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# may Day Mannesto **Of The Socialist Workers Party**

On May Day 1947—less than two years after the end tions the moment such a course suited Wall Street's aims. of World War II-the people of America and the world face the dread danger of a third imperialist slaughter. tion of Trman's doctrine, is itself the best witness to the **Detroit Workers** This is the sinister meaning of the Truman-Marshall doc- hypocrisy of Wall Street's propaganda. Instead of peace, trine which has proclaimed Wall Street's plans for world conquest by armed force.

The Truman-Marshall proposals for Greece and Turkey are presented as acts to preserve peace and prevent war; in actuality they are carefully calculated steps in preparation for another world conflict. All the bloody sacrifices, anguish and toil exacted from the combatants on both sides of the battlefronts; fifty millions killed and many more maimed and diseased; entire countries and continents pauperized and ruined; thousands of cities and centers of civilization wiped out - all have gone for nothing but to set the stage for a new war against the peoples of Europe and Asia, war against the Soviet Union, and war against the American workers.

Subdue the colonial peoples fighting for independence! Hold down the European workers struggling for socialism! Support the capitalists, monarchists, militarists, and fascists in their savage assaults upon the toiling masses!

Police the world for the benefit of Wall Street! Prepare to destroy the Soviet Union!

These are the mandates of the monopolists in their mad quest for world supremacy. The Truman-Marshall doctrine gives blunt notice that America's militarists are going full speed ahead to carry them out. They possess the mightiest military machine in all history. They control the atom bomb. And they are ready to use these and other murderous weapons against any one who dares resist the dictates of Wall Street.

## Imperialists Preparing New War

This monstrous doctrine demonstrates how cruelly and cynically the Allied spokesmen lied to their peoples and deceived them about the real nature of the last war. They operation and continue to extract superprofits at the to the workers in the plants. declared that defeat of the Axis nations would eliminate expense of the masses. aggressors and war-makers. Yet since V-J Day there has been no peace for the peoples either in Europe or in Asia.

They promised that victory for the Allies would bring the blessings of "Four Freedoms." But where is there "freedom from fear?" From Germany to Korea occupation troops terrorize the inhabitants and prop up the most tyrannical regimes. Where is there "freedom from want?" The maiority of the inhabitants of the globe are menaced by famine. Even in the world's richest country high prices prevent shows. tens of millions of working class families from buying the nourishing food they need.

They promised that harmonious collaboration among the "Big Three" and the United Nations Organization imminent because soaring prices have slashed purchaswould create the conditions for true and lasting peace. Al- ing power by more than 40%, because this year's ready the Big Three are at each other's throats. And now corporation profits are piling up at twice the rate of 1929; Truman has unceremoniously kicked aside the United Na-

Greece, which provided the pretext for the proclamacivil war rages there. Instead of democracy, the Anglo-American powers have saddled a vicious monarchist dictatorship upon the country which they support with loans and military aid. Instead of freedom from fear, a reign of terror has been unleashed against the workers, peasants, and even liberal intellectuals. Instead of plenty and security — inflation, starvation and dire poverty prevails. These are the real consequences of World War II and Anglo-American intervention in Greece!

How does it happen that the terrible threat of another war looms so soon? The answer lies in the imperialist appetites and aims of the ruling Sixty Families who control the government at Washington and dictate its policies.

## Wall Street Drive For World Power

American Big Business entered the World War not to make the world safe for democracy or to end fascism but to make Wall Street the center of world tribute and Washington the headquarters of world power. With the crushing cal unions in Detroit to cease of Germany and Japan and the weakening of its allies, work from 2 to 7 p.m. in order the United States emerged as the foremost power on the to participate in the demonstraplanet. But Wall Street has far from secured the unchallenged mastery it seeks.

Victory in World War II has solved none of the fundamental economic and political problems that plagued Amer- and independent unions were ican capitalism during the depression of the Thirties. It being invited to join the demononly rendered them more acute and their solution more urgent. U. S. economy which stagnated for lack of markets in the pre-war period doubled its productive capacities during the war. Now, after the war, American capitalism must monopolize the entire world market in order out of Detroit workers. Mimeoto keep its swollen and top-heavy economic apparatus in graphed directives were issued

The war and postwar booms, in which the workers were hard-hit by frozen wages, skyrocketing prices and artificial scarcities of goods, have vastly enriched America's monopolists. But the rest of the world has been so impoverished it is incapable of absorbing the enormous output of the factories and farms of the United States. Even billions in loans do not help stabilize the economies of the ruined countries, as the severe crisis in England this winter

At home capitalist greed and anarchy are driving the country to another economic disaster. Truman's economic advisers have already warned him that a serious slump is (Continued on Page 2)

still are sharply opposed by the union movement.

Other new amendments adopted by the legislature enable the state to seek injunctions against strikers to enforce the original law, Driscoll has declared that the amendments (Continued on Page 3)

**Respond To Call For Mass Rally** 

DETROIT. Apr. 21 - The call of the CIO United Automobile Workers union for a monster mass demonstration in Cadillac Square on Thurs-

day to protest the mounting anti-labor drive, has met with enthusiastic response here. The International UAW Board,

meeting in New York on April 15, accepted the proposal of

Briggs Local 212 that all UAW plants be shut down on the day of the rally. The call summoned the 500.000 members of UAW lotion. It was announced by Percy Llewellyn, UAW Regional Director, who stated that CIO, AFL stration.

and vigor to assure a mass turn-1947.

Thousands of placards with slogans were prepared for the U.S. Steel workers get general marchers. Among the slogans ap- raises of  $12\frac{1}{2}$  cents an hour plus proved as standard for all locals another 21/2 cents covering adwere the following: Defend Your Union! Revive the differentials. It is retroactive to Spirit of '37! The Cause of La- April 1 and runs for two years. bor Is the Cause of All the Com- with a clause permitting reopen-

ing Is the Bosses' Weapon to and the check-off. Destroy Labor — Don't Fall for It! End Job Discrimination -

Support FEPC! Smash Jim Crow!

in the CIO and AFL — had no effect at all in halting the anti-labor drive in the House. Such a cowardly policy will have no more effect in the Senate. The time for pussyfooting pleas is past.

What is needed now is action! Action that will give full expression to the workers' burning anger. Demonstrations in Detroit, Chicago, Iowa and New York show that the workers are determined not to be bound, gagged and left helpless victims of the Big Business attacks on their rights and living standards. Such action must take place on a national scale to mobilize the forces of labor in struggle against the Congressional agents of Big Business.

A 24-hour nation-wide general protest demonstration would warn Washington in no uncertain terms that American workers will not be slaves - that they are opposed to repressive legislation and will not stand for it if it is passed.

Union militants! Show your determination and strength through local demonstrations against the conspirators in Washington. Put pressure on your hesitant leaders, the way the Detroit workers did when they compelled the UAW-CIO International officers to support a huge demonstration in Cadillac Square this week.

For a 24-hour protest stoppage against union-busting legislation!

For a national United Labor Conference of CIO, AFL and Railroad Brotherhood locals to coordinate and extend mass action against the anti-labor bills!

for one day to protest a pending state bill to outlaw the closed shop. The stoppage was felt in every large center in the state. In Des Moines the walkout affected streetcars, taxi service, trucking and building. Liquor

AFL-CIO auspices, stopped work

stores and taverns closed. A mass rally of 20,000 workers on the lawns of the state capitol angrily booed Governor Robert D. Blue, who addressed them.

John Conally, Jr., counsel for the AFL and CIO, told the crowd that "Our reward for winning the war is this legislature's attempt to take away our rights which we have had for 30 years." As The Militant goes to press. giant demonstrations are in preparation in other areas. In Detroit 400,000 auto workers plan-

ned a city-wide stoppage April 24 to protest passage of antilabor legislation.

In New York the CIO Council scheduled a demonstration April 22 at Madison Square Park. And in Pennsylvania the State AFL called for a rank and file march on Harrisburg, state capital, April 23, the same day the State CIO convention opens there.

## **15 Cents An Hour Granted In New Wage Agreements**

April 22 — Signing of a cents raise for 30,000 General their strike if the phone monocontract by U.S. Steel and Motors workers and 75,000 West- poly would make a wage offer of Presidents and executive the CIO United Steelworkers inghouse workers. \$6 weekly and agree to submit

boards of local UAW unions here appeared this week to have United Auto Workers' negoswung into action with spirit set the wage pattern for tiations with GM are still going most industries which have on, but it was reported last not yet signed contracts for night in Detroit that a settle-

> had been agreed on. Under this contract 142,000 justment of wage inequities and and Ford.

The steel agreement came a few days after the CIO United leave adjustments. Individual locals will also carry Electrical, Radio and Machine

remaining wage and other issues to arbitration. The United Mine Workers and the soft coal mine owners are ment at about 15 cents an hour scheduled to resume negotiations in Washington next week, in

preparation for June 30 when Such an agreement would government control over the probably be the signal for simmines expires along with the ilar agreements with the other Smith-Connally Act. big auto corporations. Chrysler

Only one national wage contract has safeguards to protect Last month the CIO United the workers' living standards

Rubber Workers signed a con- against rising prices. That is mon People! Stop Murder of ing of wage negotiations in one tract with the rubber "Big the escalator clause contract of Miners - Human Life Before year. The steel union dropped its Four," for an 111/2 cents an hour the CIO Oil Workers Interna-Profits! Labor - CIO-AFL-In- demands for portal pay and the raise and the right to reopen tional and Sinclair Oil. Sinclair dependent Unions - Can Win closed shop. The contract renew- the wage question after 120 workers got an 18 cents wage - Fighting Together! Red-bait- ed maintenance of membership days. The packinghouse workers boost when the contract was had previously settled for 71/2 signed in Nov., 1946, and an adcents an hour plus additional ditional 7 cents on Jan. 1, when geographical, holiday and sick the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics cost-of-living index show-

The phone workers have indi- ed a rise of 7 points during the their own banners and slogans. Workers had settled for a 15 cated a willingness to call off last three months of 1946.

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because workers' real wages have dropped by one-third. At the peak of its brief postwar spree American capitalism confronts a new economic crisis of inestimable proportions! Like their German and Japanese forerunners, the U.S. imperialists are trying to stave off this crisis by adopting a war program.

On top of these increasing economic difficulties at home and abroad, America's Sixty Richest Families find extremely formidable obstacles standing in the way of their scheme for converting the earth into a vast slave empire. First of all, they are meeting resistance from the European and colonial peoples who are striving to throw off capitalist barbarism and imperialist oppression.

European capitalism has been temporarily rescued from destruction, thanks to the Anglo-American occupation forces and the betrayals of the revolutionary mass movements by the Social Democrats on the one hand and by the Kremlin and the Stalinist parties on the other. Nevertheless, the governments which upheld the rule of the rich in continental Europe are extremely shaky. The still undefeated European workers who are desperately seeking the way out of the present chaos and misery remain a constant threat to the maintenance of capitalist power.

In Asia, the Middle East and Africa the colonial peoples have lifted their heads and are engaged in tenacious struggles to cast off the French, British and Dutch slavemasters. The Chinese workers and peasants are fighting to rid themselves of the blood-stained, corrupt dictatorship of Chiang Kai-shek. All the military aid and money supplied by Washington have not enabled any of these reactionary governments to stamp out the liberation movements in the colonial countries.

## Workers Face Common Enemy

The toiling masses throughout the world confront a common enemy in monopoly capitalism headed by American Big Business. The miners in the Ruhr and the miners in the United States quit the pits at the same time in protest against the harsh rule of the imperialists. The fight against war and all the other evils of capitalism is a worldwide fight.

American boys in uniform are being murdered for Chiang Kai-shek in China; others are quartered as policemen in Germany and elsewhere. They want to come home. They do not want to be tools for enslaving other peoples.

Withdraw all troops from foreign soil! Solidarity with the revolutionary struggles of the

European and colonial masses!

For the right of self-determination of all nations!

The second barrier to Wall Street's plans for world subjugation is the Soviet Union. The Soviet Union today stands in extreme danger. It is imperiled from without by the tightening encirclement and war moves of Anglo-American imperialism.

The Soviet Union remains closed to penetration by world capital. Wall Street will not relent until it has succeeded in breaking down the monopoly of foreign trade the international labor movement. and has exacted concessions from the Kremlin which would undermine and weaken the nationalized and planned economy. Wall Street will be satisfied with nothing less than the restoration of capitalism in the Soviet Union and its dismemberment for the benefit of imperialism.

