wage increases bankrupt, as in this field the sidered they had enough evi-and instead supporting the re-government desires to "clean" is too high and that the French wertion that the present rate of exchange achieve its primary goal — poli-dicated after the recent CP con-tary of the centrist POUM is too high and that the French wertion that two branches, which wertion the two branches, which wertion that two branches, which wertion the two branche government's request for a new Kai-shek refused to counten- had submitted amendments to fication), who had been re- ve Grosovsky, his wife Lydia, GPU ises of price reduction are not In his speech announcing the loan are more or less answered ance concessions to the Yenan the political resolution offered leased under surveillance a few agent Beletzky, and three other being accepted as readily as new price reduction, Ramadier, by the suggestions for a new de- of a large part of the country. would be reorganized "to ensure anti-fascist militants, after hav-Ahead lies another period of that they follow the party line." ing spent almost ten years in



State Council, made a speech on certain minerals, chemical pro- It is known that powerful in- the Kuomintang's dictatorship Harry Pollitt, secretary of the Spain confirms the re-arrest of regime which has the support by the Stalinist bureaucracy, months ago together with other

The branches, Welwyn Garden Franco's prisons. City and Hartfordshire, were * * *

critical of the resolution from The recently-formed United the left, making use of such Nationalist Party is expected to terms as "proletarian revolution"



By Bill Morgan

By But Morgan Korea! We scrambled up searched workers for hidden Thousands of Koreans live in discussion about policemen. He searched workers for hidden Thousands of Koreans live in discussion about policemen. He These police, inherited by th

thousands of American troops. no question of giving support to The following line-ups are given the We never met one soldier who the Labor Government which cardboard shacks, in caves dug asked, "Police in America?" I American brass hats from the understood just what they were is, consciously, "In Germany? In Japanese overlords, were led and doing in Korea. All wanted to preparing the way for the open seaman scrambled. Men came with rifle butts, sold the wheat warehouses, in doorways, in the China?" When I answered this, organized by terrorists whose go home. Most of these occupa- triumph of reaction." * * *

its decline from the status of a successful conclusion as yet, has first-class world power. It is at completely overturned the old

British imperialism will never where to the disadvantage of the



imperialists. This change is Indo-China is the arena of a bound to have a profound and full-scale war, with French im- perhaps decisive effect on the renting an apartment next to throughout the country. One and file members of the CP. for the government's eagerness omic exploitation by the begin- perialism holding the upper hand future of European and world his in Paris. One trap set for sees the increased resistance of Meetings of opposition groups to reduce prices is to be found ning of this year. Instead, the militarily for the time being but capitalism.

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will be compelled to seek a com-

promise, for continued hostili-

ties have them jittery on at least

two counts: 1. That "some other

ism, will intervene in Indo-

2. That unrest in the other

French colonies, inspired by

French difficulties in Asia, will

Indonesia, the only important

ism. The Dutch worked out an

agreement with the leaders of

but differing interpretations of

this agreement and strong pres-

The Indonesians have control

over most of the country's econ-

know they can never regain their

prevented its execution.

flare into active revolt.

from every part of the ship to black market agents. to line the rail and peer | The real profiteer, however, through the drizzling rain at was the "BTO" — Big Time the shore.

The view was bleak and cheerless. Angry seas foamed along the rocky coastline. Barren hills squatted above the beach, Behind the hills an endless chain price. of great mountains, cold and IN RAGS AND PATCHES hard, swept skyward where snow-encrusted peaks met swir- the ship moved to a dock and orphans, survivors of Hiroshima whispered, "No tell police we ling clouds.

erty ships were crowding the in rags and patches and often ing. harbor and lined the docks. We barefooted, they suffered misersmacks.

"Here come the businessmen, boys!" foreign ports. We had met the eight hours work while the wo-"businessmen," the black market dealers. We had found that work and hours. American cigarettes were better than gold in European ports.

Now Korean boys were coming to buy whatever we had for sale. spoke some English told us he Covered with bulging layers of and many others had been "rerags and patches, wearing straw patriated" from Formosa. They matting and jute sacks for shoes. the Korean boys looked up at everything they couldn't carry

THE BLACK MARKET

given 1,000 yen and then dumped "You soap buy?" cried one. on the dock at Fusan. No place "You cigarette buy?" called an- to sleep, eat or wash was proother. We understood. The words vided. Thousands of these refubuy and sell were often used in- gees roamed along the streets. terchangeably in the Far East. railroad tracks and docks search-What surprised us was the price ing for a bit of wheat, a place offered for cigarettes. We had to rest, a warm fire to stand by learned previously that Korean until the police chased them yen on the official exchange were away. Many of these refugees 15 to the dollar. On the black couldn't speak a word of Kormarket they were one hundred ean. They had been born and to the dollar. The bum boat boys brought up in Japan, Formosa. offered 600 yen or the equivalent China or Manchuria, Most were of 40 American dollars for a sin- illiterate. All were helpless.

gle carton of cigarettes! No one MANY FOUND DEAD ever did business on the official Once ashore, we explored the

city. Fusan had a population of exchange. Other items such as soap, about 230,000 people before the matches, shoes and especially war. Now this figure has douclothing brought fabulous prices. bled., Crowded into miserable

The bum boat boys and other slums these hundreds of thoubusiness men who came aboard sands of workers and poor dislater had to bribe the police be- possessed peasants are plagued fore they could enter or leave by disease and hurger. There is the dock area with black market no sewage system other than items. the carts which haul filth and The police, too, conducted a human excrement endlessly over

No. C. Marca

the companion way. After 46 grains of wheat and after beatdays at sea even the saltiest ing these workers unmercifully into hillsides, in abandoned nodded. Operator—who supplied the bum many dead people are found — saying with a serious and deter- ed confessions—an, still do—by "We fell for the hooey about onies stated, in a report discus-

who paid a small profit to his police. agents. In the city anything Gangs of children roam the America, Formosa, Germany all one wanted was available for a city and search for food or work. the same make big fight smash

Child labor in the Orient is a all police!" I agreed. time-honored custom. Many of these children are The International, he winked and After a few days at anchor

here we saw about 500 workers, and Nagasaki. They saw the make same talk." Inside the breakwater we saw men and. women, huddling atom bomb kill their mothers many ships. Some flew the new around small fires to keep warm, and fathers, brothers and sisflag of the puppet Korean gov- When we docked, half of them ters. Young in years, these chilernment. Japanese ships whose came aboard to unload our car- dren are already old in experinames were marked in strange go. The other hall carried the ence and some are amazingly characters and American Lib- cargo to a warehouse. Dressed mature in political understand-

One boy who spoke some Engdropped the hopk. Then we saw ably with the cold and damp- lish stopped me on the dock and the bum boats and fishing ness. Women workers carried asked me to carry an old but their babies on their backs and obviously American raincoat through the gate for him so the loads of sacks on their heads

The usual sight in The men received 70 yen for police would not demand a "presento" for him. I threw the men received 60 yen for the same coat over my shoulder and we walked to the city together. On Seventy yen! We soon found the way he pointed to a policethat 70 yen wouldn't buy enough man who was punching an old for one meal. A worker who woman in the face because she

tried to enter the dock area. SAME POLICE BRUTALITY "See police?" he asked and them and they form the storm had been forced to leave behind

then added. "Police in Formosa troopers of the new puppet gov- of American soldiers who bring on their backs. They had been

Three Articles on Latin America In March "Fourth International"

real thing.

