

Strike It Out!

Oakland Labor Scores Victory In City Election

By R. Chester

OAKLAND, Calif., May 14 - Wild enthusiasm broke loose in the Oakland Voters League headquarters last night when the election returns showed a clear majority for four of the five League candidates. This victory climaxes a bitterly fought campaign where

the class lines of labor against Big Business were South Carolina clearly drawn. Not only was a severe blow dealt to the Know-land-Warren machine but a Lynch Trial stronger basis now exists for building a labor party movement Goes To Jury which could rapidly spread to other areas.

mainly through the efforts of the combined labor movement, Josven thousand votes. A recount is being demanded for Ben Goldfarb, the fifth candidate.

The four defeated incumbents, including Mayor Beach, had been in office from six to sixteen years. However, control of the ninemember Council is still in the hands of the discredited city machine since four members are not up for election until 1949.

The council appoints both the mayor and the city manager.

SHOWS GREAT INTEREST

97,289 voters, or 66.3% of those fendant related that he "could registered, turned out to vote, hear the cutting of cloth and testifying to the great interest in flesh." Other statements told the campaign. This is the great- how the victim's skull was est percentage ever recorded in crushed by blows from gun butts. an Oakland city election. Only After more beating and stabbing, 40% voted in the April 15 prim- Willie Earle was shot three times. aries.

the road. This was by far the most bit-

tremendous barrage of red-bait- Negro was on the panel from

MAY 20-The brutality of Elected to the City Council, Southern Lynch Law was brought out in all its horror eph E. Smith, Vernon Lantz, Ray- this past week at the trial mond E. Pease and Scott Weak- of 31 members of a lynch ley won majorities of six to ele- mob in Greenville, South Carolina.

On February 10 a mob took Willie Earle, 24-year-old Negro, from the jail house in Pickens, S. C. No one will ever know if Earle was innocent or guilty of the charges against him. The jailer offered no resistance to the mob.

The statements of 26 defendants drew a horrifying picture of the mob's sadism. Before Earle was killed, large pieces of his flesh were cut away. One de-

The mutilated body was left by

CIO Marine Cooks Raise Demand For A New Party SAN FRANCISCO, May 16 white collar workers, professi - The high point of the five- al people, veterans and minority day convention of the Na- groups." tional Union of Marine Cooks The resolution was a commit-

WOUR STRIKE

and Stewards, CIO, which tee compromise between two Newark Urges calling for a coalition of all last Friday, was passage of "progressive forces" including a resolution calling for a "liberal" capitalists — and a re-'new political party based solution submitted by Dave Bers,

CIO Council In

24-Hour Strike NEWARK, N. J., May 20 -

terly fought contest in Oakland's terly fought contest in Oakland's political history. In spite of a was lily white. Not a single and composed of farmers, bor candidates." The contradic-political history and late the spite of tory character of the resolution Tuesday adopted a motion was pointed out by David Bers calling on the national CIO and Harry Press, union militants. to organize a 24-hour general NEW POLITICAL BANNER strike to protest the continued Bers based his support of the anti-labor drive of the Wall resolution on such clauses as one Street politicians. stipulating that the new party The officers of the Council had should move forward "under a brought in a report calling for unions, has been organized in new political banner and elec- the collection of 50,000 petitions Flint and is working out a protoral apparatus with its roots against the Hartley-Taft bills. gram to fight anti-labor legisin the trade union movement, However, when a motion was preits program and policy stemming sented from the floor for a 24hour protest strike, it was immefrom labor and its allies." "It was no accident," he continued, "that opposition to these | time had come for such action. features stems from groups which place their faith in the interna- "Sometimes it takes a strike to "favoring a 24-hour General tional agents of capitalism in convince a boss and it seems Strike throughout the nation, in the UN Assembly. International that only a general protest strike conjunction with the AFL, Bropolicy moves parallel with inter- of all labor will convince Connal policy. A coalition party gress."

Call For One-Day Protest Strike

More important unions are hour general protest strike against the anti-labor legislation in Washington.

The CIO National Union of Marine Cooks and Stewards, President Philip Murray meeting in convention in San Francisco, urged "the national CIO to organize a nationwide work stoppage or demonstration in cooperation with the AFL against these bills." These anti-labor bills, the

convention declared, result from "the frenzied efforts of the stooges of monopoly to smash our American living standards and constitutional rights before we wake up, get together and throw them out." This was the second CIO con-

vention this month which advocated a 24-hour protest strike. The United Packinghouse Workers of America, meeting in Cleveland, had previously recommended such an action. Shortly after the Marine Cooks and Stewards took this stand. it was endorsed at a conference of five national CIO maritime

unions in San Francisco. Attending, in addition to the MCS, were International Longshorethe Association.

other parts of the country add- pression." ed their voices to the call for a test the Hartley-Taft bills, now ily in volume. being merged into a single bill Truman's continued silence in by Senate-House conferees.

Among these were the Greater Newark (N. J.) CIO Industrial Greater Flint (Mich.) and the and fear of the consequences at affairs.

More Unions Join Truman Holds Silence **Despite Union Appeals**

A mounting groundswell of public sentiment joining the demand for a 24- is demanding that Truman veto the ruthless antilabor legislation stampeded through Congress. In a nation-wide radio[®]

> broadcast May 16, CIO called for the "immediate rallying of support from millions of Americans outside and inside the ranks of labor to enable him to veto the bill and secure a favorable vote upholding his veto." If the Taft - Hartley measure becomes law, America faces "a man-made crisis," said Murray, "perhaps deeper and more threatening to our institutions than anything we encountered during the great de-

ression." AFL President William Green delivered a similar broadcast May 11. He warned that passage of the omnibus slave labor bill would give the signal for wage cuts and speed America

into "another dangerous depression." If the anti-labor legislation

becomes law, said Green, "People the National Maritime Union, would just have to stop buying many of the things they need. men's and Warehousemen's Un- business would shrivel, producion, the Marine Engineers and tion would drop, millions of American Communications workers would lose their jobs and our country would find it-A number of union bodies in self bogged down in another de-

White House mail demanding strikes against company-inspired national work stoppage to pro- a veto is reported growing stead-

the face of these demands, how- ion alone, and the checkoff unever, fed fears that he might de- less individually authorized. cide to let the measure become Foremen are denied bargaining Union Council and the Chester law without his signature or rights, as are unions with alleged (Pa.) CIO Industrial Union might even sign it. Apparently "Communists" in the leadership,

TRUMAN

Meanwhile the House and Sen. ate conferees are reaching agreement on the versions passed by the two houses of Congress. Ev-

gaining unless both sides agree to it, provides for 75-day strikebreaking injunctions after/ a "fact-finding" procedure, opens the way for union-crippling court suits for "violations" of contract, and legalizes triple-damage suits for "jurisdictional" strikes which would include "unions."

It bans mass picketing, welfare funds controlled by the un-



ery indication is that the House will settle for the so-called "milder" Senate bill. This measure, however, would at one stroke of the pen wipe out decades of labor's hard-won gains. It outlaws the closed shop, bans industry-wide bar-

ing propaganda, the newly form- which the jury was chosen. ed Voters League, with only lim- Judge J. Richard Martin yesited election experience but terday made rulings highly favworking through the trade un- orable to the accused lynchers. ions, was able to defeat the pow- He freed three of the defendants erful, well intrenched and exper- outright. He reduced the murienced political machine.

vertisements to support of the

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Arab-Jewish Unions der charges against seven to less

The incumbents had the full serious charges. Finally he unsupport of both daily papers dermined the whole case of the which practically monopolize the prosecution by ruling that the city's advertising mediums. statements of each defendant Knowland's Oakland Tribune and could be used only against the Hearst's Post-Enquirer devoted maker of the statement and not daily articles, editorials and ad- against any other defendant. The statements describing the old-guard machine. Lacking any lynching in every case picture record of achievement to point the author as an onlooker. Seven to, they based themselves wholly of the defendants, for example, on the issue of "communism." named Roosevelt C. Hurd as the

Towards the end of the cam- actual triggerman who fired the paign full page ads carrying re- fatal shotgun blasts. Hurd's prints of the Stalinist Daily statement denies the shooting. Worker and Peoples World were Under Judge Martin's ruling, the used to warn the innocent voters statements of the seven naming against the "communist inva- Hurd cannot be considered by the jury as evidence against him.

In General Strike MAY 20-Thirty-five thousand Arab and Jewish workers joined today to stage the greatest 24-hour strike ever seen in the Middle East. This heartening sign of Arab and Jewish workers' cooperation and militancy brought work to a stop in the British Army ordnance and

service workshops and Army camps in the Haifa and Tel-Aviv areas. Government buildings in Haifa and Jerusalem were picketed. The strike is in protest

against Army layoffs of civilian workers.

About three-quarters of the strikers are Arab and the remaining one-quarter are Jewish.

Threaten Death Penalty For German Food Demonstators

many before and during the weak to do a day's work. to run it now.

declined steadily, first under the state of Hesse in the U.S. zone. starving the German people to can't tell 13 million Negroes it Nazis, and, then under the four The speech was approved by death. In fact, as Ernest Ger- isn't time for a third party," he occupation powers. Hunger is Gen. Lucius Clay, ruler of the main indicates in his article on declared. "The Republicans and greater today than at the end whole zone, except for one sec- Page 3, German productivity has Democrats sold us out. We need of the war, and takes a far great- tion warning that martial law been lowered far more by occu- a third party now." er toll in human lives and suf- would be established "unless the pation policy than by war desfering. There is no longer any attitude of the people improves." truction. pretense that food is available Clay ordered this section deleted at even the slow-starvation level because the Germans "know we of "official" rations.

Yet the big contribution that Newman's threat and his adtary Government in Germany and for several weeks to come, had to offer last week was a it will be impossible to supply threat to invoke the death pen- sufficient food to meet the raalty against participants in hun- tioned allowance," emphasize ger demonstrations or strikes the need for the American work-"which in any way impede or ers to intervene in this situation. tend to impede the occupational | The American brass hats prerequirements or programs."

people are free to go on starving that is a lie. Revival and reor- sis and the German court con-

Unconditional submission have even that privilege if they that continent and throughout to orders! Death to all who dare to actively express to the the world. That in turn requires disobey or try to protest! world their dissatisfaction with the full and vigorous participa- of having the proposed new par-That was how Hitler ran Ger- conditions that leave them too tion of the German working ty's name correspond to its class The death penalty threat was class on the continent. war. And that is how Ameri- made in a radio broadcast on Instead of assisting in this vocated the name "Labor Party." can occupation authorities want May 16 by an arrogant American task, the U.S. and other occu-

defense the American workers derous misrule of Germany. Withdraw the American and other occupation troops! Let the

as long as they do not raise any ganization of the European econ-protest against the "benevol- omy are necessary for the es- Schacht after an Allied court of the conditions that they now rent wage negotiations "to a campaign." ence" of U.S. rule. But they won't tablishment of genuine peace on let him go, are proof of that. have, they will fight."

would contain agents of capital-In view of the recent militant ism, its program would be formu- labor demonstrations in Newark, cal 626, a division of General lated by the 'liberal' political re- there is no doubt that such a Motors in Bristol, Conn., this presentatives of big business. "The conflict of interest be- port.

tween capital and labor cannot be reconciled in a common organization. Business wants high profits and low wages. Labor wants decent living conditions. Only under the banner of a Labor Party can the workers advance."

SHARP CONTRAST

class, most industrially advanced character. The resolution called for "A People's Party." Press ad-Delegate Anderson strongly debureaucrat, Dr. James R. New- pation powers are drastically nounced those who opposed a German living standards have man, Military Governor of the limiting German production and Labor Party as premature. "You

The feeble Stalinist counterarguments were all variations of Along that road lies not peace, the timeworn "unity" theme. but the economic stagnation of Stalinist Wallace Ho contendcan invoke it any time we want." all Europe and the breeding ed that the labor party policy ground of fascist governments advocated by the militants would the spokesmen for the U.S. Mili- mission that "at the moment, and a third world war. In self- "split labor off from its allies." The spirited remarks of the must call for an end to the mur- labor militants made a sharp contrast with the lifeless delivery and defeatist attitude of a guest

German people rule their own speaker - Harry Bridges of the land! They can't help doing a ILWU, CIO. Bridges' strongest statement. tend that their aim in Germany better job of it than the "Big statement was: "The position of In other words: The German is to prevent another war. But Four" have done. The food cri-the ILWU is that if they find against possible liability for porpeople are free to go on starving that is a ne. Revival and reor- is and the German court con-as'long as they do not raise any ganization of the European econ- viction of the Nazi financier they have to fight to keep any makes it possible to bring cur- help out the 1948 Democratic

Truman Scorns Plea To Veto Measure Knifing Portal Pay Contemptuously disregarding labor appeals for a veto. President Truman on May 15 signed the anti-portal pay Harry Press stressed the need bill, thus joining Wall Street's Congress in sinking the

blade into the Fair Labor Standards Act. Truman not only rejected the . dent William Green but also a price reductions." While hailing across labor's throat. member of his own cabinet, Secpassage of the measure, however, retary of Labor Schwellenbach.