The U.S. imperialists are impelled to move against the Kremlin and its foreign agencies not because they are totalitarian in character or because they seek to establish Communism in the rest of the world. They get along very government. Arrogant as America's Sixty Families are, they well with dictators like Franco and Chiang Kai-shek, to mention no others. And they know that both Stalin and ers begin to act on their own account. The plutocrats inthe Stalinist parties have worked to preserve capitalism stinctively feel that they face a power greater than themin Europe, not to overthrow it.



hand in hand with uncompromising political struggle such poisonous methods to split the workers and sow disagainst the counter-revolutionary course of the Stalinist bureaucracy and all its agencies which can only lead the unions, the bosses hope to render the workers leaderless in Soviet Union towards ruin and destruction at the hands of the face of their attacks. Through this Hitlerite technique the capitalists.

The criminal conduct and character of the Stalinist gang is expressed in the shameful record of labor benew war and safeguard the Soviet Union. Thus they conof relying on their own independent power and class action.

The Soviet Union must be defended against imperialism for essentially the same reasons and in the same way that unions headed by Stalinist bureaucrats in this country along racial, national or political lines. must be supported against the assaults of capitalist reaction. But in neither case must the workers relent by one iota their opposition to Stalinism. Both the progress of the working class and the salvation of the Soviet Union depend upon the revolutionary overthrow of the bestial Kremlin oligarchy and the elimination of the Stalinist scourge from

## Fierce Anti-Labor Drive

The major antagonist of the Wall Street pirates is here at home in the mighty American working class. The miners and telephone workers have demonstrated anew that all the workers need is a bit of encouragement and leadership to rise and fight like tigers against the boss class and its betray their inner insecurity and fear whenever the work-

selves which can nullify their best-laid plans. In order to clear the road for their projected war and ing, prayers and petitions to stop the passage of the worst trine! Let them decide for themselves the question of anti-labor measures.

These fatal policies of retreat and defeat must be rejected. The workers must organize their forces to oppose and get rid of the representatives of Wall Street in the seats of government. They must break their captivity to the boss-controlled Democratic and Republican parties. They must proceed to build their own independent labor party, based upon the unions. They must back candidates responsible to labor, responsive to its welfare and pledged to promote a program for the working people.

With a political party of its own, organized labor will be in a far better position to block the plans of the warmakers, to stop the Big Business offensive, and to combat the present dictatorship of the boss class exercised through the capitalist two-party system.

This is the most urgent task confronting American labor:

## Build the Labor Party! Witch-Hunt To Divide Workers

An integral part of the drive toward war is the redbaiting campaign which goes hand in hand with the antilabor offensive. As spearheads of reaction, President Truman has ordered witch-hunts against government employes, Congressional investigators are persecuting working class parties, and Edgar Hoover has put his Gestapo-FBI bloodhounds on the trail of every person suspected of in chorus about "the menace of Communism."

This snarling pack of labor-baiters and witch-hunters imperialist aggression and attack. But this defense must go are doing the dirty work of Big Business which seeks by sension in their ranks. By isolating the militants in the the U.S. imperialists aim to gag all progressive opposition to their conspiracy to plunge this country into atomic war.

Many AFL and CIO leaders are joining in this hue and trayal by its Communist Party agency in this country. The cry against "the red menace," thereby lending aid to Stalinist leaders, who served as recruiting sergeants for Wall Street's attempts to throttle democracy and mili-Wall Street's war, are today advising the workers to trust | tancy in the unions. The union militants know from bitter in the United Nations and Henry Wallace to prevent a experience in their struggles that red-baiting is a favored device of the corporations and plays into the hands of the tinue their perfidious policy of inducing the workers to worst anti-labor elements. The danger to labor comes from line up behind a section of the capitalist politicians, instead the profiteers and their plots to drive down living standards, to bludgeon labor's organizations, to suppress civil liberties and drag the American nation into a new bloodbath. No one should be allowed to split the ranks of labor

On guard against the red-baiters!

Unity of labor against all divisive tactics of the bosses! Against all attempts to restrict the democratic rights of unions and working-class political parties; against the proposed outlawing of the Communist Party, against any abridgement of the civil liberties of the American people!

The same Congress which rubber-stamps the Truman doctrine refuses to even consider an anti-lynch law, abolition of the poll tax, or FEPC legislation. The same fascistminded forces who are sponsoring the anti-labor and antired drives are busy, for exactly the same reactionary purposes, whipping up hatred and violence against the Negroes oppressed by the Jim Crow system. Lynchers go unpunished by State and Federal authorities in the South. Indignities and injuries against the Negro people multiply in the rest of the country. The actions of the Fascist Columbians and the Ku Klux-Talmadge forces in Georgia show how brazen the white supremacists are becoming.

Organized labor must give full support to the demands of the Negroes for complete economic, political and social equality and firmly resist every attempt by capitalist reac-

peace or war!

Although under mass pressure the wartime draft has lapsed, the militarists are stepping up their campaign for peacetime military conscription. They want to reimpose the vicious officer-caste system of capitalist militarism upon America's youth.

Capitalist militarism and its evils must be vigorously opposed. If there is to be military training, let it be organized under working class control.

Military training of workers, financed by the government, but under control of the trade unions!

Experience has shown that, so long as the capitalists dominate the government, it serves as an instrument to

promote the war plans of the profiteers and obstruct the will of the people. The struggle against war is inseparable from the political struggle for the overthrow of capitalist rule and the abolition of the decaying capitalist system which breeds war. There is only one way to prevent World War III: launch an uncompromising struggle for a new power of the people to replace the present dictatorship of monopoly capital. Only a government based upon the workers, poor farmers, and all the exploited and oppressed can remove the causes of war by breaking the grip of the monopolists on our economic and political life.

#### For A Workers And Farmers Government!

The Socialist Workers Party bases itself upon the limitpropressive ideas. The entire paid press has been shrieking less potential power of the American workers. We are confident that the lessons they are learning in their struggles will bring these workers ever closer to our party and its program of revolutionary socialism. Already many of the best union militants and staunchest fighters for racial equality have joined our ranks.

May Day originated in the United States 61 years ago in the fight for the 8-hour day. It is dedicated to the advancement of labor and the international solidarity of the working class. The never-ceasing struggle of the working class has a great goal, nothing less than the emancipation of humanity from capitalist exploitation and slavery and the building of a planned socialist society. Our party is imbued with the unshakable conviction that the American workers will take that revolutionary road and march forward to victory.

The Trotskyist doctrine of the liberation of mankind through socialist revolution will triumph over the Truman doctrine of world conquest by armed force. Together with their fellow toilers throughout the world, the workers of America will establish a new society of fraternity, equality, peace and plenty for all.

For the international solidarity of the toiling masses! For a Socialist America in a Socialist World!

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- 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' controll
- 2. Full employment and job security for all workers and veterans!
  - For the 6-hour day, 30-hour week! A sliding scale of hours

## Stalin Betrays Soviet Union

rendered invaluable services to Anglo-American imperial- portal pay; emasculate the Fair Labor Standards law; ism, rescuing capitalism from extinction by helping to strangle the revolutionary movement which came out of the unions and pave the way for the restoration of openthe war. But behind the Stalinist-dominated governments and Stalinist parties Wall Street sees the potentially insur- to strike and picket and to prohibit industry-wide bargent working masses who must be totally crushed before gaining. To facilitate the shackling of labor to the war- Big Business cunningly contrives to unload the costs of its capitalism can regain any economic or political equilibrium in Europe or Asia. And behind the despotic regime of the tants from the unions. Stalinist bureaucracy in Russia they see the still living nationalized property and planned economy created by the and Congress to the Supreme Court has been pressed into to lift rent controls. Instead of permitting further rent-1917 revolution. This is what they are determined to service in this union-wrecking campaign. Democrats and destroy.

world imperialism, its security and further existence is also endangered from within by the Stalinist bureaucracy which of government office against them. Many of these capitalist has usurped power there. The countless crimes committed against the interests of the workers by the Kremlin despotism have been the most important factor in weakening PAC. both the international position and the inner strength of the Soviet Union. The Kremlin's oppressive occupation of the border countries, its strangling of revolutionary movements by police methods, its acts of violence and use of slave labor, its plundering of machinery and resources, and its outrageous claims for reparations have served to repel the neighboring peoples from the USSR. The abominable brutality of Stalinist rule aids the lying propaganda of the war-mongers that "democracy" emanates from the imperialist camp.

Valuable elements for the construction of socialism exist in the state property and planned economy of the

hurl back the advancing labor movement, Big Business and tion to break the unity of the workers through race prejuits government servitors are waging a fierce anti-labor dice.

The Stalin regime and its foreign agencies have offensive on all fronts. They want to outlaw portal-toscuttle the Wagner National Labor Relations Act. To cripple shop conditions, they are determined to restrict the right machine, they have drafted laws designed to purge mili-

While the Soviet Union is externally menaced by activities. At every turn the unions run up against these political stooges of the corporations who wield the powers politicians have been elected with the support of labor or- ships! ganizations and the endorsement of the AFL and the CIO-

The cowardice of the labor leaders, and their subservience to Big Business, is responsible for placing the workers in this situation. These craven bureaucrats fear to summon the workers for independent struggle in defense of their rights either on the economic or the political fields. They are willing to sell out the interests of the workers to the Wall Street war-mongers today, just as they did during World War II. They are steadily retreating under the assaults of reaction. The CIO and AFL heads display no disposition to mobilize their members to win the substantial wage increases they need and the profiteerto defend these conquests of the 1917 revolution against running amok against labor, they are relying upon lobby-

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The capitalist rulers do not intend to pay for the war they are now inciting any more than they did for the last. They expect to profit from its preparation. By means of exorbitant prices, lowered wages and back-breaking taxes war upon the working masses. At this very moment Congress is under heavy pressure from the bankers, landlords Every branch of the government from the White House and construction interests to relieve the rich of taxes and gouges, Congress should be compelled to take the billions Republicans alike are equally guilty of these anti-labor of dollars now earmarked for the military budget and use them for the immediate construction of low-cost dwellings for the families of workers and veterans.

Build homes for the people, not atom bombs and battle-

Let the rich pay for their wars! Tax the rich instead of the poor! No taxes on incomes under \$5,000 a year!

The American people, like all others, deeply desire peace. They dread the prospect of an atomic war which can destroy civilization and exterminate a large part of the human race. They do not want to be dupes or tools of a clique of blood-soaked parasites who will stop at nothing to gain their criminal ends.

## Fight Against Capitalism

What must they do to expose the conspiracies of the war-makers and halt Wall Street's mad drive toward world Soviet Union. It is the duty of every class-conscious worker ing corporations can well afford to pay. While Congress is conflict? The workers must place no confidence whatsoever in the peaceful intentions or promises of any representative of the capitalist class. Henry Wallace is being touted by some liberals and the Stalinists as captain of the opposition to the Truman docrine. But Wallace has no fundamental differences with the war camp. He, too, supports the capitalist system and its military machine; he, too, is a sworn enemy of communism and socialism; he remains a member of the Democratic Party. Throughout World War II Wallace faithfully served Big Business, and when the showdown comes, he will no less loyally support any other war of the U.S. imperialists.

It is true that Wallace's criticism of the Truman doctrine helps to unmask the predatory aims of Wall Street and for that reason is welcomed by the American people who are profoundly alarmed by the menace of a new war. But the workers cannot conduct an effective fight against the war plans of Big Business under the misleadership of a Wallace. They must learn to rely solely upon their own organized strength, their own program of class struggle, their own leadership.

Wherever the people have had a chance to express their opinion, they have registered opposition to Truman's plans for U.S. intervention in Greece and Turkey. The President and the Democratic-Republican coalition are trying to ram these warlike proposals through Congress without consulting the people.

Take the war-making powers out of the hands of Wall 3, N. Y. Street's Congress! Let the people vote on the Truman doc-

- reduce the hours of work with no 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!
- 5. 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!
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# **AMERICAN STALINISM AND ANTI-STALINISM**

## -By James P. Cannon ------

## 4. The Crimes And Betrayals Of American Stalinism

ism and anti-Stalinism.)

The Stalinist bureaucracy proceeded from its abandonment of revolutionary internationalism, and thereby of the most basic principle of Marxist politics, while still bas- trayals of the workers always begin, with the revision, pering itself on an economic system created by a proletarian version and eventual renunciation of the theory of Marxrevolution. Beset by contradictions at every step, it gradually began to take shape as the greatest monstrosity the theory there is. Trotsky warned that the theory of "socialworld has ever known.

The Stalinists raised the technique of falsifying, lying and slandering to a degree unknown or unimagined by any precedent or contemporary political grouping based on privileges, none of whom have been strangers to these techniques. Obsessed by the mad delusion that ideas count for nothing and that physical force decides everything, can Stalinists, following the Moscow lead, ran so counter they embarked on a campaign of bloody violence, mass mur- to the tradition and the socialist consciousness of the party der and assassination that has already taken its toll not membership that they could not be imposed on the party in thousands or in tens of thousands, but in millions of human lives.