Wall Street's program for Latin America is analyzed by Charles Cornell in the March issue of Fourth International, just off the press. He points out that in order to maintain profits for Big Business, "American imperialism must exploit every available market." In a world of shrinking markets, "a more aggressive policy in Latin America is seen as a necessity by American finance capitalists." The role of Latin America in the imperialist war plans of the U. S. is also explained by the author. In the drive toward war against the Soviet Union, "the nations of Latin America are to be shackled firmly to Wall Street's giant war machine."

In another article in the same issue, Juan Valverde deals with Bolivia before and after the July 1946 rebellion. He states that this uprising is "the harbinger" of the coming class struggles against foreign and native oppressors, in which a revolutionary leadership will be forged.

The remarkable Manifesto of the Peruvian Trotskyists, presenting a fully rounded revolutionary program, makes this issue an important contribution toward an understanding of developments in Latin America.

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narrow spaces between houses. he asked, "Police all the same task it was to control the tion troops are boys. They had Some sleep along the railroad beat poor man all country?" I thought and mode of living of joined the army before being tracks and docks. Every morning said they did. He summed up by all civilians in Korer. They gain- drafted because, as one said, Commissioners of French Colboat boys with cash to buy and frozen, starved or shot by the mined expression on his wise lit- practicing horrible forms of tor- seeing strange countries and sed by the French Cabinet last tle face. "Poor man Korea, China, ture.

After the defeat of Japanese imperialism, Wall Street's agents moved in and re-organized the were told that the Korean peo-And when I began to whistle police along the lines of New York's "Finest." Lt. Arthur E. fought against the Japanese and Buchalter of the New York Po-

In a few days our crew learned what they hadn't learned from more about the police. We saw the Japanese bosses. them beating workers-men and NEW MASTER RICHER

women and children-every day. The new master is richer, We had never seen so much. more powerful. The police are cold-blooded brutality. We had thus anxious to demonstrate heard about life being cheap in the Orient. No matter how often you hear these words, they are meaningless until you face the

These police, organized and trained by the Japanese imperialists, are masters in the art of and "bandits" in southern Korea. torture, brutes skilled in Judo, Hatred of the police is evident professional killers armed with the latest type of American and dead policemen are found each Japanese guns. These police now morning in Fusan streets. Whenwork under the direction of the ever the Korean police venture American authorities in Korea. into the countryside or into cer-There are more than 25,000 of tain sections of Fusan, they are always accompanied by a force

lieve me,"

sympathy with the Korean work- and villages. Free elections are Many who had used the term ical candidates would wipe out "gook" to denote Orientals, the present puppet government stopped using this derogatory set up by Lt. Gen. Hodge.

word by the time we sailed. A few continued, but it was gratifying to note that the most miltant union men aboard the ship had learned a lesson on interracial solidarity. One young seaman who had peen poisoned with race-hatred from childhood remarked as our

ship left Fusan, "The Koreans ing on a militant class struggle.

The Governors and High learning a trade. What I don't week, that they were "disturbunderstand is why are we here. ed" by a nationalistic cam-At an orientation lecture we paign in Madagascar resembling that of Viet Nam in Indo-China. ple are our allies, that they "The crisis in the Communist that we liberated them. Well Party (of Germany) on the 'genlice Department taught them after the lecture, as we were eral political line' has extended leaving our seats the lecturer from the SED (Socialist Unity said, 'And now if the God-damn

gooks give you any trouble, kick the hell out of them'." HATE U. S. IMPERIALISM

"In Hanover the editor of the Hatred for American imperial- Volksstimme has been removed their vigilance and hatred against ism is evident everywhere in together with several of this colthe trade union leaders, the Fusan. Korean girls refuse even leagues, and has been replaced Trotskyist candidate against the militant workers, the starving to look at American soldiers. by a man true to the line. In leader of the United Nationalist men and women who take a Korean workers and even shop- Cologne eight members of the Party, D. S. Senanayake. In all, pocketful of rice or wheat from keepers avoid the Americans on regional leadership as well as 40 candidates are being run by an overflowing warehouse. They the streets and in the shops, A the leading editors of the Com- the Lanka Sama Samaja, recentare specialists at hunting "reds" few Koreans, whom the workers munist paper have resigned. In ly unified section of the Fourth contemptuously call "collabora- Osnabruck the Factory Council International in Ceylon. tors," work as translators for the of the Osnabruck Steel Works everywhere. Rumor has it that U.S. Army. On fences and ware- has broken from the CP and houses are slogans in English gone over to the SPD (Social decided to establish a 7,000 franc directed at the American forces: Democrats).

"Go Home to America!" "Free Korea!" "Down with Imperial- Hamburger Volkszeitung, changes er-paid workers are to be raised ism!" as well as many revolu- took and are still taking place. to 7,000 francs per month, for a tionary slogans in Korean.

Evidence of a powerful class American brass hats and the Korean police have not been able to prevent strikes. Trade union leaders are arrested and tortured, but the struggle goes on day and night. Many workers are armed and fight to maintain

the independence of their town banned because the vote for rad-

Korean Marxists have had a long and militant history. They are stronger today than ever. Only the reactionary policy of the Stalinists prevents the Korean workers' from coming to open revolutionary grips with Wall Street's oppression.

The official Stalinist party in are certainly a tough bunch. Southern Korea is gradually dis-They can take the worst pun- integrating, however. Many thouishment and they can dish it sands of workers have organized out, too. I'm all for them, be- into new groups and are carry-

by the Daily Mail report: "The Ceylon National Congress, the Sinhala Maha Sabha,

the Ceylon Moslem League and a powerful and influential section of the Tamils have all joined the ranks of the United Nationalist Party. The Ceylon Com. munist Party (Stalinists) is also discussing whether it will join the United Nationalist Party. "If the Communists do decide

to join, the opposition would consist of the Lanka Swaraj Party, the All-Cevlon Tamil Congress, the Ceylon Indian Congress and the Trotskvist Lanka Sama Samaja. The Sama Party) in the Eastern Zone to Samajists have a good following the British Zone," according to among the workers and are prethe Hamburger Echo of Jan. 17. paring their list of candidates for the election."

Edmund Samarakkody is the

The French government has monthly minimum wage, \$59 at

"In the Communist paper, the legal rate of exchange. Low-"Everywhere the question is 48-hour week (this is an inwhether the tactic of democratic direct attack on the 40-hour up the rear with machine guns struggle is everywhere. The camouflage, which was adopted week). The wage increases are after the capitulation, should be not to be paid by the employers pursued or whether the Com- but from a compensation fund munist Party should turn to- by a 1% levy on total wages. wards a 'revolutionary course'.". The government is against increasing wages above 7,000

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"It is the duty of revolutionists to defend every conquest of the working class even though it may be distorted by the pressure of hostile forces. Those whocannot defend old positions will never conquer new ones." -Leon Trotsky

for its site.

Black-Robe Tactics

"Timing is everything" is a maxim observed by athletes, stage comedians, and the blackrobed Supreme Court justices in particular.

Last Monday the U.S. Supreme Court quickly followed up its judicial blow against labor in the miners' case by handing down a ruling favorable to labor in the foremen's case.

First the Supreme Court violated its traditional schedule by announcing the decision on the mine case the day before John L. Lewis was to speak before the House Labor Committee. That was timing.

Then it followed with the announcement of its five-to-four ruling upholding the right of supervisory employes to bargain collectively, so as to strengthen once more the myth of the Court's "impartiality," That was timing. However, the majority decision on the foremen, written by Justice Robert H. Jackson, made clear that the Court was not really giving labor a thing. It said the Wagner Act, as it now stands, does not permit the barring of foremen from collective bargaining rights. BUT it broadly hinted to Congress that the way to get around this difficulty is to amend the Wagner Act. "It is for Congress, not for us," says the decision, to create exceptions to the present "plain terms" of the Wagner Act.