Wall Street does not foresee full Murray had written Truman: The bill reflects not a desire to production, but a swiftly adlegislate on the subject of portal- vancing depression. Truman conceded that the

ple the Wage and Hour Law and two-year statute of limitations other laws affected. It represents all the hatred of the work- in the act reduces the time in ing man and the wage earner, which workers can file claims and decent standards of living Act. But, he said, he would which has unfortunately char- ask Congress for funds to inacterized so many members of vestigate and enforce the Wage-

this Congress." Attempting to avoid the un- as pure demagogy. Congress is favorable political effect his sig- swinging the economy axe on nature on this reactionary meas- every appropriation that might ure entails. Truman made public, serve the interests of the people. a 1,500 word "explanatory"

satisfactory conclusion, and busi-

A one-day demonstration is also being considered by a special sub-committee of the Cleveland CIO Industrial Council. A Labor Defense Committee, composed of 23 AFL and 19 CIO

lation.

Typical of the sentiment of many local unions was a resoludiately agreed by all that the tion by United Auto Workers Local 216 in Los Angeles last week, As one worker aptly put it, putting that union on record as

24-hour demonstration.

therhoods and Independents." A general membership meeting of UAW New Departure Lo-

strike call would get wide sup- week voted unanimously for a



How can Wall Street's anti-labor legislative drive be halted now that the Senate and House have passed the Taft and Hartley bills? The top AFL and CIO bureaucrats are relying exclusively on a veto by Truman and a switch of enough Senators who supported the Taft bill to assure that the veto will be sustained.

But Truman cannot be depended upon to veto the Hartley-Taft slave labor legislation. Truman demonstrated this by signing the anti-portal pay act despite pleas by both Murray and Green for a veto of this measure that not only robs the workers of back pay due them but undermines the Fair Labor Standards Act.

On top of this, there is grave doubt that a veto can be sustained. The Senate passed the Taft bill by a majority of 68 to 24. If maintained, this majority, coupled with the majority in the House, would be sufficient to over-ride a Presidential veto.

Thus the treacherous tactics of the top trade union bureaucrats have placed the labor movement in a most erious position.

The immediate problem facing the unions is how to assure a veto and how to push enough Senators into line to sustain that veto. But Murray, Green and their assoclates are still counting on petitions, post cards and prayers to win this battle.

What is needed is a far more drastic kind of pressure. What is needed is a demonstration of labor's real power.

A 24-hour nation-wide protest strike is the kind of veto appeals of CIO President ness men will be able to plan with action that can make both Truman and the border-line Philip Murray and AFL Presi- assurance for full production and Senators think twice before drawing the legislative knife

A one-day protest stoppage by 15,000,000 organized workers would mean-counting their families and friends -that 40 to 50 million Americans had served dramatic notice that the mandate of the people is: NO TAMPER-ING WITH LABOR'S GAINS!

This mass of people would equal the entire vote ordinarily cast in presidential elections. Their readiness to carry out a protest stoppage would be interpreted by every politician as a far more ominous indication of what all the hatred of social progress under the Fair Labor Standards will happen in the next election than any amount of signatures on petitions and post cards.

The rank and file of the unions are ready for such action. They have indicated this from coast to coast by a series of demonstrations, stoppages and resolutions specifically calling for such a 24-hour strike.

To clinch the effect of a nation-wide stoppage, the unions should vigorously proceed with the organization of a Labor Party. The serious possibility that the unions will elect their own political representatives to office would be viewed by the Democratic-Republican coalition as the handwriting on the wall.

These two steps-the immediate calling of a 24-hour nation-wide protest strike and the launching of a tobor Party-must be taken by the unions if they hope i effectively defend their gains from Wall Street's assault.

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Hour Laws. This is recognizable

Truman likewise called for in-

creasing minimum wages from By safeguarding employers 40 to 65 cents. The capitalist tal pay, he claimed, the act ing but propaganda designed to

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THE MILITANT

SATURDAY, MAY 24, 1947

10 Years After The Memorial Day Massacre cause they have not yet realized ever, is a scene which, for sheer intimation that he is dving.

The rights of the American working people-now threatened by the Hartley-Taft bills in Washington-were won in struggle ove many years, struggle for which workers often had to pay with their blood and lives. One such battle, the memory of which should inspire us to greater efforts against the anti-labor offensive today, took place ten years ago-on Memorial Day, 1937 -when a peaceful demonstration by striking CIO employes of the Republic Steel Company was turned into a bloody massacre by the police in South Chicago.

Paramount Newsreel happened to have a photographer present on that occasion, when ten defenseless workers were murdered and scores severely injured. Copies of the film were privately exhibited to members of the Senate's La Follette Civil Liberties Committee; the full film was suppressed from the public but a report of what it showed was printed in the St. Louis Post Dispatch, June 16, 1937. Excerpts of that report are printed below.

Read it and remember: The same Big Business interests that ordered the Memorial Day Massacre are behind the current drive against labor's rights and interests.-THE EDITORS. 0-

The first scenes show police ple;" and "CIO." Between the drawn up in a long line across a flag bearers is the marchers' dirt road which runs diagonally spokesman, a muscular young through a large open field . . . | man in shirt sleeves, with a CIO Behind the line and in the street button on the band of his felt beyond, nearer the mill, are sev- hat.

eral patrol wagons and numerous reserve squads of police. Straggling across the field, in

two men carrying American flags, the demonstrators are shown approaching. Many carry placards. They appear to numthe same as the police - although it is known that some 2.000 strike sympathizers were watching the march from a distance.

VIVID CLOSE-UP

A vivid close-up shows the bearers are in front. Behind the front ranks of the marchers them the placards are massed. They bear such devices as: go down like grass before a "Come On Out-Help Win the scythe. The camera catches ap-

He is arguing earnestly with a police officer who appears to be in command. His vigorous. a long irregular line, headed by gestures indicate that he is insisting on permission to continue through the police line, but in the general din of yelling and talking his words cannot be disber about 300 — approximately tinguished. His expression is serious, but no suggestion of threat or violence is apparent. The police officer, whose back is to the camera, makes an impatient gesture of refusal, and says something which cannot be under-

stood.

Then suddenly, without apparat the police line. The flag- roar of pistol shots, and men in seconds.

Strike;" "Republic vs. the Peo- proximately a dozen falling sim- the mass of demonstrators, and of blows.

Scene Of The 1937 Mass acre

On Memorial Day, 1937, ten workers were murdered by Chicago police during a holiday strike parade. This photograph was taken from a suppressed newsreel of the brutal assault upon unarmed men, women and children. The pict tures were hastily withdrawn from circulation because Mayor Kelly feared their showing might "incite riots" among horrified Chicago workers.

ultaneously in a heap. The mass- | clouds of gas rise over them. | The scenes which follow are der a quick blow from a police- him. ive, sustained roar of the police Most of the crowd is now in among the most harrowing of man's club, delivered from behead of the parade being halted ent warning, there is a terrific pistols lasts perhaps two or three flight. The only discernible case the picture. Although the ground hind. She gets up, and stagof resistance is that of a march- is strewn with dead and wound- gers around. A few moments

Instantly the police charge on | er with a placard on a stick, ed, and the mass of the march- later she is shown being shoved the marchers with riot sticks fly- which he uses in an attempt to ers are in precipitate flight down into a patrol wagon, as blood ing. At the same time tear gas fend off a charging policeman the dirt road and across the field, cascades down her face and grenades are seen sailing into ... he goes down under a shower a number of individuals, either spreads over her clothing. through foolish hardihood, or be- Preceding this episode, how-

what grim and deadly business horror, outdoes the rest. A husky, midst of the charging police.

down on top of his head, and his feet, and keeps going. across the back.

These men try to protect their make it? The suspense is almost heads with their arms, but it intolerable to those who watch. heveled, his coat open, a scowl is only a matter of a second or It begins to look as if he will on his face, approaches another two until they go down. In one get through. But no! The po- who is standing in front of the such scene, directly in the fore- lice in front have turned around camera. He is sweaty and tired. ground, a policeman gives the now, and are waiting for him. He says something indistinguishnext job.

In the front line during the them high above his head as and strides away. The film ends. parley with the police is a girl, he runs.

not more than five feet tall, who It's no use. There are police can hardly weigh more than 100 on the right. He is cornered. pounds. Under one arm she is He turns, still holding high his carrying a purse and some news- hands. Quickly the bluecoats papers. After the first deafen- close in, and the night sticks ing volley of shots she turns, to fly-above his head, from the find that her path is blocked by sides, from the rear. His upa heap of fallen men. She stum- raised arms fall limply under bles over them, apparently dazed. the flailing blows, and he slumps The scene shifts for a moment, to the ground in a twisting fall, then she is seen going down un- as the clubs continue to rain on

The scene shifts to the patrol is in progress around them, have middle-aged, bare-headed man wagons in the rear. Men with remained behind, caught in the has found himself caught far bloody heads, bloody faces. behind the rear ranks of the bloody shirts, are being loaded In a manner which is appal- fleeing marchers. Between him in. One who apparently has lingly businesslike, groups of po- and the others, policemen are as been shot in the leg, drags himlicemen close in on these iso- thick as flies, but he elects to self painfully into the picture lated individuals, and go to work run the gantlet. Astonishingly with the aid of two policemen.

on them with their clubs. In agile for one of his age and build, An elderly man, bent almost douseveral instances, from two to he runs like a deer, leaping a ble, holding one hand on the four policemen are seen beating ditch, dodging as he goes. Sur- back of his head, clambers painone man. One strikes him hor- prised policemen take hasty fully up the steps and slumps izontally across the face, using swings as he passes them. Some onto the seat, burying his face his club as he would wield a base- get him on the back, some on the in both hands. The shoulders ball bat. Another crashes it back of the head, but he keeps of his white shirt are drenched with blood . . . out of the babble still another is whipping him The scene is bursting with a there rises this clear and distinct

frightful sort of drama. Will he ejaculation: "God Almighty!" ... A policeman, somewhat dis-

fallen man a final smash on the Still trying desperately, he able. Then his face breaks into head, before moving on to the swings to the right. He has put a sudden grin, he makes a mohis hands up, and is holding tion of dusting off his hands,

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BRAINS BEATEN OUT

CIO officers report that when one of the victims was delivered at, an undertaking establishment, it was found that his brains literally had been beaten out, his skull crushed by blows.

Ensuing scenes are hardly less poignant. A man shot through the back is paralyzed from the waist . . . He moves his head and arms, but his legs are limp. He raises his head like a turtle and claws the ground.

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of the road . . . There is plain

A man over whose white shirt

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NOTEBOOK OF AN AGITA The Treason Of The Intellectuals spectacle.

What ever became of the revolutionary intel- unseemly haste, without a decent interval for tectuals-and why? What happened to that meditation, they began forthwith to ideologize "independence" and to expatiate, like any hyponumerically formidable aggregation of cogi- in behalf of American monoply capitalism as tators and problem-solvers who challenged calmly and easily as one changes his shirt. If capitalism to a show-down fight in the unforgot- you draw a line somewhere to the left of the ten thirties and appeared to be all set to mount Hearst press and to the right of the New York the barricades with fountain pens unsheathed? Time was when it seemed that a section of the sition of our absconding highbrows. Even Henry American intelligentsia, quartered in New York, was at long last preparing to emulate that renowned band of educated people in western Eur- ing" is much too radical, too far to the left, for ope and old Russia who so bravely revolted against the spiritual stagnation and decay of ism outshout all others in their zeal, as the man bourgeois society, abandoned their own class in disgust and contempt, formulated and popular- vently than the Christians of longer standing ized the socialist doctrines of the proletariat, and and surer conviction. placed themselves at the head of its emancipa-. tion struggle.

uttered challenges of the American intellectuals war and explained that workers' internationalism displays the greatest power at the moment. to be immeasurably greater than their

Times you will identify the present political po-Wallace with his populist-pacifist blather about the "common man" and "peace by understandthem. These newly converted servitors of capitalwho came to Christ late in life prayed more fer-

GLORIFY CAPITALISM

Alas, the hopes aroused by the vociferously the class struggle, declaimed against imperialist to the other, always attracted to the side which

they take time out from ballyhooing the "Truman Doctrine" to deliver little homilies about fidence man, on the well-known virtues of "morality." They are just about as independentand just about as moral-as advertising copywriters or the authors of radio commercials, including the singing variety.