The whole generation of the original Bolsheviks were murdered in cold blood under cover of the Moscow Frameup Trials. The whole of Russia was converted into a prison and a torture chamber where terror rules supreme. Many of the best leaders of the Fourth International outside of Russia were assassinated by the agents of Stalin, including the leader and founder of the movement, the companion of Lenin, L. D. Trotsky.

## Stalinism, Betrayer of Revolutions

Stalinism, through its reactionary policy executed by a murder machine, was mainly responsible for the defeat of the Spanish revolution. And this same Stalinism has acted as the gendarmerie of capitalism in suppressing by bloody violence every attempt at revolutionary uprising in those territories where its army penetrated in Europe, and by deception and demagogy in the other countries behind the Anglo-American lines.

The American Stalinists have not gone so far in violence only because they have lacked the power. But they have endorsed and defended all the crimes and betravals of Russian and international Stalinism, and therefore fully share the guilt for them. The apologist and defender of assassins is himself an assassin.

But aside from mass violence and murder, from which the American Stalinists have been restrained only by their weakness and incapacity, they have committed enough crimes and betrayals in the United States on their own account to damn them forever in the eyes of the advanced workers. And these crimes, like the crimes of Stalinism everywhere, have not been directed against the capitalist exploiters, as many erroneously believe, but against the workers and the masses of the people. Their conspiracies have not been dedicated to the overthrow of capitalism, as stupid reactionaries allege against them, but to propping it up and striking against the genuine revolutionary movements aiming at the socialist goal.

Roosevelt, the most perspicacious political leader of \* American capitalism, understood this, the essence of the question, much better than those color-blind political aborigines, such as Bilbo and Rankin, and others of similar mentality though different intent in the labor movement, who see "red" whenever the Stalinists are mentioned. Red prompted the Stalinists to lead the advanced workers under aborigines, such as Bilbo and Rankin, and others of similar "is not their color.

(Ed. Note: This is the fourth of a series of articles on Stalin- quasi-governmental auspices, of the monstrous movie, "Mission to Moscow," a vulgar glorification of the Moscow Frame-up Trials and a defamation of their victims.

The betrayals of the American Stalinists began, as beism, the only revolutionary, the only truly proletarian ism in one country," first enunciated by Stalin in 1924 to justify the policy of national reformism, could only lead to social-patriotism in the capitalist countries. His warning seemed to many to be far-fetched at the time, but it had a tragic verification in the United States, as everywhere else.

The new revisionist theories espoused by the Ameriunder conditions of free and democratic discussion, which had characterized the party in its early years. Party democracy had to be suppressed, and the Marxist dissidents who could not be silenced had to be expelled. Following the expulsion of the Left Opposition, the Trotskyists, in 1928, the right wing, led by Lovestone, who criticized the policy from another point of view, was expelled six months later. Thus the party was disrupted and converted into a bureaucratic caricature of the democratic revolutionary organization it once had been.

#### A Destructive Force in Unions

From the disruption of the party, the Stalinist bureaucracy, as one who says "A" must say "B," was obliged to had been expelled from the party, also appeared. The Stalinists sought not to serve the mass organizations but to establish an iron-bound control over them, by any and every dishonorable means, in order to manipulate them at will. The Communist Party came to appear in the mass movement as an organization with special interests of its own to serve, and which served them ruthlessly and brutally against the interests of the mass movement. The Marxist axiom which says that "The Communist Party has no interests separate and apart from the interests of the working class as a whole," was turned upside down and made to read: "The working class has no interests separate that competing employers and apart from the interests of the Communist Party."

The destructive weapon of expulsions and splits was carried over from the party into the mass organizations and to even threaten to use the strike the experience with the capitalist the trade union movement. The Stalinists became hated and feared as disrupters who would stop at nothing to serve party aims dictated by the momentary interests, or supposed interests, of the Kremlin bureaucracy, which regulated the day to day policy of the American Commun- crime. While the bill cynically ist Party as imperiously and automatically as a business claims it permits a union shop, ing scabs as "permanent refirm directs the activities and policies of a branch office. unions are barred from so much Apart from everything else — and there is much else — as threatening to strike to obthe American Stalinists wrought untold damage in the tain this right. trade unions and mass organizations of the American (3.) Any attempt to coordin-strikes, etc., are banned as "unworkers by their policy of ruthless disruption and suppres- ate the fight of union locals fair labor practices." A union sion of workers' democracy.

their influence out of the established conservative trade unions to form separate, isolated "red" unions of their own. This insane policy, which had been so tragically refuted in life so many times in the past history of the American labor movement, was a crime against the working class, and especially against its progressive vanguard.

# Survivor Of Concentration Camp Kidnapped By GPU In Austria

Search For Dead In Texas

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the Texas City Monsanto Chemical factory for bodies of victims caught in the blasts and fires that demolished the city. **Federated Pictures** 

# cracy, as one who says "A" must say "B," was obliged to carry disruption into the mass organizations and trade unions where dissidents and critics, including those who **At American Labor's Throat**

The Hartley omnibus measure, passed 307 to 108 by forced to defend its rights by the House of Representatives on April 17, will-if finally mass picketing, for instance, enacted into law-wipe out all the major gains won by could be hit by court injuncthe American labor movement in decades of bitter struggle.

wide bargaining, making it would become "conspiracy" un- arbitrarily defined in such a der the measure, subjecting the way as to place the unions at a illegal for a union to insist union to prosecution as a "trust." serious disadvantage. Unless the (4.) Unions are subject to complicated procedure listed by sign a standard contract. Under the measure it would be a crime weapon against two companies at the same time.

closed shop is classified as a

VIENNA, Austria, Apr. 18 — Friends of the revolutionary socialist, Karl Fischer, have sent out the following communique for the labor press of the entire world:

Karl Fischer, born Sept. 23, 1918, a functionary of the Arbeiterkammer (Labor Exchange) at Linz in Austria, member of the Austrian Socialist Party, "disappeared without a trace" on Jan. 22, 1947 at 6 p.m. at Urfahr in Upper Austria, on the American-Russian demarcation line.

In 1937 Karl Fischer was con- | tionaries attempted to "liquidate" all oppositionist elements at condemned by the Schuschnigg Buchenwald by means of special regime to 5 years of hard labor "Kommandos. for anti-fascist activity and for

Thanks 'to the protection of belonging to a dissident Communist group. Freed by the general Benedikt Kautsky, the son of amnesty of Feb. 19, 1938, Fischer Social Democratic theoretician left Austria after the 1938 An- Karl Kautsky, Fischer was able schluss, and lived in France as a to escape several attempts made against him. The CP functionpolitical refugee.

In 1943 Fischer was turned ary, Otto Horn, one of the leadover by the Vichy authorities to ers of the Austrian Stalinists, the Gestapo and up to the time particularly persecuted Fischer of his liberation by American and prevented his participation troops in 1945, he remained in in the collective transport from concentration camp of Buchen- Buchenwald to Vienna.

On the advice of Benedikt Kautsky, who resides in Zurich at present. Fischer went to Linz

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SEVERE PERSECUTION At Buchenwald, he was ex- in the American zone of Austria, posed not only to the mistreat- where he worked up to April ment of the S.S., but also, be- 1946 in the French Liaison Office cause of his independent social- as secretary to Captain Roxan. ist ideas, to the persecution of After the liquidation of the the "internal administration" French Liaison Office, Fischer which was composed of leading became a reporter on economic Stalinist functionaries. With the and statistical questions in the approach of the American arm-Arbeiterkammer at Linz. Last ies, the Communist Party func-Fall, Fischer was delegated by

> the Linz Arbeiterkammer to represent it at the National Conference of Arbeiterkammers in Carinthia.

Fischer had obtained Swiss and French visas and was about to leave for these countries in order to convalesce from the tor-

tures he underwent in Buchenwald. However, his immediate superior, M. Strasser, the Secretary of the Arbeiterkammer at tions and crippled by court suits. Linz, a member of the Socialist (7.) Collective bargaining is Party and of the "Association of Friends of the USSR," opposed granting him a leave of absence.

FISCHER KIDNAPPED

crippling court suits for "viola- the bill is followed, strike action On the morning of Jan. 22, 1947 Fischer telephoned Gustav (8.) The Attorney General is

Bergmann, one of the leaders empowered to obtain injunctions of the Socialist Party in Vienna, on the matter of his trip to Switzerland. On the evening of tional public interest and wel- the same day, he was kidnapped. Fischer was kidnapped in the ployers to break a strike by hir- place virtually every strike in course of a walk he took in the that category. The strikebreak- Russian zone, accompanied by ing injunction would be lifted the girl, Vera Kerschbaumer. then only if a majority of work- Vera Kerschbaumer is the daughter of M. Kerschbaumer, ers voted by secret ballot to reeditor of the local Communist ject the employer's last offer. But there is nothing to prevent Party organ Neue Zeit. She here the Attorney General from ob- self is a member of the CP and taining another 75 day strike- employed in the CP Bookshop at Linz. A short while before, she had been summoned by the Genployer to health and welfare funds of the workers are made illegal if a union ber and a sked her to take (9.) Contributions by an em-

tions" of contracts. It takes lit- is illegal. courts to understand how companies can count on biased to halt any strike for 75 days (2.) The bill bans the closed judges to pin the blame on the if it is deemed to endanger nashop. A strike to obtain the unions for a "violation." (5.) It is made lawful for em- fare. The capitalists, of course, placements."

(6.) Sit-down strikes, boycotts, mass picketing, sympathy

#### Why Roosevelt Relied On Stalin

Roosevelt knew what he was doing when he made the war alliance with Stalin, and made no mistake in relying on him, not to promote the proletarian revolution in Europe but to crush it in blood or balk it with demagogy. The suppression of Trotsky's book on Stalin during the war, by the pressure of the State Department on the publishers, was a tacit recognition of the counter-revolutionary services of Stalin. So, likewise, was the production, under



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Following that, when Stalin began to seek a bloc with the bourgeois democratic imperialists after Hitler came to power in Germany, the American Communist Party immediately followed suit with its infamous policy of the "Peoples" Front." The slogan "class against class," which is the basic slogan of the workers' emancipation struggle, was discarded in favor of the treacherous formula of class collaboration between the workers and their exploiters. The good and correct slogan of the united front of the workers was replaced by the slogan of an all-class political combination. The movement for an independent labor party, which had gained such a wide response in the progressive labor movement, was sabotaged and strangled.

#### Sold Out the American Workers

The Rooseveltian Democratic Party, the other ..... of declared that they must continue the bi-partisan political mechanism of American capitalism, the strike in order not to jeoparwas recommended to the workers as their means of sal- dize their court challenge of the vation in the struggle against this same capitalism. The law, and in order to maintain by instituting proceedings in the Communist Party bureaucrats did everything they could a solid national strike front. to dragoon the workers into the support of the capitalist Faced with this action, Driscoll and his agents refused to pro-Democratic Party, by hypocritical indirection in 1936 and ceed with arbitration proceedopenly and directly in 1944.

The earlier crimes of the Communist Party became vice to N. J. Bell which has although necessary, can only swollen into betrayals, and the betrayals increased in mag- steadfastly stalled and refused to serve as an auxiliary to mass acnitude and cynicism. After some obscene gestures at ultranegotiate with the unions. radicalism, in accord with the Kremlin policy during the RALLIED FULL SUPPORT Soviet-Nazi pact, the American Stalinists promptly jumped onto the democratic imperialist bandwagon with the start of the Soviet-Nazi war. And after the entry of American

imperialism, they became the most blatant jingoes in the American war camp. In return for Roosevelt's lend-lease to the Kremlin, the American Stalinists sold out the American workers in the most shameless and cynical fashion.

They were the loudest shouters for the no-strike pledge which shackled the workers and kept their wages frozen while prices rose during the war. In the strategic situation created by the labor shortage during the war. they viciously fought every attempt of the rank and file of the workers to use their organized strength to improve their conditions. They became militant advocates of "incentive pay" plans by which the workers could be speeded up more efficiently, while their solidarity in the shops was undermined. They became the most unabashed finks and strikebreakers in every labor dispute that flared up during The AFL resolution declares: ready 16 days of action have the war; and they put the stool-pigeon's finger on every revolutionist and every militant, howling for their arrest and prosecution.

The record of American Stalinism is indeed a record of crimes and betrayals. But here is the important point meetings in eleven key cities of support of the entire labor movefor militants to get clear in their heads: These crimes and the state which will protest Dris- ment. On a national scale, unions betrayals have been directed against the interests of the coll's strikebreaking and rally are voting funds and pledging American workers. It is on this ground and no other that | full support to the phone work- full support to the embattled the militant workers who are conscious of their own class interests must expose and fight them.

