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MINE STOPPAGE MOURNS 111 DEAD

The Truman Doctrine

Brewster Links Middle East Oil With War Move

By Joseph Hansen

The ugly word "oil" is being heard with increasing frequency in connection with Truman's demand for \$400,-000,000 and U.S. military missions to bolster monarchism in Greece and dictatorship in Turkey.

"The taxpayers paid for all

improvements and investments,"

said Moffett, "and they (the

companies) are sitting there with

Greek Monarchy

By Jean Paul Martin

PARIS, Mar. 21 - Encour-

aged by Truman's plan to

send money, arms and mili-

daris government of Athens

has launched a vigorous

At 3 a.m. on Mar. 5, the police

In hearings March 28 and 9 29 before the Senate War In- charge for fuel oil to the Navy. vestigating Committee, Senator Owen Brewster (R., Maine) directly linked oil with Truman's recently-announ- concessions worth billions of dolced foreign policy. He declared lars free and clear." that the effect of Truman's proposals would be to protect the fabulously-rich concessions of the giant American oil companies in the Near and Middle East. Potential profits from the con- Continues Terror cessions held in Saudi Arabia by the Texas Oil Co. and Standard Oil of California are between five Against Workers and ten billion dollars.

"Already," charged Brewster, "the United States government is underwriting these concessions. Private corporations have got them and the government is holding the bag. And our recent tary advisors to Greece, the move seems to guarantee this reactionary Maximos-Tsalposition."

ANOTHER OIL SCANDAL

military offensive against Testimony in the first two the partisans. days of hearings indicates the All the repressive operations Committee is drilling into a pool of scandal that may bring in a undertaken against the partigusher like that of the 1924 Tea- sans in the winter have failed. pot Dome investigation. James Even the Greek capitalist press A. Moffett, former \$110,000-a- has been forced to recognize that year Standard Oil executive, re- civil warfare has been extended vealed lurid details of how the all over the country.

oil monopolists socked the Navy To better prepare this "spring" \$1.05 a barrel for fuel oil during offensive, the government is trythe war. In 1941 this oil was ing to consolidate its position in offered at 40 cents a barrel. the towns by carrying out new "I say they deliberately de- attacks against the trade union

frauded the United States gov- and political working - class ernment," Moffett testified un- movements. der oath. The Maximos government,

Brewster introduced figures which was formed on Feb. 13,



Liberals Back Pepper-Taylor Bill As 'Alternative' To Truman Plan

Oppose Truman Plan With the Gallup Institute and similar outfits strangely silent about public reaction to

recated.

strongly criticized."

and against."

ernment to act through UN.

Truman's March 12 speech, the chief indication for judging what the people think about it is the mail being received by Congressmen.

Only one alternative has been offered so far in Con-Survey Shows People | gress to Truman's demand for authorization to bolster reaction in Turkey and Greece with U.S. funds and military missions. This alternative is the Joint Resolution submitted March 25 by Pepper (D., 9-

Fla.) and Taylor (D., Idaho) | or Italy or Iran, or India or in the Senate and Blatnik China, and we know not where else." (D., Minn.) in the House.

A correct political estimate of the final objectives of White be removed. The mine workers this resolution is important, the linal objectives of white be removed. The there is the charge of House foreign policy. In an ad- must themselves take charge of dress over the radio

End The Mine Murders! - An Editorial -

111 more miners murdered for profit!

Killed through criminal negligence of coal barons who blocked elementary safety precautions in the pits.

Killed through criminal negligence of Illinois Governor Green who ignored the appeal sent by the Centralia miners over a year ago, warning of dangerous conditions and pleading to "please save our lives."

Killed through criminal negligence of Washington officials who forced the miners back to work by strikebreaking orders and then failed to enforce state and federal mine safety codes. The Centralia disaster is the worst since 1928—but death is an everyday affair in the coal industry under capitalist operation. Twenty miners were killed and over 1,000 injured every work week last year! What must be done to stop

these bloody sacrifices? No miner expects the greedy coal operators and their callous managers to change the present system. Their sole interest is in coal industry. Coal is already squeezing profits out of mine labor, regardless of human cost. many brave men and drenched Nor can existing state inspection agencies be depended upon viving widows and orphans." to protect the miners' welfare, no matter how strict the laws enacted. Like the state governments, these are under the thumbs of corporate interests. Nor can the Federal government be relied upon. Truman and Krug have shown they are far more concerned with proprovisions. tecting the properties of the op-

erators than with safeguarding the lives of the mine workers. For the mines to be converted into secure places of labor, the ruthless incentive for private profit arising from capitalist

Pepper does not disagree with control over the mines must first brought to the surface. March 29, supervising working conditions ing deaths as the deadly gas could have been prevented if the

Government Failed To Enforce Safety Code At Centralia

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APRIL 1—The nation's soft coal mines shut down today as 400,000 members of the United Mine Workers began six days of mourning for their 111 comrades murdered in the Centralia mine explosion.

The memorial for the 111 and the protest against the criminal negligence of government officials that led to their death was called by UMW President John L. Lewis on March 29.

"We who are privileged to speak for our dead, and for those pathetic widows and orphans, and for the future safety of our people, challenge this criminal and calloused attitude." said Lewis. "This killing must stop. This debauched administration of mine safety must stop.

"It must be stopped now. The American people must be aroused to the stark realities of the situation and the casualties of the saturated with the blood of too with the tears of too many sur-

Some 35,000 miners began the memorial a day in advance. This action indicated how thoroughly the miners approve the six-day memorial and agree with Lewis' explanation of the need to throw a spotlight on government fail-

OENTRALIA, Ill., Mar. 31 -Today is Black Monday in this grief-stricken town and line, "God bless you all." its suburbs. The last of the





JAMES A. KRUG Secretary of Interior Accused by John L. Lewis of responsibility for permitting conditions which snuffed out lives of 111 Centralia miners.

the pleas of these same men "to please save our lives" by enforcure to enforce safe operating ing the mine safety laws, give any heed to this plea?

Another note read, "D. T. help Elna and Dickie." Still apother was illegible save for a single

The tragedy is all the more been prevented if the Centralia 14 were trapped and died linger- profits above men's lives. It

showing how the California and started its career by announcing Texas Oil company got \$33,460,- a series of so-called "pacifying" 000 of the taxpayers' money in measures. But only a few days this deal, charging the govern- later it started a new wave of ernment \$59,879,000 for oil terror in all the big towns of the worth \$26,418,000 according to country. Here is one example But this is only one item in A+2 1941 figures.

the sordid tale of palm-greas- of Athens moved with considering, profit-gouging, and oil diplomacy unfolded before the able forces to cordon off the Committee. Eight months before workers' centers of the town. The Pearl Harbor, when Roosevelt police forcibly entered homes, was preparing to plunge the breaking down doors with the country into World War II, King brutality recalling the activities concessions, demanded \$6,000,- of the Gestapo during the Ger-Ibn Saud, who granted the oil 000 a year in royalties for five man occupation of Greece. years from the Arabian-Ameri- They arrested 571 people. can Oil Co. which is owned by Among them were a number of Texas and Standard of Califor- members of the Trotskyist movenia.

Advances on future royalties to ment. the King already amounted to \$6,800,000. The Arabian-Ameri-can outfit decided to send Mof-fett to Roosevelt in home of tanfett to Roosevelt in hope of tapping the U.S. public treasury for the \$30,000,000. Protest Hunger Under Allies

GOT THE MONEY

Roosevelt said it was imposwrote Moffett that "At the in- work to join a protest destance of the President and the Secretary (of State) I suggested to the British Ambassador that Britain consider providing King Ibn Saud with such funds as in ities were reported to be standits opinion were necessary to ing by, ready to use troops meet the requirements."

wanted.

But this was only the begin- ren staged a two-hour protest ning of government help to the march in the morning. Later an-American oil monopolists. Drew other crowd marched on the Bri-Pearson, the Washington colum- tish military telephone exchange nist, revealed March 28 that building, hurling rocks that fears of the German workers coming communistic in their filled with gas from the explosion. "King Ibn Saud gets almost broke 59 windows."

\$10.000.000.

"Ibn Saud got not only \$10,- want action, not words." 000,000 but \$25,000,00 from the Demonstrations likewise ocpanies was \$55,000,000. This does the British military government ploiting the present conditions, strategic significance. By this all cried out now."

In the largest mass protest demonstrations against sible to do this through Lend- food shortages since the end of the war, more than 120,-Lease, but he referred the mat- 000 German workers stopped all but essential services in ter to Jesse Jones, the Federal a number of British-occupied Ruhr cities March 28. On Loan Administrator. Jones then the following day miners from three pit heads stopped

monstration of 8,000 other strators had unanimously passed workers at Dortmund. The British occupation authoragainst the German workers if

Out of a subsequent loan of the protest movement continued. \$425,000,000 to Britain, King In Dusseldorf, according to Ibn Saud got the money he United Press, "an estimated 100.000 men. women and child-

homes were seized.

anything he wants. Last sum- The Dusseldorf workers par- endurable "peace" terms on their mer he wanted a railroad built aded in a drizzling rain. They country, the delegation declared tol to his summer palace, Riyadh, are hungry," and "We want those to be expected after the Versailles."

The N. Y. daily, PM, last Stalinists and a wide assortment of liberals as the right answer to with the President's aim." But week reported on a survey it had made among 20 Senators Truman's latest war moves. from all parts of the country. The resolution calls for relief The survey showed that "aid funds for Greece, the U.S. conto the present Greek and Turkish governments is dep-"Virtually all the letterwriters want to help Greece, a fewer number Turkey. "Direct military aid is An overwhelming majority

Pepper explained the objectives East and weakest in the of Truman's so-called "doctrine" South; but even in the South as follows: mail "is evenly divided for

"Boiled down to the dregs, the President's proposal is this. American corporations have big oil interests in Saudi Arabia in the Middle East, The British have oil interests and other interests in many Middle Eastern countries; and the British life line, socalled, leads through the Mediterranean and the Suez Canal on toward India and other British possessions in the Far East.

"The British for centuries have been fighting to keep the Russians out of the Dardanelles and out of influence in the Eastern Mediterranean, Greece, resolutions protesting conditions Turkey, and the Middle East. under Allied rule. One of their The British are still carrying on demands was "rapid and final of all proved Nazis from their

present positions." The workers protested the dis- in this battle.

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tributing \$250,000,000, the fund to be administered by the United Nations. It excludes military supplies. It calls for an emeraction on the Greek "crisis," as Pepper terms it, and "the problems of Palestine, Dardanelles, of the letters want the govand Middle East oil." OIL OBJECTIVES Opposition to the Truman In presenting the resolution, program is strongest in the

> By George Lavan WAMAC, Ill., Mar. 28-Tragedy broods over this little mining community. Villages like this in the coal-rich Egypt section of Illinois come to the attention of the outside world only when an event such as the government's breaking of a coal strike or a mine disaster occurs. The disaster struck Tuesday afternoon, three

> > days ago. Last night 27 more bodies were carried to the surface, raising the death-toll to 79. Thirty-two miners are still unaccounted for. Is there any chance they are still alive? Only their wives and children still have hope. The further down the seven-foot high tunnel the rescue squad moves, the more horribly-burned and

Pressed against the wire barrier, the crowd stands waiting. All eyes are fixed "We have stepped in and now on the wooden tipple which stands out quisitioning of houses. More we are going to defend as stra- against the threatening sky like a weird than 40,000 people in Dusseldorf tegic areas, Greece, Turkey, the pyramid. From this evil looking tipple alone live in cellars because their Dardanelles and the Middle East, rises a small column of grey smoke. When not only against possible Rus- the damp, chilling wind changes, people Indicating the well-founded sian aggression, but against be- cough and realize the grey smoke is still

In the company wash house are those "So we support the Greek and, wives, more probably widows, whom neith-Turkish armies; we maintain a er exhaustion nor pleas of friends can across the desert from his capi- carried placards declaring. "We that "the conditions now and fleet in the Mediterranean: we send home. Some have been there for put up enough money to keep the four days and this will be their fourth and sought a loan of around bread." At Dortmund the work- peace treaty were and would be present Government headed by heart-breaking night of hoping against ers' banners demanded: "We worse than those prevailing after King George, in power in Greece hope. Above their heads, hanging from

by enabling it to kill off its op- pulleys, because the company didn't fur-These workers likewise fear position by the gun and the nish lockers, is the change of clothing they Export-Import Bank." Thus the curred in Essen, Solingen, Col- the Allies will foster the resur- bomb; we make it clear that we fear their husbands will never again put total "put up by the U.S. gov- ogne, Osnabruck, Hagen and gence of fascism in Germany. are committed to the same pol- on. They sit silently, staring at the childenrment to help protect the oil A representative of the work- "Nazi propaganda will grow," icy at least in every area of the ren or into space. A miner in the rescue reserves of two private oil com- ers in Dusseldorf told officers of they said, and "adventurers, ex- world which we deem to be of squad says after leaving them, "They're

not count the \$33,000,000 over- that thousands of the demon- will increase the state of chaos." logic, tomorrow it may be France Subdued conversations take place in the

he stated emphatically, "I agree and enforcing safety regulations. closed in on them. Pathetic state and federal governments That means the mines must notes were found on these men had enforced the existing safety he disagrees with Truman's tac- really be taken over by the gov- showing that their last thoughts code. tics in achieving these objectives. ernment without compensation were not about themselves but This mine blew up last Tues-He advocates using the United to the parasites who have fat- their families, whom they were day afternoon. The surviving Nations and he attacks Truman tened on the blood, tears and leaving with no means of sup- miners and rescue squads from for by-passing the UN. sweat of generations of miners. port.

"If forces are needed," he said And they must be operated, not One note said only, "Take care tically till Saturday trying to gency meeting of the UN General in the Senate, "let us put up by bureaucratic stooges for the of our families." Will the op- reach the victims. Their rescue Assembly to consider and take our share through the United operators, but under control of erators and the federal and state work was hampered by the inauthorities, who were so deaf to (Continued on Page 3) the miners' own union.

all over the state worked fran-

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Waiting For The Rescue Squads **To Bring Up The Miners' Bodies**

crowd watching the pit head. A woman with a baby in her arms says she heard on the radio that the Governor is coming down. Last year the men of this mine had appealed to the Governor "to please save our lives" by enforcing the safety regulations. Of the four officers of the local who signed the letter, three are missing down in the mine and the fourth is digging with the rescue squad.