The dominating fact of present-day society is bourgeoisie and the proletariat, the outcome of which will decide the fate of humanity. No individual and no other class can be "independent" or neutral in this struggle. All must take sides and serve or follow one of the great classes or the other. The powerless, in-between, pettybourgeois class, which is incapable of maintain-Professor Sidney Hook, who once expounded ing an independent policy, swings from one side

alone can lead to peace and socialism, now re- The New York intellectuals, unknown to themyeals in the New York Times Magazine that the selves, are simply verifying this Marxist political writers, journalists and serious thinkers who didn't basic conflict of our age is that between "de- law by swinging over to the dominant power of stop to think would be comical-were it not for Professor James Burnham once informed us, bourgeois class to which they belong. At the of the new generation of students who have been with straight-faced solemnity, that for him "so- present time American monopoly capitalism gives led into a blind alley of pessimism and resignacialism is a moral ideal." Today, with the force- the appearance of invincible power. That is what tion by these educated Judas goats. It is really worshipping mentality of a fastist and the ir- determines the current predilection of the petty- too bad that the young generation in the uniresponsibility of an idiot shouting "fire" in a bourgeois class to side with the monopolists versities, including the veterans who have re-

Their desertion, of course, is not evidence of the elimination of the class struggle, which most critical crook, mammon-serving sky pilot or con- of them discovered late and soon forgot. It is a sign, rather, of its sharpening and intensification-a process which exerts its pressure everywhere and squeezes people into their proper places.

The working class of America is taking these the struggle between the two great classes, the defections in stride, building up great organizations, tempering them in struggle and looking ever more confidently to a better future. That is the greatest assurance that the present state of affairs, which is not good for the great majority of the people, can and will be changed for the better, for the workers have the power to change what needs to be changed and to do what needs to be done.

JUDAS GOATS '

| man dignity they present a most unattractive, hate us - because we are witnesses to their treachery. Our existence and our struggle are Their performance borders on obscenity when evidence against them and a reproach to them. front the blood is spreading per-

capacity to fulfill them. The contrast between their showing and that of the revolutionary intellectuals of Europe and Czarist Russia is appalling to contemplate. The latter went ahead of the workers' movement, organized it, supplied it with ideological weapons and inspired it to strive for great goals.

ABANDONED MISSION

-with only a very few exceptions - abandoned the mission they had undertaken just at the time when the workers, rising out of nothingness, moved under their own power to create gigantic organizations which boldly engaged in head-on struggle against the most powerful monopolists. Great class battles have taken place, and more momentous ones are in preparation. The workers are on the march. But all is quiet on the intellectual front. The imperialists "pacified" that sector without a fight.

The American intellectuals didn't simply step out for a rest, like tired warriors nursing their wounds after a hard campaign. They quit before the fight got really started. They took it on the lam. They deserted and betrayed. Their well-advertised revolt against capitalism ended "not with a bang but a whimper."

The learned professors such as Hook and Burnham, the writers such as Eastman and Corey, and the journalists whose names are too numerous to mention, did not fall back to an independent middle position after they had deserted the workers whom they had promised to lead and the youth whom they had promised truly in the editorial stables of Time-Life-Fortune. to instruct. They went over to the enemy. unand such baggage as they had, and helped to lie the youth into the war.

mocracy" and "totalitarianism."

But here in America the radical intellectuals crowded theater, he incites the power-drunk against the workers.

American imperialists to convince the world of their benevolence by hurling atomic bombs. ism, now write other books in a directly oppo- be exploded in the course of further developments. like apples blighted by an untimely frost. site sense to justify and glorify capitalism. Max But the petty-bourgeois intellectuals would not his revolutionary cause, now writes like Herbert | analysis, deep thinking and foresight. Hoover, with the difference only that the style is better.

A fair-sized mob of journalists, who for a while served or aspired to serve the labor move- character which enables and even requires one of capitalist society in the United States will ment and the cause of internationalism, have to make a free choice of ideas regardless of ex- impel a section of the intelligentsia to revolt. the most conservative and reactionary newspapers' firmly to those which he considers to be right, and magazines and labor there to "slant" the to see a light and follow it regardless-the qualnews and poison the wells of public information. A considerable number of the more educated or lutionist from the functionary and the flunkey alone can save humanity from the abyss. more sophisticated radicals, ex-Trotskyists or almost Trotskyists, who fancied themselves to be palpitating New York intelligentsia who change the best representatives of militant labor will race-horses, so to speak-and of purest breed at their ideas according to changes of the weather open up a perspective of great promise for the that-now work as harness-broken dray horses and the atmospheric pressures of the day. hauling loads for Henry Luce, the "American Century" man, and contentedly munch their oats ism was writhing in the depths of the crisis, uals, depends entirely and exclusively on the One and all, these fugitives from the revoluconditionally and all the way, with all their bags tion think the late Thomas Wolfe was off base and physically annihilating the Trotskyist oppowhen he said. "You Can't Go Home Again." and refute him with pragmatic proof: "We can and

And they lost no time about it. With the most we did." To anyone who values and respects hu-



-even this kind of independence is alien to the

In the early thirties, when American capitalwhile the Soviet Union under Stalin seemed to be going forward from one success to anotherizers of the "Artists and Writers Committee for Foster and Ford" in 1932.

Later on, when the economic conjuncture in dead bury the dead. capitalist America began to improve, at the same time that some spots began to show up on the Soviet sun, our doughty fellow-travelers began to travel in another direction, from Stalin and Browder to Roosevelt and Truman, some of them detouring and tipping their hats to Trotsky on the way.

CAPITALIST FLUNKIES

These "independent thinkers" haven't the least idea what it means and what it takes to fight for an idea independently, against any odds whatever. They only know how to serve a power, not to create one of their own. And these professional "moralists" don't bother much about honesty and scrupulousness in practice.

In their apologist propaganda for American 'democracy," they systematically throw the Stalinists and the Trotskyists together into one sack which they label alternatively "communist" and "totalitarian"-although they are well aware of the fundamental differences between these mortally antagonistic tendencies. Their venomous hatred of the Trotskyists has the same profound psychological basis as that of the Stalinists. They hate us for the same reason that the Stalinists

The terrified rout of the New York professors. the present day, along with the rest of the petty- the sadly disappointed and betrayed hopes turned to their studies bitter and disillusioned, To be sure, the present picture of social relations have been temporarily disoriented by the circumis somewhat deceptive. The "invincibility" of stance that those ideologists, whom they had Authors like Lewis Corey, who once wrote Marx- American imperialism is only the temporary and a right to look to for enlightenment and guidist books against capitalism in favor of social- superficial appearance of things and is certain to ance, turned rotten before they became ripe,

The workers, too, need the forces of enlight-Eastman, the original champion of Trotsky and know about that, for they are not much given to enment and progress which a section of the educated classes, as individuals, can supply, No one can be "independent" in the struggle and did supply so notably in Europe and old between the great classes. But even in the more Russia. It will happen here too. There can limited sense of the term, the independence of be no doubt that the further disintegration comfortably settled back into editorial spots on ternal circumstances and pressures, and to hold This revolt will acquire great significance when it leads them, as it must, to join forces with the labor movement in the revolutionary struggle for ity which most precisely distinguishes the revo- the socialist transformation of society, which

> This union of revolutionary intellectuals with leadership of the coming American revolution. But this promise, from the side of the intellectnew generation now approaching maturity.

The workers will make the emancipating revolution in any case, but the task will be easier sition in the process-the present day profes- if the young intellectuals contribute reinforcesional anti-Stalinists were nearly all fellow-trav- ments to the leadership in time. For that they elers of Stalinism, sponsors of the Stalinist must look forward, not backward. The shame-"League Against War and Fascism" and organ-less traitors of the old generation are spiritually dead, and there is no such thing as resurrection. Cross them off. Look to the living and let the

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Stalinism and Anti-Stalinism.)

The preamble of the old IWW, on which a whole generation of worker-militants was raised and taught the class struggle, began with the declaration: "The working class and the employing class have nothing in common." This is certainly true as far as social interests are concerned.

The struggle between the classes never ceases and cannot cease until the workers are completely victorious. The social evils which plague the world today, and even threaten the continued existence and future development of civilization, are due fundamentally to the fact that the international proletarian revolution, the necessary precursor of world socialism, has been unduly retarded and delayed. Out-lived and decadent capitalism is stretching out the period of its decline — or rather, its death agony with very good results in the National Maritime Union. -for too long a time. Capitalism is the root of the evil.

The overthrow of capitalism is the historic mission of the working class, and all of its daily struggles are instinctively directed to this end. When this struggle becomes conscious and properly organized and led, the downfall of capitalism and the beginning of socialism will be equally assured. Power is on the side of the workers, thanks to their numbers and their strategic social position. They cannot fail to be victorious once they get a clear view and understanding of the central requirement: that their policy be anti-capitalist, and that their organizations and their activities be independent, free from capitalist influences and agencies. This is the core of what Marxism teaches us about the politics of the working class.

The foregoing considerations fully apply to the problem of Stalinism, which is one of the agencies of capitalism in the labor movement, and the fight against it. The advanced workers above all must give thought to this problem and work out their policy from an independent class standpoint. Stalinism helps the capitalists by introducing disruption, confusion and demoralization into the labor in all other Stalinist-dominated unions and will always movement, and sells its services to the capitalists in this be the case in the future. But these previous revolts. indestructive capacity. To be sure, Stalinism tries to drive a hard bargain with the imperialists. The bargaining over the terms of betrayal sets up conflicts and irritations, as tionary, red-baiting place-hunters. They simply made at the present time in the United States, which give the false appearance of a revolutionary struggle.

Stalinism Agency Of Imperialism

This, however, does not change the essential fact that Stalinism is essentially an agency of world imperialism in the labor movement of the advanced countries, as well as in the colonial world. But for Stalinism, all of continental Europe would long since have been united in a Federation of Socialist Republics. Even today, after all that has happened, after all the harm that has been done and all the destruction that has been wrought, not a single shakable. But the logic of the class struggle proved to capitalist regime would stand up for a month in continental Europe unless it was propped up and supported by Stalinism, the "loyal opposition,"

It is from this point of view that the fight against Stalinism must be conducted—as an integral part of the general fight against capitalism. It should be clear that the about a split even in the Communist Party fraction which advanced workers need a class policy for this fight as for dominated the union. With that, came a split in the union all others, and one that is completely independent. For this fight the workers need and can expect no help from the capitalists; it is stupidly incongruous to speculate, on it

(Ed. Note: This is the eighth of a series of articles on American | in these cases. That is not to be desired, for they are a real menace to the trade union movement and must be fought tooth and nail. They try to stigmatize every criticism of their wrecking activities as "red-baiting," but this dodge

is playing out. There is no reason why we should take their definition and refrain from the struggle against them just because some stupid reactionaries are also fighting them, from another point of view.

The thing is to put the fight on the proper basis and conduct i, from the standpoint of the interests of the working class. That means to fight the red-baiters without covering up or shielding the criminal record of the Stalinists. It means, no less, to fight the Stalinists without falling into the booby-trap set by the reactionary red-baiters. This discrimination is not so difficult as it may appear. It has been done. From all indications it is being done right now

The Stalinist machine has controlled the NMU since it was first organized ten years ago. They have run things there, as they do in every union that falls under their control, with brutal disregard for the wishes and interests of the workers. The union was converted into a political instrument of the Communist Party, and made to serve every zigzag of policy in conformity with the interests and demands of the Kremlin. At the same time, the union apparatus was converted into a happy hunting-ground for careerists and bureaucrats. The chief qualification required to secure their places on the swollen payroll was that they be always ready to carry out any and every policy dictated by the Stalinist machine, regardless of how it might affect the interests of the workers who paid the dues.