Next Week: The Stalinist Bureaucrats and the Other Bureau-

## Third Week Ut Strike

(Continued from Page 1)

to be considered "conciliatory" to the strikers. Nevertheless, the reduction in Workers. In the past few days

ate the Public Utility Law.,

#### the strikers back to work, and CIO and AVC meetings. a testimonial to the strength of MILITANT DEFIANCE

organized labor in contesting Backing up their militant desuch vicious laws. It now remains fiance of state strikebreaking for the unions to broaden their with every possible legal move struggle and completely eliminthe unions last Wednesday went into federal court and obtained Meanwhile the striking un- a temporary injunction prohibiions agreed to abide by the ar- | ting the state from making any bitration provisions of Driscoll's new arrests. Tomorrow three fednew law — but without calling eral judges will open hearings on off their strike. They pointedly union motion to declare the law unconstitutional.

Attorney-General Van Riper attempted to counter this move state courts in defense of the law.

It becomes increasingly clear ings and thus gave further ser- to the unions that legal moves. tion of the united labor movement to nullify the Public Utility | tions in any election involving a Act. Everywhere one hears ani- | federal office.

Although the intended one- mated political discussions by day general strike of AFI. and rank and file strikers, as well as with the Federal government and CIO unions fell through, the CIO and AFL unionists, that la-New Jersey labor movement has bor must take political action ing another legal wedge into inrallied full support to the phone against the Republicans and De-

workers. Last Saturday, at a de- mocrats responsible for such anlegated conference attended by ti-labor laws.

approximately 1,000 AFL union-The pattern of 15 cents an ists, the AFL voted an immedi- hour being established by CIO ed out of committee already Frenchmen who kidnapped ate \$20,000 to the Jersey phone unions is now being unofficially unions, and prepared in addition utilized by the NFTW leadership to collect one hour's pay from its to press AT&T-Bell for wage members; this would add up to commitments. The phone trust about one-half million dollars. still refuses to make an offer. The conference also pledged hoping against hope for a break itself to work for the defeat of in the strike front. The phone to pass a bill just as ferocious high morale and very courageevery member of the Legislature workers entered their first strike who would not agree to repeal "green" - without previous ex- the House. of the entire Public Utilities Act. perience in strike battle. But al-"Either repeal of the Public taught them that nation-wide Utlities Act or state ownership of solidarity is the only way to all public utilities." bring the communications bar-Meanwhile, the State CIO is ons to terms.

proceeding with plans for mass The phone workers have the phone workers. Such solidarity is ers. The overwhelming support to the key to victory. With strength-

the phone workers is indicated ened ranks, the phone workers by the numerous invitations to can be confident that they will speak extended to Mary Hans- win,

illegal if a union has any degree of control over such funds. The check-off is likewise made illegal unless each individual were not intended in any way com, president, and Virginia employe gives written permis-

breaking injunction.

Wigglesworth, vice-president, of sion. (10.) The National Labor Rethe striking Traffic Telephone lations Board would be scrapped penalties is a confession of the they have spoken to thousands and a new board set up under asked him to give up all contact state's miserable failure to club of workers assembled at AFL, the union - smashing omnibus

from "labor monopolies."

office in a union. The same ban

internal affairs of the unions. from government employ. (13.) Unions are prohibited from making political contribu-

(14.) Unions must register

file financial reports, thus drivternal union affairs.

disappearance." M. Strasser, on Meanwhile the Senate is prehis own, has done everything paring its version of an omnibus possible to make it appear at anti-labor law. The bill reportfirst that it was Americans or contains such vicious items as Fischer; later on, that Fischer prohibition of the closed shop; committed "suicide." Strasser and Taft, boss of the Republican is playing a particularly shady machine in the Senate, has an- role in the whole affair. Fischnounced he will do his utmost er was known to have been in ous. as the one stampeded through

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her personal friendship with Fischer in order to spy on Fischer, Vera, indignant at the methods employed by her party, rejected Haider's proposal and warned Fischer.

Fischer was warned again by another leader of the CP, who with Vera. "if he does not want provisions. The new board would to bear the consequences." Fischoperate under the doctrine that er refused to comply with CP or-Big Business must be protected ders. He never concealed his views on Russia and its regime (11.) Anyone who has ever and continued to express his een a member of the Commun- ideas orally, or by lending books ist Party is banned from holding and even personal manuscripts. On Jan. 22, 1947, after work, would apply to anyone who "can at approximately 5 p.m., he acreasonably be regarded" as a red. companied Vera to Urfahr, in If an officer of a union falls in the Russian zone. Shortly past this category, the union will not 5 p.m., according to Strasser, an be certified for bargaining. This anonymous person with a proclause, aimed directly at union nounced foreign accent phoned militants, provides a legal wedge the Arbeiterkammer and asked for deadly intervention in the for Fischer. According to Vera Kerschbaumer, Fischer left her (12.) Anyone who strikes or at about 5:45 and did not return. even "affirms the right" of fed- The Socialist members of pareral workers to strike is banned liament, the Secretary of State Mantler (who knew Fischer personally), the Mayor of Linz, the Austrian delegate to the UNO in London, Dr. Koref, and the Socialist Minister of the Interior, have all been informed, but they have not undertaken any effective action.

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Leon Trotsky

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# May Day's Origin Here In America

## By Joseph Hansen

May first, the day class-conscious workers throughout the world celebrate the international solidarity, of labor and its socialist future, began in America in 1886. That day 61 years ago marked the first concerted action of the American workers on a nationwide scale to better their conditions, and the first appearance of revolutionary socialist leaders as the most energetic organizers and dynamic spokesmen of the American working class.

As early as 1825 the workers began raising the demand for a shorter day, but it was not until the 80's when the trade unions registered spectacular growth that the movement assumed truly mass proportions. Militant unionism was one of the fruits of the sweeping industrialization of America that followed the Civil War.

#### Militant Labor Struggles

George E. McNeill, a well-known labor figure of those times, wrote in 1887 that the previous year "will be known as the year of the great uprising of labor. The future historian will say: Trades-unions increased their membership and their powers as never before. The Knights of Labor, who had for 17 years struggled against all adverse influences. added to their membership by tens of thousands weekly. Trades and occupations that had never before been organized joined the . . . assemblies of the order . . . Laboring men who had heretofore considered themselves as scarcely more than serfs; without rights or privileges, fearing to organize, or failing to do so because of the hopelessness of their condition, seemed imbued with a new spirit . . . Strikes prevailed everywhere. Thousands of grievances were settled by peaceful arbitration. Every branch of labor was affected . . . The skilled and the unskilled, the high-paid and the low-paid, all joined hands . . . The press was filled with labor news." (Quoted in The History of the Haymarket Affair, by Henry David.)

#### Most Popular Demand

The most popular demand in this upsurge was the eight-hour day. A trade union resolution passed in 1884 setting May 1, 1886 as the day when labor all over the country would insist on eight-hours, started the ball rolling.

The socialist movement was inclined at first to emphasize the inadequacy of this goal. The anarchists in particular led by Johann Most, an advocate of terrorism, sharply criticized the movement.

In Chicago, however, the International Working People's Association, headed by Albert R. Parsons and August Spies, while at first critical, soon saw the revolutionary possibilities of the eight-hour. movement. Parsons had been a prominent advocate of the eight-hour day as early as 1880. A Chicago trade union leader, he also headed the native American wing of the IWPA. Spies was the most prominent spokesman of the German-speaking immigrants who constituted a large section of Chicago's working class population at the time.

The militancy of the IWPA can be judged from the fact that it fostered workers defense guards to protect labor from the attack of Pinkerton thugs and gangs of armed strikebreakers. These workers defense guards appeared in many cities, including Detroit, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Omaha, Newark, New York, San Francisco, Denver and other places.

## May First General Strike

The preparations for the general strike on May 1. 1886, went forward throughout the country, with the greatest enthusiasm evident in Chicago under the leadership of the IWPA. Workers began going

opposed to any steps that will take America into another war. They fear the moves into THE MILITANT Greece and Turkey are dangerous steps toward war. If the people were permitted to vote on the Truman "doctrine," it would be overwhelmingly rejected. That is why the Truman Administration did not consult the people, but

announced the new "doctrine" in dictatorial fashion and then put the heat on a servile Congress to rush through rubber-stamp approval.

## "Neutrality" Revision

President Truman has asked Congress to revise the Neutrality Act of 1939. This is no routine legislative proposal but another deliberate step toward atomic war.

The evidence puts this conclusion beyond reasonable dispute. Truman himself declared in his message: "The present system of supervising this country's international traffic and trade in arms and munitions of war was conceived during a period of neutrality and with the view of remaining out of war."

Get that -- "conceived during a period of neutrality and with the view of remaining out of war." The request for a change in the law, therefore, implies that the present period is not one of neutrality and "the view" is to plunge America into World War III.

The law proposed by Truman would set up a new National Munitions Control Board. This Board would be empowered to control the shipment of arms abroad through a licensing system. It could, for example, bar shipment of arms to the Indo-Chinese people who are fighting for their freedom - supposing the Indo-Chinese could get money to buy arms and ships to carry them. The Board could, on the other hand permit the shipment of munitions to any reactionary dictatorship willing to make a deal with Wall Street.

The proposed law goes even further than this, however. The Board would be given control not only over arms but over "articles designed for their manufacture," and "articles intended for the direct or indirect use of a foreign military establishment." These provisions would make it possible to bar all kinds of tool making machines as well as bandages, medicine and similar supplies for a colonial people struggling for their independence or workers trying to set up socialism.

Then to cover anything that could possibly get by these controls the proposed law would include control over "any article" in time of war or "emergency" which would affect the "security interests" of the United States.

The demand for revision of the Neutrality Act as part of the preparations for war, we think, sufficiently discloses the real aim of the Truman doctrine.

## **Red-Baiter In Action**

When news of the frightful series of blasts at Texas City reached Washington, Senator W. Lee ("Pass-the-Biscuits-Pappy") O'Daniel responded with the alertness characteristic of this poll tax Texas landlord. He immediately introduced a resolution in the Senate demanding \$10,000 for a special committee "to ascertain the causes of the disaster, particularly whether there is responsibility on the part of persons connected with the communistic underground . . Senator O'Daniel, with the delicacy typical of the Southern Bourbons, did not openly suggest he should be placed in charge of disbursing the \$10,000 fund. He confined himself simply to insinuating that "reds" were at the bottom of the Texas City explosion "in view of the high tension on international affairs and because of the rather large number of fires, explosions, railroad wrecks, and other disastrous occurrences in this nation lately, all so nearly resembling disastrous occurrences which preceded our entry into the last war and which were due largely to communistic underground activity ... This resolution should not be dismissed as merely stupid red-baiting although Senator O'Daniel is both stupid and a red-baiter. What it indicates is how popular the uses of redbaiting have become in the nation's capitol. If Truman's bi-partisan supporters can use red-baiting to cover up the President's demand for \$400,000,000 to bolster reaction in Greece and Turkey, why shouldn't a poll tax Texas Senator use red-baiting to cover up the criminal responsibility of his Big Business cronies for the wanton murder of hundreds and the destruction of a whole city?



"With this omnibus labor bill, we can really take the workers or a ride?



THE COMING AMERICAN contradictions; it suffers from yound the limits of trade union-REVOLUTION by James P. chronic dislocations and is mined ism and acquire political class with revolutionary powder kegs." consciousness and organization Cannon, Pioneer Publishers, 31 pp., 1947, 10 cents.