"He'd better not come near here if he knows what's good for him," says a small woman bitterly. A railroad worker, who used to work in the mine and knew the men down below, turns and says, "I'd like to see him come, him and Krug both. Why, we'd throw them down the shaft and drop the cage on them. And that judge with his injunction and his three million dollar fines. Sure, it's the government's mine when they want to bust the strike, but it ain't theirs if you ask them to make the mine safe." A 'teen-aged girl with red eyes whispers, "They're just murderers, just plain murderers."

The rescue squad has been working in shifts of eight hours on and eight hours off. They are numb with fatigue. A bigger squad of rescue specialists could be used to spell these men off, but is not available. Only the specialists have the oxygen tank equipment and this afternoon the "fresh-air men." who are without the oxygen tanks, were driven out of the mine by the deadly fumes. Three hours were lost and the shift is going to stay down now till 9 p.m. to make up for lost time. By 6 p.m. the crowd has tripled. Wide-eved children have worked their way to the front and stand against the wire barrier. Mining-camp children become accustomed to stark tragedy and death at an early age. Though no word has come from the

waits patiently, silently huddled together against the biting wind. Finally, there is a movement near the tipple. The new shift is getting ready. Their movements betraying their weariness, these men don their equipment, put blankets on one another's shoulders. These blankets will protect them from the cold as they wait their turn to descend into the mine and will later serve to wrap up the burned and bleeding bodies of their dead comrades when they ascend. Suddenly, with a bang and a rattle the cage drops from the top of the tipple down shaft to bring up the squad being relieved. The cage-so-called although it has no sides and the men must hang on to chains like subway straps -has reached the surface with the first load of rescue workers.

13 MORE DEAD

After the whole shift has been brought up the bodies are hoisted out. In the dusk each person in the crowd counts the times the cage come up. Thirteen! Thirteen more dead miners brought out tonight! The women from the wash house stand by silently. Some of them hold babies in their arms. The bodies are completely wrapped in blankets. The dead are too badly burned and blown apart to permit the wives to try to identify them. All the victims that cannot be identified will be buried together at a mass funeral. The ambulances load up. In the crowd an infant chilled by the cold begins to wail, the mother makes no attempt to hush it. The crowd moves back to let the ambulance through on its trip to the garage in nearby Centralia, being used as an emergency morgue. The crowd dwindles, The wives go back to the wash house. They have vowed not to leave until the last body has been brought up. In that way each can be sure that her man is not left alone three miles down in the dark.

tunnel at the bottom of the shaft. where the rescue work is going on, the crowd

that fight, but they are so emmangled are the bodies they find. denazification and the removal barrassed financially that they are having to retreat. They put CROWD STANDS WAITING it up to us to take over their load

that the Allies will inflict un- domestic politics.

mantling of plants and the re-

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THE MILITANT

SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 1947

Centralia Miners Worked Under Sentence Of Death Briggs Meeting For More Than One Year, Appeals For Action Show Scores Cliquism DETROIT, Mar. 29 - The General Council of Briggs

By George Lavan

CENTRALIA, Ill., Mar. 30 - The 111 miners killed in the explosion deep in the bowels of the Centralia Coal Company's Number 5 mine had been under sentence of death for over a year. This death sentence had been passed by the profit-hungry absen-?

tee owners of the mine and CMA as promised in the Krugthe U.S. Coal Mine Adminis- Lewis agreement.

trator. All appeals of the condemned men were denied by three days, Nov. 4 - 6, 1946, inthe State of Illinois and the Fed- vestigating the mine. This ineral authorities.

Conditions at this mine had long been notoriously unsafe. code. Still the CMA did nothing. mine manager and superintendent flatly refused the local's requests. In December 1945 the local preferred charges before the

mine safety laws. A special investigating com**mission** was appointed. On this mine guided by the very super- NUMEROUS VIOLATIONS intendent whose license the union was demanding be revoked. The report of the commission against the company officials.

TERRIBLE DANGER

The men who had to go down sent a letter signed by their four union officers, three of whom

are now dead as a result of the nored.

Government took over the mines including the Centralia Coal the mine, were open. Company's Number 5. The agreement signed by Secretary of the None of them disturbed the ladent John L .Lewis dealt with the Interior the least bit. the Federal Government's enforcement of the safety code in

"The Coal Mines Administra- fatal. tor will put this code into effect

A federal mine inspector spent spector, Frank Perz, found 60 violations of the Federal Safety

Local 52 of the United Mine Yet the Krug-Lewis agreement Workers had time and again specifically stated: "The Coal tried to get the company to Mines Administrator is the excomply with the federal and clusive agency charged with the state mine safety laws. The enforcement of this code and the correction of violations thereof."

Five days before the explosion which killed 111 miners. Feder-State Mining Board against the al Inspector Perz made another company officials, demanding investigation of the mine. It that their certificates be revoked was not ordered by Washington, for flagrant violations of the but was a routine investigation. He found that in the five

months which elapsed, 57 of the 60 violations previously noted commission was a former offi- still existed. Some of the condier of the coal company, Robert tions had grown even more dan-Weir, who led the commission gerous. And in the five months around by the nose. The com- the company had not even remission hardly bothered to listen ceived as much as a letter from to the men, ignored Local 52 Washington telling it to correct officers and hurried through the the dangerous state of the mine.

To mention only a few of these safety violations: excessive accumulations of coal dust, which stated that "the complaint is explosive; timbers used as sounds a good deal worse than crossbars not provided in the it really is." It refused to act working sections; unsupported loose roof and overhanging ribs and brows; explosives fired with

blasting caps and fuses, instead into that mine every day knew of being fired electrically. The how real and terrible the dangers ventilation system supplied were. On March 3, 1946 they enough air for only 100 men, but the company made it do for 135 men. Working places were not test-

disaster, telling the governor ed for gas; grossly insufficient what the conditions were, what rock-dusting to prevent coala mockery the commission's "in- dust explosions; open-flame capvestigation" had been and plead. lamps were used instead of elecing with him to intervene before tric lamps; bare power wires inthey were killed in an explosion. stalled by nailing them to tim-This was the famous "Please bers, when all such wires should save our lives" letter. It was ig- be insulated and not touch combustible materials. The sides

us too."

On May 29, 1946 the Federal of the cages, in which the men were lowered and hoisted out of There were 50 other violations

Interior Krug and UMW Presi- bor-haters in the Department of There were so many possible ways the explosion might have

at the mines. Inspectors of the PASSING THE BUCK

Rescue workers carry the body of a miner from the Centralia, Ill., mine where 111 mem-**Mine Stoppage Mourns 111 Dead At Centralia** (Continued from Page 1) competence of the State Mine these miners nor any interest in Director, who endangered the their safety. Now after the calives of the rescue crews by ord- tastrophe, for which he shares John. ering the electric current turned the guilt, he announced a peron in the gas-filled mine. sonal visit to the mine. William

One rescue worker told him, E. Rowekamp sent him the fol-'You're either too damn ignor- lowing telegram on behalf of the ant or you ain't satisfied with surviving union members of killing them, you want to kill UMW Local 52:

"Gov. Green: We were told This same state mine departthat you were coming to Cenment had repeatedly turned tralia last Tuesday by plane to down all pleas by the miner's make a personal investigation of local union to enforce the safety the disaster which has snuffed laws.' It has now been revealed out the lives of almost all the that this department shook down men who were in the mine. Now the coal operators for campaign you say you are still coming to contributions in return for agree-Centralia. Well, Governor, there ment not to enforce the safety are not many of us left now, but code. The dead miners did all we who are wish to tell you in they could to avert the explosour own language that it is too ion. They appealed to the State late. Our officials pleaded with the mines it had seized. This part occurred that it isn't known yet Department of Mines, to Gov- you a year ago to come to our just which violations proved ernor Green, to their local Con- rescue. Today their bodies lie gressman, Representative Vur- in the morgue. No, Governor, mentary safety laws.

sell-all to no avail. it's too late." This mine, like all other bi-

Body Of One Of The 111 Dead Miners

bers of the AFL United Mine Workers perished in an underground explosion last week.

St. Louis Star-Times Photo

come out. It is revealed that energies behind it," said Ernest the main activity of the Illinois Department of Mines was to shake down the operators for donations to the Republican Party's campaign fund. There was a "gentleman's agreement" that the inspectors

would not be too "strict" with coal companies that "kicked in." When an honest inspector, like Scanlan, backed the miners up in their protests, he was arbitrarily overruled by the head of the department and marked down as a troublemaker.

Mine Operators

Paid Republicans

To 'Forget' Code

After this terrible tragedy, the head of the State Department of mines can only say in his own defense: "We didn't think its shortcomings were enough to warrant shutting down the mine. You can go to almost any mine and find similar reports." Thus he admits that thousands of bickering among the leadership other miners in Illinois are of the UAW more and more re-

R. R. Sayers, director of the fundamental differences, and Federal Bureau of Mines, now reveals that of 3,345 inspections project or action undertaken by in 1946 only two mines were our union, such as the wage found complying completely with fight, the FEPC, the housing and local scene: the Federal Safety Code. In the fight and the struggle against This means that Secretary of the rival groups, and the Interior Krug and his Coal WHEREAS: "Red - baiting." east 45,000 violations of that ring factions, and thus have fa-

closed an unsafe mine or dis-As the sun rises here in Cen- ciplined or removed a mine mantralia this morning it starts a ager. Their sole activity has black day that will never be for- been strikebreaking.

gotten nor forgiven by the coal The guilty operators, federal miners and their neighbors. The and state authorities must be whole town is sick with sorrow punished for this mass murder. for men needlessly murdered. The mines must be made safe Murdered by greedy operators, for the men who toil under-Murdered by corrupt state offi- ground, and to accomplish this cials. Murdered by federal au- the unions must be given the thorities, so blinded by their hatel right to enforce the safety regof organized labor that they ulations and close dangerous could not find the time nor the mines. The lives of the miners interest to enforce the most ele- are far more important than the profits of the ruling class.

Local 212, UAW-CIO last Saturday unanimously adopted a resolution condemning the unprincipled factionalism in the top leadership of the United Auto Workers which has seriously crippled all the Dworthwhile activities under- factionalism is positively crim-

taken by the union during inal at the present time when the labor movement is under its sharpest attack in decades and

"We cannot conduct an effect-" with a wage fight on the imive struggle for higher wages, mediate agenda, and against the vicious anti-THEREFORE BE IT RE-CENTRALIA, Ill., Mar 30 labor campaign in Congress, un-

SOLVED: That this General - The truth now begins to less we unite all of the union's Council of Local 212, UAW-CIQ Mazey, who introduced the re- send a wife to the interim Loue isville, Kentucky, expressing

"The present factional battle strong condemnation of the conin the union has no basis in pro- tinued factionalism of both sides, grammatic difference, in strat- and urging the International egy, etc. It is nothing but a Executive Board to unite their clique fight — to see who will energies in developing an effecthold the offices of the union, ive struggle against lynch-labor the powers and privileges that campaigns of the state and federal legislatures. "It is necessary for the ranks

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: to tell the officers that we dis-That we call upon the Internaapprove of their squabbling and tional Executive Board to proto call them to order," Mazey ceed to the pressing of our wage demands in the bold militant spirit of a year and a half ago.

The text of the resolution, enitled "Factionalism in the UAW-CIO," reads as follows:

WHEREAS: Our union has been torn by sharp internal factionalism continuously during **Hits Red Drive** the past year, and WHEREAS: This factional

the past year.

go with them.

concluded.

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 29 - The Socialist Workers working daily in danger of their veals itself as a clique struggle Party, Bay Area Local, this for posts and privileges, with no' week issued the following statement sharply condemn-WHEREAS: Every worthwhile ing the anti-Red drive now taking place on the national

"Although ostensibly aimed at mines under government "pos- anti-labor legislation, has been 'Reds,' this drive aims its main session," the average number of seriously crippled by their being blows at the labor movement. For safety violations per mine is 27! converted into a battleground of this reason the Socialist Workers Party can only condemn the

actions of some sections of the Mines Administrator, who are use of the boss press, charges labor movement which have cacharged with enforcing the and counter-charges have be- tered to this campaign by exafety code, are permitting at come stock-in-trade of the war- pelling or restricting union members because of their political are mourning Fred, head of the code. Any one of these violations cilitated the attacks of the em- beliefs. Unions that take such family. He had insisted that his may kill more miners. Nor have ployers and their agents upon steps only lay themselves open for similar attack by the gov-WHEREAS: This unprincipled ernment."



1. Defend labor's standard of living!

- A sliding scale of wages -an 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! For the 6-hour day, 30-hour week! A sliding scale of hours



Federal Bureau of Mines shall will corrected.'

REPORTS ON FILE

ior's CMA knew about the conditions in the Centralia mine for had seized. The officials of the reports on its dangerous state State of Illinois try to cover up were on file in another section their guilt by asking how they of the Department, in the Federal Bureau of Mines. Yet no action was taken nor any "disciplining or replacing of the operating manager" done by the

TWIN-CITIES SUNDAY FORUM Sunday, April 13 3:30 p.m. **'The Industrial** Murder Machine" Speaker: GRACE CARLSON 10 South 4 St.

In contrast to the state and make periodic investigations of federal authorities' lack of inthe mines and shall report to terest in the appeals of the now the Coal Mines Administrator dead miners, there are now six any violations of the Federal official investigations being Safety Code. In cases of violation launched. But let no one think the Coal Mines Administrator this means a real interest in take appropriate action punishing the guilty and protectwhich may include disciplining ing miners still in danger in or replacing the operating man- other unsafe mines. The case ager so that with all reasonable has now become a political footdispatch said violation will be ball. The Democratic politician are trying to pin the blame on

the Republicans, and vice versa. The Federal authorities are The Department of the Inter- claiming that they weren't supposed to close unsafe mines they could have closed a mine being

operated by the Federal Government. swell their profits on the blood is alive today.

of their miners, the state gov- In their letter they told Government that conspires with the ernor Green, "Several years ago operators to violate the primary after a disaster at Gillespie we laws of safety and the Federal saw your picture in the papers Government which seizes the going down in the mine to make mines to break the miners' a personal investigation of the strikes are all equally guilty. accident. We are giving you a They have murdered 111 work- chance to correct the conditions ingmen. They have widowed 99 at this mine that may cause a have left at least 78 children Kentucky." fatherless.

move.