Accordingly, Republican Senate Boss Robert A. Taft promptly announced that "the court is just interpreting the law as it stands" and "pending legislation would change the law."

What we have in the foremen's case is not a demonstration of "impartiality" but of political expediency. It is a prime sample of the division of labor that exists between the varibat. Nobody'll go for it. We've got to have time to soften them up. How about you sticking in the hot seat a while longer and us footing

the bill?" "Quite all right with us, old man. Glad to help you in a pinch."

"OK. It's a deal."

"Cheerio."

"So long . . . Say! Wait a minute. We can't put this over unless we yell about Communism real loud. Red menace. Chaos. Danger to free enterprise. You know."

"Quite so. It's bound to 'wow' Congress as one of your Hollywood writers might phrase it. Well, cheerio again!"

"Yeah. So long."

Greece has fallen into Wall Street's lap. The UN, meanwhile, was chewing the fat at Lake Success with nobody paying the least attention to any of its farcical sessions.

In conclusion we quote from The Militant of Jan. 5, 1946: "All the real decisions are made behind thick veils of censorship. The secret conferences reveal that all the glowing baptismal speeches made at the christening of the UNO . . . were so much lying demagogy. On December 31, the old League of Nations spoke a few hollow words from its mausoleum at Geneva. But its successor, the UNO, proves to be a corpse even before a city has been selected

UMT Gains Steam

The drive to turn American youth over to the brass hats for indoctrination in the Prussian way of thinking and training in such arts as bayonet fighting, flame throwing and bacteriological warfare, is gathering momentum.

From Korea, General Hodge has added another talking point. In the year and a half since the occupation, his troops have had a complete turnover tree times. Naturally, Wall Street does not intend to get out of Korea and grant the Korean people the independence that was promised them. In Wall Street's eyes Korea is booty of war. Hence the troop turnover becomes another brass hat argument for universal militay training.

If Congress rubber-stamps the White House decision to go into Greece, as now seems virtually certain, then the campaign for universal military training will gain additional steam. For Greece will be only the beginning of new so-called "commitments" abroad entailing military as well as financial backing.

The committee handpicked by Truman to recommend universal military training will submit its report at a time when the big push gets under way in Congress. The probable date will be around March 31 when the present draft act is scheduled to expire. It is a foregone conclusion, of course, that the committee will favor the brass hat blueprint.

The cost of the brass hat scheme is estimated between one and two billion dollars a year. This is in addition to the present armed forces 1948 budget of 11.2 billion dollars.

Wall Street's drive to Prussianize American youth is a reminder that the Second World War was an imperialist war fought over profits, markets and colonies. As the Socialist Workers Party warned long before the outbreak of hostilities, this war could not bring enduring peace, but only pave the way to a still worse slaughter. Truman's proposed training program is still another confirmation of the correctness of that warning.



"Of course the food here is abominable — but I simply can't resist crossing a picket line!"



VISM by Leon Trotsky, 367 pp., 1946, \$2.75. Pioneer Publishers, 30 pp., 1937, 10 cents.

This pamphlet is especially timely in view of the rabid redbaiting campaign now sweeping the country. American imperialism is trying to pave the way for its anti-labor activities and projected war against the Soviet Union by a propaganda offensive against the "reds," with the Communist (Stalinist) Party as one of its first targets. At the same, time many liberals, Social-Democrats, and other opponents of revolutionary socialism within the labor movement are helping this witch hunt in their own way by continuing to identify Stalinism with Bolshevism.

This pamphlet demolishes their theory that Stalinism either flows from Bolshevism or can in any respect be identified with it. Trotsky shows how Stalinism in its rise to power not only trampled on every doctrine of Bolshevism but had to exterminate all the leaders of Lenin's Bolshevik Party. In passing: Trotsky also refutes the anarchist criticism of Marxism from "the left" by explaining the nestate in the period of transiand theoretical roots of the Trotskyist' movement; shows how and why it was organized in opposiafter Lenin's death; and how continued and developed the tradocument the reader can under- has set for himself. stand why the defeat of Stalinrevolutionary emancipation.

loss is almost as great.

STALINISM AND BOLSHE- | BERNARD CLARE by James | Vanzetti. The assemblage of T. Farrell, Vanguard Press, people there, predominately workers, becomes a mighty pro-Preceding the text of this novel test demonstration, and Bernard by the author of Studs Lonigan is swept away by a feeling of is a quotation from the letters solidarity with the others. of Chekhov: "What writers be-Finally Bernard meets the girl longing to the upper class have for whom he has been longing. received from nature for noth- Eva is 28, married and has a ing, plebians acquire at the son. She had married at the age cost of their youth." Bernard of 18 because her parents need-Clare is a portrait of such a loss ed help and her husband was of youth. willing to support them. At-Bernard Clare is a 21-yeartracted by Bernard's loneliness, old boy who has left his home she falls in love with him and in Chicago to become a writer becomes his mistress. in New York. He lives in a flop-He asks Eva to leave her hushouse, spends his days in the band to go with him but she New York Public Library, and, refuses, knowing that he couldn't when his money runs out, gets a support her and her son withjob as a cigar-store clerk and out ruining his career as a writthen as a salesman. Not knowing | er and that he would grow away anyone to whom he can show from her. When her husband

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quiet desperation. In New York The honesty of the portrayal he continues to be at odds with cannot be conveyed by a summary of the novel's contents. The his environment, secretly scorncessity for a strong workers' ful of the petty-mindedness and doubts, longings, self-probings conservatism of the cigar clerks and random thoughts in Bertion from capitalism to social- and salesmen. He hides his in- nard's mind are laid bare before tellectual interests and his writ- the reader's eyes. With the same ing ambition lest he be exposed objectivity that he looked upon to ridicule. He is also at odds Studs Lonigan from the outside, with himself, uncertain of his Farrell has looked upon Bertion to the Stalinist reaction abilities, acutely introspective nard Clare from the inside. and haunted by the idea of fu- Whereas Studs Lonigan is the the Fourth International has tility. He is filled with the de- record of its hero's victim'zasire for a girl and feels cheat- tion by his environment. Berditions and ideas of Leninism. ed of his youth, but is driven nard Clare is the record of a With the help of this valuable to continue along the course he writer's struggle against his. In this struggle for artistic and Only once during this period personal integrity, the writer's ism by the working class is an does Bernard escape from his best weapon is his honesty and essential task in its struggle for sense of isolation. He has gone his best ally is the revolutionary to Union Square on the night of workers' movement. -Larissa Reed the legal murder of Sacco and -Paul Schapiro

SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 1947

American Policy In Occupied Countries -By A. Codin-

The U. S. Senate's approval of the reduction of the new budget has provoked the most blatant statements on American imperialist policy in the occupied countries. The heads of the U.S. occupation forces in both Germany and Japan have warned of the consequences if funds to provide food and assist economic revival in Germany and Japan are reduced.

An official spokesman of the U.S. Forces, European Theater, stated: "A failure by Congress to vote this money (\$725,000,000) will result in communist-fomented riots and the killing of Germans in the political warfare expected to develop . . . We stand a chance of getting away with a military cut but we haven't a chance if the other is cut. This strikes at the heart of the American foreign policy and it is no longer a military matter alone. A cut in the government's aid and relief appropriation will completely frustrate our foreign policy in Europe.

". . . it is far more important to assist in the revival of German economy and to feed its hungry peoples as the surest form of international political life insurance than to have a large occupation army attempt to preserve 'democracy' in chaotic Europe at the point of a bayonet.

"The bi-zonal agreement will have to go by the board for the lack of food and raw material (and) a functioning union between British and American Zones is a potent diplomatic weapon in future negotiations with Moscow over Germany's future . . . the Communists will attempt to foment trouble and again we will have Germans shot and killed in riots and demonstrations."