The Theses explain how the in a similar sweeping move-second World War was pro- ment." This transformation is suble in the United States, world foundly different in its effects amplified and powerfully illusupon American capitalism from trated in Cannon's speech:

World War I. Both on a national "American capitalism took dream by supporters of the pres- and world scale, the devastations millions of bare-footed country ent system, including the liberal and economic dislocations were boys from the bankrupted farms and labor leaders. But in this qualitatively worsened. of the country; put shoes on This crisis of American capi- them and marched them into talism poses "pointblank the the regimented ranks of sociallyquestion of who shall be master operated modern industry; wet in the land." It poses the struggle them in the rain of the manof the workers to power in the killing speed-up exploitation of U.S. not as the perspective of the Twenties; dried them in the "a distant and hazy future but sun of the frightful crisis of the the realistic program of our Thirties; overworked them on the assembly line, starved them

The Theses not only outline on the bread-line, mistreated and the objective factors making for abused them; and finally sucthe American Revolution but ceeded in bounding them into a Convention in Chicago, together evaluate the relationship of so- coherent body which emerged as cial forces. Although the U.S. is a section of the most powerful the most powerful capitalist and militant trade union movecountry in history, "the numer- | ment the world has ever known In accord with the Marxist ical strength and social weight . . . What are the limits to the of the American working class, future possibilities and powers the Theses analyze first of all greatly increased by the war, is of this remarkable class? There overwhelming in the country's are no limits. All things are this revolution. "These are prim- life Nothing can stand up possible; and all things that are

The Theses conclude: "The pay "due acknowledgement" to increased in wartime, is the decisive instrument of the prothe strength of U.S. imperialism. highest in the world. This letarian revolution is the party means skill and skill means of the class conscious vanguard power." It concludes: "The Am- . . . The revolutionary vanguard erican capitalist class is strong, party, destined to lead this but the American working class tumultuous revolutionary move-

The Theses demonstrate the to be created. It already exists, has taken place over the years WORKERS PARTY." And, in his "In one leap — in a brief de- doubts the socialist revolution in - Larissa Reed

The reasons for this conclusion are set forth in the Theses on the American Revolution, epoch." presented by the SWP National Committee and adopted last November at the 12th National with a speech by National Secretary James P. Cannon amplify-

Is the Socialist Revolution pos-

stronghold of capitalism? Such

pamphlet, just off the press, the

its conviction that socialist re-

volution is today developing

within the United States and is

a realistic prospect in our time.

Socialist Workers Party affirms

prospect is dismissed as a

ing the main points method and Marxist tradition, the objective factors making for ary. These are fundamental," against it. The productivity of necessary will be achieved." Cannon emphasizes. The Theses American labor, likewise greatly But they condemn "over-estimation of its power and awe-stricken prostration before it."

The Theses point out that ment in the U.S. does not have American imperialism emerged is stronger." victorious from the Second World War over all its rivals, tremendous transformation that and its name is the SOCIALIST enemy and ally alike. Wall Street thereby hoped to inaugurate the in the American working class. speech, Cannon adds: "He who - that is, subjugation of the cade - the American workers America does not believe in the so-called "American Century" entire planet to its rule. But attained trade-union conscious- survival of human civilization, "the meteoric rise of U.S. im- ness on a higher plane and with for there is no other way to save perialism to world supremacy mightier organizations than in it. And there is no other power comes too late." The foundation any other advanced country . . . that can save it but this allof world economy upon which Under the impact of great events mighty working class of the American imperialism is based, and pressing necessities the Am- United States." is "shot through with insoluble erican workers will advance be-

"Peacemongering" A reader has called our attention to an acid observation in this week's New Yorker: "Many

senators are unhappy about Henry Wallace's speeches in England opposing the Truman Doctrine. This is no time, they hold, for an American citizen to go around peacemongering."

It occurred to us that the senators are more than "unhappy." Senator Eastland charged Wallace with conspiring "with foreign peoples." Vandenberg called Wallace's speeches a "shocking thing." Some Congressmen talked about "treason." The House un-American Committee called for his indictment under the Logan Act they dug out of the law books of 1799. And Attorney General Clark gave Wallace the "lie."

What crime did Wallace commit to deserve this assault? He said that powerful forces are trying to launch the U.S. on a "mad nightmare" of "ruthless imperialism." He said that Truman's proposal means "to rush to the aid of every dictator who hoists the anti-Communist Skull and Bones" and is a "one-way road to war."

Let us state right here that we do not agree with Wallace's claim that peace can be achieved by trusting in the United Nations. This idea is not only utopian, it is dangerous. It sows illusions. The UN can no more bring enduring peace than could that previous thieves' kitchen, the League of Mations.

But we are completely opposed to the attempt of the warmongers to muzzle Wallace. This brazen attack on the rights of free speech clearly indicates how far down the highway to World War III Wall Street's political representatives have already taken America. They Wallace were violating wartime cen-



sorship already!

Inadvertently they reveal how deeply opposed the American public is to their war plans. They are afraid to let one single wellknown public figure speak in opposition to their schemes. They fear that a few speeches stating some of the plain facts about their blueprint for another war can start a political landslide moving against them.

We hope that landslide starts soon. We hope that it does not stop until it has swept every capitalist politician out of office and put a Workers and Farmers Government in power. Then we know we'll have enduring peace!

## **Distorting A Poll**

George Gallup, director of the American Institute of Public Opinion, has shown in the past few weeks that he is not averse to distorting his polls for the sake of Wall Street's drive toward atomic war.

On March 28 he claimed his poll proved that "President Truman's program has substantial backing from the American people." As evidence he cited the response to the following question: "Do you approve or disapprove of the bill asking for 250 million dollars to aid Greece?" The poll showed: "Yes, 56%; No, 32%; No opinion, 12%."

How the formulation of this question confused the public can be judged from Gallup's admission that an unrevealed percentage considered the chief reason for helping Greece was that "Greece is starving, needs food, needs help."

The real feelings of the people toward Truman's war program are better reflected in the answers to the question: "Would you favor sending American military advisers to train the Greek Army?" Despite the obvious way this question was worded to imply that only "training" was involved and that a positive answer was called for, 54% answered no! Only 37% answered yes, and 9% had no opinion.

On Truman's by-passing of the United Nations, 56% disapproved, a mere 25% approved while 19% gave no opinion.

Two weeks later, Gallup took another poll. He announced the results to only one question, approval or disapproval of by-passing the United Nations. In the two weeks disapproval of Truman's course had grown significantly. Now 63% registered disapproval, only 23% approved, and 14% had no opinion.

This shift Gallup interpreted as showing "there can be little doubt that the Vandenberg amendment (paying lip-service to the UN) is indorsed in principle by the majority of the country!"

The truth is, as everyone aware of mass sentiment knows, that the people are bitterly

## Murder In Palestine.

Dov B. Gruner, Mordecai Aloshi, Eliezer Kashani and Dov Rosenbaum — four Jewish youths who resisted British tyranny in Palestine — were hanged April 16.

Gruner was condemned by the British overlords because he participated in a raid of the Jewish underground on the Ramat Gan police station. Only five weeks before his arrest he had received his discharge from the British Army, where he had fought presumably in hope of helping to free his people from the concentration camps and terror of the Nazis.

The other three victims were condemned for riding in an automobile containing four bombs, one tommy gun and a leather whip. They readily admitted that as members of the Jewish underground movement they had been hunting for a British major to flog. The British executed them in savage reprisal and as an object lesson to the former inmates of Nazi concentration camps who fled central Europe after the war's end only to find themselves behind the barbed wire of British concentration camps.

Four Jewish youths swinging from a British gallows! On each of them it would be fitting for the victorious Allies to pin a placard inscribed with one of the "four freedoms" promised the peoples of the earth, for these four youths were guilty of trying to bring those four freedoms to Palestine.



## What Do They Know About Jesus?

Did you see what I saw in the paper this morning, Thursday, April 17? It took the taste out of my breakfast. The Wall Street moneysharks, pressing their anti-labor drive on all fronts, now claim they have lined up God and Jesus Christ for the open shop.

The New York Times reports: "Six hundred thirty-seven clergymen attached to various Protestant churches have joined in attacking the closed shop as a violation of basic teachings of the Bible, the American Council of Christian Churches, 15 Park Row, announced today." What do you know about that? And how do you think it happened? I wasn't present when the deal was cooked up, but knowing whom these theological bunk-shooters serve and from whom they got their orders, I can visualize the proceedings and tell how it happened, in essence ff not in precise detail.

The top profit-hogs very probably had a meeting of their board of strategy down in Wall Street the other day, and counted up the forces they had mobilized in the grand crusade to break up the unions and beat down the workers who are trying so desperately to make their wages catch up with the increasing cost of living. They checked off Congress, both the House and the Senate. They checked off the President and the courts. They checked off the daily newspapers, from one end of the country to the other, and found a 100% score on that front. Then they called the roll of radio commentators, and made a note to put pressure for the firing of the remaining two or three half-liberal "news analysts" on the air who are not going along 100%.

On the whole their situation looked pretty good, but they had to acknowledge to themselves that public opinion is not yet responding to the union-busting program with any great enthusiasm. Then one of the union-busters most probably one of their "idea-men"-got a bright idea. "Let's send somebody around the corner to the American Council of Christian Churches at 15 Park Row," he said, "and tell them to start singing for their supper. Tell them to go out and round up a few hundred preachers and have them sign a statement against the unions. Tell them to put God in the statement. and be sure to ring in Jesus Christ." No sooner said than done - but good. Now

comes the public statement signed by 637 clerical finks who state that the closed shop (they mean the union shop) violates freedom of conscience and the Eighth Commandment, "Thou shalt not steal." They appeal to Christ on the ground that the union shop violates "the individual's responsibility to God" and obliges Christian men to be "yoked together with unbelievers." This, they say, is wrong and not according to Jesus.

Well, I feel like saying to these strikebreaking sky-pilots what Carl Sandburg once said to an anti-labor evangelist 30 years ago: "Here you come tearing your shirt, yelling about Jesus. I want to know what in hell you know about Jesus." I don't know too much myself, but if the only accounts we have of him are true, they called him "the Carpenter"; and he once took a whip and drove the money-changers out of the temple. "Ye have made it a den of thieves," he shouted, in white-hot anger.

And what have you done, you 637 fake-pious pulpit pounders who serve the moneyed interests against the people? You have made it a den of thieves, and liars too. You have the gall to represent the lowly Nazarene as a scabherder; and to tell the Christian workers, who revere him as the friend and associate of the publicans and sinners, of all the poor and the lowly, that they should not be "yoked together with unbelievers" in a union to protect their common interests. That's a lie and a defamation. You're simply trying to serve the rich against the poor, to help the rich in their campaign to break up the unions, which are the only protection the poor people have. And don't try to fool anybody with the statement that you are in favor of unions "properly conducted"-under open shop conditions. We know what you mean by this mealy-mouthed formulation. Such unions, as Mr. Dooley once said, are unions which have no strikes, no dues and very few members.

And leave Jesus out of your lying propaganda, you scribes and pharisees, full of hypocrisy and iniquity. Every time you mention his name you libel him, regardless of whether the story of his life and death be taken as literal truth or legend. The Carpenter of Nazareth has been badly misrepresented in many ways for many years, but your attempt to pass him off as a union-buster goes just a little bit too far. It is just about the dirtiest trick that has ever been played on Jesus Christ since the crucifixion. J. P. C.

out on strike in the latter part of April. By the second week of May 340,000 workers had participated, 80,000 of them in Chicago. On May 1 Spies wrote in the Arbeiter-Zeitung: "The dies are cast! The first of May, whose historical significance will be understood and appreciated only in later years is here."

#### Use Force and Violence

The reaction of the capitalists was varied. Some conceded without further battle to the demand for a shorter work day. But the majority, especially the most powerful robber barons, decided to resort to force and violence. The Chicago Mail wrote ominously in a May 1 editorial: "There are two dangerous ruffians at large in this city; two sneaking cowards who are trying to create trouble. One of them is named Parsons; the other is named Spies . . . Mark them for today. Keep them in view. Hold them personally responsible for any trouble that occurs. Make an example of them if trouble does occur."

The "trouble" occurred on May 4. Police clubs and revolvers had long been used against strikers in Chicago. When a striker was killed and 5 or 6 wounded at the McCormick plant, the IWPA called a protest meeting at Haymarket square.

As the last speaker was about to conclude, a squad of police rushed the meeting. Fielden and Spies immediately descended from the wagon they had used as a rostrum. At that moment, a bomb exploded among the police, killing one outright and wounding 70; later 6 of the wounded died. The police immediately began firing into the crowd, killing one and wounding between 60 and 70.

To this day it is not known who threw the bomb. Some hold it was actually an anarchist, others think it was a worker seeking revenge after being clubbed by police, the most commonly accepted view is that it was planted by an agent of the Chicago capitalists.

#### Launched A Red Scare

The capitalists thereupon launched a red scare that has served as the pattern for all subsequent red scares. Every newspaper joined in the rabid cry to "Hang the Anarchists!" The police conducted mass raids, rounding up thousands of innocent people. The leaders of the IWPA were arrested, no attention being paid to whether or not they were present at the meeting where the bomb was thrown. Eight of them were railroaded through one of the rawest frame-ups this country has ever seen.

Parsons had escaped when the raids began, but as the trial began, he created a nation-wide sensation by calmly walking into court. "I never expect while I live, to be a free man again," he explained. "They will kill me, but I could not bear to be at liberty, knowing that my comrades were here and were to suffer for something of which they were as innocent as I . . . '

The sentences of three of the eight were commuted. Lingg committed suicide. On November 11, 1887, Fischer, Engel, Parsons and Spies were hanged. Spies' last words, uttered from under the hood the hangman placed over his head, have become engraved in the minds of workers the world over: "There will come a time when our silence will be more powerful than the voices you strangle today!"