Stalinist Treachery Provokes Revolts

The treacherous policies and bureaucratic brutality of the Stalinist machine in the NMU provoked more than one revolt in the ranks in the past, as has been the case spired in the main by the justified resentment of honest workers, fell under the leadership of ignorant, reacgood punching-bags for the Stalinist demagogues in the 'ideological" struggle, and couldn't even hold their own in the physical struggle which they, like so many of their breed, imagined could accomplish everything. They found out that muscle-stuff is a game that more than one side can play at, just as the Stalinists, who are addicted to the same theory, are finding out now and will find out in-

creasingly, as the tide of revolt rises against them. The Stalinists, following their regular procedure, manipulated the expulsion of their leading opponents. All opposition was driven underground. For a long time the CP stranglehold on the union seemed to be absolutely unbe stronger than the bureaucratic machine of Stalinism. The anti-worker policy followed by the leadership of the NMU during the war went to such monstrous lengths of cynicism and betrayal that it stored up a tremendous reserve of resentment in the ranks. Finally, this brought apparatus and the creation of conditions for the real sentiment of the rank and file to assert itself.

The new opposition attacked the Stalinist machine not for a moment. The workers need rather to get rid of the for its radicalism but for its conservatism, for its betrayal agents of capitalism — and that means all of them. "Class of the interests of the workers in the trade union fight against class" must be the guiding line for the fight against against the shipowners. President Curran, who had long perience of the NMU: (1) The masses are stronger than been a fellow-traveller of the Stalinists, took the leadership any bureaucratic apparatus, whether it is a trade union insufficient. The current red-baiting campaign is inspired and di- of the fight; and to his credit it must be said that on the apparatus or any other kind, and demonstrate it every rected by the exploiters of labor. They are more class- whole he has led it wisely and effectively, abstaining from time when they find an opening to break through and has been carried on with the use conscious than the workers and always try to keep their stupid and reactionary red-baiting, and fighting on issues have proper leadership. (2) The workers who mistakenly of materials which the Allies class interests in mind in elaborating any policy. Ostensibly of vital concern to the seamen in their daily struggle. The follow the Stalinists are also their victims, and by the found at hand when they came in the hospital in Frankfurt, 50 directed against the Stalinists alone—or the "Communists" rank and file of the union were only waiting for the signal, logic of the class struggle must come into conflict with in; since then these stocks of have miscarriages, either intenas they falsely label them, partly through ignorance and and have rallied around the anti-Stalinist leadership in the bureaucratic betrayers. Many of them can be counted partly through the design to confuse—the witch hunt is in what appears to be a very substantial majority. If the upon as reserves for the future in the victorious struggle reality directed against labor and the rights of labor in fight is continued along these lines, there is every reason against perfidious Stalinism—provided they are approached A large part of current producgeneral. Notice how intimately it is tied up with the pro- to be confident that victory will be assured and that with a worker policy, not a pro-capitalist one. gram of war preparation and anti-union legislation now an important union with a great future will be cleansed

Germany 1947: Four Flags Over A Ruin

advanced country in Europe.

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THOSE RESPONSIBLE

ened instead of improving.

Murdered By Stalin's GPU



ROBERT SHELDON HARTE 1915-1940

May 24 marks the 7th year since Robert Sheldon Harte, 25-year-old member of the Socialist Workers Party, New York Local, was kidnapped by Stalin's GPU and murdered near Mexico City.

Harte, one of Leon Trotsky's guards, was on duty the night of May 24, when a gang of Stalinists headed by David Alfaro Siqueiros, raided the Trotsky household in Coyoacan. The gang machine-gunned the bedroom where Leon Trotsky and his wife Natalia were sleeping, but by accident did not succeed in killing the aged revolutionary couple.

When the Stalinists fled, they kidnapped Harte and took him to a lonely cabin in the mountains. They killed him there to prevent him from later identifying the assailants

On this 7th anniversary of Harte's death, The Militant again salutes his memory. He fell victim in the struggle to build a better world; but his devotion to the socialist cause has served to inspire our entire movement and to help steel our ranks in carrying on the fight for which he gave his life.

By Ernest Germain

The Swiss weekly paper Die Weltwoche recently published a photograph of a completely destroyed section of Berlin. In the shapeless mass of ruins that stretched as far as the eye could see, the front of a building several stories high remained standing. Behind, the building had crumbled long ago; but the wall was 3

proudly surmounted by the flags in the British zone-to say nothof the four occupying powers, ing of the French zone which flags which dominated the scene has been plundered like a real of desolation. Four flags over a subject country by famished ruin: this is the symbol of Ger-French imperialism. many 1947, this is what world

We can say that the 66 milimperialism and criminal Stalinism have done to the most lion Germans who today live in the Reich-with its eastern Many American workers may provinces hacked off-receive for believe that the economic and their use only one-third of the cultural collapse of Germany resulted directly from war de- agricultural products and onestruction. They should get rid of tenth of the consumer goods which they received in 1938. This Despite the disastrous effects has caused a drop in the proof "area bombing" and the treductivity of labor to a third of mendous concentration of Russian artillery against the cities the pre-war level.

Everywhere there is a shortage of Eastern Germany, 80% of the German industrial po- of skilled labor, just as there is tential remained intact at the in general a shortage of men, and time of the armistice. The Ger- in the first instance of young man construction industry at men, because five and a half that time was strong enough so million prisoners of war have that, in the space of a few years, not yet been returned home. the rubble could have been Over 55% of the German populacleared away and the factories tion today are women. Only 23% of the workers in the iron and steel industry are under 35 years But after the bombing and the shelling, the imperialist and of age.

Along with the decomposition Stalinist master-pillagers fell of Germany's productive system upon Germany like a swarm of ocusts. In Berlin the Russians and the physical sapping of her population, there is a correspondgrabbed every last piece of equipment, including those used to ing distintegration of the economic and financial system. In clear and build roads. Instead the American zone-which is not of providing the German masses with new dwellings, even temthe worst-seven tons of merchandise go to the black marporary ones, they requisitioned ket for every three tons that thousands of buildings which reach the "official" market. The had escaped destruction, using them to house the personnel and mark has lost all value and is no longer good for anything but families of the occupation adthe purchase of rationed goods, the distribution of which is becoming more and more rare.

The responsibility for the slow The best illustration to the but sure degeneration of the en-German worker of how his labor tire social, economic and cultural power has gone up in smoke is life of Germany rests exclusive- that the most prevalent measure of value has become-the cigaly with the occupying powers, with the German capitalists who rette. Where any adminstiration have prostrated themselves be-* of the economy exists, what it fore these powers, and with the does is to rigidly organize the bureaucrats of the official parpoverty. In the office of the ties who give them constant provincial provisioning service in help in their task. Since the Hanover one can see a remarkarmistice, conditions have wors- able placard with 35,570 requests for a ration ticket for shoes. And The industrial potential of the there were exactly 980 pairs of country has fallen to about 60% shoes in the "official" stores. The outward and visible ruins of its pre-war level. Production itself has stagnated to an in- of Germany are mirrored no less credible degree. The figures show depressingly in the spirit of the 25% of the pre-war production people. The great majority of in the French zone, 27% in the ordinary men and women have British and Russian zones, 35% no other concern than getting in the American zone. But even bread or margarine for tomor-

talinism, as for all other lights of the workers.

being railroaded through Congress. That is no accident. of the Stalinist pestilence.

In part the red-baiting campaign is designed also as a diversion to distract attention from the ripening disturbances of the American social system and the mounting inequalities, injustices and deprivations inflicted upon the mass of the people. "Don't look at the harsh realities of American life. Don't think of your real troubles. Look at Russia and the 'reds'." To fall for this transparent fake requires a rather high degree of gullibility. For the American militants and trade unionists to join in a "united front" with the American exploiters for the prosecution of the red-baiting campaign would simply be to adopt a severely efficient method of cutting their own throats.

Labor Fakers Back Red-Baiting

Some labor leaders who understand or partly understand the truth of the matter are taking part in the redbaiting campaign stemming out of Washington, in the hope of buying immunity for themselves. Besides being unprincipled, that tactic is sheer folly. The campaign is aimed at all the organizations of the workers and will strike them all with increasing violence as it gathers momentum. The appetite of the red-baiting reactionaries the "closed Jewish economy" grows by what it feeds on. They become more aggressive which the Zionists have at- of the "national" industries - organization of Hashomer Hatwith every attempt at unprincipled appeasement offered tempted to build in Palestine to them by one section of the labor leaders or another.

Evidence is accumulating that the rank and file workers in the more progressive and democratic unions are Arab community. getting the pitch. They are taking a somewhat reserved, and in some places, even a hostile attitude toward the anti-red campaign, to the consternation of some shortsighted "progressive" labor fakers who thought they could easily dispose of their rivals and get themselves elected simply by raising the red scare.

In the recent election in Ford Local 600 of the UAW, of Arab workers. Owing to un- the Jewish masses to the level of owners) and their division by the largest local union in the world, the Association of interrupted subsidies from the Arab masses. Catholic Trade Unionists, the Roman Pope's foreign legion abroad, the Jewish agricultural in the American labor movement, led a well-organized, cooperatives could be organized bor movement has gone so far revolution which would be able boastful and confident "anti-Moscow" campaign. They suffered a completely unexpected disaster. The Thomas-Addes slate backed by the Stalinists swept the elections by a majority of 3 to 1. In the last convention of the CIO Electrical Workers, likewise, the red-baiting office hunters got a brutal and well-deserved beating.

The workers in the plants apparently took a more serious view of their problem as a whole than the red-baiters fense of this high standard of workers. This is why the power- tal, and the closing of the coun- wiped out between imperialist counted on. They apparently linked the anti-red drive living not only against Jewish ful Zionist trade union Hista- try to the import of capitalwith the drive against labor in general, and decided by their votes to give a rebuke to the opportunist labor politicians and reactionaries who tried to fish in the troubled In this sense this movement is olution not only can find no com- would put an end to their dream Jewish world in Palestine, means waters without bothering to present a serious program on typical of, a labor aristocracy union issues

Unfortunately, the Stalinists profited by the confusion guard its own privileges against metrically opposed to Zionist ob-1

Two important lessons can be drawn from the ex-

Stalinism can and will be defeated and cast out of the is true not only of indus- edemas. Prostitution and the labor movement. But the workers themselves must do it. trial production in the Russian (To be concluded next week.)

the eloquence of these figures is row. Children beg or steal-the schools are closed, and why work when the marks one gets in

wages can't buy even a halfpound of butter? tionally or through weakness. material have been exhausted. There are already too many children with rickets, tuberculosis, tion goes directly abroad. This or wasting away by starvation moral degradation of the popuzone but also of the coal output lation have reached a degree unprecedented in history. No one has any illusions about the present, and there are very few who preserve a feeble hope in the future. They had known the Germany of Hitler. Now they are learning what the Germany of

(The above is the first in a eries of articles on Germany industry to Arab workers; and 1947. Next week: The Four Germanies.)

Correction

the Big Four means.

In H. Vallin's second article on The Palestine Question in last week's Militant, the third sentence in the sixth paragraph which began, "Two Arab trade unions were organized in Palestine . . ." should have read as follows:

"Arab trade unionism which had existed for nearly two decades took a new lease on life and became rapidly radicalized after a series of splits and unifications."

The following sentence should also have been added to the end of the eighth paragraph:

"Faced with the growth of the workers' movement, the landlords were forced to somewhat modify their tactics and to admit a workers' representative to the Arab High Com-

The Arab Revolution And The Zionist Labor Movement

(Ed. Note: This is the third in a series of articles on The Pal-, jectives and interests. estine Question.)

By H. Vallin

Neither the Jewish terrorists, nor the leaders of the slogan of the Arab revolution in Arab masses and that they still the whole Middle East — is re-Jewish Agency nor the heads of the Arab parties are cap- garded with fear by Zionists, in Palestine an extremely powerful and advanced Jewish the departure of the British strikes which took place last on the basis of common interests. workers' movement lives and grows. Shouldn't it lead the troops, the Zionists fear the loss year were organized by the Arab struggle for the national and social emancipation of the the down-trodden and poverty- tion" against the Arab world. stricken mass of Arab workers masses? and peasants. The Jewish labor movement For this reason the Zionist sembly and immediate demoin Palestine was constructed on labor movement has collaborated cratic elections — this slogan a base of racial and national exclusiveness. This racial exclu- with might and main in the cam- meets with open hostility among siveness is based, in its turn, on paigns to boycott Arab products all the Zionists, including their in order to assure the prosperity extreme left wing, the centrist the prosperity on which rests zair. This organization struggles the privileged position of the for a "bi-national," Jewishand which completely separates Jewish masses. the Jewish community from the For this reason the Zionist la- posed to the immediate holding bor movement has been in the of democratic elections which Owing to a constant inflow of foreign capital and to the sup- forefront of the struggle for un- would inevitably give the parlia-

petty-bourgeois masses abroad, asmuch as the cessation of the who are the majority of the Jewish industry in Palestine has flow of foreign Jewish immi- country's population. been able to pay Jewish workers grants and capital threatens to The expropriation of the lands

wages far higher than the wages lower the standard of living of of the effendis (wealthy land-For this reason the Jewish la- this battle-cry of the agrarian on the basis of modern technolas to force Jewish employers to to arouse the mass of wretched ogy and could assure their memhire Jewish labor exclusively and fellaheen is cautiously avoided to prohibit the hiring of Arab by the Zionist labor organizabers a standard of living far superior to the Arab fellaheen workers in Jewish industries. And for this reason all the the sales of land to the Zionists (peasants).