A similar statement was issued by General Mac-Arthur, head of the occupation forces in Japan. He warned Congress that "the United States must not imperil its victory in the Pacific by exposing the Japanese people to starvation."

Thus from the mouths of the chief agents of U. S. imperialism abroad we have the imperialist policy of occupation and food in a nutshell. Food and econmic aid are used solely as a counter-revolutionary weapon. All the ballyhoo about "re-education" and "democracy" is revealed as sheer deceit and hypocrisy. The "philanthropy" of U.S. and British imperialism is determined, on the one hand, by their fear of revolutionary struggles which would set the whole of Europe and Asia ablaze, and, on the other hand, by their desire to build powerful bases against the Soviet Union.

This latter policy would be impossible in countries in which the economy was paralyzed and in which mass discontent and revolutionary struggles took place. Therefore in order to build bases in Europe and Asia, U. S. imperialism seeks to safeguard itself against the struggles of the workers and peasants by the use of food and economic aid.

Union Paper Warns Of Danger In Witch Hunts

The threat which red-baiting witch hunts present to the labor movement is vividly depicted in the Feb. 28 issue of the Voice of Local 212, by Frank Marquart, assistant editor of the UAW Briggs Local's newspaper. Noting that Michigan Governor Sigler is doing his best to start such a witch hunt, Marquart gives the following brief review of the big national "red raids" conducted by the government after World War I:

"Mitchell Palmer in 1919 was the attorney-general of the United States. He had great political ambitions, and decided to good graces of great capitalists by branding all radicals and alleged radicals, regardless of legal rights. Under Palmer's directions, hundreds of Department of Justice agents were turned loose over the land and instructed to track down 'Reds.' Local police and super-patriotic organizations like the 'Daughters of the American Revolution' were enlisted in the drive. "Plain clothes men and cops who didn't know the difference between communism and rheumatism were told to run down wicked Bolsheviks. All over the country men and women were rounded up like criminals and subjected to the indignities of police 'investigation.' In the old Federal Building in Detroit, suspects were jammed and held for days in a room of poor ventilation and inadequate toilet facilities.

ous agencies of Wall Street's government.

In the mine case, Big Business used its Supreme Court to strike the blow at labor. In the foremen's case, the capitalist rulers find it more expedient to leave the dirty work to their Congress.

The Supreme Court was acting impartially in neither case. Its decisions each time were calculated on what would be most advantageous for Wall Street's anti-labor strategy.

By-Passing The UN

In the callous deal between British and American imperialism over Greece, what happened to the UN?

If you search your memory carefully, you will recall that the United Nations organization was launched with all the horn-blowing and confetti showers of a Hollywood servicestation opening. It was going to iron out disputes between nations. It was going to guarantee "Four Freedoms" to the oppressed of the world. It was the sturdy ship that would carry tired humanity safely through the dangerous post-war storms to the fair shores of enduring peace — without touching a single coupon in the hands of an Allied stockholder. Just to keep our dates straight, that klieglight affair was little more than a year ago — Jan. 10, 1946, to be exact.

Today the capitalist press. undoubtedly prompted by the State Department, is virtually unanimous in characterizing the developments over Greece as "the first great postwar crisis in foreign policy confronting the United States." You would think this "great postwar crisis" would immediately get top billing in the UN.

But did either London, Washington or the crowned puppet on the throne of Greece bring any of this up before the UN?

If we get the story straight, the political representative of the British capitalist class simply lifts the telephone receiver: "London calling."

And the political representative of the American capitalist class in Washington answers: "Yeah? What's up?"

"Sorry, old man, but with the coal shortage and labor threat at home and all, we've got to be pulling our troops out of Greece. We simply can't afford the upkeep beyond March 31." "Yeah?" says Washington. "What's it cost?"

"In the immediate future about \$350,000,000 we estimate."

"Yeah? Penny ante stuff, Catch is, we can't stick any GI's in a place like that right off the

Bittner's Testimony

Van A. Bittner, CIO National Organization Director, used some powerful language when he testified against anti-labor laws before the House Labor Committee on March 5. He levelled an attack directly at the committee and its 25 members, charging they were unfit to write laws affecting labor.

He told the committee that "men who know nothing about a proposition shouldn't deal with it," and that labor could not expect to get a "fair break" from these Congressmen. The committee members, he said, are against organized labor and "there are no labor men on this committee."

Bittner spoke the truest words that have yet been said by a union leader before the Congressional hearings. When he said "there are no labor men on this committee" he drove right to the heart of labor's weakness against the anti-labor drive. Big Business controls Congress. Labor has not even one real representative inside Congress to fight for its interests.

But the conclusion Bittner drew from his own remarks must baffle any logical mind. His solution for the situation he described so accurately was - "It would be a wonderful thing for the United States if Congress met only every ten years."

Politics doesn't operate along lines of such fantastic wish-thinking. Congress is meeting now and will continue to meet for years to come. It is pushing laws to cripple the labor movement right now. It is pushing these laws because it is composed of men who are hostile to labor, as Bittner pointed out.

According to Bittner's sound argument only genuine representatives of labor can or will write laws in the interest of labor. There is only one logical conclusion to be drawn from this. Labor should organize politically, in its own party, and elect to Congress men and women who can be trusted to write laws in the interests of the working people.

Had the labor movement followed this course in the past elections, Bittner would not last week have confronted a solid committee of labor-haters in a futile plea against anti-labor laws.

Instead, Bittner himself might now be part of a powerful bloc of Labor Congressmen fighting to put through legislation to curb the powers of Big Business and protect the rights of labor.

Unloading Frozen Garbage

If you happen to be a house-|food amount to more than 100 |package. Or might be contented

you're the indicated goat in get-And naturally the packers and through regular channels might ting the food trust out of one distributors see eye to eye with work, if only there wasn't so of the toughest situations these the bankers in such a question. much of it. But 100,000,000 profit-gougers have stumbled in-As for the refrigerated ware- pounds! That's a lot of garbage to in a long while. houses - they should take the for any section of the capital-Some 100,000,000 pounds of rap? Not if they can help it. ist class to palm off on the pub-

frozen fruits and vegetables in They are watching out for their lic, even the food trust. storage have gone bad. It seems own vital interests, adding up the In fact, this "substandard that the food trust became some- storage charges, and putting the food," as trade circles put it, what hypnotized watching how heat on the legal department to might give the frozen food ineach price jump pyramided their prove the food is still in as good dustry such a "black eye" that profits, and either over-looked shape as it was when they first housewives from coast to coast, how long food can be stored, or got it. while not raising the banner of And so the eyes of all these Bolshevism out and out, might failed to freeze it properly, or

stored it where it could not keep. practitioners of "free enterprise" at least demand federal inspec-Now they are scratching their are now turning in the direction tion of frozen foods. And this, as heads, wondering what to do. of the housewife. What would the trade journals report, is If the softened packages are happen if they gave their hold- "anathema" to most packers and ings a good hard freeze and mix- freezers. They don't want any simply dumped, the whole investment is a dead loss. If they ed a certain percentage into the Department of Agriculture exregular shipments of frozen perts nosing around their plants. are sold for conversion of their sugar content into alcohol, the products run through retail out- Look what happened to the meat packers: government inspectors lets?