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 1947

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

## Laura Gray Cartoons Saved For Scrapbook Editor:

Here is a testimonial to the good work of Comrade Laura Gray — to the popularity of her cartoons. I stopped in this morning to get a Militant renewal from one of our subscribers. She told me she was keeping a scrapbook of Gray's cartoons, a collection of the "fat women."

Her husband said that upon about it the rest of the week. Helen Holloway

Minneapolis, Minn.

## **Disagrees** With Views **Expressed** by 'Militant' Editor:

affiliations, permit me to express member of the Socialist Workmy view of your views.

The editorial, "Who Was Right About The War," fails to ring the bell in logic or fact. You say World War II was imperialist and accomplished nothing. All one has to do is to reverse the results, with the Axis powers winning, and we would today be witnessing a blanket of brutal Sith America the only outpost Of Defends Criticism of what freedom might remain. Instead, the defeat of the fas- Editor: cists in war has permitted peoples movements all over to gain New York.

ists are playing a larger and lar- tions of capitalist society. Paul order to vindicate one man failing to understand that these life and then against the USSR sciousness. when exiled. Of course, in such

It only shows your sectarian wrong, I agree, but it is grossly Communists running a "Stalin- disaster. ist" candidate for office in this

country. comment, and therefore it must cist of the opposite extreme? be taken as your opinion as well as that of the SWP member who arrival of The Militant she looks dogs. Just throw them a bone human beings. Any claims to aided by the public discomfort the overwhelming popular supfirst at the cartoons, then reads and they will kill, rob and steal the contrary are nonsense. Ne- they are responsible for. for you. Do you call this Marxism? M. E. C.

#### · Chicago, Ill. Editorial Note: We will an-

swer only one point in this letter, leaving the other points to readers who may differ with M. E. C. We do not know whether As a new subscriber, with no E. J. Carmona is or is not a ers Party. We published his let-

ter like the one above as expressing the individual opinion of a reader of The Militant. The absence of an editorial note by no means signifies that we agree with the views expressed by con-Forum.

Of Robeson's Politics

In rebuttal to E. J. Carmona of

has reaction been able to find a Paul Robeson I want to grasp ist Federation of Britain: last remaining focal point. I'd this opportunity not only to say you were wrong about the maintain my position but to in- be brought to bear, two young sist upon it.

going "left" and the Commun- one of the many foul manifesta- 30. and news space fighting them in from a nationalistic viewpoint, pez, members of the Iberian Fed-(Trotsky) appears to me a waste various evils of capitalism must have been jailed in Spain since points to the fact that Trotsky not of race consciousness but of tained by Falangist forces near

a case, there may be violence on derstand this? Because he is the is that they resisted arrest at both sides. Yet it is the funda- possessor of a petty-bourgeois the hands of fascist authority. mental beliefs, ethics, and moral mentality. It does not matter how values of the people, Communists ' "liberal," progressive, or even or otherwise, which determine radical he may become, for as direction after being conditioned long as he approaches a workby reality. You only confuse the ing-class problem from a naordinary person and aid Big Bus- tionalistic, race-conscious point iness by your vindictiveness to- of view he will be subject to hung upside down and submitward a large section of the poli- petty-bourgeois blindness to the ted to other indescribable tor-

tained that the USSR must be ist gang of which his own race mitted by a drunken police of-

As far as one particular race industrialists and their mouth-Also, take the letter from Car- that almost sounds as if you and over the radio. Shedding and edit textbooks which paintmona re: Robeson (April 12). have developed non-Marxist con- crocodile tears at suffering and ed glowing and false pictures of

groes, therefore, are not inferior to whites. Negroes, therefore,

are not superior to whites. Many Negroes have come into the ranks of the revolutionary working - class parties. These staunch fighters have left a proud and noble heritage.

D. M. Steelquist San Diego, Calif.

people?

**POPULAR DEMAND** 

## Protest May Save Two From Franco's Noose

Editor: On April 30 Franco plans to contributors to the Workers hang two rebellious lads. You may be able to prevent it if you

take prompt action. Usually we hear about these atrocities in Spain only after the have a few days to act.

Just after going to press to-

the ascendency. Only in the USA | Dear Comrade: In regard to lowing word from the Anarch-"Unless pressure can quickly anti-fascists will die at the hands

Next, the world seems to be Racism or Jim-Crowism is but of Franco's hangmen on April "These two fellow workers, ger role. To spend all your time Robeson approaches the problem Amador Franco and Antonio Lo-

eration of Libertarian Youth ulating public utilities. of time. The weight of evidence be fought from the standpoint last August, when they were deconspired against Lenin all his revolutionary working class con- Irun after crossing the Spanish frontier from France. The 'crime' Why does Robeson fail to un- with which they were charged

to police headquarters where tically alert working people. Then, you have steadily main-ing-class betrayals of the Stalin-triand that the USSE must be ist earn of which his own race

them talk .

## By Arthur Burch

Every time the workers are forced out on strike against the rescue of the profiteers. qualities. I can't imagine the inaccurate and always leads to a public utility or an industry directly affecting the public interest, we hear the same hypocritical cries from the lished in this country, the work-

having certain peculiar virtues, pieces in Congress, in the press They hired professors to write You print this without editorial ceptions. Have you become a ra- inconvenience from which they the advantages of monopoly themselves are immune, the mon- ownership.

never stopping to consider that ger at the underpaid and over- these shenanigans of the prof- mean permanent expropriation of fascist-minded racism. He I spent some time in the South eers call upon every agency of ents. The way the telephone states, in effect, that the Ne- also. Negroes are mentally, phy- government to break the strike. strikers give battle to the bilgroes have a loyalty instinct like sically and biologically like other They hope their plans will be lionaire telephone monopoly and port of their strike bear incon-This repeated performance has testable witness to this fact. Yet set American citizens wonder- workers hesitate to support naing. Why should a private bil- tionalization of public utilities lionaire monopoly like the Amer- because of their bitter experiican Telephone and Telegraph ences with government "seiz-Company have full control over ures" in the course of recent 350,000 workers and be able to strikes. They have correctly disorganize the lives of the en- concluded that the federal govtire population of the country ernment's "seizure" of the coal by failure to give proper ser- mines, packing houses, Montvice? Strike or no strike, why gomery Ward and other plants, should a handful of industrialists as well as state "seizure" of pub- PUBLIC FOOTS BILL and bankers run a public en- lic utilities, were moves coldly terprise for their personal profit? calculated to break strikes. Once industries affecting the public industries have been turned

ernment ownership.

#### VIVID EXAMPLE

As far back as four decades The mine experience is espevictims are dead. This time you ago, there was a strong popular cially vivid in the minds of the demand for the government to workers. The American flag nationalize the public utilities. floats over the mines today and day, this weekly received the fol- It was already crystal clear that, a few brass hats strut around if the monopolists were to be in resplendent uniforms. But deprived of their special priv- everything else remains the same ileges to extort huge profits from as under private operation. The the public, utility workers could same terrible working conditions obtain a decent standard of liv- prevail; safety provisions are viing and consumers receive im- olated as before; the same suportant cuts in utility rates pervisors manage for the same However, the mass resentment profiteers. Is it any wonder the against the monopolies was tem- workers resist this kind of "seizporarily sidetracked by the en- ure"? Or that the telephone actment of state legislation regworkers bitterly opposed the fraudulent New Jersey State Subsequent experience has ad-"seizure"?

equately proved that government The truth is that these work-"control of monopolies" has ers are learning the real nature meant monopoly control of gov- of the state. They are properly ernment. The parasitic cl'que oppraising the federal and state bribed legislators and judges and governments as pliant tools of resorted to innumerable devices the profiteers. They are seeing to hide their assets and profits for themselves that when the "After arrest they were taken They set up affiliates free from Twentieth - Century buccaneers government control (like Western cannot club the workers into they were 'questioned' about the Electric) so that these subsid- submission in their efforts to underground resistance move- iary corporations could charge cripple the unions and further

ment in Spain. To encourage exorbitant prices in the sale of reduce the standard of living, them to talk they were beaten, products to the public utilities. the entire federal and state gov-

ernmental apparatus comes to Thus, until a Workers and

ers are obliged, in defending their rights, to exercise special vigilance against the government as well as the employers. However, it is not seizure that is bad, but the hoax that has been called I have known Negroes well, opolists point the accusing fin- Few workers are fooled by seizure. A genuine seizure would

wrote it. It is a flagrant example they were anything but people. worked strikers. These profit- iteers and their government ag- of the industries affecting the public welfare. Even under capitalist common

law, a public utility which fails to provide the necessary service to the public automatically forfeits its rights and property to the people. But why should the people wait for a crippling of service before expropriating and a fair wage for the workers inlower rates for the great mass of consumers.

Today the utilities charge portion of brand new subs as we got 5 subs." whatever the traffic will bear. make house-to-house canvasses. Why should not all utilities and this aim is achieved, then the Only on rare occasions and after We are going to continue the ers for the welfare of all the during the period of alleged gov- the rates down. More often they candidate."

are raised still higher. And the Almeda Kingsley, Literature public foots the bill for such Agent for Cleveland, writes: extravagant salaries paid to top "Here are 10 subs, the result of a promise of "more next week." officials as the \$200,000 per year our first mobilization for Mili-

garnered by President Gifford of tant renewals. We intend to hold AT&T. a two-month renewal campaign. Over the years AT&T stock- A prize of any book under \$5 will holders have received in profits go to the comrade with the highseveral hundred times the value est number of subs. The branch of their original investment. is divided into two teams com-Even during depression years the peting for the highest number in their work of spreading The giant AT&T paid \$9 per year of subs. The losing team, after on each share of stock. In the campaign, will subsidize eith- sible for the Youngstown addition, stockholders were giv- | er a dinner or a social affair for | branch's fine record in the F.L. en the right to purchase new the branch." shares at almost half the market

price, providing them with fat Buffalo's drive for Militant profits over and above their div- subs is bringing in scores of new idends. Government expropria- readers. "I am sending 20 subtion of this industry therefore scriptions to The Militant," should take place with no fur- states Charles Carlson, Literature ther reimbursement to the share- Agent. "Half of these subs were holders. gotten in the shops and the rest No one but a few racketeer on one of our drives. That means monopolists will be hurt by na- that 10 are from the different

tionalization of the public util- shops the comrades are working ities. The workers will achieve in ... Ten comrades participata decent standard of living and ed this past Wednesday night in the public will pay lower rates. | obtaining new subs. As you know Can the government be trust- it is more difficult to obtain new ed to operate the utilities in the subs than it is to get a renewal. interests of the public? Only if We were out for a total of two the utility workers and techni- hours in different sections of cians exercise proper control. the city and in some cases we Fortunately, they are eminently found it very easy to talk to the fit to do so. Workers' control is people and present our views to an indispensable aspect of ef- them."

fective nationalization of public



Workers Party-Cleveland and we have been slowed down some-Minneapolis-launched Militant what in our Militant Drive. But Subscription Campaigns last considering all things that have week. Initial batches of subs come about, I think we are doing from both branches promise pretty good." high-spirited campaigns. \* \* \*

"Having begun our Spring Mil-Rena Breshi reports on Boston's itant drive with a Sunday sub- subscription campaign: "Today getting expedition of 7 com- we went out on the fifth week of rades," reports Wally Byrne, Mil- our campaign. We tried out a itant Agent for Minneapolis, "we new area which proved much nationalizing the public utilities? enclose 16 subs. Most of these more successful than the others. For not only is the question of subs are renewals due to the fact | We got 19 \* subs, the highest that we concentrated on call- number during this campaign. volved, but just as important, backs. This seems a very good Gert Worth and I obtained 7 way to begin a campaign, as one subs and were asked to return meets with much less sales re- next Sunday for the money for sistance. From now on, however, another sub. Sid Crabbe followwe expect to report a larger pro- ed next with Jane Weiner. They

Ann Travis is taking over the

the most prolonged litigation do drive through the month of May, literature work for Lynn. She welfare be permanently exprop- back to the owners together with the courts and commissions and, incidentally combine it with mailed in 6 subs obtained by riated and operated by the work- every penny of profit obtained force the monopolies to scale propagandizing for our mayoralty three comrades last Sunday.

> Milwaukee's Militant Manager, Fred Martin, sent in 7 subs with

> > The following report from Miriam Braverman of Youngstown accompanied four new 1year subs to The Militant: "These subs were obtained by the New Castle comrades who are tireless Militant. They are partly responcampaign . . . We intend to get down to some steady sub-getting after our May Day meeting."