The governor had no time for



The dingy wash-house where tuminous mines in the U.S. was the despairing wives had waited officially operated by the Fed- during the days of rescue operaeral Government, and the govtions is now deserted. From the ernment was bound by the con- ceiling hang the clothes the dead tract to enforce the safety code men left when they made their But not a single move was made last descent into the mine. Hidby the authorities in Washington den in a corner is the bulletin o save these men's lives. Two board with the unenforced inoutine federal inspections of spection notice listing some of he mine had been made. The the dangerous conditions of the irst showed 60 violations of the mine.

afety code and the second, five violations had been continued of their children and the hoperederal authorities made no the ritual of the funerals and ing program. try to comfort one another. The Of the four local union officers

who wrote to the governor to day will see the greatest number. Veterans Housing Committee action and the purposes of the "please save our lives" and who **ONE BARELY ESCAPED** visited their congressman to get At the home of Mrs. Gutzler the American Veterans Commit-

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Mar. 25 — Demanding immediautomobiles and busses from all 9-

nonths later, showed 57 of these little homes staring at the faces in an attempt to get action from Jewish War Veterans conducted the state legislature in setting a campaign to discourage their and even worsened. Still the less future. They go through up a large scale low-cost hous- locals from participating on the The demonstration was organfunerals started Wednesday; to- ized under the auspices of the ber of unions endorsed both the

composed of local chapters of Housing Committee. The caravans rolled into the

the Federal Government to save on S. Cherry St., the toll is six tee, American Legion, Veterans state capital Sunday for a mass their lives, only one, William E. men dead out of seven in the of Foreign Wars and Amvets. meeting. Here the veterans went In truth, the operators who Rowekamp, recording secretary, family. Harry, the seventh, This combination is significant on record for a 100 million dolbarely escaped and then worked since the state officers of the lar appropriation for a revolving

> Strength Of Minority Shown In Los Angeles Area Voting

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 29 - The vote received by two women, who have the bleakest much worse disaster than the Negro candidates in recent municipal elections of neigh- legislature with these demands. of futures now before them. They one in Gillespie or the one in boring communities, together with the energetic campaign Sections of the cavalcades reto elect Dr. Jonathan L. Caston as District 7 councilman mained over night in the fair in the Los Angeles election on \mathfrak{D} April 1, demonstrate again the covenants which cover 82% of grounds.

strong sentiment for independ- the city. ent political action by minority groups in this area.

Percy Williams Jr., sole Negro candidate for the Pasadena Board of Directors, received 2,000 votes in the district he proposed to represent-double the vote of the inclumbent, Milton S. Brenelection procedure in Pasadena, which permits the voters of the entire city to elect the representative from each district, although non - Caucasians are practically limited to residence in one district by race restrictive

MILWAUKEE "Labor Can Fight Back" Speaker: **ROBERT HENDERSON** Sunday, Apr. 13, 8 p.m. 608 South 5th St.

Cavalcade Of California Vets Demands State Build Homes

ate action to ease the California housing crisis, almost 1,000 veterans, many with their wives and children, converged upon Sacramento over the week end. Cavalcades of

The women now sit in their over the state made the long trip American Legion, VFW, and grounds that the action was "communist inspired." A num-

fund to aid communities in set-

ting up low-cost housing projects; a 35 million dollar emergency housing fund; the maintenance of state rent control; and a state ruling forbidding restrictive covenants.

Committees were appointed to

The reception of the veterans was cordial but perfunctory. White supremacist forces were Governor Warren termed the thus able to gang up on Williams proposals "a drop in the bucket' and give Brenner a total city- and indicated that they would wide vote of 14,046, the largest not even scratch the surface of vote received in the election. California's housing needs. He In the Santa Monica election, indicated that his hopes for where Rev. Welford P. Carter meeting the acute shortage restwas the sole Negro candidate, ed on "private enterprise." "We ner. However, Brenner was and the first in the history of have to do something," he admitelected by the undemocratic the community, 49 candidates ted, but added that the "somewere in the race for the seven thing" would probably end up in councilmanic posts. Carter re- some form of subsidy to builders. ceived 2,353 votes, coming in None of the "plans" now unninth and missing seventh place der "consideration by the state on the council, by 468 votes. legislature can answer the hous-In the Los Angeles campaign ing crisis. There are approxithe greatest degree of unity of mately a quarter of a million the Negro community ever ach- veterans in the state without leved behind a councilmanic adequate housing. candidate has developed for Dr. But the legislature is consid-

Caston. All four leading Negro ering only the question of aid weeklies for the first time sup- to builders in the construction port the same candidate. Caston of individual homes. All estican be elected by getting out the mates put the minimum cost of vote in the East Side and the such homes at \$6,500 apiece. labor vote in the white neigh- Even the authors of the bill adborhoods on the West Side of the mit that this is beyond the means district. of the average veteran,

to prevent layoffs and unemployment! Government operation of all idle plants under workers' control! Unemployment insurance equal to trade union wages for workers and veterans during the entire period of unemployment!

3. Against all anti-labor laws and government strikebreaking! No restrictions on the right to strike and picket! No injunctions! No compulsory arbitration!

4. Build an independent labor party!

5. Tax the rich, not the poor! Repeal the payroll tax! No sales taxes! No taxes on incomes under \$5,000 a year!

- 6. An 18 billion dollar appropriation for government low-rent housing!
- 7. Full equality for Negroes and national minorities! End Jim-Crow! End Anti-Semitism!
- 8. For a veterans' organization sponsored by the trade unions!
- 9. A working class answer to capitalist militarism and war.

Take the war-making powers away from Congress! Let the people vote on the question of war or peace! Against capitalist conscription!

Abolish the officer caste system!

Full democratic rights in the armed forces!

- Trade union wages for the armed forces!
- Military training of workers, financed by the government, but under control of the trade unions!
- 10. Solidarity with the revolutionary struggles of the workers in all lands! For the complete independence of the colonial peoples!

Withdraw all American troops from foreign soil!

11. For a Workers' and Farmers' Government!

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The Correct Way To Fight Stalinism serious, class-conscious worker; and all anti- | elections, etc. And when they think of social- | in France and Italy especially-steadily lose their

THE MILITANT

Full Text Of Statement Sent By Ruth Fischer

James P. Cannon. National Secretary The Socialist Workers Party

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to your editorial in the February 15 issue of The Militant entitled but hundreds of GPU agents, lit-"Not Trotskyist." I do not intend erally, entered the United States to discuss the precise meaning safely and were allowed to reof the term Trotskyist, for it seems to me a rather silly and Walcher, Albert H. Schreiner, thus aid our dogmatic approach to an impor- Alfred Kantorowicz. tant problem. The fight against Stalinist terror is not the pri- Must Expose GPU vate property of the group organized under James P. Cannon but a vital issue to the millions GPU. It is an honor to the memfighters, differing in everything but their will to crush the GPU machine, are termed Trotskyists.

No more do I wish to answer seph E. Davies' book was written your personal attack on me, for on order. During these years I this kind of vicious smear is out- undertook, virtually singleside rational polemics. Your handed, the fight against the Central Committee knows better GPU by publishing a monthly than most Americans the details | bulletin concerning it, The Rusof my fight against Stalin for sian State Party, and preparing the last twenty years-knows, in a study on Stalin's disastrous particular, that Maslow and I policy toward German labor and were the only German socialists his contribution to the rise of accused in the Moscow GPU the Nazis, a book to be published frameups of plotting with Trot- this spring. In the course of this sky the assassination of Stalin, work, I exposed Eisler's status and that I am the last survivor incessantly, but because of the Soviet-American war alliance got of those "trials."

Facts About Eisler

of the war, when Eisler, confi-What I consider worse than your attack on me is your utter dent of his position in this counindifference to instructing your try, was busy promoting a proreaders on the facts about Ger- gram of terrorist extermination hart Eisler. Eisler, you say, has of the German people.

been "charged by the FBI with As your Central Committee our publicity and agitation on the reactionary being an undercover agent of the knows, thousands of anti-Nazis, campaign of the Republican-Democratic coali-Kremlin," and that is all you anti-Stalinist Germans have been tion to the neglect of the Eisler case itself, it have to say on his case. You do either murdered or kidnapped was because we believe that the greatest and not indicate by so much as an by the GPU. Deported German most menacing enemy of the human race is the innuendo whether you consider workers and prisoners of war bi-partisan imperialist cabal at Washington. We this charge to be based on the serve today to build up the re- consider the fight against war and reaction in truth or merely the result of sources in the far reaches of the the United States to be the first and main duty my "serving as a tool of Ameri- "workers' state." The Socialist of American revolutionists. Those who disagree can imperialism." For the bene- Unity Party is preparing the with us on this point do not understand the to get it. Most anti-Stalinists, especially the profit of your members and readers, same terrorist dictatorship reality of the present day, and do not talk our I ask therefore that you print for Germany that the Rusthe bare facts of his GPU career. sian people have been suf-

Eisler became a GPU-man in fering under for two decades, 1926, when he entered the in- and if this plan is comformation service of the Soviet pleted in Germany and in Eu-Embassy in Berlin. Uninter- rope, American workers will be ruptedly from 1928 on, he served isolated in a hostile totalitarian the Comintern branch of the world. At the moment the main Moscow Politburo in various as- task in the interest of the world signments. Note particularly his working class is to fight this performance in 1929-30 in China, GPU-ization of Germany and where he was sent to liquidate Europe with all the means at in blood the Trotskyist opposi- our disposal. As Trotsky put it

the United States only with great difficulty and were not able to remain but had to go to Mexico. There were others: for example, Victor Serge, Babette Grosz My attention has been called (Willi Muenzenberg's widow). On the other hand, not only Eislei

main. To name a few: Jacob

When I first learned that Eisler was in this country, I found it hard to believe, for I personal referof Europeans, Russians included, felt sure that the State Depart- ences objected suffering under the lash of the ment must have a complete file to by Ruth on him. Eisler's activities here Fischer, and she not inhibited by any legal stricture. Trotsky's book on Stalin could not be printed, and Jo-

even more urgent with the end

accept the invitation (later

withdrawn) of the Dies Com-

mittee to appear before it. If

ciliation with it whatever. We started on this theme more than 18 years ago and have been hammering away at it ever since. We may have

First And Main Duty no hearing. This task became

The Eisler case came in the midst of a furious reactionary campaign in Congress to enact antilabor legislation and infringe upon democratic rights all along the line, and was a dramatic episode in the campaign. Let us make our position clear at the outset. If we concentrated

language.

We need no convincing, however, about the danger of Stalinism and the necessity of fighting it, and that includes its gang of GPU killers too. In the face of the record doubts on this score would appear to be unfounded. But the doubts seem to persist. Besides Ruth Fischer, who deserves a serious answer, others, we have learned, took note of our negligence on the Eisler case. The skeptical Jack Weber, for example, out every year-to accuse us, by our politics, of serving "not to unmask but to abet both Stalinism and the GPU apparatus." (Labor Action, March 17.) That's pretty bad, and if it is really so, all we can answer in exculpation is the following: We didn't do it on purpose. We have good reason to be apprehensive about the GPU, and worse yet, are working out in the open where they can easily keep track of us. It would be Looking To Socialism very foolish on our part, after thus exposing ourselves to their attacks, to further "abet" them on purpose. of Stalinism is the beginning of wisdom for every the conclusion of hostilities, in the subsequent

BY JAMES P. CANNON

Ruth Fischer's letter, which is published in this issue of The Militant with her permission, afonce again on certain aspects of the complicated and many-sided problem of Stalinism in the labor movement of the capitalist countries, especially in the countries of Western Europe where it is now a burn-

The second se



ory of Leon Trotsky that these during the war, however, were has expressed her satisfaction, so we need not return to that subject here.) It is known that we are and have been for a long time opposed to Stalinism, or to any con-

> been somewhat remiss in publicizing the Eisler case and this may have been a fault, but the fault sets lightly on our shoulders. In any case, it was not due to sympathy for Eisler or his kind. We have printed plenty on Stalinism in the past 18 years; so much, in fact, that if this single Eisler incident wasn't even mentioned in our press, the score on our contribution to the journalistic struggle against Stalinism would be

scarcely affected by a fraction of one per cent.

Stalinism in the European labor movement.

Stalinists who are also anti-capitalist should try ism, they look to the east, not to the west. They working-class support to the more radical-apto work together. But anti-Stalinism, by itself, have had victorious "democracy" brought to pearing rival. This tremendous mass influence is no program for common struggle. It is too them twice already in the shape of guns and of the Stalinists is not the result of police measbroad a term, and it means different things to bombs from America and they don't want a third ures. In the main it is the product of the ilfords an occasion to present our point of view different people. There are more anti-Stalin- visitation of that blessing. ists now than there were when we started our struggle 18 years ago, especially in this country where Stalinism is weak and Trumanism is strong, bers, while the Social Democratic parties are more and they are especially numerous in New York and more pushed out of the labor movement and Europe, where the first approaches of the vicand not all of them are phonies. But very few obliged to base themselves on a predominantly torious Red Army were greeted by revolutionary of the current crop of vociferous anti-Stalinists have anything to do with us, or we with them That is not because of exclusiveness or quarrelsomeness, either on their part or ours, but be- agents. No, the sweeping movement of the mass- lessly shattered. The conditions are maturing cause we start out from different premises, conduct the struggle by different methods, and aim the Stalinists represent socialism more truly and (or Communist) party-anti-Stalinist as well as at different goals.