Besides the high-smelling A housewife, for instance, stamp the grade right on the packages that are too far gone might store a package of frozen meat where every buyer can see to be classified as anything but peas in the refrigerator for a it, and if any of it is diseased, well-developed garbage, an addi- couple of days. Then when the they condemn it.

tional unestimated quantity of family at the dinner table God save the frozen food packthe brightly-wrapped cartons found they couldn't quite over- ers from such a fate. Think what have been discovered as not fit look the off-taste and slightly it would do to profits!

for "home consumption." While filmed appearance, the house-Yet at the same time there's not exactly "high," this unestim. wife might blame herself for 100,000,000 pounds of spoiled ated quantity is definitely what letting the refrigerator go so long packages and an unestimated is known in trade circles as "in- without defrosting. quantity "inferior in quality" ferior in quality." This category If she used the peas the same that must be traded off somecan be repackaged and sold to night she bought them, she how - but quick! If the Americommercial users, but the mere might be inclined to blame the can housewives begin to wonder thought of the loss has the food grocer. The belligerent type, or at what's happening to frozen monopolists biting their nails. one of those wild-eyed reds who foods, do you think they would The scramble to get out of have learned to stick up for their really generate enough steam to holding the bag is reaching the own rights, might go as far as force Congress to institute fedwild stage. Bank loans in frozen asking for a refund or another eral inspection?

"Throughout the country came reports of men beaten and tortured for confessions. In fact, the third degree was freely used to 'Save our institutions from the Bolsheviks.'

"Frameups were common. Whoever had it in for his neighbor could walk to the nearest phone booth and report him as a 'Red' to the police. There were wholesale arrests of IWW members, socialists, communists and even mild liberals who regarded communism with horror.

"In Detroit a citizen was arrested on suspicion of being a Red. In his library was a set of red covered books which the police seized and took along as evidence. When the hearing was held and the prosecutor opened one of the books, he was dismayed to learn that it was a copy of Mark Twain's 'Huckleberry Finn.' The whole set was by Mark Twain!

"On another occasion a plain clothesman called on an AFL organizer and said, 'I'm trying to track down this guy, "Karl Marx." They tell me you're one of his followers., Where is he?' He meant Karl Marx who had been dead since 1883!

"This is the sort of lunacy that always accompanies any witch hunt. An unloosed 'Red' hysteria today would do infinitely more harm than in 1919 because of the existence of our large labor movement. Sigler has already made it clear that if he has his way, the CIO will be used as a stamping grounds for the 'Red' hunters. If this anti-Red mania breaks loose, anyone who isn't an archconservative will be liable, including many who are uncompromisingly opposed to 'Communism' in its Russian form.

"Governor Sigler's administration does not seem very successful in dealing with high prices, the acute housing shortage, and all the other social ills that beset tens of thousands of people in Michigan. Presumably he feels he can cover up his failure, by inciting a 'Red Scare'."

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By Joseph Hansen

wife with enough headaches million dollars. Naturally, the with just giving the grocer a now, take an aspirin before read- banks don't intend to stand any piece of her mind. ing any further. It looks like of the loss. This idea of running the stuff SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 1947

The Workers' Forum columns are open to the opinions of the readers of "The Militant". Letters welcome on any subject of interest to the workers. Keep them short and include your name and ddress. Indicate it you do not want your name printed.

School Lunch Prices Raised In Detroit

Editor:

This week in Detroit the Board of Education increased the price of school lunches another two cents. This may not look like much. However, when you have a number of school children to feed every day and the pennies are already being pinched, a couple of cents can make the difference between buying a lunch or not buying one.

The first rise in school lunch prices brought about an immediate decrease in the number of children buying lunches. There was a proportionate increase in "snitching" of lunches and sandwiches, according to the Detroit News,

For fifteen cents the Detroit schools serve the children a sandwich, glass of milk and cole slaw. Of course, there are 25 cent and 35 cent meals, but they are out of the question for the average youngster.

The schools required a ninecent government subsidy to serve. ground. even this substandard lunch. But now in the face of increased costs, the government can only "afford" seven cents!

To a mother it seems incongruous that the same government which is spending millions of dollars on atom bombs can no longer subsidize lunches at their previous level.

Esther Turner Detroit

Appreciates Address In Lenin's Memory Editor:

I have spoken to several readers about Comrade Stein's adthat was an interesting article on Lenin."

B. N. Wisconsin

Stalinists Frantic At Budenz's Exposure Editor:

Saturday night a small group of New York comrades, from the Eastside Branch of the Socialist Workers Party created Asks For Exposure consternation in the Delancy Street Stalinists ranks by hawk- Of Drug Trust Profits ing on the street the March 8 Editor: issue of The Militant. This is



and tried in vain to arouse the Congratulates people who gathered around, to drive us off the streets. We ig- Philadelphia S.W.P. nored them and stood our Editor:

On a recent visit to Philadel-Every so often the desperate phia, I found great evidence of Stalinists gathered in huddles activity. On the main streets the close by, as if trying to conjure cold winter wind blew pieces of up a strategy to shut us up. But an excellent poster used to pubeach time all they could think licize the Philadelphia Lenin of was to sally up to us with Memorial meeting. Congratulamore heckling, clenched fists and tions to the comrades of the Sothreats. Each time they only cialist Workers Party in Philadrew larger crowds to hear our delphia and yours for the Socialslogans. ist future of mankind.

One of the most provocative of the Stalinists hacks tried several times to pick fights with

every one of us. "Read the truth about Stalinist terrorism in the labor movegratifying to hear them say, ignore the raging, gesticulating year renewal to both The Mill- comrades therefore were sure of getting their "Damn good article," or "Say, Stalinist. He finally snatched tant and Fourth International. We hope we have enough mona paper and acted as if he were a paper and acted as if he were about to strike one of the dis-ey next year to renew, but just * * * tributors, but suddenly wilted, in case - we want to make sure

realizing the crowd was not with we keep getting them. We are trying to "plug" your Several times the infuriated program as humanity's bright- assures us: "I am certain that by him.

Stalinists created such a dis- est hope. turbance that a policeman came and broke up the milling crowd.

Jeff Thorne New York Stalinists Decide To Read "Militant"

Editor:

in the states

Militant. A third Stalinist ob-I was not surprised to see in the issue containing inside de- Grace Carlson's article on the jected very strongly to his fellow Chester! tails of how Stalin murdered vitamin craze that for a year's members of the Communist Par-Leon Trotsky as confirmed in supply the drug trust counts on ty reading the Trotskyist view-

Workers' Forum columns are open to the optimions of the readers of "The Militant". Letters

By William F. Warde NATIONAL FUND CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR Contributions last week amonting to \$1,644.25 toward the \$20,000 Socialist Workers Party Emergency Fund Campaign brought the total to date over the 79% mark. The score now stands at \$15,895.72. 000With the campaign closing on March 15, only

SWP FUND

one week remains for SWP branches to achieve their quotas in time to be listed in the final scoreboard of the March 22 issue of The Militant. Every branch should keep this closing date in mind and do its very best to hoist the flag right up to the top of the pole.

THE MILITANT

Flint and Philadelphia last week reached the 100% mark. Genora Dollinger, Flint Campaign Director, writes: "Flint set itself March 1 as the deadline on which to meet our local quota. However, you will continue to receive reports and contributions from the Flint Branch. In the remaining two weeks we're going to try to go as. high over the 100% mark as possible."

Irene Le Compte, Philadelphia Campaign Director, gives due credit to the sympathizers of the branch who helped them fulfill their quota. She states: "Well over 10% of the total \$500 collected by the Branch was contributed by friends and sympathizers of the SWP in this area."

Also on this week's 100% scoreboard is Minneapolis. After noticing how close St. Paul was to the 100% goal last week, Minneapolis speeded up its activity and came up from 20th place on the list to six above St. Paul. Good work, Minneapolis! The \$5 above the quota was received directly from a friend of the Minneapolis branch, making the total an "over-the-top" one. In view of this excellent record, we offer a

public apology for the slip-up by which we failed to enter the \$100 for Minneapolis in last week's scoreboard.