F. Lester mailed in 5 subs for San Francisco Branch, saying: "This makes 11 subs for April. We intend to hit our goal of 50 this month . . . The branch decided last night to launch a 6week campaign for new subs."

The Akron comrades mailed in 5 subs they obtained during the week.

E. Brent, Literature Agent for Detroit, sent in 9 subs secured by the comrades.

The Chicago comrades obtained 5 subs during the week.

Militant booster, Mrs. H. Cameron of Santa Monica, Calif., asked us to send a new six-

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protected from foreign capital- could easily become a victim to ism. Yet how does this jibe with suit Stalinist policy. your calls to people all over the ' Of course there is no racism in globe to stop support for an "im- the Soviet Union. Even the vacperialist" war, which if heeded, illating Norman Thomas admits might well have meant the de- this. Why is this? It is because feat of the USSR?

items which just don't jell. Isn't principles, however much they it rather stupid to run "Trot- have degenerated.

yist" candidates in an Ameri- Robeson's petty-bourgeois libin election? Call them SWP erlism and his approach to the candidates if you must run them. Negro question is not entirely

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"Actually, we live on potatoes, of which we received 100 "If Franco is to be prevented from claiming two more vic- pounds a person since last October," writes a worker from the Soviet Union is a workers tims from the Spanish working Westfalen, Germany, in a letter to the American Committee Finally, there are many other state built upon working-class it is essential that protests for European Workers Relief. Finally, there are many other state built upon working-class it is essential that protests for European Workers Relief. The working of the state built upon working-class it is essential that protests for European Workers Relief. think of it. Nobody must get bread a day, and other foods are

Fred Thompson. Editor distributed in grams. I don't sick. Industrial Worker even want to talk of them. For

Chicago, III. 22 weeks, we have not received be a relief for us to have an old even those few grams of food. pair of shoes on our feet. I en-"In addition, there is the cold. Here we sit on top of the coal, mines and those of us who do not work in the mines receive 100 pounds of coal-mud per family regardless of how many people, for a period of four months. This is so-called coal, product of coal. And with this,

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SAN DIEGO-Headquarters 623 suit which is whole. The icy wind blows through the marrow Sixth Ave., open 7 to 9 p.m. of my bones . . . Monday through Friday.

"For days there is no bread SAN FRANCISCO - School of in the cities of the Ruhr Valley. Help these anti-fascists by con-Social Science, 305 Grant Ave., cor. of Grant and Sutter. 4th Then you have to take the train floor open from 12 noon to or trolley to, other cities or parts money orders should be made 4:30 p.m., daily except Sun- of the city to get bread and my wife goes on these travels to get day. Phone EXbrook 1926. bread with shoes that have holes SEATTLE-1919½ Second Ave.

in them. We walk on cardboard Open Monday through Satursoles which break after 10 to 12 days, noon to 6 p.m. Tel. SEdays, your feet get wet and cold. 0543 Library, bookstore. "Friends and relatives have to Friday forum-8 p.m. take care of their own troubles. ST. LOUIS - 1023 N. Grand Generally the great misery has Blvd., Room 312, open Monkilled any consideration in peoday, Wednesday, Friday, 7:30 ple. People are attacked in the to 9 p.m. Forums Thursday, street, recently even killed, and 8:30 p.m. Phone Jefferson

their clothes are taken away. ST. PAUL-540 Cedar St., St. "My wife has frost-bitten feet Paul 2, Phone Garfield 1137. and it won't take long until we Open daily 2:30-9:30. all have them. She only weighs TACOMA, Wash. - Meetings 82 pounds and she is five feet six every Wednesday, 8 p.m., at inches tall. Now just imagine

Oddfellows Hall. 6th and Fawcett. Discussions on current BRONX topics. For information, write P.O. Box 1079. TOLEDO-108 Summit St., To-Spring Frolic Chow Mein Dinner ledo 4, O. Open daily, Phone Dancing Ping-Pong YOUNGSTOWN - 35½ South Sat., April 26, 9 p.m. Ave., Youngstown 3, O. Open 12-5 p.m., Monday through 1034 Prespect Ave.

close foot outlines. The next thing would be a pair of pants for myself . . . In case you could get a suit for my son, that would be very good. "Dear friends, the only real light in this terrible situation is a little bit of spiritual food, such which is a certain water by- as your letter, and thus the perspective of help from you. With brotherly regards, yours, M. B." The American Committee For European Workers Relief can send this worker and his family shoes and clothing, for generous friends keep us well supplied. However, often parcels of food, clothing and medicine are held up because there is not enough money to pay the postage. One dollar and fifty four cents pays

the postage on an 11-pound package; \$10.00 pays for a 21pound food package delivered to the worker's home in Europe. tributing today. Checks and payable to the ACEWR and sent to 197 Second Avenue, New York 3, N. Y.

> BROOKLYN **Bedford-Stuyvesant** Carnival Night **Hula Dancers** Side-show Sat., Apr. 26

635 Fulton St. AKRON Film Showing:

"CZAR TO LENIN" **Documentary Record** Of Russian Revolution Sunday, May 11, 8 p.m. PAINTERS HALL 290 S. Main St. Tickets 50c, Available

8 S. Howard

**629 Main Street** 

The Flint comrades obtained month sub to a friend in utilities. It is also an important step in the direction of setting 8 subs during the week. Militant Ft. Wayne, Ind., and renewed a up a genuine Workers and Farm- Director El Snyder says: "With subscription to The Militant for the luck we have had these past a neighbor. ers Government.



540 Cedar St.

10 South Fourth St.

## Diary of a Steel Worker -May Day, 1947 By Theodore Kovalesky

A day might mean twenty-four hours; or it might mean the time from early morning until night

eight or more hours you spent in the mill or factory. A day can mean a lot of things. But some days are made of much more than hours,

A day might mean the

and they mean more than time. We have some three hundred sixty days each year that are merely packages of hours. But there are others made of

different stuff. There are some that are made of blood and dreams, black days of mourning and golden days of hope.

May Day is one of these. It isn't just a piece of daylight stretching 'between sunrise and sunset, not just a pile of hours that add up to another figure on your calendar.

It is a dream . . . and it is a reality. It is a time to look back with solemn pride and forward with hope and gladness.

May Day is YOU. It's you and all the rest of us. It's the workers of all the world with the vision of tomorrow in their eyes.

\* \* \* What does this mean to you? What are you doing, and what are you going to do about it? Remember the eight Haymarket martyrs? They were men who wanted nothing for themselves. They went gladly to the hangman's noose and died for the cause of the working class. We think most of them on May Day.

But they weren't the only ones. We think of the other thousands who went the same way, the "working stiffs" who were shot or hanged by the vigilantes, beaten by the cops. They suffored for us.

The Negro Struggle -

They never looked for graft, for beautiful homes and new cars. They wanted the good things of life, but they wanted them for ALL of us. They wanted to build a new world within the shell of the old, a world where the workers would nevermore have to fear poverty, unemployment and war.

They lived for us, all those thousands of unnamed fighters, those anonymous heroes of the working class; and, when it was necessary, they died for us as well. And on May Day we honor them, for they are May Day.

We know these things. Can we stand idly by, remembering the cause they gave so much for? When we see the capitalists waging unceasing war upon the workers and threatening to wash the whole world with innocent blood, can we stand idly by and not pick up the red banner that they carried so bravely?

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Those fighters of the old days wanted a new world. And we want a new world. We want a place where children can grow up in health and happiness, where the old folks who have worked quite long enough can sit on their porches and watch the sunset without the fear of insecurity. We want a world of peace and brotherhood. We want a world where no man shall exploit another man, where no parasite shall live on the sweat and blood and misery of another man. We want a world where no ruthless ruling class will be able to wreak economic havoc upon society and plunge it into depressions, when factories grow silent and mortgaged farms are deserted and run to seed while the people have neither work nor food.

We mean to carry on the fight. We mean to have this new world. But you -? Where do you stand. Are YOU with us in this fight? Are you with us this May Day?

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# NEW YORK, N. Y. SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 1947 **Capitalist Greed Blamed** In Texas City Disaster

THE MILITANT

**Digging For Bodies In Texas Disaster** 



By lantern light and the glow of flaming debris, rescue workers dig for victims of the Texas City disaster that killed hundreds, wounded thousands, and laid waste the entire city. Federated Pictures

# **Dunne Files As Candidate** For Mayor Of Minneapolis

MINNEAPOLIS, Apr. 19 - or, Dunne issued the following both on the economic and po-

day as the Socialist Workers "There was a time in Minne- being rapidly whittled away. The

By Evelyn Atwood In Texas City last week the worst industrial disaster in America since the First World War snuffed out the lives of between 400 and 600 people, with many dead still uncounted, injured 3,000 more and laid waste an entire city. Shudders of horror and apprehension swept over the nation as pictures and re-

nation as pictures and re-ports of this flaming funeral pyre were received. People officials point out that ammuniwere shaken not only by the tion ships have no right to dock, deaths and destruction but by but must lie out in the stream, dire foreboding that this Texas handling cargo via barges. Yet catastrophe was a preview of the Grandcamp, admittedly carthe destructive powers that can rying cases of ammunition, was be unloosed in atomic warfare. docked at the pier for five days, A fire aboard the explosive- loading tons of ammonium nitladen French freighter Grand- rate. camp on April 16 blasted the William T. Butler, expert on

vessel and most of its crew out dangerous cargo shipments and of existence. This first blast set now serving on the Coast Guard off a chain of explosions that Board investigating the causes for three days rocked the Gulf of the disaster, admits that ni-Coast and ripped through the trate is considered dangerous jerry-built industrial Texas City. cargo. Nevertheless the Coast The death toll was highest Guard failed to order these niamong the hundreds of workers trate-bearing ships out into the in the \$19,000,000 Monsanto stream.

Chemical plant, built at govern- L. D. Boswell, foreman of ment expense during the war, working detail of longshoremen, which sprawled over 30 acres on testified that a man on the Galveston Bay. No alarm was Grandcamp yelled up to the deck sounded in the plant when the from the ship's hold that h Grandcamp fire started and none smelled something burning. Some of the workers evacuated, al- water was sent down to help though there was ample time to extinguish the flames. But a redo so. The plant became a flam- quest for more water was deing shambles as its chemicals nied on the ground that it woulds ignited. Other vessels in the damage the cargo. This cargo Harbor exploded, including the so carefully protected for the High Flyer, also loaded with ex- shipowners at the expense of an plosives.

miles of waterfront blazed up in nitrate, loaded in paper bags. orange and black pillars of fire Chemical experts, meeting in and smoke, resembling an atom- Atlantic City, stated that ambomb explosion. Chunks of steel monium .nitrate explodes with were hurled across the city, some about 25% more violence than as far as 15 miles away. Bodies TNT. It can be set off by heat and bits of bodies littered the or through detonation of amwaterfront. Clouds of poisonous munition. Huge stockiles of amlitical fields. These gains are chemical fumes filtered across monium nitrate were left at the the coming elections. A form- candidate endorsed by the trade men, with their child-like faith ors. Dazed refugees streamed who made big profits converting er organizer for Truckdriv- union movement and the Far- in the promises of labor-hating out of the city, some bleeding it into fertilizers. But the pro-

of concussion. Disaster squads gerous. The chemical experts shoveled the dead on trucks, warn that so long as this prowhile make-shift hospitals over- cessing continues, danger of furflowed with injured and dying. ther explosions remain. Who is responsible for this | The Texas City workers bore horror? The N. Y. World Tel- the brunt of the disaster. Their egram on April 17 states: "It flimsy shacks, covering some 70 comes in the category of those blocks, were built in an arc of

entire city and its population, Fifty huge oil tanks across two was the dangerous ammonium

the city, adding to the hazards end of the war. The governand poisoning scores of surviv- ment sold it cheap to investors from ears and nose as a result | cess of conversion is highly dan-

indefinable acts of God . . . danger around the inflammable seemingly there is no one to chemical plants and oil refinerblame." This is a lie. Evidence ies on the waterfront. Among

### -By Larry Carter-Two front-page stories of the Afro-American cought my eye last week. One story reports "new" policy of Army discrimination in

From The Cradle To The Grave

cometeries. Right beside it is a factual account: "Two Races March Together in Jersey Phone Strike."

The "new" policy, segregating burial sites in national cemeteries, was made public by the War Department's In-

formation Bulletin No. 11. It specifically provides that present policies of segregation in existing cemeteries will be continued. It then extends Jim Crow burial in new national cemeteries by ordering four separate sections for burial: a. white officers; b. colored officers; c. white enlisted men; d. colored enlisted men.

Even in death the brass hats want the Negro segregated. They thereby give the lie to all their propaganda that World War II was for "democracy."