Common action for an effective struggle against Those who do not take due note of this phe-Stalinism requires, we think, an agreement as nomenon and make it the starting point of their to what Stalinism really is, how the struggle is tactical struggle may rail all they please against years? Can the masses still believe in Stalinism? to be conducted, and what the parties to the the Stalinists, but they will not defeat them in Are there any illusions left? The known reaccommon action propose to put in its place. Ruth the European labor movement. Fischer's letter, if we read it correctly, devotes itself exclusively to the terrorist activities and totalitarian methods of the Stalinists. This is a rather common approach to Stalinism nowadays, but in our opinion it is an incorrect one. mass deception. Stalinism is, first of all, a po- all this testifies not to the strength of the Stal-We believe it puts the question in too narrow a frame and provides neither an explanation of capitalist countries. And it exerts this influence, ness, to its isolation and lack of mass support." the monstrous phenomenon of Stalinism nor an primarily, not as a police force or a terrorist The Stalinist regime in the USSR, isolated from adequate program by means of which the revolutionary workers can rid the labor movement of Stalinism is first of all, and above all, a political est at the moment when it appears to be most this plague.

Social Base Of Stalinism

Stalinism manifests itself in a totalitarian poparatus in the labor movement of the capitalist countries. But it is not only that. Stalinism has its social base on the nationalized property of the Soviet Union-the product of the great United States, is absolutely no good for export. the whole regime, with all its apparatus of rerevolution. It is not the continuator and legitimate heir of Bolshevism, but its antithesis. The Stalinists, a privileged bureaucracy which fastened itself on the Soviet state in the period of its degeneration and decline, had to liquidate in blood virtually the whole generation of the original Bolsheviks, before they could consolidate their power. But despite all the crimes and betrayals of the Stalinists, great masses of radical workers in Western Europe still identify them with the Soviet Union and, in turn, identify the latter with the revolution which gains attractiveness in their eyes the more that capitalism reveals its irremediable bankruptcy. Herein is the main secret of the malevolent influence of

By far the greatest power of Stalinism derives from the illusion in the minds of the European workers that Stalinism means communism as represented by the great Russian revolution. They want the same kind of revolution, and they will not be freed from Stalinism until they are freed from the illusion that Stalinism can help them fessionals, identify Stalinism with communism. This only serves to embellish Stalinism in the eyes of the radical workers, to reinforce their il-

lusions, and to strengthen the position of Stalinism in their midst.

For there is one thing that the workers of Europe have very few illusions about, and that is capitalism. In this fundamental disillusionment lies the great hope for the future. Two terror, to see only the GPU and not the tens of share this hope and heartily support it as a world wars within one generation, with their sum millions of Communist and Socialist workers in program, with only one explicit proviso: these total of 40 million dead and uncounted wound- Europe. It is fatally wrong to lose faith in the whom we count in our socialist camp must be ed; the wholesale destruction of material culture ability of these workers to overcome their il- real socialists and not bourgeois agents mascame out of his hole on groundhog day—he comes in Europe; the crises, the unemployment and lusions and take their destiny into their own querading as such, not ignoble stooges of Yaninsecurity between the wars; and the universal hands. And it is criminal to proceed from these kee imperialism, not "Truman socialists." hunger, poverty and misery at the end-all this errors-as so many anti-Stalinists are doing in has served to convince the masses of European this country—to the dreadful and monstrous conworkers in their bones that they have no further clusion: The destruction of hateful Stalinism had to reconstitute itself in mortal struggle need of the social system which engendered these must be entrusted to Truman and his atomic horrors and promises nothing better for the fu- bombs. ture.

workers follow the Stalinists in increasing num- propaganda machine. more militantly than do the Social Democrats.

The illusions of the masses as to the real nature of Stalinism are continually nourished and litical influence in the labor movement in the inist regime within the country, but to its weak gang, but as a political party. The fight against the masses and ruling by terror alone, is weakfight. This political fight will never make any secure. The strongest asaults of the Nazi miliserious headway with the radicalized workers- | tary machine proved unable to bring about the and they are the ones who are decisive-unless it downfall of the regime in the USSR from within. is clearly and unambiguously anti-capitalist from And that is convincing evidence, we think, that beginning to end. No propaganda that bears, the Russian masses don't want liberation from lice state in the Soviet Union and a terrorist ap- or even appears to bear, the slightest taint of accursed and hated Stalinism in the shape of Trumanism will get a hearing from the anticapitalist workers of Europe. That kind of "anti- berment of the country. But one strong revolu-Stalinism," which is currently popular in the

> apparatus of Stalinism, unexampled in its magnitude and monstrousness in all history. It is a bloody and fearsome thing; we have paid enough in blood to know it. This terrorism must be exposed and fought. We must keep the pitiless light of publicity shining on it. But the exposure of the terrorist activities of the GPU is only one part, important to be sure, but not the most important part of the struggle against Stalinism.

The Same Basic Error

capitalist demagogues who exploit the fraudu- of liberating the Soviet Union and the labor lent slogan "democracy versus totalitarianism" for their own imperialistic purposes, there are a man and his atomic bombs is to renounce faith great number of people who sincerely hate Stal- in the future of humanity, to pass a premature inism for its violence and terror, its bloody and death sentence on civilization. awful tyranny, its utter disregard for human life and human dignity. But in their revulsion against guided by his affirmation that "the emancinathis horror-which does them credit, no doubt- tion of the working class is the task of the workthey fall into the same basic error as that of the | ing class itself." Only on that basis can we make Stalinists themselves. They over-estimate the an effective common front against Stalinism and power of naked force. The Stalinists think that free the labor movement of its malign power and violence can accomplish anything, and this fal- influence. Only on that basis can we see the lacy will eventually facilitate their downfall. Many future clearly and prepare for it. of their opponents likewise imagine that violence In a personal letter to me, Ruth Fischer s-id; and terror 'are omnipotent, able to repeal the "I sincerely do hope that all anti-Stalinist elshistorical laws explained by Marx.

lusions of the masses, nourished and reinforced How explain the well-established fact that the by the demagogy and deception of the Stalinist

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On the other hand, reports from Eastern petty-bourgeois composition? It is absurd to im- uprisings and mass acclaim, the workers have agine that this result is simply brought about already been sadly disillusioned and the moral by the terrorist activities of an army of GPU position of Stalinism has apparently been hopees is to be explained by the fact that they think there for the construction of a genuine Socialist anti-capitalist.

What, then, can be the real situation within the Soviet Union itself, after all the bitter, bloody tion of the masses in the occupied territories should give us the answer. The very fact that the terror, instead of mitigating, grows worse kept alive by the Stalinist propaganda machines from year to year, with the police apparatus with their perfected technique of demagogy and swelling to ever more monstrous proportions capitalist restoration and the colonial dismemtionary demonstration from the outside can bring We have no reason to minimize the terrorist pression and terror, crashing down in ruins.

Task Of The Workers

The salvation of the Soviet Union, or rather what is left of it, from the curse of Stalinism, depends in the first place on a strong revolutionary impulse from Europe or America, or some other part of the world. This impulse will come, we firmly believe, and this will change everything. This task of liberation belongs to the workers. It cannot be farmed out to their class enemies, the Anglo-American imperialist gang, in the hope that somehow something good will Leaving out of consideration altogether the come from the greatest evil. To assign the task movement of the west from Stalinism to Tru-

We must go back to Marx, and reassert and be

ments of the socialist camp will be able to f r. 1 It is wrong to make a fetish of violence and a united front in the difficult days ahead." I

The revolutionary socialist movement in

tion in the Chinese party. Hav- in 1932, Germany is again the ing thus regained the good graces key to the international situaof Stalin, he maintained his posi- tion. The exposure of Eisler in tion in the GPU by an uncount- this country, branding him as able number of crimes, of which Stalin's paid agent before he his role in the murder of Buk- returns to Germany, is a not harin and his comrades of his unimportant aspect of this bat-German caucus is the most das- tle, in which all who fight Stalinism should join. tardly. I must explain, it seems,

to the simon-pure Trotskyists **Use Every Forum** of the United States that a man like Eisler did not survive the As your Central Committee Mescow frame-ups by luck. knows, Loon Trotsky wanted to

Linked to **Trotsky Murder**

Trotsky had been able to do as In 1933, during the negotiahe wished in this respect, would tions concerning the American he also have been an "informer," recognition of the Soviet Union, as I am termed in your editorial? Litvinov stated that no Comin- Trotsky, unlike certain Trotskytern agents would be sent to this ists, recognized that in fighting country; and in part Eisler got the GPU apparatus one uses his assignment to the United whatever forum is available to a certain plausibility. The assas- Sigueiros and the others brought the other forces of the world try- out: sination of Leon Trotsky, carried before the courts of bourgeois ing to maintain democracy" will out in Mexico, was prepared in Mexico. Before that, he had in- not be "suspected as being but New York, and the men who sisted that the French Trotsky- the emissaries of a new imperworked on this assignment had ists demand an investigation of

bean under Eisler's surveillance. Sedov's murder by the French nations and the peoples of the During the Stalin-Hitler pact, courts. I hear, in fact that your earth.' Eisler was interned in a camp Central Committee joined in a course of using the UN as a mask, at Vernet, France, as a Russian demand, based on the revelations agent. In 1941 he climbed over in Budenz's book, for a grand "we will get the material and a pile of corpses of his former jury hearing. This follows from moral help of many other nacomrades into the United States, their previous collaborations with tions."

given a helping hand by the fel- agencies of the bourgeois state low-travelers in Federal agencies. apparatus, such as when they The Communist cell organized joined in a demand that the Nations to meet future crises." in the camp, linked to commit- Nuremberg court investigate

tees in this country, blocked Trotsky's case. American visas to all inmates. even party members, who were suspected of insufficient loyalty over to, or later seived by, the torial in his pocket, to give his after another, inside Russia and Gestavo and killed in Auschwitz GPU cronies a good laugh too. out, were crushed by the mani-

were former intimate friends and Let your Central Committee pulations of the GPU, which comrades of Eisler.

Danger for Refugees

Is Stalin's Comintern and its drop to its repeated encores. Your As your Central Committee GPU avant-garde a workers' or- Central Committee would indiknows, I reached the United ganization, to which we owe soli- cate that it has begun to unlearn States only after a terrible fight | darity? Shall we use the tribunes | its dangerous illusion if it prints with the Stalinist apparatus, of the United States to publicize in the same Militant that smearwhich, free from your dogmatic the agents and acts of the GPU, ed me, a correction. I have not prejudices, regarded and regards remembering always that this is given up hope that with experime as a dangerous opponent to almost the last country with ence it will overcome its present enough political freedom left to sophomoric behavior. its manipulations in the United

States. This control of the visa ma-

Alter Martin

make such an above-ground fight From Moscow's point of view, any attack on Russia or its inpossible? I have lived through two dec- stitutions or its agents can be

chine by the fellow-travelers did not reflect on me alone; Franz ades of fighting Stalin, and over made only by a "tool" of Ameriand Anya Pfemfert (she was the and over through these two dec- can imperialism.

translator of Trotsky's books into ades I have watched such im--Ruth Fischer German), for example, got to mature stupidities as your edi- March 10, 1947.

AND IN THE

The workers of Western Europe can see a way in their murderous work. We wouldn't do that out only along the lines of socialism. They demonstrate their will to socialism at every oppor-An understanding of the perfidious character tunity, as in the revolutionary upsurge following

Liberals Back Pepper-Taylor Bill As 'Alternative' To Truman Plan

(Continued from Page 1) | out just as well - although more a genuine change in Washing-States because he is not a Rus- shine the light on it. After the Nations." His contention is that deviously — through the UN as ton. His purpose is not to orsize, because his cover as an unsuccessful attempt on his life, U.S. troops sent out under aus- through the direct method pro- ganize a Labor Party that would ern Europe which have experienced Russian ocanti-fascist Austrian refugee has he did all that he could to have pices of the UN to "fight with posed by Truman, Pepper pointed set out to put a Workers and

ialism raising its head above the In addition, by following this

that we shall be a prominent picion that Truman's "doctrine" be charged with the execution of the program."

Moreover, "we will strengthen, instead of weakening the United To show how Wall Street's imperialist aims could be carried speakable destruction of World

War III."

Farmers Government in power.

to formulate the program that cratic Party. In his bid for leadthe UN might devise, but that ership, he is forced to appeal to demonstrated. we shall, of course, have a lead- their fear of another slaughter ing part in carrying it out, and and to their well-founded sus-

part of the committee that will is a long step toward it. But in painting up the UN as

UN in this fashion will main- Street's political game. By centain the peace. "The United Na- tering attention on the UN and tions," he says, "is the only hope building false hopes in what it mankind has against the un- can do, he diverts the masses from the only real way of pre-

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venting an atomic war - that is, Pepper, like Henry Wallace, ending the rule of the capitalseeks leadership of the masses ist class and instituting the who are discontented and want planned economy of socialism.



If Stalinism were merely a totalitarian police state in the USSR and a terrorist apparatus in the labor movement of the capitalist countries. then the struggle against the terrorists by publicity, exposure and any other means at our disposal would be the main, if not the only, task. But the problem doesn't end there; it only begins. The real fight against Stalinism, the main fight takes place on the political field. That is the way Trotsky explained the question and conducted his struggle. And that is why the Stalinists have always regarded Trotskyism as their most serious and consistent enemy. Trotsky's method must be the model for the revolutionary workers of the present day.

Mass Influence In Europe

The influence of Stalinism today is stronger in France and Italy than in the countries of Eastcupation, and stronger by far than in the Soviet Union itself. To those who are prostrated before the fetish of police and gangster violence. "The resolution contemplates He wants to prevent that by who see the Stalinist police machine ruling suthat we shall, of course, take a keeping those tending in this di- preme everywhere, over a vast domain in the leading part in not only helping rection corralled in the Demo- east, this may appear as an astonishing, even as an absurd statement. But it is true and can be

Stalinism has a million members in the party in France, and controls the trade union federation with its six million members. In Italy the number of party members is even greater. In the "only hope mankind has of these two countries it appears from all the evi-Pepper argues that using the avoiding war, he plays Wall dence that Stalinism virtually dominates the proletarian sector of the population, along with a substantial section of the peasantry. From all reports, the Socialist Parties in Western Europe

many during and following the First World War against those traitor socialists who had led the German workers into the imperialist slaughterthe "Kaiser's socialists," as they were derisively called. The best hope today for the German workers-and not only for the German workers but for all the workers everywhere, all over the world-is that they will succeed by their own efforts and their own strength in cleansing the labor movement of the influence of both the Stalin "communists" and the Truman "socialists." That is the way to victory and socialism. There is no other way.