The New York Youth Group sets an example on how to achieve a final spurt. From 17th po-New York sition on the scoreboard, the New York Youth Group shot up to second on the list. Organizer Laurie Falk explains how it was done:

"The New York Youth Group was kind of slow on the fund. But we decided we would not let March 15 beat us to our quota. We collected our \$43.50 in two weeks. How did we do it? ment," some of our comrades looks to us, we have decided to Well, the Youth Group took charge of the cloak dress in memory of Lenin. It was continued shouting, trying to send in the money now for a two rooms of city socials and charged 10 cents. The

money! We suggest this to the

Milwaukee is crowding the 100% mark, and Carol Andrews the end of next week the entire Branch Melvon C. Bennett amount of the pledge will be in." ST. LOUIS

Washington San Francisco is anxiously YOUNGSTOWN watching the scoreboard with FLINT one eye, and with the other MINNEAPOLIS watching for the arrival of some NEWARK comrades who have been away BOSTON and will bring in the necessary BUFFALO Two Stalinists in a shop here funds with which to complete PHILADELPHIA have decided to subscribe to The the quota on time. We are with SAN DIEGO you in hurrying them along, Ann Milwaukee

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Pittsburgh reached 120 per cent. Comrade Kelly?

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Connecticut State's sub.cam- Al Turner, Literature Agent for paign is gathering speed for the San Diego Branch, mailed in finish. This week the comrades four subs, stating: "We are makadded 28 new readers to The ing every effort to sell more Militant mailing list. "Comrades subs." Joe Phillips and Ray Shook,"

The comrades in the Allensays James White. "stole the honors away from our leading town-Bethlehem Branch ob-Pace-Setters this week. It looks tained six new subscriptions to The Militant in their area.

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George Warner, a Militant Flint's sub campaign is moving along at a good pace. Eleven booster in the Bronx, N. Y. resubs were obtained during the newed his sub and sent us an week. "Our sub-getting is pro- additional 50 cents, stating: gressing very well," writes El "Send a six-month Militant sub Snyder, Militant Director. "The comrades are giving their coop-to anyone you wish." With this 50 cents we are sending a sub eration with enthusiasm and are to a worker in the Bronx whe can't afford a sub right now.

"We are starting our Militant tions sent in by each branch dursub campaign on March 9," re-ports Rena Breshi of Boston,

	ports Rena Breshi of Boston,		
	"and it will continue for 6 weeks.		% et
	Our goal is set for 150 subs and		Goal
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	I'm sure of getting them and	Flint	220
	perhaps more. Our comrades	Pittsburgh12	120
	show much enthusiasm We	San Francisco	78
	will need 60, additional papers	St. Louis10	62
	besides our regular bundle	Seattle24	60
	Comrade Belle Montague got the	Minneapolis	57
	two new subs enclosed. She is	Newark	
	constantly going from door-to-	Tos Angolos Tossi De	56
1	door in her neighborhood and	Los Angeles Local	52
	she generally gets good results."	Akron	18
	* * *	Philadelphia29	18
	"The Lynn Branch is starting	Boston	17
	a sub campaign March 9," states	Milwaukee17	17
	M. Paule, Literature Agent for	St. Paul10	10
	this new Massachusetts branch,	Buffalo17	14.
	"that is to last for vie branch,	Detroit32	12
	"that is to last for six weeks.	Youngstown10	5
	We would like our bundle order	Oakland 3	5
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	copies weekly for the six weeks."	Portland 1	7
	* * *	Cleveland 2	2
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and assuring us that if he had No Confidence In a gun he would kill each and Capitalist Future Editor: The way the financial future



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Texas is working valiantly Los Angeles Local

New York Local

Diary of a Steel Worker -The Man Who Has Some Land

- By Theodore Kovalesky

It was a day in the springtime eight or nine years ago. It was a soft moist day when you could smell every little shoot of new grass that was pushing its way up into



the spring sunshine. Not far from where I stood, Pete was rambling around examining the trees, stooping to yank weeds out of the wet ground or pick a rock out of the earth and throw it off to

one side. We were on a plot of land out in the country. Nearby cars were whizzing along a cement highway, and when we looked northward, we could see the smoky haze that hovered over the steel plant miles away.

I lit my pipe and stood there enjoying the fresh air. Pete stopped roaming and leaned against a tree, calculating with his fingers and moving his lips in thought.

"Over here," he said finally, pointing his arm, "I figure I'll build the house and a barn close by. Back there," he pointed again, "I'll have the vegetable garden. Grow everything we want to eat.'

The day before, Pete and I had been talking up on the furnace after our work was finished. We weren't very well acquainted, so I was a little surprised when he said, "We're off tomorrow. How'd you like to take a ride out in the country with me? I want to look over my land." He had driven up to the house early. in his old car, and we had gone rattling out the turnpike past the mills into the country to Pete's land.

"When do you expect to get started?" I asked him.

"Well," Pete said slowly, "I can't say for sure, but if things go along OK, I figure maybe about a year from now."

"You're a lucky guy, Pete," I said. "Country's swell for kids growing up."

"Oh, it's a nice piece of land, all right . . . You know," he turned suddenly toward me, his face glowing, "it's a fine thing to own your own. land! "You got something good and solid. You get to know it good: you know what it'll do. You do your planting, and then later on, you take out your crops. It belongs to you, the ground and the things growing up out of it. You work for something, and it's yours.

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"I was raised on a farm," he went on. "My old man had a swell piece of land before the insurance company took it away from us . . ." and then he became silent again. He picked up a twig and began to draw invisible patterns with it on the ground.

Almost every year after that Pete and I went there again in the springtime, and he stood on his land planning and scheming. But the house and barn didn't go up, and the vegetable garden wasn't planted.

The year his wife died we didn't go. At least I didn't go, although I think Pete did. I think he walked over his land and felt it under his feet and knew it was his. I think he made his plans and calculations. And I imagine his eyes glowed as he stood there, hurt though he was by his wife's death.

So it's been each year. I don't know why he takes me, but we've come to expect it and my wife packs a lunch for us when we go. Soon the day will come this spring when Pete will ask me to drive out with him to look over his land.

He's looking older now. His health is breaking down. His land is still a vacant lot in the country without house or barn, and each year there is even less chance for Pete to build the home he has dreamed of. I think he must know this ... but still he carefully inspects his trees, sketches his plans on the moist earth with a broken twig, and calculates, moving his lips and smiling faintly off into the spring sky over his land.



Everyone has read about the courage and heroism of the underground fighters who struggled to destroy Hitler's power in occupied Eur-



The Negro Struggle -

American Committee for European Workers Relief, which sends them urgently needed

But when it comes to courage and heroism, you don't have to look abroad to find them. Just cast your eyes south to the land of Dixie and you'll find plenty of these great qualities on

exhibition every day in the week. Look to Mississippi, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and the other strongholds of Jim Crow and you will see militant Negroes putting up a fight on behalf of their right to vote which rivals anything seen in wartime Europe. (If you want to compare the two, bear this in mind: in Europe the fighters against fascism necessarily had to function for the most part underground, while the fighters against Jim Crow in the South have to operate openly, in full view of their enemies).