The Jewish labor movement Zionist workers parties, until by the effendis. since its beginning has had as very recently, made no efforts to its essential function the de- organize jointly with the Arab terprises owned by foreign capi-

capitalist exploitation but also | drut organizes only Jewish work. | this slogan runs up against the | Arab revolution. and especially against Arab "pen- ers.

etration" into Jewish industry. which seeks above all to safe- even the workers, but are dia- privileged standard of living.

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a Palestinian Constituent As-

Arab State, but it is likewise op-

committees of poor peasants ----

natural that the Zionist labor or- party and Jewish-Arab trade The immediate withdrawal of ganizations have taken no steps unions; rooting out all prejudice British troops — this rallying up till now to organize, assist and all "paternalism" toward the slogan of the Arab revolution in or unleash the revolution of the Arab masses: opening up Jewish remain terrified by this perspecable of leading a consistent anti-imperialist struggle. Yet, even by Zionist workers. With tive. The joint Jewish-Arab forging a genuine fighting unity

> This first road demands enorof their most effective "protec- unions, and the Jewish workers mous immediate sacrifices of the who participated in them were Jewish workers in Palestine, but forced to do so because they were a minority and the action was it protects their existence in the confined exclusively to that tiny future and lays the foundation group of Jewish workers employ- for harmony between Arabs and ed and exploited by British im- Jews.

The second road, which has perialism. (The great majority of already arrived in a blind alley the Jewish proletariat employed by Jewish companies remained in the negotiations with imperpassive and even hostile to these ialism, will lead the Zionist lastrikes.) bor movement further and fur-The expulsion of imperialism ther into terrorism, as ineffec-

from the Middle East is the pri- tive as it is reactionary. While mary objective that the revolu- such desperate actions are cartionary movement must pursue ried on by the most active minport of the Jewish bourgeois and limited Jewish immigration, in- mentary majority to the Arabs in that part of the world. It ority, the majority will tend more should be clear to every ad- and more to accept miserable vanced worker who analyzes the compromises offering only shreds situation without prejudice that of the Zionist dreams.

This second road could very this objective can be realized only through the Arab revolution well lead to the complete exterand under the leadership of the mination of the Jewish community in Palestine during the Arab workers' movement. Under explosion of the coming Arab these circumstances the Jewish labor movement of Palestine revolution.

confronts the following dilemma: (To be concluded next week.) Whether to abandon its Zion-

tions for it would end forever ist illusions and integrate itself fraternally in the Arab revolution:

The expropriation of all en-Or to cling desperately to its Zionist positions and risk being resistance and the mounting

savage opposition of the Zion-The first road, which is the The objectives of the Arab rev- ist organizations, because it only road of salvation for the mon ground with the Zionists, of colonization and also to their abandoning all political and eco-

nomic racism. It requires organ-116 University Pl. Consequently it is therefore izing a Jewish-Arab workers

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"We have entered an epoch when the periods of economic revival are short-lived, while the periods of depression become deeper and deeper." Leon Trotsky

An Emergency Appeal

We wish to call attention to the current campaign of the American Committee for European Workers Relief to cable food packages to the starvation zones in Germany. The Militant endorses this campaign and asks all its readers to do everything they can to support it.

In many working class districts in the industrial areas of Germany the ration is now below 650 calories a day. This is about two medium-sized slices of bread, three times a day-less than the bread and water diet inflicted in some American prisons as a cruel punishment for infractions of discipline.

The German workers suffering under this hunger regime are the same ones who were victims of the Nazis for 12 years. Most of the workers receiving aid from the American Committee for European Workers Relief, for example, are former concentration camp prisoners. After five to ten years in the Nazi hell holes, their health is so shattered they cannot long endure starvation.

The answer of the American military authorlies to the piteous cries of the German workis for food is a brutal warning that the death penalty will be inflicted if these victims do anything more than die quietly. The answer of the American workers to the appeal of their class brothers for food must be a generous and warm-hearted response.

Speed is essential. Consequently the ACEWR has arranged to cable food packages. Companies now holding food stockpiles in Holland, Denmark, Switzerland and Germany itself will deliver food packages containing ten pounds of high-calory foods for \$13.50. These emergency packages can mean the difference between life and death for many survivors of the Nazi concentration camps.

the actions of the candidates, such as they could have exercised through a labor party. Nevertheless, the challenge to Big Business domination of politics inspired the workers to participate actively in the struggle. And even though this was their first campaign, they missed winning full control of the nine-member Council by only a very small margin.

Correctly applied, the lessons of Oakland point the way to meet the anti-labor offensive in Washington. A 24-hour nation-wide general protest strike would proclaim in language that Congress and the White House could understand that the workers will not tolerate slave labor laws. Such a protest demonstration would be a hundred times more effective in combating anti-labor legislation than petitions, letters to Congressmen and radio speeches.

And along with these mass demonstrations the labor movement should proceed at once to organize its own political power and kick out the Democratic and Republican politicians whose subservience to the corporations constitutes an ever-growing threat to the very existence of a free labor movement. That means the creation of an independent labor party, based on the unions, and responsive to the desires of the masses.

Class Legislation

When Truman signed the anti-portal pay act, he put his name on one of the most barefaced pieces of class legislation that has been passed in some time. This measure robs the workers of the money they had coming for work already performed. It outlaws most future claims and seriously cripples the possibility of filing even such claims as are still legally permitted.

What particularly underlines the class character of this legislation is its contrast to such notorious measures as the tax refund bill. Where billions of dollars in profits were involved, Congress opened up the sluices of the public treasury for the capitalists who had already heaped up the greatest war profits in all history.

Truman signed the anti-portal pay act precisely when current profits have soared to new and unprecedented levels. The day before Truman put his signature to the measure, the Wall Street Journal announced a survey showing that the profits of 149 companies in 15 industrial groups averaged 282.7% for the first quarter of this year over the phenomenal profits for the same period of last year. The profits of 19 iron and steel companies were up even higher - 370.4%! General Motors alone raked in \$103,393,634 in the first three months of 1947.

While the capitalist profit-gougers thus stuffed their bank vaults, Congress and President Truman took away billions of dollars earned by the workers.

The passage of the anti-portal pay act once again demonstrates how the capitalist government legislates in accordance with the principle of soaking the poor and rewarding the



"I've got my belly full of listening to those workers' complaints!"



THERE ONCE WAS A SLAVE | the struggle of other sections of | though duped in many ways by by Shirley Graham, Julian society. He was in the forefront his associates in the Republican of the fight for women's suffrage, Party, during his later years, he Messner, Inc., 1947, 305 pp. \$3. universal free education and always fought courageously and Shirley Graham, a young Nerights for national minorities. fearlessly for what he belived to gro author, has done a commen-Douglass devoted his whole life dable job with this new biograto the struggle for the rights lutionary political action to gain phy of Frederick Douglass. It is of the downtrodden and oppresssuperior to another recent book ed everywhere, including par- guide in the struggle for full about Douglass, A Star Points ticipation in the struggle of the North by Edmund Fuller. Al-Irish for independence from though Shirley Graham starts England.

her work at the same point as After the abolition of slavery, Fuller-the experiences of Douhe devoted much of his time to gain an unde glass with the slave-breaker, the Colored National Labor Covey, she presents a more Union and became the editor of rounded picture of the ideas of The New Era, its weekly paper. Douglass the fighter for the He continued his struggle for a abolition of slavery. She relies united labor movement of white extensively upon direct quotaand black. In this connection, he tions from Douglass's speeches said, "The future of the freedand writings to make her porman is linked with the destiny trait of this truly great Negro of labor in America. Negroes, leader a life-like work. thank God, are workers."

Douglass was the foremost ex-Apparently the author is not ponent of political action as a too familiar with this phase of Crow, and since this grip has means of abolishing slavery, as the life of Douglass for she sows opposed to the moral persuasion some confusion on this point. methods of Garrison. Moreover, She intimates, for instance, that the fight for freedom from slav- it was Douglass who steered the ery brought him into contact Republican Party away from free, that is, a socialist America. with, and later leadership of, unionism. This is not true. Al-

be right. His advocacy of revosocial reforms still serves as a economic, political and social equality for Negroes.

The book can be profitably read by workers who wish to nding of the life and stru of Frederick Douglass; they will find the reading interesting and vivid.

The banner of John Brown, which he left to Douglass to be unfurled only when the Negro perple have been fully liberated and attained full social equality, still lies in its casing. Douglass did not see fit to unfurl it in a country still in the grip of Jim not relaxed till this day, it remains a challenge to the fighters, white and Negro, for a fully -John Fredericks

Fear Grips Wall St. As Stocks Nosedive

- By John G. Wright-

Wall Street has the jitters and has them bad. After sagging for many weeks, the stocks plummetted last Friday and Saturday to new lows. This latest crack-up has sent averages slithering below the panic levels of last October, when the stock market "discounted" the impending depression in a selling wave that sliced off 20 billion dollars from the total value of listed stocks.

Last year's stock market crash was Wall Street's vote of non-confidence in any lasting continuation of the frenzied postwar boom. The current crash is still another vote of non-confidence. If last year these financiers had no confidence at all that their own system could possibly avert a depression, then this year, with the depression already in its initial phase, these same financiers express their utter lack of confidence in the predictions of their own experts that the maturing crisis will be short-lived and relatively mild.

While admitting an unavoidable "recession," Wall Street prognosticators have claimed that nothing more will be involved than an over-all decline of production of less than 20% and a corresponding drop in price levels. Moreover, according to them, the whole process should spend its force by the beginning of 1948 when a new revival must set in. According to capitalist theory - and practice - the stock market is supposed to take into account economic developments approximately one year in advance. Consequently, having already "discounted" the depression last October, the stock market should now be booming (or at least be stabilized) in expectation. of the prosperous days to come in 1948. Yet we witness just the opposite.

Wall Street does not trust its own prognosticators because it is haunted by the memories of 1929 when it proved impossible to find any way out of the depression through the "normal" operations of the capitalist system. Today it sees no guarantees whatever that the same situation will not be repeated.

On the other hand, Wall Street is well aware that most of the conditions underlying the postwar boom (war-time shortages and scarcities, unprecedented prosperity in agriculture, relatively high purchasing power of the masses, etc.) will indeed not be repeated in the next period. Yet despite these highly favorable conditions, the first signs of the liquidation of the boom appeared less than seven months ago. This brief interval sufficed to glut the market in the non-durable consumer goods (textiles, shoes, clothing), to saturate the durable sector (radios. tires, household appliances) and to cut the ground from under capital construction (housing, plant expansion, construction in general).

An economy that proved so vulnerable in prosperity could readily lose all of its vitality with the onset of adverse conditions.

Wall Street is affected not only by dire forebodings of what the future may bring but also by more immediate considerations. Even a 20% cut in production may mean slashes of 50% and much more in profits. Before the depression has fully set in, several corporations have already suspended payments of dividends. What then will happen on the morrow?

While awaiting a definitive answer to these key questions, Wall Street obviously prefers to lay heavy stress on the unfavorable factors. This will determine its general trend, amid minor fluctuations, in the next period, namely: downward, and at an ever dizzier pace.



All checks and money orders should be sent to the American Committee for European Workers Relief, 130 West 23rd Street, New York 11, N. Y.

Oakland Lessons

The workers of Oakland, Calif., are teaching valuable lessons to the entire American labor movement. They are showing - in action - how to fight the anti-labor offensive and, what is more important, how to beat it on both the economic and political fields.

When the corrupt Republican city machine provided police protection for professional strike-breakers in the Kahns and Hastings department store strike last December, over 100,-000 workers in the city quit work. Their magnificent two-day general strike forced the city administration to back down and withdraw escorts for the strikebreakers.

Labor solidarity, backed by militant demonstrations of power — this is the way to answer the enemies of labor. But the Oakland labor movement did not stop there. Its members understood that while they had compelled the corrupt city machine to retreat, they could expect new attacks so long as the Boss politicians held power in City Hall.