This discussion has been necessarily limited to only certain aspects of the complex problem of Stalinism. There is much more to be said, and we hope to return to the subject another time.

Essential to an understanding of the present policies of the Stalin bureaucracy in the Soviet Union.

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How To Fight Stalin When Eisler returns to Ger-



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patchwork will do no good. Historical development has come to one of those decisive stages when only the direct intervention of the masses is able to sweep away the reactionary obstructions and lay the foundations of a new re-

Leon Trotsky

The "Loyalty" Decree

Truman's order to purge "disloyal" persons from government employment is a long step in the direction of a domestic spy system patterned on the "internal security" secret police systems of Europe such as the Nazi Gestapo, the Fascist OVRA, and the Stalinist NKVD (formerly the GPU).

By-passing Congress, Truman is trying to ram this poisonous pill down the throat of the American people by executive decree in the style of Hitler or Mussolini.

The sugar-coating on this deadly concoction is the word "loyalty." We are to have secret informers, secret denunciations, and drumhead "Loyalty Boards" under guise of making sure every one of the 2,200,000 government employes holds "unswerving loyalty" to the United States.

What is meant by "loyalty" in the Truman decree can be judged from the fact that the files of the House Committee on un-American Activities are officially made one of the sources of evidence by which a person can be condemned. In the dictionary of this reactionary committee, a "Communist" is "disloyal." And a "Communist" is anyone who differs with the fascist-like ideas of such capitalist politicians as J. Parnell Thomas and John Rankin.

Thus if you are opposed to racial segregation, racial discrimination and the Bourbon poll tax system, you are considered a "Communist" and "disloyal."

If you favor a federal anti-lynch measure or Fair Employment laws, you are considered a "Communist" and "disloyal."

If you favor militant unionism and defense of labor's right to strike, you are considered a "Communist" and "disloyal."

If you oppose Wall Street's preparations for Third World War, you are considered a

ign in the political field. Just as they are trying to smash civil liberties, so Green has done his utmost to deprive militants of their democratic rights inside the unions. Thus Green has played the game of Wall Street reaction and seriously weakened the de-

fense of the unions against the current antilabor drive. Every worker must oppose with all his en-

ergy the proposed measures that would destroy civil liberties. He must at the same time do all he can to force William Green and the bureaucrats like him in both the AFL and CIO to cut out the red-baiting and to launch an effective fight against all the dangerous anti-labor, red-baiting bills earmarked for passage by Wall Street's Congress.

Two More Crimes

Two brutal incidents, both reported March 27, cast a pitiless light on the kind of democracy the war for "Four Freedoms" brought the Negro people.

At Camp Kilmer in New Jersey, Private Townsend Horton was ordered by a white officer to dig a deep hole in the frozen, snowcovered ground with just a tablespoon. He was then beaten unmercifully with a broomstick. His "crime" was allegedly writing a letter to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People requesting aid. - In Birmingham, Ala., Joseph Kirk, a Negro combat veteran, now a member of the CIO United Steelworkers Union, was waiting for a trolley with a friend. Two policemen drove up, arrested him, and threw him into their automobile. There they beat him into unconsciousness and gouged out his right eye. The two cops accused him of "disorderly conduct."

These shocking crimes are only the latest in a long series of beatings, home-burnings, and lynch murders. Unfortunately, it can be predicted with assurance, they will not be the last.

Terror against the Negro people is part and parcel of the capitalist system in the United States. It grows worse as this capitalism grows older and more vicious. It can be finally stamped out only by ending capitalism.

Let the wrath of the workers of all colors over these unspeakable crimes not be wasted in silent indignation. It is necessary to set out seriously to end the rotting society that fosters such unspeakable crimes and build the clean new world of socialism where human brotherhood will rule. And that means as the first big step, building the revolutionary socialist party.

Truman And The UN

With rubber-stamp approval virtually assured in Congress for Wall Street's imperialist designs in Greece and Turkey, the White House is now supplying face-saving formulas for having by-passed the UN.

Most shocking to the liberals was Truman's brazen disregard of the UN. This action was no blunder committed in haste, but a calculated step. It underscored the determination of the decisive section of the American capitalist class to force a showdown with the Soviet Union. It was timed to bring maximum pressure on the Kremlin at the Moscow Conference for concessions to Wall Street. It told other governments, including UN members,



"Don't you just love this ancient Greek culture? And to think, it's all OURS!"



THE GREAT PRISONERS, all over the United States are THE BEST OF ART YOUNG, selected and edited by Isidore full of people ho (who) was Abramowitz. E. P. Dutton & pore, tried to work and have

something, couldn't, so that Co. 879 pp., 1946, \$4.95. From Socrates to Odell Waller, maid them steel an rob ... While the greatest of the radical car-A collection of their writings is I won't say any more." as a prisoner, contributing a produced here: ". . . while there good deal to world revolutionary is a lower class, I am in it; while thought.

as revolutionists, are gathered in prison, I am not free." And together here under one liter- the stirring words of Bartolomeo ary roof. John Donne, Jeanne Vanzetti before his death are ind'Arc, Charles I, Anne Hutchin- cluded: "Our words-our lives son, Honore de Balzac and Drey- -our pains-nothing! The takfus occupy pages in the same ing of our lives-lives of a good book with Debs, Sacco and Van- shoemaker and a poor fish-pedzetti, Rosa Luxemburg and Lenin. | dler-all! That last moment be-Odell Waller's Dying State- longs to us-that agony is our

ment is the most touching piece triumph." in the book. An obscure Negro The memoirs of Toussaint sharecropper, Waller was ex- L'Ouverture, leader of the reecuted in 1940 during the admin- volt of the slaves in San Domistration of that great "friend ingo are reprinted here. So also of the colored people"-Roose- are the letters and writings of velt. The death sentence fol- such Irish rebels as Charles lowed trial by a poll-tax white Stewart Parnell, Michael Davitt, jury. This "legal lynching" be- Padraic Pearse. came a symbol of the tragedy of In this reviewer's opinion, the

anthology's editor is sometimes the sharecropper system. In the statement written just guilty of choosing unimportant ing." Many of his drawings before he was put to death, and insignificant writings of the could be run today without seem-Odell Waller struggled to find prisoners. Such political figures ing dated, such as the prisoner words to express why "I worked as Lenin and Rosa Luxemburg who was persuaded to "come hard from sunup until sundown are represented with personal clean," after a little session of trying to make a living for my letters written on such subjects police brutality. Young took a family and it ended up to mean as receiving the wrong under- particular delight in exposing death for me." This poor, un- wear, titmice and birds, rather the prostituted capitalist press, educated farmer, whom some than by excerpts from the great and inveighed strongly against would call "ignorant," penned revolutionary works they penned child labor which was particularly infamous in his day. an eloquent conclusion to his while in prison. -Al Lynn -Winifred Nelson dying words: "The penitentiary

Vanguard Press, 1936, 181 pp., \$4. Art Young can be described as

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the great prisoners of the world they are in prison for life that's toonists of the past generation. are represented in this anthology. what happens to the poor people. He started out, however, as a Republican, drawing advertising accompanied by brief reviews of The famous words spoken by cartoons for a Chicago wholesale their lives and times. There is Eugene V. Debs, before the court grocery house. From this he went one glaring omission, however, which sentenced him to prison on to draw for the capitalist that of Leon Trotsky who dur- for his opposition to the first newspapers, covering the trial of ing his lifetime spent many years imperialist World War, are re- the anarchists in the Haymarket affair in 1887 for the Daily News. In 1904 Young undertook serithere is a criminal element, I ous social studies in New York's Poets, saints and kings, as well am of it; while there is a soul Cooper Union university and became a radical. After this, his days of earning money very easily were over. But he felt compensated for this through his attacks on social conventions and the tyranny of wealth.

During the First World War he was one of the four editors of The Masses who were placed on trial for conspiracy to obstruct the draft. He wanted to get up and say "I hate war," but was dissuaded from this by his lawyers and lost interest in the trial. John Reed was one of his co-defendants.

The drawings in this book are not confined to politics but include what he calls "jokedraw-

MacArthur Prepares More Anti-Labor Edicts

With a general election scheduled to take place in Japan this month, General Douglas MacArthur is preparing to again crack down with all his might on the fast-growing organized labor movement. Despite his order which broke the Tokyo general strike scheduled for Feb. 1, the "union situation has been growing worse since last fall," according to a Mar. 31 dispatch to the N. Y. Times. By this it is meant that the Japanese labor movement continues to militantly defend its rights and standard of living. The answer to this militancy, "in the opinion of certain high-ranking officers of the occupation forces," is to jam through vicious anti-labor legislation, "limiting the tenure of office of union officers and possibly demanding publicity for union financing," and barring union members from political activities.

In little more than a year, 4,400,000 workers have joined 17,000 unions in two big federations, according to the Mar. 24 Time magazine. The most powerful is the National Congress of Industrial Unions (Japanese equivalent of the American CIO). Before the war organized labor numbered at most 400,000, and belonged to the National Federation of Labor Unions (NFLU), which has been revived in the past year.

What MacArthur and his puppet Yoshida government fear is the spread of such revolutionary actions as the one described in the above issue of Time by the small Pilot Workers Union. Last summer, with inflation soaring the small union which had organized the Pilot Fountain Pen Company asked for more wages and a formal contract. In reply the company fired eleven union leaders. The union had no treasury with which to conduct a strike, and picketing was impractical because many bombed-out workers lived in the plant.

Undaunted, the union initiated a new type of strike called a "production control strike." Instead of walking off the job, the union members "kicked the management out. They set up a 30man committee, divided just as management had been divided, into departments-production, sales. electric power. Then they stepped up production. used receipts to pay wages and buy materials."

The union posted notices for the bosses: "To the Management: If you should come to the factory, please keep to the Board Room and do not come to any factory buildings." The strikers kept producing pens and ink all through the fall months. They "did not swing toward American-style action until the company tried strikebreaking." In the end the crestfallen and "homesick executives came back. They gave the union everything it asked."

Eull Freedom Not Won In Dutch-Indonesia Pact

"The Indonesian man in the street, like the 50,-000 who gave Premier Sutan Sjahrir a delirious ovation yesterday, now thinks the Dutch are 'out' and that the republic immediately has its own ambassadors, consuls and free trade - in other words. complete independence. These people have a shock coming to them."

In these blunt words, a Mar. 27 dispatch from Ba-, tavia to the N. Y. Times reveals the real character of the Cheribon agreement signed last week by the Dutch and Indonesian representatives. Immediately after the agreement was signed, Dr. H. J. Van Mook, Lieutenant Governor-General of the Netherlands Indies, stated that the agreement "may not stop the shooting for a long time in Java, but we hope to get it on a more friendly basis."

The Dutch also warned that the present restrictions on Indonesian trade would remain and the

"Communist" and "disloyal."

In fact, between the sweeping character of Truman's decree and the sweeping character of this committee's definitions of what constitutes a "Communist" and a "disloyal" person, anyone standing for progress is a candidate for persecution.

'Truman's decree for a "loyalty test" strikes at the heart of civil liberties in America. It is the gravest threat to democratic rights since the days of the notorious Palmer red raids after World War I. It foreshadows the rise of fascism in America.

The labor movement must fight this "dangerous thoughts" decree with all its energy and without compromise.

Defend Civil Liberties

Testifying before the House Committee on Un-American Activities March 25, AFL President William Green opposed any legislation to outlaw the Communist (Stalinist) Party. Such measures, he correctly held, could start off "witch hunts by which many innocents can be victimized."

He added that "There are many who would readily seize upon laws of this kind as a happy means whereby to crush any opposition to their political, social or economic views.

"We are not without those who today conveniently label as communism anything they find disagreeable to them. It is safe to say that should we pass laws outlawing communism, these people would strive with all their power to persecute and prosecute liberal groups in our country."

When Green says that the laws now before the Thomas Committee can start "witch hunts," he is stating an elementary truth. Such laws would only begin with persecutions against the Stalinists. They would quickly be extended to outstanding union militants and eventually include all those who dared to breathe a word of opposition to the reactionary aims of Big Business and their political representatives in Washington.

The savage red-baiting drive now under way is an integral part of Wall Street's general anti-labor drive. The real target is not simply those designated as "reds;" it is the entire union movement.

But Green comes with unclean hands. He has long been a notorious red-baiter himself. He has hounded militants and participated in the campaigns inspired by Big Business to drive "communists" out of the labor movement.

He has conducted the same kind of campaign inside the labor movement that the most unbridled reactionaries are now conduct-

that those who do not line up with Wall Street will get short shrift.

The liberals can stomach Truman's aims but they find it difficult to swallow the brutal method of openly bolstering reactionary regimes abroad and of openly launching war moves against the Soviet Union.

The hand of Wall Street is too nakedly exposed for their comfort. Even worse, the United Nations, which they proclaimed as the only hope of mankind in preventing a Third World War, is revealed as utterly ineffective. The announcement of the Truman-Marshall Doctrine had the same effect on the UN that a bayonet point has on an over-inflated toy balloon.

Consequently, while making clear that they agree with Truman's aims, they have centered a good deal of fire on his by-passing the UN.

Truman's first move to meet this barrage was a telegram to UN Secretary-General Trygve Lie on March 25, the first anniversary of the first UN meeting in this country, declaring that "The United States in all its acts seeks to add strength to the United Nations and to give effect to the principles and purposes of the United Nations Charter."

This was followed three days later by a statement by Warren R. Austin, U. S. Representative on the Security Council. This official statement, prepared in consultation with Truman, followed the line worked out by Republican Senator Vandenberg to meet the criticism about by-passing the UN. A few days after Truman's speech, Vandenberg proposed that Truman "inform" the UN of the plan to move into Greece and /Turkey, keep the UN "informed" at every step, "emphasize" that the moves are aimed "to protect the sovereign rights of those countries," that Washington is "acting to maintain peace and security," and that "these objectives are precisely the objectives of the United Nations."