By hook or by crook, the Southern ruling class is determined to keep the Negroes from the ballot. They know that when the Negroes can freely express their aspirations in elections, it will represent the beginning of the end of the Jim Crow, anti-labor system in the South. That is why they are adopting bills to restore the "white primary" and to restrict voting by harsh "educational qualifications" and by retaining the poll tax. That is why they are ready to use

violence too if every other means fails them. The fight for the right to vote in the South is not only a source of inspiration to the Negro struggle in the rest of the country; it is also a source of help to us in our own fight. The weakening of the ruling class in the South will enormously lessen their influence in Washington and make it easier to smash the federal pattern. of discrimination and segregation which represents an obstacle to Negroes throughout the country.

plaud our Southern brothers and sisters; we must also try to help them.

try, where we have relatively greater opportunities for successful struggle, we must intensify our pressure to enact anti-lynch, anti-poll tax, and FEPC legislation. The labor movement can be mobilized in this work; and the Negro. organizations have a very important part to play in it too.

The Negro people, South and North, are ready are militant and eager for action. All they need is the proper leadership and the correct program of struggle.

THE MILITANT

SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 1947

FLINT, Mich., Mar. 4-The primary returns from the

four UAW GM locals in Flint indicate a huge sweeping re-

placement of union officers for the coming year. In all

locals, with few exceptions, the incumbents are being turned

faced with today.

Upsets Mark Elections In Flint Auto Unions By Jerry Kirk

Illustrations From "The Vanishing Paycheck"

all posts. For the first time in its history the Fisher Body Local was presented with open slates and open campaigning for candidates. In a last minute effort to recover lost ground the Francis group issued a program which called for support of a Labor Party. The opposition, riding the protest wave, merely campaigned for a "new leadership.' DO NOTHING cers to do nothing all year long 000 WHEN IT'S ALL OVER, MR. RICH'S TAX RATE IS ONLY 16 %. HIS \$ 45 A WEEK CLERK HAS TO PAY A TAX RATE OF OVER 17 %1 through. Some of the cartoon illustrations from the CIO publication, "The Case Of The Vanishing Paycheck," which exposes some of the tricks used by the wealthy to escape taxes and throw this burden on the backs of the workers. .

Florence Ward Dec. 24, 1915 -- Mar. 6, 1947

illness. She was buried in Wood-lawn Cemetery following ser-vices at which a representative ued her work as shop steward and the number of the Barty spectrum of the barty spe

In Harlem she was recognized as one of the best fighters for her people against discrimina-tion and the horrible living con-

Chevrolet workers. In the runoff against Progress and Action was a modest and hard-working candidates are an equal number of candidates from the op-

Federated Pictures

of the Party spoke on her un-organizer despite pain and dis- party. Recognized as a leader, flinching devotion to the revolutionary movement. Among the suffered arrest without complain- standing person, always willing floral wreaths banked ing of what she called "personal to forgive weaknesses in others while fulfilling her accepted In Harlem she was recognized tasks. She possessed the rare

trend

out of office. The similarity ?of results indicates the pro- |wording of the question on the ballot and the failure of any test of the membership group in the local union to camagainst the intolerable living paign for the Labor Party. This standards the auto worker is large vote for the Labor Party should be an eye opener to the The Fisher Body workers swept Buick local leaders. Woodard, out the administration slate who supported the Labor Party headed by Everett Francis, a resolutions several months ago, staunch Reuther supporter. The polled almost 400 less votes than plurality was big enough to do the referendum for the Labor away with a runoff for almost Party.

Election results at AC Sparkplug followed those of the GM locals. The administration slate trailed the Bob Carter United Rank and File group with one exception. This was the only local which had red-baiting as an issue. It is noteworthy that "Alabama Bill" Rodgers (branded a company stooge by the UAW leaders during the GM strike). who campaigned on a red-scare program, polled only 107 votes It is becoming common in the for president out of over 2600 UAW for administrating offi- votes cast.

In this local, the referendum and then in the last minutes on the Labor Party was beaten prior to election to write rosy 1050 to 289 with less than half programs and expect their pa- the voters voting on the quesper campaign to carry them tion. As in the Buick local, neither group campaigned openly The Chevrolet, Buick and AC for the proposal. The wording locals will have runoffs in the on the ballot was more confus coming week. It is interesting ing than that of the Buick bal-

to note that in each of these lo- lot. cals there was a near record NOT ATTUNED TO NEEDS turnout of voters-with the same

The overall picture brings out that with one exception-Chev-Undoubtedly the most heated election was at Chevrolet where rolet-none of the groups were attuned to the needs and desires three slates contended for leadof the membership. Those electership. The Progress and Action ed to office have no more con-Caucus carried majority votes ception of what has happened for all offices, but not a pluralthan those leaving. Programity of the 4200 votes cast by the matic differences between the contending groups were few and hard to detect. It boiled down to whether one was in or out of office more than anything else.

This means there will be confusion for a period of time until the leaders recognize the need for clarity of program. And until a fight begins for the most pressing need of the hour-wage increases equal to the rising cost of living. The general dissatisfaction of the workers is an indication of a deep-rooted resentment against leadership in general that exhausts itself in clique

Workers Union; and the Socialist Workers Party.

Florence Ward, gle against Jim Crow and exploi- Negro fighters for equality. former organizer of the Harlem tation right up to the time she To her comrades of the So-Branch of the Socialist Workers was confined to bed as an in- cialist Workers Party Florence Party, died of cancer in the curable patient. She will long be remembered revolutionist with a warm per-City, after a long and painful by the hundreds of members of sonality and a keen sense of

problems . . .

challenge of the P&A candiate, Don Chapman, for a debate of the issues in the election. For two days the candidates debated the issues before, and after shift

That is why we must do more than just ap-

This means that in other parts of the coun-

to storm new heights in this country today. They

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The Essence Of The "Problem"

- By Alvin Royce

Notes From The News

Ready To Storm New Heights

-By William E. Bohannon-

According to an increasing number of capitalist newspapers, the veterans no longer represent a "problem" in this country. Typical



Veterans' Problems

of this trend was the sentiment recently expressed by Charles Hurd, the veterans' expert of the N. Y. Times. Because the veterans' "program, as a whole, has reached maturity and the changes anticipated will be mostly mat-

ter of detail," Hurd said that he felt there was no longer any point in continuing his column. Hurd and other journalistic hacks may find it easy to dismiss the problem in this way. But not many of the veterans will agree with them that their "readjustment" needs have been satisfied.

On the contrary, most veterans, on the basis of their own experience, will have to vigorously dissent from this point of view. The veteran who has to live with his in-laws. The veteran who has to tighten his belt on \$90 a month as an education subsistence. The veteran who has accumulated debts since his discharge and could make great use of a bonus. They could add plenty to the story of how the promises made to the veterans either have not been kept or have been cynically broken.

What, exactly, is this veterans' "problem"? There are 14,000,000 veterans of World War II.

They all have their own individual problems. But put together, they point to one conclusion: Capitalism in its present sickly condition hasn't the capacity to provide a decent life for its veterans.

American ex-GIs offer the best proof of the pankruptcy of this country's economic system. From the uncertainty of the depression the veteran was taken from his home and drafted to fight a war that none of the army brass could ever convince him was his. Today the country, is enjoying a boom. That means that conditions are as good as they are likely to be in the future-not to say anything about the bust which everybody is anticipating. But how many veterans can really express satisfaction with the present "good" conditions?

The veterans represent the most dynamic section of the population. They learned how to fight and how to work together. Just last year they were leading demonstrations throughout the world demanding to be sent home. Since then they have taken their place in huge numbers on the picket lines of the unions.

Today they are clenching their fists and biding their time. But they are determined to get what they were promised-a chance for a decent and secure life. The essence of the veterans' "problem" is how to get it. We are confident that their own further experience will lead them to the struggle for socialism.

severe shock to the party and ditions imposed on the Negro her many hundreds of friends people there. As a member of in Harlem and elsewhere. Com- the Negro Actors' Guild she ralrade Ward carried on her strug- lied around her many militant

Campaign For Kisner Rolls Ahead In L.A.