As a civilian, the Negro meets Jim Crow restrictions from the cradle all through life. Nor was this pattern altered in the armed forces. Except for a few token units in the "higher" branches, the Negro was restricted to the work battalions, quartermaster and engineer corps in the Army, and to the steward's department in the Navy. Now this policy is extended right to the grave.

This is proof that the brass hats and the government will never willingly concede equality to the Negro. The only way to make them yield on this score is by fighting them.

The second Afro story points the way to achieve equality;" It reports that Negroes are among the most active strikers in all 14 of the New Jersey phone districts. (To be sure, the Bell Telephone Co. has never hired a proportionate number of Negroes; but those that have been employed, now show themselves to be in the front ranks of the picket lines.)

This common unity in action in the phone strike follows a growing union pattern of Negrowhite collaboration against the employers. It represents a big step forward by the labor movement in the fight against Jim Crow as well as the fight for better conditions.

The brass hats still have the power to segregate workers in the armed forces. On the picket lines it's a different story. There, all the drumbeating and flag-waving in the world can't dim the fact that the workers need and are forging a militant unity to fight back against the corporations — the same corporations which coined billions in profits during the war, which have been slashing labor's living standards and which are now attempting to bust the union movement with savage anti-labor laws.

Labor is learning that only united action of Negro and white can successfully beat back the boss offensive. The lessons labor is learning through its own experiences are paving the way for an end to the Jim Crow system which plagues the Negro from the cradle to the grave.

Vincent R. Dunne filed to- statement: bor Case. He served a 16-month sentence in the federal prison at Sandstone, Minnesota during 1944-45. When he filed for May-

**Chicago Tenants** 

date opposed to reactionary bus-

Party candidate for Mayor in apolis labor history when the actions of so-called labor statesers Union, Local 544, Dunne was one of the 18 prisoners in the now famous Minneapolis La-"I ask for the support of Min-

iness interests. In this cam- neapolis workers and the friends paign, however, we see the sick- of the labor movement as the ening spectacle of a labor-en- Socialist Workers Party candidorsed candidate for Mayor act- date for Mayor of Minneapolis. ing for the monopolistic Amer- Now, as before, I stand for deican Telephone and Telegraph mocracy in the workers move-Company and against the hard- ment; for a militant struggle for

ressed telephone strikers

#### -By Grace Carlson

May Day And The Children

May Day has been designated as Child Health Day, says Katharine Lenroot, shief of the United States Children's Bureau. On this day, a



campaign will be launched to conserve the lives of the thousands of American children who are now the victims of accidents and preventable diseases. Those of us who celebrate

May 1 as an international working class holiday will certainly be glad to include Child Health in our May Day pro-

gram. As a matter of fact, it's already in our program. For when we renew our May Day resolution to continue the unrelenting struggle for the emancipation of the world's working class, we're thinking of the children of today -and even more of the children of the future.

If we don't build a better world for the child-, ren, who will? Not the agents of the U.S. Children's Bureau! Because even though there probably are some sincere souls working for this government bureau, they are unable to grapple with the problem of poverty. And it is poverty that causes needless suffering among children. It is the children of the poor who are driven to early graves.

Lack of proper prenatal and delivery care causes the deaths of thousands of infants each

year. Physicians estimate that of the 75,000 babies who are stillborn, at least two-fifths could be saved and that of the 70,000 babies who die in the first month of life, one-half could be saved if adequate medical care were given their mothers before birth and at the time of delivery. Each year, there are some 53,000 deaths of infants in the second to twelfth month of life. The right kind of medical and nursing care, the right kind of food and the right kind of home surroundings could save over half of

these young lives. Much the same thing can be said about the possibility of reducing the mortality rate among children from one to 15 years of age. Every year, 14,000 children die of whooping cough measles, diphtheria and scarlet fever; 35,000 from pneumonia and influenza; 19,000 from diarrhea and dysentry: 15,000 from accidents; 4,000 from cardiac conditions, chiefly rheumatic heart disease, 4,000 from tuberculosis. Exactly what proportion of these deaths are preventable is not known but there is no doubt that many, many deaths could be prevented if working class families had more money to spend on medical services.

We'll remember these young victims of capitalism this May Day when we raise our voices in the stirring Internationale:

"For justice thunders condemnation, A better world's in birth."

**Eviction Fight** CHICAGO, Apr. 21 - All children on Jan. 16, were served warned against the menace of

The tenants are organized into the Chicago Area Tenants Un-

ment! mass meeting following the fire. They have been on a rent strike since the day of the fire, in a the Minneapolis labor movement struggle to force the landlord to won for it the respect of workput the building in a safe, sani- ers on a national and internatary and livable condition.

For months the tenants have been compelled to live under terrible conditions. They have no water, no lights, no gas. The holes in the roof left from the fire have not been repaired. When it rains, water pours into the apartments. The basement is flooded. Rats run loose and bite the babies. No fire escapes or other safety measures have been

Appeals to the city authorities to enforce regulations of the

building code, health and fire

**Rally Support In** "This is how Mayor Humphrey rights for all who labor - men rewards' his cheaply-purchased and women; white and colored: friends in the leadership of the Jew and Gentile. city's AFL and CIO unions De-

termined to become a dominant Long steps toward a better day City officials, dominated by when city officials talked about figure in the national Demo- can be taken by Mirneapolis la- the big chemical and shipping rebuilding the destroyed areas, cratic Party machine, Humphrey bor in this election. I stand for companies, permitted flagrant County Auditor Isidore Predecki tenants of the ramshackle is launching a vicious campaign militant industrial unions, fcr violations of safety laws con- of Galveston stated: "This town firetrap apartment at 1733 against militancy in the trade an independent labor party, for cerning the docking of explos- should be built up four mile W. Washburne, scene of the union movement — under the elected workers' representatives ive-laden ships. During the war from the tanks. That's the only disastrous fire which took guise of an attack on 'commun- everywhere, for a march to a this small seaport town boomed way to insure safety." the lives of the four Hickman ists.' As a Trotskyist, I have Socialist World."

children on Jan. 16, were served warned against the mented against the task of fighting Stalinism can- paign, announced that Dunne's Houston channel, where Texas responsibility will not be placed not be entrusted to the red-baitto the Chicago Area Tenants Un-ing enemies of the labor move-given over Station WMIN, Wed., bad. Shipowners repeatedly re-corporations and shipowners who Apr. 30 at 8 p.m.

> "In the past, the militancy of tional scale. Great gains were made by Minneapolis workers

**SWP Candidates** 

Hear V. R. Dunne **Minneapolis SWP Candidate For Mayor** Station WMIN Wed., Apr. 30, 8 p.m. After News-Of-The-Hour Broacast

By Alan Kohlman The bill providing for elec- end, the SWP has already adtion of a State Constitutional vanced two Constitutional am-Convention on June 3 specirights to organize and strike by fically bars the Convention from making any changes in tion. (2) Expropriate the pubthe present method of electing lic utilities trusts and operate state officials, or the number or them by the state under workers' composition of the State Legis- control. lature.

This undemocratic prohibition is intended to guarantee conelection of the State Legislature tinuation of the present elecby proportional representation. tion methods and representation, which grossly discriminate NECESSARY TACTIC against the sections of the state The matter of direct proporthat are most heavily populated tional representation is both a VOTE SWP! -that is, the sections inhabited necessary democratic reform to by industrial workers. It is also insure representation of minordesigned to protect the undemity parties, and a tactical exocratic two-house State Legislapedient to pave the way for election of Labor Party candidates.

#### **CROOKED DEAL**

The Republicans filed a slate tions. The Chicago Area Ten- publican spokesmen for North

any trouble.

the support of the community. dividuals filed separately.

full social, economic and political is beginning to accumulate that these workers were many Mexcapitalist greed and reckless dis- ican-American and Negro famregard for the lives and safety liles. This sector was virtually of the working people are behind wiped off the map in the blasts "A fresh start must be made. the disaster.

and fires. As an afterthought.

into an industrial and shipping Several investigations are now Grace Carlson, who has been center of 15,000, three times its under way to determine the keynote radio speech will be City is located, are notoriously upon the real criminals-the big fused to adopt of observe need- put profits ahead of human lives.

**Proportional Representation And New Jersey Convention** 

Under the present system, if the

## Notes From The News

In Pt. Pleasant, West Virginia a slate fall killed one miner and critically injured another the first day the mine was opened following the



Mine Inspector. N. Y. Department of Labor figures show unemployment rising, with the Negro people losing more than

their share. Negroes represent 20% of all unemployed in the state.

Thirty-two FBI agents assigned to the George P. McNear murder case have been terrorizing active strikers belonging to the Railway Brotherhoods in Peoria. Ill. Night visits to workers' homes, entries without search warrants, and trickery in getting signed releases absolving the FBI of illegal methods, have marked the investigation.

The oldest labor dispute in the country was ended as the Toledo, Peoria and Western railroad signed up with the Railway Brotherhoods last week.

120 More Democrats in the House of Representa-

tives (93) voted for the anti-labor Hartley bill than voted against it (84).

125 of the country's leading fire insurance companies paid fines totalling \$2,090,000 to close the famous bribery case involving the late Boss T. J. Pendergast and other Missouri politicians. Pendergast was President Truman's political godfather.

The savings of the American people fell from 33 billion dollars in 1945 to 19 billion in 1946, the April Survey of Current Business reports.

A Negro candidate for City Council in Jacksonville, Florida, William Armstrong, took second place in a four-man contest for the Democratic nomination. A run-off primary will be held.

\* \* \* The OPA rent control office announced this

week that it was decontrolling rents in more than 50 areas. The areas were not named.

"The claim that higher wages since last June are the basic cause for the sharp increase in prices is simply untrue ... Our average wageearner is worse off today than he was three years ago," says former OPA head Chester Bowles in the N. Y. Times.

city enforcement agencies have limited their actions to levying small fines against the landlord. In a series of court cases, a total cialist Workers Party are on the of \$450 in fines plus court costs Essex County ballot as delegates have been imposed on the own- to the proposed Constitutional ers of the building. Presence of Convention. William E. Bohanthe tenants and attorney for the non, George Breitman and Alan Chicago Area Tenants Union, M. Kohlman will run against two J. Myer, was largely instrument- full slates of 13, and six other ture. al in forcing even these trivial minority candidates. fines. Tenants will demand a jury of 13 under the name "Clean trial, and are planning a collec- Government Republicans." This tive defense against the evic- is the name of the official Re-

installed.

ants Union is mobilizing the Jersey Big Business, who refused tenants in the area to come to a "bipartisan" deal with the Deened evictions. A leaflet distri- slate titled "Non-Political Conbuted in the vicinity -- "TEN- stitution Revision" is Democra-ANTS! FIGHT EVICTIONS AT tic in composition. aroused interest and helped rally two candidates. Four other in-





ordinances, have been futile. The Are On Ballot NEWARK, N. J., Apr. 18 -

This restriction on the Consti- Republicans get 51% of the vote tutional Convention was the re- in Essex County, they get all 12 sult of a behind-the-scenes deal offices in the Assembly. by the Republicans and Demoother for the spoils of office and is further advancing in the the reward of being the chief po- minds of the workers the need the aid of these tenants and to mocrats. The Democrats did not litical errand boys of Big Bus- for their own Labor Party. This join the fight against the threat- officially file, but the 13-man iness. But when it comes to Labor Party will not be built in keeping the working people from a month, and it cannot be exexercising their full weight at pected to win full power first

the polls, all the capitalist party crack out of the box. But it is 1733 WASHBURNE" - has The Communist Party filed politicians get together without absolutely necessary today, and of articles on the issues facing

The workers, too, must fight gin building such a Labor Party Convention.

for their own class interests at now in preparation for the fall NEWARK, N. J., Apr. 22 - the Convention. Towards this elections to the Legislature.

If the workers could win proportional representation and poll endments: (1) Defend labor's even 9% of the Essex County vote (with real organization and political initiative, they could poll much more than that even in their first campaign) then, under proportional representation, they would have one As-We now raise a third issue in opposition to the bosses - For vote - three Assemblymen. It semblyman. With 25% of the would be a real start to get some

labor men down in Trenton to oppose the Republicans and Democrats.

To be sure, the Republican-Democratic deal "legally" prehibits the Constitutional Convention from doing this. But by a broad campaign for pro-portional representation, the unions could upset this undemocratic prohibition. The Conven-Now, every new attack of Big of initiating such a campaign. crats. These parties fight each Business and its political stooges The best way to insure the opening of this fight, the best way to work for proportional representation, is by voting for the candidates of the Socialist Workers Party on June 3.

> This is the fourth in a series perfectly practical today, to be- the New Jersey Constitutional