How successful these and similar gestures will prove in patching up the badly-damaged prestige of the UN in the eyes of the liberals remains to be seen. How keeping the UN "informed" about Wall Street's war moves abroad can be taken as "strengthening" the UN as an instrument of peace would seem difficult even for the blindest liberal to accept.

For class-conscious workers, the by-passing of the UN only confirms once more what The Militant has pointed out since this revised edition of the League of Nations was first projected. The UN, we said, is nothing but a cover for Anglo-American imperialism. It cannot bring enduring peace. It can only help pave the way to World War III just as the League of Nations helped pave the way to World War II.

Righting A Great Injustice

If you were one of the unemployed evicted for non-payment of rent during the great depression of the Thirties and had to move into a Hooverville - those packing-box residential areas which appeared near the city dumps of most big towns in America at that time - you will undoubtedly be touched by what the House of Representatives did on March 6 to right a grave injustice done to the eminent citizen after whom the Hoovervilles were named.

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Congressmen At Work

Brown described what a noble It seems that besides the depression villages, the world's man Herbert Hoover is: His ian had his name chiselled on biggest dam was likewise christened in honor of President Her- American way to success" from mosque" to the "glory of his bert Hoover. "Then suddenly, "son of a village blacksmith . . . | own god." But "angels came from and without warning," explained to the Presidency of the United heaven and erased the name Jus-Rep. Herter (R., Mass.); "its States." name was changed."

Rep. Sabath (D., Ill.) ex- Hoover "combined a great heart moral: "Today the Congress beplained why. "Unfortunately . . . | with a keen mind and . . . deep | comes a gracious angel to erase as a President . . . (Hoover) did spiritual background and broad not please the American people." human sympathies." Rep. Rankin, Democratic poll Consequently when Roosevelt

tax spokesman for the Southern went into office in 1933, Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes lynch-minded Bourbons and one crossed out Hoover's name and of the outstanding authorities in Murdock (D., Ariz.) said he could wrote in a different one for the Washington on how to tell not "enthuse over this measure." 'loyal'' from "disloyal" Ameri-Rep. Brown (R., Ohio) de- cans, enthusiastically backed the President Hoover today."

nounced the new name "Boulder bill, vouching that "No intelli-Dam" as "a name which has no gent man has ever accused Hersignificance — a dull lifeless bert Hoover of being tainted with name." But the rank "injustice" un-Americanism."

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judged from the fact that the him. With that same quiet digpowerful Rules Committee re- nity that he retired from public example, they intend to do their ported it out ahead of housing, office, he seeks only to serve duty. FEPC, social security and similar the country he loves."

legislation the people are clamoring for.

|ver dies to pay him this compliment." And Rep. Bender (R., Ohio) quoted a moving poem about telling people now if you like what they're doing and not waiting "'Til the priest makes his oration and he lies with snowy lilies on his brow." "For no matter how you shout

He'll not know about it, For he cannot read his tombstone

When he's dead."

Dirksen (R., Ill.) recalled the legend of how Emperor Justin-"life is the story of the typically the cornerstone of a "great tinian and substituted the name

Rep. Vorys (R., Ohio) told how St. Sophia." Dirksen drew the one name and to substitute another . . ."

> The opposition to this battery of gracious Congressional angels was feeble to say the least. Rep. However, "I want to honor ex-

Rep. Fernandez (D., N. Mex.) offered an amendment to "designate it as the 'Hoover-Boulder Dam,'" thus retaining enough and his depression.

But this straddle over a "great wrong" got no reponse. Disdaining to take a vote, the House slapped the measure through. At the polls last November, the Re-He does not ask that this dam publicans got a mandate to end The urgency of this bill can be he made possible be named after injustice wherever they find it, and as can be seen from this

> Now how about getting a new Rankin thought that Congress name for the Hoovervilles of the shouldn't "wait until Mr. Hoo- next depression?

economic blockade continue. They "promise" to seize a shipment of American automobiles en route to Java on the steamship Flying Cloud. Military occupation of the Modjorkerto area continues.

For over a year the Indonesian people heroically defended their young Republic against the savage warfare unleashed against them by Dutch and British troops, 'armed with American-made bombs, guns and planes. Unable to crush the Republic by force, last fall the Dutch imperialists were compelled to negotiate with the heads of the Indonesian Republic.

Right after the agreement was signed, Dr. Van Mook cynically declared that the Dutch will only "endeavor" to create a United States of Indonesia, as a partner under the Dutch crown, by 1949, but that the "realization of the political aims by this date cannot be guaranteed." Meanwhile the Dutch are pushing for a "quick return of non-Indonesians" to their properties in the interior" and the disarming of the Indonesian defenders of the Republic.

10,000 Slain For Asking Self-Rule In Formosa

An estimated 10,000 people in Formosa were massacred by order of the bloody dictator Chiang Kaishek in the past month. The killings and arrests still continue, according to a Nanking dispatch on Mar. 29 to the N. Y. Times. Many Formosans are reported to have fled to the hills, fearing they would be murdered if they returned home.

The people of Formosa had asked for selfgovernment; they wanted an end to the corrupt and brutal rule imposed on them by foreign monopolists and military despots. General Chen Yi, governor of the island, answered them by unloosing a full scale reign of terror "after unarmed Formosans took over the administration of the town peacefully on March 4 and used the local radio station to caution against violence.'

When Chiang's troops, rushed from China to Formosa, arrived on March 7, the wholesale slaughter began. For three days there were indiscriminate masskillings and looting. Homes were broken into and the occupants murdered. In the poor sections the streets were littered with dead. Men were beheaded and mutilated, women were raped.

The murderous orgy swept through every town. In Takao, Chiang's troops from an outlying fort "deployed through the streets, killing hundreds with machine guns . . . " Foreign witnesses, who fled from Formosa to China, reported that Formosan leaders were executed, thousands thrown into prison, many bound with thin wire that cut deep into the flesh.

These witnesses also reported that leaflets, signed by Chiang and dropped from airplanes, promised leniency and urged all those who had fled to return. As a result, many Formosans were tricked into coming back only to be imprisoned or murdered. The massacre is described by these witnesses as "completely unjustified" in view of the peaceful nature of the demonstrations.



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WORKERS' FORUM ~~~~~

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Editor:

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Holds Over-Population

In your issue of Mar. 15, Mr

Joseph Hansen says: "Unde:

world-wide planned economy

mankind for the first time would

achieve complete freedom from

Do not deceive yourself. Let

me tell you this: As long as the

world remains over-populated, no

If the present birth rate con-

working class. Not over three

children to a couple. Instruction

No more immigration. Close

When the population of the

Last Thursday an FEPC rally

was held which we had planned

to cover with a distribution some

time in advance. But Thursday

evening turned out to be stormy.

Nevertheless all seven com-

United States is reduced to 100,-

000,000 it will be time to rein-

state your present program.

Rain Fails To Stop

the doors to inhabitants of other

in the use of contraceptives.

countries.

Editor:

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Madison, Wis.

For smaller families among the | Yalta and Potsdam.

Ross W. Gilbert

Oakland, Calif.

Is Cause Of Miserv

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

Holds Gov't Violates **Clayton Anti-Trust Act**

ditor: Ray Morkowski, President of the San Diego CIO Council, and 14 others, members of Local 36, **CIO** International Fishermen and Allied Workers of America, went on trial March 26 in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles. They are charged with violating the anti-trust laws. This in effect proves that the

United States Government is no the "free enterprise" system, ad more averse to breaking one of infinitum, ad nauseum. its own laws to throttle labor than using "legal" means. For State Legislature a bill has been ations in restraint of trade."

Thinks Lenin Would

Editor:

tions on your editorial "By-Pass- Lewis was wrong when you put ing the UN" in the Mar. 15 Militant.

The power and simplicity of and Lewis deceived himself-and

Lenin would appreciate this editorial for American workers.

Genora Dollinger

Campus Red-Baiting Impression Corrected

Militant on the campus." strictly speaking, did not warrant it. To be sure, the redbaiting drive is gaining momenthe campuses as well as among the organized workers and in the of Wisconsin, however, there has but passing it on to the public, Salutes "Militant"

economic system can be devised that will alleviate the distress of the masses. Already, in the Wisconsin tinues unchecked, this country is

the Clayton Anti-Trust Act, proposed to that very end. Some headed for a devastating famine passed in 1914, states in its two-bit politician named Gettel- such as has stricken the teem. fourth provision: "Labor unions man is reviving what appears to ing multitudes of Asia in past and farmers' organizations are be almost an exact-replica of the times. not to be considered as combin- old criminal syndicalism laws. I recommend abandonment of Whether his bill will become law your present 11-point program ed what they claim to be the rest D. M. Steelquist is not yet certain. So far, a few and substitution of the follow-

good fight against the reaction-

aries, red-baiters and 100 per

cent flag-wavers everywhere.

San Diego, Calif. voices have spoken out against ing: In the meantime, keep up the

Like 'Militant' Edit

Please accept my congratula-You were right and John L. the Supreme Court in the same category with the rest of them.

this editorial could not be im- above all, the miners-with the proved upon. The worker in the idea of the so-called impartiality shop need not wade through a of the men in the Black Robes. The of diplomatic and formal They're all cut out of essentially burases to get the plain unadul- the same pattern. In many places terated truth. Fortified by hu- they're gagging the students almor, the strength of its simpli- ready; in some states they've city is a relief to the tired shop rushed through anti-labor laws; Phila. Distribution and in Congress they're evident-

The great and plain-speaking ly planning to cap it all.

Flint, Mich. Considers Heckling

With Frozen Peas Editor: Editor:

recent letter to the Workers across retail counters. At the Labor Party Now.) Forum, an error must have crept first national convention of the in which calls for rectification. Association of Frozen Food You stated "It's becoming an Packers, held in San Francisco, 'offense' to be seen reading The March 19, Frank E. Jerome, vice president of the First National Though I do not recall the Bank of Seattle confessed to precise words I used, I certainly "large quantities of inferior merdid not desire to appear as an chandise being thrown on the alarmist where the situation, market." Even this tight-fisted banker thought that "some of the ex- or shine." isting stocks should actually be tum throughout the country, on dumped now.'

Since these packers are not political field. At the University dumping their frozen garbage,

the industry expects a kick-back

J. H.

THE MILITANY

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By Joseph Hansen

positions for World War III,

the diplomats at the Moscow

Conference were forced into

moves they may not have an-

ticipated when they began

this latest round of power

politics. By the time these

moves had run their course, a

few more of the shameful secret

deals made by the Allied powers

in World War II were out in the

open for the whole world to see.

for reparations, Foreign Minis-

ter Molotov, on March 17, re-

leased another clause of the rot-

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velt, Churchill and Stalin at

Yalta in February 1945. On

March 24, the State Department,

undoubtedly to take the initia-

of the high-smelling, under-cov-

er horse-trades made at Teheran,

The secret clause bared by

Molotov calls for reparations of

20 billion dollars to be wrung

To bolster Kremlin demands

In seeking the best possible

Forces More Secret Allied Deals Into Open

CHURCHILL

privileges in Manchuria. This? deal was made without bother-ing to consult the Chinese government. The opinion of the victim did not interest the bandits haggling at Yalta, even As one secret protocol after

lic again and again and again

Diplomatic Haggling At Moscow Conference

were no more secret clauses. On cialist Workers Party achieved June 7, 1945, for instance, Win- good results in a fast six-week suspected secret deals at Yalta, interested in hearing the results were received from our Sunday coolly responded: "There were of our six-week drive to get subs meeting at which Sol Dollinger no secret agreements entered in- to The Militant," writes Justine spoke. Our comrades have turned to at all."

Even if all the secret deals that were written down at Teheran. that at Teheran the Big Three | Yalta and Potsdam are now pubtried to get Turkey into the war. lic, this would change little. Who is it? We expect to continue sellrelease of this secret clause, the made behind the backs of the ing subs in the vicinity of our headquarters for the next period. and possibly motivate another drive for 50 subs."

> At the half-way mark of El Snyder, Militant Director, lists the Pace-Setters in the branch. with 31 subs, Jerry Kirk follows with 24, Sidney Bannon with 20, Jeannette Kirk-20, Linda Mc-The Mar. 20 Daily Worker calls and Henry Robinson-9.

Potsdam was revision of the It terms the monstrous repara-Montreux Convention governing tions deal a "pact we made in the Dardanelles. The language good faith." The American peoon this point is ambiguous; ap- ple were never consulted about that we "increase the bundle sub, and states: "Sorry I am not parently the Kremlin was prom- these "agreements." Congress of Militants for the Milwaukee ised control over this strategic never passed on them, in fact, Branch to 100 copies a week until further notice." He says, "We never discussed them. They were can use them for our sub drive. At Yalta the Allied chiefs a- so criminal in character that and for an anti-Kersten and Mc-

bound by them!

Here is more proof that the hampering rain, we sold 76 calls for "bulk removal" of loot secret clauses of the Potsdam frozen food packers are running pamphlets (A Practical Program from Germany such as "equip- agreement shows with unusual When you quoted from my a lot of well-chilled garbage to Kill Jim Crow and Build A ment, machine tools, ships, roll- clarity what these statesmen coning stock, German investments sidered the war was being fought Comrade Betty of the Youth abroad, shares of industrial, for. This clause declares that group led with 25 sales. She was transport, navigation and other removal of the property of Al-Worst crime of all is the agree- tion have priority equal to that

labor," that is, the use of slave For reparations taken out of



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organizing in Milwaukee."

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THE MILITANT ARMY

tained by the Detroit comrades Lang, Literature Agent. "You'll in 43 subscriptions so far this remember we had a quota of 25 month. This figure includes new and renewal subs. Here's our month. This figure includes score. A total of 33 subs, or 132 Fourth International subs also. per cent of our quota. Not bad, That is a pretty good record."

* * * Militant boosters are giving us a big hand in getting other workers to read the paper.

Karl M. Zwicker of Pontiac, Mich., sent in \$1 and asked that we send the paper to two of Flint's subscription campaign, his friends for six months.