So the unions, united in the Joint Labor Committee to Combat Anti-Labor Legislation, took the next logical step. They entered the political struggle by helping to sponsor the Oakland Voters League and a slate of candidates for the City Council.

Despite a fierce red-baiting campaign launched by the incumbent machine and the boss press, the unions were able in last week's election to kick out four of the Republican Council, including the Mayor, and to elect four candidates on the Voters League slate.

The labor campaign suffered from a number of shortcomings - it was hastily organized; its program did not go far enough; the rank and file did not have sufficient control over



During World War II, the capitalist propagandists made a number of glowing promises about the kind of postwar world Wall Street intended to build. One of their promises was "freedom from fear."

'Freedom From Fear'

Two scientists have just released a report on germ-warfare which shows just how much this promise was worth. This report has been "voluntarily" withheld since 1942. Only five years later are the people permitted to know the dreadful horrors in store for them in a new war.

Doctors Rosebury and Kabat have compiled all the known diseases and bacteria. They have carefully selcted the most deadly, easilyspread plagues, capable of infecting entire cities and industrial areas. Out of a total of 60 known germs and viruses, these specialists single out 33 capable of reducing whole populations to a pile of corpses.

Botulinis toxin, 10,000 times deadlier than potassium cyanide, is the "most potent of all gastro-intestinal poisons," which could be dropped by planes to infect water supplies and cause a mortality of 82% of all infected.

Leptospira germs causing fever and jaundice "could be maintained and transferred in the field" to contaminate foods and water supplies.

Anthrax bacillus is considered as "surpassed by few micro-organisms in infectivity." Pneumonic plague could be transmitted by air to start a "devastating epidemic" and for these reasons may be considered "superlative."

Wholesale spreading of influenza "may serve as an effective weapon." The viruses of measles and mumps are "almost ideal choices."

Among "the most useful agents of bacterial warfare" are listed; psitacosis, or parrot's disease; mysterious glanders afflictions which attack the skin, bones and lungs; such fevers as tularemia. brucella melitensis, yellow fever, dengue fever and spotted fever.

All these are proved mass killers and labelled as "superlative." Others are still in process of investigation and elaboration, and, since this 1942 report, have been "improved."

The War Department has been "perfecting" all these germs for use in the war they consider inevitable. The germ killers which in 1942-were 'possibilities" have already become realities.

Such is American capitalism. Such is the outlived system which now enlists, as adjunct to the atomic bomb, the worst diseases and viruses for use in a Third World War.

Capitalism thus serves notice of its utter incapacity to guarantee security. It serves notice that only the destruction of this bankrupt system can save the people from these new and frightful means of mass destruction. Only a Socialist society can save mankind from the horrors of atomic and bacteriological warfare.

By Arthur Burch French capitalism cannot pos- | part and sharpen the class strug-France has become the sibly emerge from the mounting gle.

On French Working Class

Fate Of Europe Now Hinges

testing ground between the inflationary spiral except by The main obstacle holding forces of imperialism and forcing still greater hardships on back the French working class the workers. the revolutionary working class. Out of the unfolding rebelling against low living perience with this monstrous dedeep economic and political standards, the capitalists are formity in the labor movement, crisis will emerge either the So- driven to establish dictatorial more than the German workers cialist United States of Europe rule over the working class or before Hitler's rise to power or or a continent submerged un- face a further deepening of the the Spanish workers at the time der the heels of capitalist dic- social crisis. With financial aid of the Civil War. The advanced tatorship. Just as the failure from American imperialism they French workers have not only of the German workers to take hope to allay this crisis long witnessed the betrayals of Stalpower after the first world war enough to lay the groundwork inism in those countries but have led to the rise of Hitler and the for a de Gaulle dictatorship. second world slaughter, so would the failure of the French work- that it must have a quiescent call the Stalinist sellouts in the ers to take power in the coming Europe if it is to be successful pre-war days of the Popular period fortify world reaction and in subjugating the world and de- Front, their recent treachery encourage American imperialism stroying nationalized property to usher in World War III. in the Soviet Union. And France

The French workers had powtoday holds the key to Europe. er in their grasp in 1944 when Within its borders is the most Hitler's armies were driven out strongly organized and most poof the country. Many French litical working class, which cancapitalists fled or went into hidnot so easily be duped a second ing. Armed workers took over time by de Gaulle. American many cities and factories and imperialism knows that de Gaulle were in a strategic position to cannot strangle the French seize the balance. But treachworking class without its aid. ery within the working class enabled the French industrialists BACKED BY FORCE

to regroup their forces and hold ialism today attempts to bribe on to power. STALINIST TREACHERY

The Communist Party, which and supplies-but it holds the ening. This was most dramatthen controlled and still domin- cannon in reserve. Washington ically demonstrated by the Renates the strong French trade un- plans to repeat in France the ault strike which was initiated dastardly crimes enacted by Hit- and carried through by shop ion, movement, strangled the insurgent working class. Under ler and Mussolini in Spain. Un- leaders in direct opposition to the terms of Stalin's deal with der no circumstances will it per- the Stalinist stooges in the trade Roosevelt and Churchill, the CP mit France to become a satellite union leadership and in the idolized the fascist-minded de of the Soviet Union. It will do management of the nationalized Gaulle, rallied the workers be- everything possible to assist de plant. Among these rank and hind his banner and forced the Gaulle in promoting his dictator- file leaders were several Trotskyworkers' militias to give up their ship. arms and disband. The Stalin-The proclamation of the Tru-

ists became ministers in the gov- man Doctrine has already pro- suppress the strike movement, ernment of the same de Gaulle duced a profound political re- the Stalinist bureaucrats at a who today openly plots dictator- alignment in France. De Gaulle crucial meeting labelled the strike ial rule over the French people. is now speaking more openly and committee leaders as "Hitlero-The French Communist Party boldly of dictatorship while the Trotskyists." This time their

thus played the same Judas role Socialist Party leaders have poisonous accusation boomeras did the German Social Demo- screwed up courage to oust the anged. The 20,000 workers prescratic leaders who in 1919 turned Stalinist ministers from the cab- ent angrily shouted down the power back to the German in- inet. Since the new government Stalinist slanderers and drove dustrialists, helped to suppress does not have the allegiance of them out of the hall. the revolutionary workers and the working class, its life-span

entered the government to save will be brief. the decaying capitalist system. The recent strike at the Ren- have drawn important conclus-What now for the French ault auto plant against the wish- ions from their experiences since workers? Is their cause hope- es of the trade union bureau- the "liberation." They are beless? Or will new opportunities cracy, and the wave of sympathy ginning to turn upon the Stalinpresent themselves as in Ger- strikes in its wake, show that the ist betrayers and look for guidmany in 1932? All signs indicate French workers are once more in ance to the program and ranks that a second chance is close at a fighting mood. As French re- of the Fourth International. hand. French economy is in a cri- action, prodded by American im- Herein lies the great hope for tical condition, suffering from perialism takes further steps the future of the French labor

terials and an unstable currency. up a stronger resistance on their socialism in Europe.

low productivity, lack of raw ma- against the workers, it will stir movement and the struggle for

is Stalinism. The French work-Since the workers are already ers have had considerable exjust gone through some sad ex-The United States realizes periences of their own. They reagainst the Indo-Chinese masses, and above all against the French workers at home.

The Stalinists still hold the dominant position in the trade unions; although they utilize the workers' struggles merely as pressure on the imperialists to make another deal with the Kremlin, they still strive to maintain leadership of strikes they cannot head off.

On the one hand U.S. imper- HOLD IS WEAKENING

But the Stalinist stranglehold the French workers with food on the French workers is weakists.

In their desperate attempts to

This incident shows that the advanced workers in France Will Kill 15,000 Women - By Leigh Ray-

In an article called "Abortion Is An Ugly Word." Patricia Lockridge reports that out of about 4 million pregnancies in the United States this year 750,-000 will end in self-induced, or illegal, abortions. As a result, 15,000 women will lose their lives and many thousands more will suffer sterility and permanent injuries. (Womens Home Companion, March, 1947.)

The author says that "90% of all illegal abortions are induced by married women between the ages of 25 and 35 who are already the mothers of two or three children." Overcrowded housing conditions, insufficient family incomes to care for the children already born, drunken and brutal husbands, and desertion are the specific reasons listed for the bulk of these abortions.

What can be done to help these women? The article proposes to stop the sale of dangerous abortifacients, forbid the sale of other drugs without a doctor's prescription, and publicize the dangers of self-attempted abortions at home. But police regulations will not solve the problems; they will only make them worse.

In a society where graft and greed rule, such rules will be evaded. Under prohibition enormous profits were made from the illicit liquor traffic. And recent experience with rationing has shown to what lengths people will go to get what they consider necessities even at exorbitant prices.

Today these desperate women face possible loss of health and life, pay up to \$500 for illegal abortions, and waste millions each year on useless medieines to avoid any addition to the already heavy load of family life. They will not be stopped by further restrictions from seeking some means of preventing unwanted births, no matter how much police, priests, social workers or doctors hold up their hands in horror.

What is urgently needed is not new restrictions but the abolition of existing restrictions. Doctors should be freely permitted to give abortions to all women who desire them and ample medical facilities should be provided to them. All bans should be lifted on the spreading of birth control information. But the problem of abortion is basically a social problem, an economic one. The poverty, ignorance, bigotry and oppression bred by capitalism is primarily responsible for this suppression of life.

Only a socialist society where goods are produced for the use of all, and not for the profit of a few, can provide the security required to solve these and other family problems. Under such a society, women for the first time will be able to become mothers without fear that their children will grow up in ignorance and want.

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

White-Negro Unity **In Telephone Strike** Editor:

At a strike meeting last week our counsel. Henry Mayer, reported that Southwestern Bell Co., had offered the union a contract which would cover only white employes. Since the colored telephone workers had helped to build this union, this Jim-Crow contract was indignantly rejected by the Southwestern Telephone Union. The contract which was finally signed covered all workers and this attempt by AT&T to divide and weaken the union turned out to be a dud, due to the correct stand of the union.

This is an example of the new labor solidarity which is making headway in the South. Working together in their unions, the black and white workers are changing the South from the open shop haven it used to be for all the big manufacturers.

A Western Electric Worker Kearny, N. J.

San Diego Cops Beat Nearo War Veteran Editor:

The Lighthouse, a San Diego erro newspaper, reports anothshocking case of police brutality. On April 19, five police-

men, Bruno, Webb, Bradshaw. R. A. Ritchey and one more as unidentified, entered Patrick's Cafe on 4th and F Streets. They took Paul Jackson, trumpet player of Benny Waters' Band, directly from the bandstand, although they had no specific charge against him. At vana, Cuba, a politician broke a secluded spot near the bay, all precedents when he committhey took turns beating him.

son, "of being too familiar with promises. This exemplary devowhite women because of the many friends I have acquired since coming to San Diego as a musician."

Bruno, after striking Jackson, horn?'

Jackson, who is a veteran wounded in World War II, answered, "Yes."

Another cop hit him in the ton.'

"Southern Justice . . He asked for very little, The right to watch a lark A'tumbling in the heavens, When twilight turns to

dark . . . The beauty of magnolias Deep drowsing in the sun, their waking hours. The dew-drenched hush morning Before a day's begun .. . Now, these are only mem'rie:

Finds Storekeeping

Is No Easy Life

average worker.

duced from 125.)

ing money, it's called.

ob.

months

Editor:

Along with velvet skies, Whose stars were oft' reflected Within his wondering eyes . . His world, eternal blackness, Long, everlasting night-The gift of heartless creatures Who took away his sight . . But though a man is tortured His cause cannot be slain.

And we'll demand grim reck'ning For Isaac Woodard's pain! -Eddie Dumaine

son was held incommunicado for 72 hours and then released on bail.

This case is only the latest of a series of such outrages during recent months. Letters protesting the tactics of the police, are apparently dumped into Police Chief Peterson's waste basket.

And the capitalist press, including the "liberal" Journal, has maintained a conspiracy of silence. A Reader

San Diego, Calif.