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 9 - The Socialist Workers Party the 15th (San Pedro) district moved at a rapid tempo this week as Kisner spoke to sev-9

eral labor and minority audiences.

Comrade

many

Montefiore Hospital, New York

around her casket were offer-

ings from the Negro Actors'

Guild; Local 292, CIO Paper Box

Among those addressed were the AFL Cannery Workers and the AFT, Operating Engineers. both in Wilmington, and a large Negro church and the AFL Printers Union in San Pedro. In addition he spoke to 75 at the opening rally held a week ago Saturday night.

Intensive precinct work has now begun to get under way with the widespread distribution of a four page election folder.

Faced with the alternative of voting either for Kisner or the Chamber of Commerce candidate, many Communist Party rank and file members have indicated that they will vote for the SWP candidate at the April 1 election. This is a continuation of the same trend seen in the November elections when many CP'ers voted for Cynthia Rogalin, SWP candidate for State

A strong movement towards minority action in the political Worker, is running for council field is to be observed in Santa in District 6; Walter J. Turner, Monica at this time. The Negro AFL Printing Pressman's Union munity, Salvador Morales, as Board; H. Claude Hudson is the occupied by Negroes and other candidates in the March 18 Negro community's candidate for working class groups. the Jewish community, among Negro community in District 7. in the O'Connor Electro-plating Jewish Center in Ocean Park. tion to Kisner. campaign.



Although confined to bed al- Progress and Action candidates fights for offices rather than an most a year ago, Florence con- campaigned for office on a 3- all out struggle against General tinued to take a keen interest in point program which included: Motors. The corporation is the activity of the party and 1. Immediate establishment of squeezing the auto workers fiworld-wide events. Refusing to a Labor Party.

accept the opinions of her doc- 2. A sliding scale of wages to tors, Florence continually asked meet the rising cost of living. what plans the party had for 3. A pension plan for all GM UAW leadership, and particuher activity once she was out of workers.

the hospital. She knew the truth The Progress and Action Cau- out. This is the result of the do-- that her case was incurable - cus was the first group in Flint nothing policy since the GM but she fought and fought to champion the Labor Party strike. Conversely it means the against it and remained a fight- over three years ago.

er to the end. Despite her pain A surprising development was she agitated the nurses to or- the large vote obtained by the fight for posts in the upper circampaign for the election of Louis Kisner as Councilman in ganize for better wages and recently formed third group. This working conditions. And her is indicative of the protest naability to laugh stayed with her ture of the voting. The runoff until she died. promises to be as heated as the

Your comrades will never for- primary election. get you, Comrade Florence. We Ben Woodard, president inwill carry on the fight for a so- cumbent of the Buick Local, cialist world where Jim Crow trailed a thousand votes behind and fire-trap tenements and his opponent, Joe Berry, who had sickness will be exterminated. never before run for an office Your courage and firm devotion in the Local.

The Buick membership turned will be an inspiration. As we mourn your passing, we pledge down, by referendum vote, a By Flint Union to continue to organize and proposal stating, "Do you favor fight for the ideas for which a third political party?" However, a significant group of 1100 yoù fought. The red banner of the Social- workers supported it as against

ist Workers Party is dipped in 1600 who were opposed. honor as we salute a fallen com-The large vote for a Labor Party came despite the poor

Industrial Explosion Kills 15 In L.A. Residential District

youth whose head was crushed By Dave Dreiser by flying metal while riding a LOS ANGELES, Mar. 8 is President of Film Technicians The industrial explosion last bicycle two block: away.

Feb. 20 in the congested working class district on East by the Los Angeles Sentinel, Ne- fensive of the Government, Con-Pico not only took 15 lives gro newspaper, revealed numerand did property damage ous fuel storage tanks, junk UAW-CIO assume the leadership running into millions, but yards, and factories using excommunity has put forward Wel- AFL, and chairman of the AFL laid bare the manner in plosives in the area. The city ford P. Carter (supported by the Strike Coordinating Committee which dangerous industrial en- planning commission is respon-SWP), and the Mexican com- is candidate for the School terprises are allowed in districts sible for this industrialization municipal elections. Both candi- School Board; and Jonathon L. Shattering glass for many while lily-white suburban comdates will appeal for support to Caston is the candidate of the blocks, the chemical explosion munities are protected.

Vicious race restrictive covenothers, at a meeting scheduled His candidacy is vigorously sup- plant completely demolished ants and economic insecurity weapon that labor has. for March 13 at the Bay Cities ported by the labor movement. eleven buildings and damaged prevent Negroes from moving Local CIO unions have provided enough to leave 500 homeless. out of these ghettos which in In Los Angeles City the SWP precinct workers as well as fin- Of the 15 killed, five were Negro addition to being dangerous are is actively supporting five labor ancial support and the SWP is residents of the neighborhood, and minority candidates in addi- actively participating in the as were many of the hundreds "smog" and noise from the facinjured. One killed was a Negro | tories.

nancially like never before.

The elections should serve as an additional warning to the top larly Reuther. His supporters are local leaders must stop the blind policy of support of the clique cles of the International Union. The next few months will pose this problem again and again as the fight for delegates to the International convention comes.

Supreme Court Edict Denounced

FLINT, Mich., Mar. 9 - A membership meeting of CIO United Auto Workers Chevrolet Local 659 here this afternoon unanimously adopted a resolution denouncing the Supreme Court's ruling against the miners and calling on their International Union to take the lead in fighting the anti-labor drive.

The resolution urged the UAW leaders to "convoke united conferences of labor, AFL, CIO and independent unions, in every city where we have local unions to A survey of the district made combat the all-out combined ofgress and NAM."

It also proposed that "the in the immediate organization of a National Labor Party." Local 659 charged that the Supreme Court's decision estabwhich threatens the lives of resi- lishes "government by injuncdents in Negro neighborhoods tion" and "infringes the fundamental rights of organized labor, to better our living standards b strike action, the only real

"It has been conclusively demonstrated that the courts, the Government and its agencies are filled with fumes, dirt, so-called lined up on the side of the coal operators and Wall Street to rend labor limb from limb."

Worth remembering, now that the Supreme Court has spoken, is the following statement in the Daily Worker. Dec. 5, two days before Lewis



dominate the White House, they do not have the judiciary so completely under their thumbs."

Louis Lautier, well known Negro newspaperman, has been denied admission to the Con-

gressional press galleries. * * Professor S. Chatwood Burton, 66, an instructor in Fine Arts at the University of Min-

nesota for 31 years, despondent because he was due to retire soon and was not eligible for a university pension, committed suicide by drinking a glassful of insecticide.

. . . . The stock market slump on March 8 was the severest since last November. "Home and foreign conditions" were blamed.

The AFL International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths, Drop Forgers and Helpers voted at their convention last week to abolish Jim Crow locals and end segregation of Negro members. * * *

It was easier for American veterans to kill an enemy than it is for them to find a place to live, Audie L. Murphy, most decorated soldier of World War II, told the National Public Housing Conference in Chicago. * * *

UN Secretary-General Trygve Lie was blasted in New York last week by representatives of 1400 UN employes after a large number of employes had been fired and expense allowances severely cut. . . .

The AFL Committee on International Labor

Relations recommended that the AFL cut off all relations with the Argentine Confederation of Labor because it is government-dominated.

At a hearing on a bill to outlaw gambling in Minnesota, Rep. Odean Enestvedt of Kandiyoho County asked its supporters "how come the grain exchange was not included in the bill?"

Senate. STRONG MOVEMENT



is one of 13 studio workers now under indictment for refusing to observe a strike-breaking injunction against the CSU unions. He

Local 683, only IATSE local to support the striking CSU. Harry C. Brown, CIO Rubber