S. A. Martin of Portland, Ore-Comrade Snyder tops the list gon, renewed his sub for one year and sent an additional \$1 to cover the cost of sending sample copies to six friends. He closes his let-Cauley-13, Douglas Snyder-12, ter "with best wishes for greater circulation."

A friend in Canada sent in a Fred Martin, Milwaukee Militant Manager, has requested one-year combination renewal in a position to send a donation at this time to help you in a great cause that can only go forward, not backward as the Stalinists are going in this country with their collaboration methods Carthy campaign that we are and selling-out policies, both in the trade union movement and political life . . . Wishing you all A request for "200 sub cards the success in your battle for a as soon as possible" accompanied better world.'

Youth Activities

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NEW YORK. - For informa-The comrades in Philadelphia tion on the Trotskyist Youth Group seno name and address

rades who took the assignment $|_{f_1 \cup ... t}$ the German workers, half

closely followed by George, also enterprises." It specifies "an- lied "nationals" (capitalists) a Youth Group member who sold nual deliveries of goods from cur- would mean the "consequent loss 17. Comrade Pauline some 12, rent production after the end of of markets and trading connecand Elfie (who claimed she did the war." not know how to sell) chalked

STALIN

WORST CRIME

Like the famed mail man, the revolutionists "go through-rain ment for the "use of German of the reparations payment." R. Oliver Philadelphia talist press in America has hypo- lied "investments" are involved,

ways. VERY CLEAR showed up-on time. Despite the of it to go to the Kremlin. It The language of one of the

> tions." It calls for "compensation" to these "nationals" for any losses "and that such compensa-

labor. Time and again the capi- current production where Alcritically denounced other pow- the Allied capitalists shall not ers who have used slave labor only be compensated but also since the war's end. Now it is on receive "a reasonable return on public record that Roosevelt their investment." And as a final

Yet only three days before the knows how many secret deals, same State Department passed people, at Quebec, London, Paris, out "official documents" main- or for that matter over the teletaining that Turkish neutrality phone, remain locked from the during the war was more desir- public in the State Department able to Allied interests than belli- files? Who knows how many gerency. These "official docu- new secret pacts are being ments" are designed of course hatched right now at Moscow? to paint the reactionary Turkish Since Stalin himself took part regime in favorable hues now in these conspiracies, it is not that Wall Street has decided to surprising that the Communist

bolster it with American dollars (Stalinist) Party backs them up. and American arms. Another item agreed upon se- them "solemn agreements Amcretly at Yalta and again at erica made during the war

water way.

greed on the "dismemberment of the participants were afraid to Germany," and at Potsdam they even make them public. Yet the agreed to split up the German Stalinists try to make it appear merchant marine "equally" three that the American people are

Why did the Allied bandits

resort to secret diplomacy dur- 12 subs sent in by Charles Carlson, Militant Agent for the Bufing World War II? The motive is falo Branch. Rena Breshi, Literature Agent for Boston, says that because she shows that our paper is really



New York Daily News

ber."

ades today.

been no attempt as yet to outlaw any of the organizations which, for one reason or another, said Jerome, "is now at an end." Editor: might come within the scope of the rampaging red-baiters.

For Courage, Honesty "The frozen food honeymoon."

up 13.

So far as I am concerned, that last crack of Jerome's can be salute you for your steadfast war prisoners over to France to rangements which deny to Al-That these scoundrels might put down as an understatement. stand on the side of labor and be used as slaves, why Britain lied nationals access, or equal well begin a witch-hunt soon is I would like to have been within against the capitalist oppressors definitely not excluded. In that heckling distance of this Seattle of humanity. Yours is a paper between one and five million. ials and industry." event, I have no doubt that banker when we unthawed the of fearless courage and idealis- Nearly one-third of all productic honesty. reading The Militant, or in any last package of frozen peas we

nes, will be an offense against "preaching" Marxist doc- took a chance on.

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lishing Assn., 316¹/₂ W. Pico Blvd. Open daily, 12 noon to 5 p.m. Phone Richmond 4644. Friday, 8 p.m. - Militant Workers Forum, 466 E. Vernon. SAN PEDRO, Militant Publishing Assn., - 1008 S. Pacific, PHILADELPHIA - 1303-05 W.

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bor. This explains why Washing-May I take this opportunity to ton turned more than a million clude treaties, agreements or arstill uses 400,000 and the Kremlin tive labor in Europe is now done

by slave labor. George R. Stryker Bayport, N. Y. The International Labor Rela-

> denounced this result of the war as a "sad relapse into chattel slavery and the Dark Ages." But the AFL officials who express assurance. alarm today over the effect of this slave labor on American wage standards, were among the most enthusiastic supporters of Roosevelt, signer of the secret pact approving it.

The State Department revealed

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American Revolution

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Organizer, SWP Local N. Y.

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himself put an OK on slave la- fitting touch, "We deem it essential that satellites not conterms, to their trade, raw mater-The State Department offi-

cially announces that now "every word and piece of punctuation" used by the Allied chiefs at these tions Department of the AFL three meetings has been made public. However, the record up

to now indicates that no con- now clear beyond reasonable disfidence can be placed in this pute. Their sordid, reactionary war aims were the exact oppo-

At Yalta, for instance. Roose- site of the noble deals they dishvelt, Churchill and Stalin sol- ed out for public consumption. emnly proclaimed that no secret | In the text made public at the agreements had been reached time of the Yalta conference, outside of strictly military de- for example, these liars speak cisions. Those familiar with the about the "principle of the Atethics of capitalist politicians lantic Charter - the right of and their agents took this de- all peoples to choose the form of claration as a certain sign the government under which they secret deals were of unusual im- will live . . . " Yet they were actually redrawing the map of portance.

SECRET CLAUSES

One of the first secret understandings that came to light was labor, dismember Germany, and about the contents of the pack-

NEW YORK Militant Chorus Rehearsals Next Rehearsal Monday, April 7, 8 p.m. (For May Day Meeting) division of the world market, for 116 University Place colonies, for profits, and for "Militant" Readers Invited

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booty.

getting renewals. Pauline Ryder to 116 University Place, N. Y. 3. mailed in 18 renewals gotten by Saturday Nite House Parties: the comrades during the week. call GR 5-8149 for information. And she says, "There will be more subs in a few days." * * *

For information about Queens Youth Group, write M. Kevin, 116 University Pl., N. Y. 3. PHILADELPHIA.-For infor-

Six subs to The Militant were received from the St. Louis com- mation call ST. 4-5820, from noon to 6 p.m.

ACEWR Asks For Donations Of Food, Clothing, Cigarettes

NEW YORK, Mar. 28 - The American Committee for European Workers Relief this week makes a special appeal for donations of cigarettes to send to workers in Europe. Next to food and clothing, cigarettes are most desired by

lowing excerpt from a letter re- kirchen who spent the war years cently received by the Commit- anti-Nazi activities:

tee shows the need for this item: "Again I received a package "Today I received a notice from from you. Again the contents are valuable and necessary things the postoffice that I should go . The cold weather which has der, agreeing to establish slave and pick up a package. The joy lasted now for nearly a month has increased all the difficulties. Most of all the lack of fat is exly my wife could hardly control tremely noticeable. People are getting thinner and now they of butter were of great value. suffer more from the cold than Here, unfortunately, there is a otherwise.

> "In school I had no coal for three weeks before and two weeks after Christmas. School had to be stopped but I asked the children who lost so much Tragically highlighting the schooling during the war to come Committee's continued appeals one hour a day. They showed for food and clothing to send to home work, I gave them more stricken European workers is the homework and they ate their following news item appearing plate of soup . . . Oh, how poor in the March 24 issue of the and ragged, wrapped in miserable rags the children stood in

"Berlin, Mar. 23 - The Amerfront of me! And in spite of all ican licensed newspaper Tagesthe misery, full of vast good will spiegel said today that 333 resiand ready to learn. dents of Berlin committed suicide

ACEWR needs money to conin January, including 186 who tinue sending food, clothing and feared they would starve to medicine to former concentration death.' The City Health Ministry camp prisoners, trade unionists estimated 400 Berliners died of and other needy workers in Euhunger and exposure in Decemrope. A ten dollar donation puts 22 pounds of food on the table

The ACEWR constantly re- of a European worker. One dolceives letters from recipients of lar and fifty four cents pays the packages sent by the Commit- postage on 11 pounds of food or tee, telling of the almost unbe- clothing. All checks and money lievable hardships those workers orders should be made out to have suffered, and relating the American Committee for Eurograteful joy with which food pean Workers Relief, and sent and clothing are received. Following are excerpts from one of to 197 Second Avenue, New York them, a school teacher in Gelsin- 3, N. Y.

the institution of veto powers in set up an unholy alliance at the age you cannot imagine. Specialexpense of the oppressed masses herself with joy. The two pieces the projected United Nations. Another secret clause that came of the world. to light was the deal handing Each revelation confirms all Moscow the Kurile Islands and over again what the Tortskyists For me the two packages of cigasaid about World War II when rettes were an extremely welcome it broke out - that it was an gift. I lit one right away and imperialist war marked by se- smoked it with great joy . . . cret diplomacy and waged for re-

ROOSEVELT

the world, dividing up the plun-

Diary of a Steel Worker -

The Dream They Gave Us By Theodore Kovalesky

This is it. This is the dream they gave us. They told us to tighten our belts, and they gave us a dream to feast on.



sacrifice to win the war. They said we had to pitch in and help to make the world safe for the four freedoms and democracy. They told us life would have to be hard for a while,

They told us we had to

but they gave us a promise, a dream to feast on in the lean years. They called the dream, "The Post-War World." Some said it would be the "Age of the Common" Man." and it would be a bright new world of peace and prosperity. The earth would become a garden.

On the radio and in the movies they spoke to us with golden words.

In the newspapers and magazines they painted pictures of the golden dream, the "Post-War World."

We would have homes and cars and money in the bank.

Our wives would have great bright kitchens filled with electrical appliances, automatic dish-washers, food mixers, washing machines to take the labor out of the laundry.

New alloys were discovered; they would raise our standard of living. The plastics industry was going to revolutionize our lives.

And there would be peace, freedom, and plenty for a world that hungered for peace, freedom, and enough to get along on.

And this is it. This is the fulfillment. This is

But it's not like they said it would be!

That was the dream they gave us.

Instead of new cars and refrigerators we have old debts.

Instead of bright, modern kitchens many of us have no kitchens at all, no homes at all. Instead of plenty we still find shortages. The waves of inflation mount higher while our standard of living is anchored down by our low paychecks and Congress attacks our unions. Instead of peace and freedom we see:

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Palestine, where the jailers of the Jews salute the Union Jack instead of the Swastika; China, where Wall Street helps Chiang Kaishek murder those who oppose his bloody dicta-

torship; Indo-China and Indonesia, where France and the Netherlands unleash the atrocities of modern warfare upon those who struggle to live in freedom in their own countries;

India, still reeking with death and disease, groaning under British oppression ("The Four Freedoms do not apply to India!");

Greece, where a Hitlerian plebiscite placed the tyrant, George II, back on his bloody throne, where Wall Street plans to send American soldiers and wealth to keep him on his throne against the will of the suffering people;

And the whole world, still smouldering, still radiating deadly Gamma rays from the last war, hungering, tortured, quivering, about to plunge into an even more horrible war . . . This is what they gave us!

But there is a dream of peace and plenty. It's more than a dream; it's a plan and a program. We call it SOCIALISM, and it means freedom for all people, a good life for everyone on earth.

And we can have it . . . just as soon as enough of us unite in our struggle. Help us make this dream come true!

THE MILITANT NEW YORK, N. Y.

Weak FEPC Legislation Introduced In Congress

Grief-Stricken Widow Of Miner

By William E. Bohannon A new FEPC bill was introduced into Congress last

week. It was sponsored by Ives of New York and endorsed by three other Republicans and four Democrats in the Senate. It has the support of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC, whose $co-\frac{D}{1}$

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chairmen are Allan Knight the power to investigate sworn Chalmers and A. Philip Ran-crimination in employment. dolph.

A curious development was mission's first duty would be to Ives' insistence, when he intro- try to settle the case by "conduced the bill, that he wanted it ference and persuasion." "definitely understood that this The next step would be to is not an FEPC bill." According issue an order against the emto the capitalist press, Ives sought in this way "to avoid the commission could then go to reviving the long and bitter the Circuit Court - or, if that struggle in Congress over earlier wasn't in session, the Federal

efforts to set up permanently a District Court - and ask for Fair Employment Practices Commission."

"VERY MINOR"

Has Ives accepted the simple- is, the employers could appeal stubborn opposition shown to it ging the case on further.

than that. Listen to what Ives CAPITALIST TRICKERY says "Heretofore, as I understand it, legislation of this subject

which has been proposed has contained a large measure of legal compulsion. "I do not believe in legal com-

pulsion in dealing with prob- will be very slim. lems of this kind. It is necessary to have a certain amount of it, a minimum, otherwise no attenthat extent, this bill has a minimum of legal compulsion, WITH

VERY MINOR PENALTIES. "What this bill does is to pave an approach by mediation and sponsor it, they do so only be-

In other words, Ives and his yond recognition in an effort to capitalist party friends are try- appease the worst reactionaries. ing to give the new FEPC bill as NEED POLITICAL ACTION few "teeth" as possible. This is how their bill-would work:

minded notion that giving the to the courts against the combill a new title will reduce the mission's decisions, thus dragin the past? Does he really think The commission would also that a rose will smell sweeter have the power to create local, when called by another name? state and regional "advisory and Perhaps. But there is more to it conciliation councils."

After investigating, the com-

ployer to stop discrimination.

If this did not do any good,

The courts could review the

findings of the commission: that

What does this long and involved procedure come down to in the end? "Very small pens ties." And in the South, where the courts share and spread the worst Jim Crow prejudices, the chances of even small penalties

The Ives bill really waters down the fight for an effective FEPC with a vengeance. It is a vivid example of liberal capitalist trickery.