Mayor Of Havana Sets Worthy Example Editor:

Last week in the city of Hated suicide because he was un-"They accused me," said Jack- able to fulfill his campaign tion to the public deserves to be For Ohio Bell Tel. imported to America. Editor:

This Cuban trail-blazer took his life over a comparatively unimportant issue; he promised to asked, "Now do you think you build a new water works. When can go back and play that City Council members thwarted his plans he did the only hon-

orable and logical thing; he shot himself squarely in the heart. Should the noble act of this pioneer become a custom in hope that J. P. C. will "keep 'em coming."

mouth. "We don't need you black America, as it should, the city bastards in town. You should be halls, state legislatures, Congress down in Louisiana picking cot- and even the White House, to papers last week, the AFL Clevesay nothing of the courts, would land Citizen and the CIO Union

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Webb, who has an unsavory soon be littered with the car- Leader, I was surprised to find record of similar brutalities, casses of the multitude of poli- a large ad by the Ohio Bell Telswore at Jackson: "You black ticians-of-the-promise who do ephone Co., offering \$1,000 reson-of-a-bitch, we'll teach you not match the word with the ward for information leading to to play around with our women." deed. the apprehension of persons After an hour and forty min-Unpleasant as this sight might damaging their cables! utes of this torture, Webb said: be to some, the only result would Both unions voted to support "Let's take the black bastard be the complete self-annihila- the strike of the telephone workdown and book him on some- tion of the Democratic and Re- ers for decent wages. As a unthing.' publican parties. Meanwhile, just ion member, I'm ashamed to see The "something" finally agreed in. case this commendable deed union papers take up the cudupon by the five cops was "con- fails to find imitators among gels for the Ohio Bell Telephone spiracy." This complaint, to- present American office holders, Co. Or must union principles ther with "vagrancy," con- we believe that a party of labor be sacrificed for the almighty tutes the favorite charge of based upon the principle of strict dollar?

Oakland Labor Movement Deals Stiff Blow To Long-Entrenched Republican Machine

lature. Implicit in all the dis-

They are already turning over

we've got to watch them."

be expected.

(Continued from Page 1)

We hope that the politicians who have promised us peace, gers of the "left coalition." The the elections, the Retail Employfreedom from want, freedom from fear and numerous other the Voters League slate. not unimportant benefits will now begin to search their souls,

lest the ghost of the late Mayor of Havana haunt their slumber and cast a fearsome shadow on

Joseph Andrews Milton Genecin Akron, Ohio ed with illegal action for refusing to sell time to the Voters

League. CLEAN CAMPAIGN

Because of the recent death of my father, I've been forced to run a small candy store with my Unions donated funds and furn- tions, the SWP saw the possimother. I've come to learn that ished full time election workers. bility of a labor party movethe life of the small store-keeper A Negro Labor Committee was ment growing out of the camset up to bring the issues to the paign. large Negro population of West Together my mother and I

manage to make a living by working 108 hours a week. (A few years ago, the hours were reelectioneering work. Running a store from 6 a.m.

to midnight has its bitter moments. It is pitiful to seeso often during the day - mothers who cannot buy a malted milk at 20c for their children: and grown children who are allotted 5c or 10c a day to have their fill of "luxuries." Spend-Very frequently housewives are forced to ask for a few cents

play could match. credit till "my husbands finds a The sissue which kept the Well, here I am worrying about hese poor people who come into the store, but it won't be many before we've been squeezed out of business too.

sections of the middle class.

The recent issues of the paper have been especially good. I'm the unions; defeat would signal glad, too, that J. P. C.'s "Note- a broad open shop drive by the book of An Agitator" has made employers. its reapparance. I've always en-

TEST OF STRENGTH joyed it and readers that I've

polled say these spicy articles add much to the paper. We all professional strikebreakers last

Looking through the union

sion" and to emphasize the dan- On May 10, three days before cussions in the capitol is how far this new power, the joint Communist Party, however, re- ers Association capitulated and political action of the labor movement, will go to weaken or frained from officially endorsing came to an agreement with the defeat their anti-labor plans. striking union. An interim agree-The old line politicians have been Big money was spent by the ment was signed, giving the unmachine on every type of print- | ion exclusive bargaining rights, dealt a strong blow. ed material, radio ads; billboards, maintenance of membership and WHAT NEXT sound trucks, etc. Station KLX, continuation of seniority right. owned by Knowland, which car- Wage increases still under nealso been discussing the victory.

ried frequent blurbs endorsing gotiation are retroactive to May the incumbents, has been charg- 9. Thus the effectiveness of political action in achieving economic gains was driven home. The Socialist Workers Party

came out in active support of the Voters League slate. Although The Voters League, on the critical of the candidates and other hand, conducted a straight- their mild reform program, esforward campaign designed to pecially of their attempt to be get out the maximum labor vote. "impartial" in 'abor-boss rela-

speeches before unions and per- urged greater action by the un- tants, on the other hand, are

Headed by the Warehouse Local mediately turned their efforts to organize the defeat of the capi- with 26 subs. Miriam Gae (East banners, all gave the demonstra- left-wingers of the new group. Voters League. tion a spirit which no artifici- Whether Smith and Weakley As the debate sharpens over ist Youth Group who combined ally built old style political dis- will continue their campaign policy on these vital questions, for a total of 10 subs."

affiliations remains to be seen." participation by the ranks, al-All political circles are buzz- ready increasing, will grow rasides sharply divided was the ing about the "labor victory." pidly and result in a greater ma-Kahns and Hastings strike. The The shock was felt in the state turity in solving the problems seven-month-old strike of the capitol, where Governor Warren facing labor. This great working two department stores posed the has been debating whether or class is moving forward rapidly. He has 16 subs to his credit, but have already placed The Miliquestion "which side are you on" not to sign the anti-labor "hot Oakland is a milestone on the to every trade unionist and large cargo" bill passed by the legis- road.



SEATTLE, May 16 - The classes at the same time that he in 36 subs for the week. Seattle branch of the Socialist participated in all the branch's Workers Party mourns the death activities and spread his social-

of Comrade Hilding Olson. He ist ideas on the job. The day he disappeared on May 1 and he died was to have been the day lar Militant readers. Rena Breshi reach their goal of 50 subs for was found drowned in Lake Un- of his acceptance into the Lum-When the city administration ion yesterday, near the Burke ber and Sawmill Workers Unprovided police protection for Millworks where he worked. | ion, where he intended to take promise that Boston "will have Hilding-or Swede as we knew his place as a front line fighter more renewals in a short while." December, the unions retaliated him - was a lumber worker. He in defense of the workers' stand-

with the now famous general joined the Socialist Workers ard of living. strike. When the teamsters with- Party on March 14 of this year. Farewell, Comrade Swede! We drew their support under orders From that day to the day of his shall miss you from our ranks. from international President To- untimely death he was an active We will miss your good nature,

bin and Vice-president Beck, a builder of the party. The last your courage, and your devotion out and got 11 more subscriptions long stalemate ensued. The people who saw him alive were as we carry on the battle for to The Militant. strike became a test of strength. workers he had come to visit in your socialist ideas.



"The membership of New York | ficult task and such a percentage

in their minds the question of Local mobilized last Sunday is well-nigh perfect. what next. General reaction is: morning in the first lap of its "Three of the four teams in "We put the candidates in. Now new-type subscription cam- the branch did a fine job. The paign," reports Harry Gold. Red Lions were tops with 32 The Voters League will remain "This plan calls for one city- subs. The Red Quartet was not on the scene as a political or- wide mobilization a month, con- far behind with 28 subs. The ganization, and the next period centrating all forces in one de- Red Stars were in third place will be occupied with shaping the signated area of the city. with 27 subs. So with these close permanent organization. On this "At the end of the morning's scores it shows that the compequestion some sharp battles can work in the Harlem area, the tition was close and healthy. The

score was 93 six-month subs. 9 members of the winning team Some sections of labor, includ- one-year, and a one-year com- will each receive a six-month reing the Stalinists, will undoubt- bination sub to The Militant and newal to The Militant or some edly want to attach the Voters Fourth International, making a equivalent literature. Comrade SWP members supported the League to either the Republican grand total of 103 subs. In addi- Gregory came out as the highest Oakland. Mailings, sound trucks, activities of the Voters League, or Democratic Party. Union miliindividual sub-getter, having 19 "Prizes to the top-scoring subs. She will receive a bound sonal contact completed the ions and actively helped in pre- stressing the need to establish branch and the three high-scor- volume of The Militant or the cinct work. The Workers Party a permanent political organiza- ing individual comrades are to F.I. Comrade Jack O'Connel was tion based on the trade unions. be awarded on a three-month the second highest sub-getter

Using the lessons of the past basis. with 15. Comrades Burns and knowledged the severe defeat of weeks they point to the fact that "The East Side branch made Martin tied for third place with minutes to pass a single point. the old-guard machine, and im- labor, and only labor, is able to high score among the branches 14 subs each."

6 Drum Corps, the sound trucks, splitting the new councilmen. talist parties and machines. What Side) copped first place with 6 the floats representing many un- The Tribune carries a story that they want is greater local union subs. She was closely trailed by more Militant readers to the list ions and the Negro Labor Com- "Lantz and Pease have been representation and control over Sid Winn (Bedford-Stuyvesant) this week and "will try to send mittee, the colorful flares and generally regarded as extreme the policies and activities of the with 5 subs and Viola Charles more subs next week." and Edith Green of the Trotsky-

the business end of The Militant Comrade Frank is out in front for Los Angeles Local, the newly in the Chicago sub race that will formed Watts unit of the Southdecide who is going to "BE THE side branch is going to town. CHAMP AND GO TO CAMP." The comrades in the Watts unit Comrade Howard Smith is not tant on two newsstands and are far behind with 12 subs. The making a name for themselves in chance of winning a week's va- sub-getting. Comrade Lynn states cation at Mid-West Vacation that "this new unit is a very Camp and School, situated in active one, its composition being central Michigan, is adding zest mainly industrial." to Chicago Local's campaign. The socialist competition brought

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Boston's campaign to get re-Francisco sent in 6, remarking newal subs is winning many reguthat although they didn't quite forwarded the 20 renewal-subs April, they hope they will make secured during the week with a it during May.

Beverley Wise of Oakland says: "We are hitting renewals in Oakland where the Socialist Workers "The weather has been against Party is participating in the us," writes Pauline Ryder of election campaign of the labor Philadelphia. But in spite of movement against the Republithe weather, the comrades went can machine."

Connecticut State added.

According to a report from Al

Lynn, who is again handling

The comrades in the Bay Area

are doing a job on subs these

days. Comrade Lambeth of San

Recently we appealed for fin-

On the issue of this strike, which was run under the direction of the Central Labor Council and opposed by the powerful Retail Merchants Association, neither side would back down. Victory would be a great gain for

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The union campaign was cli- played a similar role.

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the formation of the Joint La- For years as a farm hand in bor Committee to Combat Anti- Minnesota and an industrial **Strikers Defy** Labor Legislation with AFL, CIO worker in Seattle, Swede was and railroad unions participat- deeply troubled by the injusing. It was this committee which helped sponsor the Oskland Vot helped sponsor the Oakland Vot- talist world. He was groping for helped sponsor the Oakland vol-ers League and swung the un-a solution when a comrade met Columbiana him at the mill. He had already

The Teamsters Joint Coun- hit on a partial answer, which YOUNGSTOWN, MAY 17cil was the only section of labor he expressed in the following which did not support the Voters slogan of his own devising: The workers at a small steel League. After the general strike "Stop all development in the line fabricating plant here in they withdrew from the Central of 'national defense' and con- nearby Columbiana have Labor Council and the strike centrate on slum clearance - gone out on strike for a union on building homes for the poor." shop contract. Their employer, the teamsters, endorsed the in- This approach led him to accept- the F. C. Russell Co., has refused Camp and School which will ance of the full socialist pro- to renew the union shop clause open its fourth season on June

gram advocated by our party. Once in our ranks, Swede was



Twelve Chicago members of the

The speaker of the evening, T. Pioneer 10c pamphlets at a Pro- therhood locals and lodges have G. Selander, State Secretary of gressive Citizens of America the Ohio SWP, described the film rally for Henry A. Wallace on in the union movement consider

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Mid-West Camp **Opens June 29**

in for the Mid-West Vacation in their contract.

The company has retaliated nine weeks, concluding Septemeager to study Marxist science against the 100% solid strike by ber 2, the Labor Day Weekend. and thus equip himself more securing an injunction against The Mid-West Camp is operadequately for the class battles mass picketing. This has only ated on a cooperative basis to workers' families are having a ahead. He read our literature made the workers more deter- provide workers and their famavidly, attended meetings and mined to fight the issue out to a liles with a vacation at reason- jumps in the cost of living. These victory. They took the injunc- able rates and an opportunity to

tion in a cheerful mood, going study problems of the labor proof of their understanding of up to the sheriff and asking to movement under Marxist instructors, William F. Warde, SWP Nabe served. Those who got no copy tional Educational Director, will of the court order served on them felt slighted by the oversight.