These Republican and Democratic politicians are not really interested in sponsoring progressive legislation. When they do cause of mass pressure and in order to win votes; at the same time, they weaken it almost be-

That is what comes of having to depend on capitalist party It declares that employment politicians to introduce legislawithout discrimination as to tion required by the Negro peo-

> is, the Ives bill Weak

- By Grace Carlson A few weeks ago, American and British troops rounded up a number of "Nazi diehards" who had been working underground in occupied Germany. Horrified journalists

The Threat Of Germ Warfare



the Post-War World!

baiting Nazis are cruel and sadistic does not come under the heading of "news." That they were willing to descend to the inhuman depths of germ warfare is not

very surprising. But are the American imperialists any better on this score? In a calm report, entitled "Nazi Try At Germ

Warfare," which appears in the Mar. 8 Science News Letter, there is some straight talk on this subject:

"Nazi scientists were working on biological warfare during the war . . . The Nazi bacteriologists believed that the only way the Nazis could conquer the United States would have been by a three-pronged germ attack against man, domestic animals and food plants. They realized that they were considerably behind the Americans in development of germ warfare . . . The underground attempt to develop germ warfare probably was an effort to continue the work begun during the war."

The Science News Letter article goes on to demonstrate that the United States is far in the lead in germ warfare. In November, 1942, the Chemical Warfare Service of the Army un-

dertook a large-scale biological warfare program. The main laboratory for this super-secret project was located at Camp Detrick. Md. with field testing stations in Mississippi, Utah and Indiana. Some 4,000 men and women were employed in these laboratories. George W. Merck, New Jersey drug manufacturer, was the government's special consultant on biological warfare.

Very little information has been given out about America's germ-research project, but it is assumed that a wide variety of death-bearing agents were investigated. Biological warfare might conceivably include attacking enemy troops or populations with such diseases as: influenza, infantile paralysis, smallpox, cholera, anthrax, dysentery, leprosy, typhoid fever, malaria, bubonic plague.

A little over a year ago, another Science News Letter writer, Frank Thone, warned against the dangers of biological warfare in these solemn words (Jan. 12, 1946):

"The worst horror about biological warfare is that once loosed it cannot be brought under control again. Other forms of war's destructiveness are self-limiting: they run their course and stop. Not so, however, with the germs of disease. We must face the fact that if one nation launches such uncontrollable agencies of harm against its neighbor, the war will never stop.

"Biological warfare can be terribly devastating. But it is a two-edged weapon, not to be lightly unsheathed."

It is American imperialism which threatens

Mrs. Anna Tickus (left) broke down and wept when she learned of her husband's death St. Louis Star-Times Photo in the Centralia mine disaster.

Rubber Workers Union Gets Wage Settlement

By Milton Genecin

strike deadline, the CIO United Rubber Workers last Saturday night concluded a settlement with the "Big Four" rubber corporations.

The final agreement provides 9for an 111/2 cent an hour in- repersentatives of the Goodrich, crease in wages retroactive to Firestone and Goodyear locals Feb. 2; the right of the union to was established. Picket marshals re-open the wage question after and captains were selected and 120 days; and the settlement of the union members were organinequalities on a plant basis. ized down to departmental levels. The union had completed ar- A city-wide publicity committee rangements for a strike, if the went into action and published corporations did not retreat from 60,000 leaflets describing the untheir "final offer" of 10 cents an ion's stand.

hour. In the week that elapsed This was followed by the pub- picket line, if the corporations between the breakdown of nego- lication of 40,000 copies of a 4- did not make a better offer. tiations and the final settlement, page newspaper, Rubber Work- Feeling the pressure of the race, religion, color, national ple and the trade union movethe unions mobilized their forces ers Voice, which blasted the arro- union campaign, the corpora- origin or ancestry is "a civil right ment. battle formation and pre- gant and unyielding attitude of tions made further concessions. of all the people of the United

dents of the three Akron locals AKRON, Mar. 28 – Just 24 hours before a nation-wide and President L. S. Buckmaster tion whatever is paid to that of the international union.

The union established relief

committees, law-and-order committees, roving picket squads and kitchen facilities. Nothing was left to chance in the preparations for a possible strike. As the week wore on and the by conference." strike deadline approached, the HOW THE BILL WORKS mood of the men in the plants changed from apathy to mili-

tancy. The entire city, which is dominated by the 50,000 rubber workers, felt the determination of the men to fight it out on the

the world with this terrible sword!

------Bu John G. Wright------

Apprehension In Wall Street

Since January of this year the physical volume of retail sales has kept dropping steadily. Nevertheless prices have remained high and in many instances have zoomed to even higher levels. In other words, the post-war boom has been maintained in the recent period through the device of squeezing out more money for less goods.

This has drastically slashed the purchasing power of the workers and depleted the backlog of war times savings. Installment buying has soared to an all-time record. Inventories keep piling up. The dislocations that have been accumulating for months are in this way being aggravated to the breaking point.

It is estimated that at current price levels a national income of not less than 225 billion dollars can keep production going at the existing rate. Meanwhile the estimated national income is approximately 185 billions. The 40 billion dollar gap is temporarily bridged by the accumulation of inventories, which are, in point of fact, heading for precisely that huge total.

This acute condition has evoked a flood of pleas for price cuts. President Truman, the president of the NAM and other prominent figures in Washington and in the business world have all issued warnings. (What happened by

the way to the ballyhoo that it was the wage raises that caused the price hikes?)

Analyzing the economic trends, in the light of national income, industrial production, wholesale prices, and value of production, the Journal of Commerce, one of Wall Street's conservative house organs, concluded on March 28 that:

1) "Fundamentally conditions now are very similar to those in 1920."

2) . . . A correction of the imbalance between national income, prices, and production will occur in the not far distant future."

3) "The correction of the imbalance will not be a painless process since neither prices nor production can be reduced without national income as well."

4) "Once the process has begun considerable time may elapse . . . before a balance is restored."

The "correction" (that is, the next crisis) is expected to set in sometime after July. They all know what is coming; they all admit there is nothing they can do about it. But

anyone who proposes to drastically alter this irrational system is denounced by them as a dangerous Red.

But it is believed that today's were heard. action by the House Commit-

1947 legislative session.

United States of America."

Only three persons appeared

at the House hearing in support

of the bill-its chief author, Rep-

resentative Dickinson, State Au-

cal, Radio and Machine Work-

Dudley Parsons, retired

Minneapolis school teacher; Hy-

man Cohen, St. Paul veteran:

Grace Carlson, State Organizer

of the Socialist Workers Party.

Representative John Kinzer.

Notes From The News

Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz told Congress last week that the brass hats were making "substantial progress" on plans for "the mil-

itary operations which might have to be carried on in the event of another national emergency." * * *

The NAACP announced last

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week that its 38th annual conference will be held in Washington, D. C., June 24-29 inclusive, instead of at Atlantic City, N. J. The change was made necessary by lack of adequate facilities for mass meetings and other gatherings at that time in Atlantic City.

* * * The National Republican Club has okayed Truman's Greece-Turkey program.

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Governor Thompson of Georgia was compelled for personal political reasons to veto that state's white primary bill. But at the same time he tried to show where he stood by explaining he too wanted Negro voting restricted (by an "educational" clause) and by signing an anti-closed shop bill.

The CIO United Steelworkers announced last week that Philip Murray and other top officials had been re-elected to their posts in a referendum held in December.

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It is reported that Negro veterans are buried in a segregated section of the Fort Snelling Military Cemetery in Minnesota. * * *

On charges brought by President Joseph Curran, the New York membership of the CIO National Maritime Union voted to suspend Stalinist Vice-President Joseph Stack from holding any office for five years.

a george faithers * Mark 1. Herman Talmadge has changed his mind and is not going on a tour with Gerald L. K. Smith after all. * * *

Americans for Democratic Action (ADA) has followed the Social Democratic Federation in supporting Truman's program for world domination. * * *

President Truman last month approved the construction of a Jim Crow general hospital for Negro veterans at Mound Bayou, Mississippi. * * *

The CIO will hold a nation-wide legislative emergency rally in Washington, D. C. this month.

* * * The annual individual federal income tax isestimated at about 18 billion dollars. 60% of this sum comes, not from the rich, but from the lowest-income brackets-those earning under \$5,000 a year.

pared to struggle for their de- the corporations. The union drive Up to the last moment, their States." It defines the following will not be acceptable to the mands.

strike committee consisting of radio broadcasts by the presi-

Minnesota Legislature Forced **To Retreat On Anti-Red Bill**

ST. PAUL, Mar. 25-Before | The SWP spokesman was given a crowd of over a hundred the floor over the opposition of people, the Elections Com- the Stalinists, who argued that mittee of the Minnesota she would take time away from House of Representatives representatives of a so-called voted today "to postpone in- Veterans Committee on Civil and definitely" action on a bill to Labor Rights. But when Grace prohibit candidates of the Carlson insisted upon her right Communist Party from running to be heard, the legislative comfor state office. The so-called mitteemen agreed that spokesanti-communism bill was unani- men for all groups against the mously approved last week in a bill should be given time. Howquiet meeting of the Elections ever, debate was shut off long Committee of the State Senate. before all opponents of the bill

Despite the fact that there are tee has killed the bill for the "sharp political differences" between the Stalinist Communist Reported by its authors to be Party and the Socialist Workpatterned after a bill now un- ers Party, Grace Carlson emphader consideration in Congress, sized the dangers to minorities the preamble of Minnesota's and to the labor movement of all "anti - Communist" legislation. Larson - Wagener - Dickinson bill asserts that "the communist If the Larson-Wagener-Dickinideology is directly opposed to son bill should be made a law, it would nullify the Bill of Rights and in conflict with the prinby taking away the civil liberties ciples of freedom and democof a minority group, she argued. racy, as such principles are known and practiced in the

"Surprises" Listed For World War III

According to Prof. Edward Teller of the University of

ages is a bomb that will devastate three or four hundred square miles. Another surprise is clouds of "radioactivity" wafted by winds that would endanger "the whole of the United States." Those who escaped under-

ground would still face death since food sources would be too radioactive for consumption.

was climaxed by a full explana- best offer had been 10 cents, as "unlawful employment prac- Southern Democrats and it will Here in Akron, a city-wide tion of the union's position in with no retroactive pay and no tices":

re-opening of the contract for A refusal to hire because of demand it and fight for it. one year. At no time did the race, religion, etc.; the use by corporations attempt to answer an employer of discriminatory the union. The union publicity hiring services; discriminatory or it with powers to really punish thoroughly exposed the huge pro- segregation practices in labor discrimination in employment. fits of the corporations and the unions; discharge of workers be- Petitions and mass demonstra reduced purchasing power of cause they filed unfair employment charges. the men's wages.

The union is now making The bill calls for the estab- of this fight. plans to obtain a similar agree- lishment of a seven-member nament for the other workers in tional commission against disthe rubber industry who are not crimination in employment. The create an independent labor in the "Big Four." This will members, to be paid \$10,000 a party. Only congressmen truly affect the 150,000 workers in year, would be appointed by the representing the masses can be addition to the 120,000 covered president and approved by the depended on to go the whole way in the Goodrich, Firestone, Good- Senate. year and U.S. Rubber plants.

not be passed unless the masses

It is necessary to continue the fight for an FEPC and to provide tions by the unions and Neg organizations are necessary part

Equally necessary is increased support for the movement to in the fight against Jim Crow

The commission would have employment practices.

Issues In The New Jersey Constitutional Convention

By Alan Kohlman On June 3 the voters of New Jersey are to go to the polls to vote, first, whether they wish

The Socialist Workers Party and independent." What really paign will link up the immediate urges the workers to utilize this concerns them is profits, and democratic interests of the work-Convention to press for amend- measures in the Constitution to ers, which are now under heavy ments that will protect the in- protect and promote profits by attack, with the need for Social-

of all minority groups, and to try working-class majority. to broaden the democratic rights of the working people.

trusts through their Republican mold the state machinery to and Democratic puppets - or their needs.

their interests?

totally different meaning for the Socialist Workers Party candi- the labor movement and the workers than for the capitalists. dates enter this campaign pre- Negro people. To the latter, "modernization" cisely for that purpose: to op-

tem of private property.

vance the interests of workers in SWP CANDIDATES the struggle for Socialism. for the New Jersey In participating in this cam-Constitutional Convention paign, we emphatically restate from Essex County our fundamental view that only William E. Bohannon a socialist society, based upon George Breitman the majority rule of 60 million American workers and their fam-Alan Kohlman

ilies, can decisively resolve the basic problems confronting the er "all men are by nature free working people. Our entire cam-

Further, we are participating As the basic law of the state, the Constitution is a legal ex-

In order to further the development of the Labor Party we Convention to enact amendments didacy of any independents re-

The working people of New of the Constitution means more pose the capitalists and their Re- Jersey now have the opportunity efficient protection of their sys- publican and Democratic agents; to support candidates pledged to to defend the democratic rights defend the interests of the work-Now, as in the past, the em- of the working people and to put ers and oppose the policies of

in this campaign in order to emphasize the need for working class activity in electoral matters, for independent political action of the labor movement, for the building of a Labor Party

their own spokesmen to protect workers must try to utilize the are prepared to support the can-

revision of the present 103-yearold State Constitution and, second, to elect delegates to a State Constitutional Convention. The proposals of this Convention will then be submitted to the voters in November.

terests of labor, as well as those restricting the rights of the ism.

The immediate issue posed by pression of the struggle between the June 3 election of delegates workers and bosses. It is clear is: Shall the Convention be the that Big Business will utilize the tool of the monopolies and Convention in order to further

shall the working people have It is equally clear that the

Constitutional revision has a protecting their interests. The presenting bona-fide sections of

loyers are not concerned wheth. forward a program that will ad- Big Business.

ditor Stafford King and State Chicago, World War III will bring "new kinds of bombs or Of the scores of people who other methods of destruction" clamored to be heard in opposithat will come as "no less a tion to the bill, only seven were surprise than did the blinding given the floor in the short time flash over Hiroshima." allotted to the hearing! One of the surprise pack-Anthony De Maio, international representative of United Electri-

ers, CIO; Carl Ross, District Secretary of the Communist Party; Henry Paull, Duluth attorney; A. E. Gustafson, Pine City Superintendent of Schools;