The union local is appealing to organized labor throughout the miles from Jackson, Michigan. \$5. district for support, and many The main dormitory and dining Socialist Workers Party sold 253 of the AFL, CIO and R.R. Brocome to its aid. Local militants this strike as a focal point in well prepared.

receipt of reservations.

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workers can spare. The response to this request renewed our fighting energy. A 29. The camp season will run for number of these old friends of The Militant immediately sent in what they could. For many this meant real sacrifice - most tough time keeping up with the contributions, therefore, are real the great role The Militant plays in the fight for a better world. We want to especially acbe in charge of the educational knowledge our thanks to W. S. The camp is situated on a of New York City, who sent us lovely wooded slope overlooking \$1 and to S. H. of Spring Valley, Little Pleasant Lake, about ten N. Y., who sent in a check for

And our thanks to W. T. of hall are situated on the lake Buffalo who made a pledge shore. Rooms are light, clean, to send \$5 every week for three airy. The camp is equipped with months. To help us out of our all modern improvements, in- immediate financial difficulties, cluding showers with hot and W. T. sent the entire \$60 of this cold water. Food is plentiful and pledge in advance. That's The Militant spirit.

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Ball Point Frankenstein

-By Joseph Hansen-

Stockholders in the fountain pen industry are worried about the future. They feel they've got a frankenstein monster on their hands - the

ball point pen. Not so much the gadget itself as the capacity to produce it.

During the war, fountain pen manufacturers busied themselves extracting profits out of fat armament contracts. Meanwhile, in lush ads, they

bade us be patient for the time being about getting a fountain pen - in the fabulous postwar world they would present us with a streamlined, feather-touch life-time, sky-flow, instantstarting, dip-less, micro-polished, dries-as-itwrites "writing instrument hooded against air, dirt and damage." Naturally, those ads, coupled with a big shortage of pens and a few surplus dollars created quite a demand.

Then exactly one year and 7 months ago the ball point pen hit this market which the manufacturers had imagined would last for years. The new creation not only did everything claimed for the old pens, but did it under water - cold, hot or running!

The first ones sold from \$12.50 to \$18. Most of these clogged up, jammed or oozed a puddle of ink, but the profits were sensational. The number of pen manufacturers quickly swelled from the pre-war figure of 60 to nearly 200.

Productive capacity shot up like a geyser. The public was given another instructive lesson in the capacity of American industry to produce. Total production of all types of fountain pens is

now around 3,000,000 a week - about 150,000,-000 a year-more than three times the pre-war figure:

But the population of the country is only around 140,000,000. So if every man, woman and child in the United States should throw away their old pens and each buy a new one in the next year, there would still be about 10,000,000 left over.

As a result prices have come down like a pigeon hit by a shot gun. Reynolds is dumping his pen for less than a dollar. Some brands are down to 38 cents. In a few weeks the price is expected to drop to a quarter. By the Fourth of July, informed opinion is that they will be given away as souvenirs.

The Fountain Pen and Mechanical Pencil Manufacturers Association has rushed to the government, demanding intervention by the Federal Trade Commission — they always squeal for government help when prices drop.

Sales have crumpled, some big retail outlets reporting them as much as 80% below last year. And in the last 60 days about two dozen ball point pen companies have hauled down the house flag and kicked their workers out on the streets. One manufacturer told the Wall Street Journal, "Some of the regular pen makers are getting ready to hang crepe on the door, too, unless business picks up."

Even the tiny ball at the point of the modern fountain pen, it seems, faithfully mirrors the working of the entire capitalist system. It's boom and bust!

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Thousands Out Of Work In Rhode Island Slump

AFL And CIO Leaders Discuss Unity



Top leaders of the AFL and CIO shown in Washington, at a conference to discuss the possibility of merger. No agreement was reached when the AFL leaders rejected CIO demands for guarantees to preserve industrial unionism. Left to right: AFL President William Green, CIO President Philip Murray, President Dan Tobin of the AFL International Brotherhood of Teamsters, and John L. Lewis of the AFL United Mine Workers. Federated Pictures

The Negro Struggle Plenty Of Jobs – At Low Pay -By Larry Carter-

Our Negro Veterans, a Public Affairs Pamphlet by Charles Bolte and Louis Harris, gives a factual picture of job opportunities for Negro veterans. The pamphlet is



based upon a series of surveys by the Census Bureau, the National Urban League, the Southern Regional Council and the American Veterans Committee. Thirty one percent of Negro

veterans need good jobs, and their number one concern is just that. The lack of decent jobs is the chief cause of our more aggravated housing and living conditions. G.I. education and job training do not fill the bill. Job training is ineffectual and education itself in the long run is dependent upon decent jobs, not the other way around as some people contend.

It is found, for example, that "in town after town in Georgia, Negro vets are being offered jobs at twelve, eighteen, and twenty dollars a week." You can't buy food, much less get education on that kind of money. Though anxious for training "in electrical, sheet metal, plumbing, machinist and other crafts, no Negro veterans are receiving such training.'

Even in the best training programs, colored vets are outnumbered by whites fifty to one because of their inability to get admission. Particularly in the South where "in twelve states of 102,200 people receiving on-the-job training, only 7,700 are Negroes." Only one of twelve vets getting this training is colored, though one out of three in the area is colored. On-the-job training as in everything else is "for whites only." In the North the situation is but little better.

Many vets acquired skills in the army and seek similar work in private industry. But the bosses have no place for us in skilled jobs, they've only the menial porter work and unskilled labor for us.

It has always been said that our failure to get skilled jobs was the result of our lack of skilled training. During the war there was a marked increase in the number of trained Negroes. Despite this we are still denied decent job opportunities.

As this pamphlet shows, there is little consolation for the Negro veteran even in the present "boom" conditions. And you do not have to be an economic expert to know there is a "bust" coming soon

It is certain that the solution to this basic problem cannot be found in reliance on the government or its agencies. Governmental agencies excuse their failures to give the Negro vet a square deal by the miserable argument that they would be "discriminating if they dealt specially with minority problems." In fact in many respects the government is the chief proponent of Jim Crow and inequality. Let's not forget the Army and Navy where we were second-class soldiers and sailors.

No, the Negro veterans have to look elsewhere for help; they have to look to the labor movement. Together with the unions and the veterans organizations which support the fight against discriminatory conditions, they must hammer out a program of action to win decent job opportunities. And then they must fight to make the employers and the government accept this program.

Vote For Dunne Shows Rising Interest In SWP

By Grace Carlson

MINNEAPOLIS, May 16 - Vincent R. Dunne, Social- man of Minneapolis and Minneist Workers Party candidate for Mayor of Minneapolis, re- sota" in 1945, supported the ceived 908 votes in the May 12 primary election, according port of the JAC, various civic to the report of the canvassing board released here today. Dunne ran seventh in a field.

of 13 mayoralty candidates. |30,459 votes - 28% of the total Unofficial returns published in vote. The other 10 mayoralty ficial labor movement, enabled the most depressing one witthe press the day after the election gave the SWP candidate than 10% of the vote.

1,069 votes, Action of the offi- Humphrey was endorsed for cial canvassing board in invali- re-election by the entire trade dating "mutilated" and "impro- union movement - AFL, CIO, perly-marked" ballots and in and RR Brotherhoods. Although correcting election clerks' reports he is an outstanding Democrat, reduced the SWP vote to 908. Humphrey was also supported by Although the Minneapolis city the three Republican newspars elections are "legally" on a non- pers of the city. The mayor's basis many of the can- strikebreaking record in the tele-tion in the Democratic-Farmer-few weeks may well run into

phrey "the outstanding young groups, many "outstanding citizens" and all of the "liberals" of the city, together with the ofpeople's choice.'

The Communist Party election campaign gave left-handed support to Humphrey. Although the, Stalinists entered Robert Kelly as a candidate for Mayor, their over-all situation has been growagitation centered around the Labor Party and their dominant thousands, involving workers of

What has happened in Rhode Island in the past few weeks should be placed on the agenda of every union body in America for discussion.

At the height of the post-

war boom in this highly in- officials, is a slump reaching the dustrialized area, a few spotty dips occurred. Nothing to The Rhode Island experience

be alarmed at, said the capital- holds grave lessons for labor ist prognosticators - nothing throughout America. First it more than the temporary shutdemonstrates how swiftly unemting down of a half dozen or so ployment can spread once the woolen mills.

peak of the boom is passed and No cause for alarm even when the bust begins. The enormous finishers and printing (cloth) productive capacity of American

plants went on half time. Nor industry leads to such floods of when shoelace mills slowed down goods that when the pipelines production and worsted began are full and the buying outlets curtailing output. checked, the terrific back pres-This slowdown, explained the sure smashes into the industrial

capitalist economic pundits, was machine like a hydraulic ram, nothing more than a reflection stopping all the pistons and of growing "consumer resistance" wheels. to high prices.

Secondly, the decline in Rhode The United States' Employ- Island demonstrates the comment Service complacently plete incapacity of the capitalagreed with this optimistic claim. ists and their government to halt In its March labor report it ad- this process. Their solution is to mitted the dips but pointed to unload the whole burden of the continued production and even crisis on the backs of the worksome gains in other industries. |ers, turning them out on the LERUPT CHANGE streets when the warehouses are

filled. Then with an abruptness that The unions must draw the corstaggered these prophets the picture changed completely. Un- rect lesson and act in time, othemployment accelerated like a erwise they face the grave freight car turned loose on a danger of being caught short, steep grade. What startled the throughout the country in an capitalists was the way the swift unemployment disaster trandecline spread into other indust- scending the experience of the Thirties. ries.

In a few days the USES was The unions must begin fight-

flooded with workers hunting ing at once for a shortening of jobs. The USES, panicked by the hours but at no decrease in pay. deluge, hastily notified the re- The Packinghouse Workers, for cipients of its reports to disre- instance, are demanding a 30 gard the March analysis. It had hour week but at 40 hours pay. A more far - reaching demand become meaningless.

Plants throughout Rhode Is- would be a sliding scale of hours land were asking for hundreds of -to divide up all the available additional release forms from hours of employment among all the USES. Said officials: "The the available workers, but at no current labor market situation is decrease in take-home pay.

If the unions wait too long, nessed in this state since the end mass unemployment can so unof the war. It is marked by low- dermine their strength that they ered activity, labor reductions, may be unable to exert suffiincreasing unemployment, and cient pressure to ensure adopdoubtful prospects in most seg- tion of a program adequate to ments of business and industry." meet the looming crisis. Since March, they added, "the



Best Of All Possible Worlds

and George nite the injuries of his fall climbed up on the Edward Seafried stopped reading the editorial columns that tell about capitalism being the

best of all possible worlds. Either that, or both of them looked at the advancing postwar depression and decided that the realities of the capitalist world differ considerably from the propaganda about its beauties.

... Solomon Rosbach was a 54year-old New York diamond merchant. According to a nephew, he became "depressed over the falling price of diamonds." Lash week he paid \$1.20 for a ticket to the 86th floor observation tower of the Empire State building.

At 4 p.m. a guard noticed him staring out over the world's greatest city from this lofty viewpoint. Two hours later Rossbach was still looking over the maze of streets and skyscrapers that is the capital of Wall Street's empire.

"Haven't you seen enough yet?" asked the guard.

Evidently Rossbach had seen enough, for a few seconds later he jumped over the parapet. The guard, recalling that sometimes would-be suicides do not clear the 85th floor ledge, raced down the stairs. Rossbach had not cleared the ledge.

While the guard struggled to open a window and seize Rossbach, the diamond merchant des-

parapet. He slid across the stone, hung for a moment or two by his finger tips, and then fell. George Edward Seafried was 13 years older

than Rossbach, A clerk, employed by an engineering firm, he was notified that his services were no longer needed. The firm had decided to reduce its staff. As is normal under capitalism. the axe hit the dead wood first, dead wood like clerks who have passed their 67th birthday.

Seafried didn't pay \$1.20 to go up into the Empire State building. He paid a nickel and went down into the subway. A BMT worker saw him sitting on a bench in the Woodhaven station staring at a scrap of paper.

A train pulled out, leaving the jobless man alone. The next person to see him was Motorman Leo Cyr in the cab of a train that roared into the station from Jamaica.

Cyr saw the discharged clerk lying on his back, stretched across the tracks. His hands were folded across his chest as if he were lying in a coffin. His eves were open, but looking upwardnot at the onrushing train.

"If he had been three feet further down the track I wouldn't have hit him," the motorman

These two incidents, buried in the columns of the daily press, serve to indicate that the propaganda of the editorial writers does not always succeed in convincing everyone that capitalism is the best of all possible worlds.

bert Humphrey, endorsed by the his red-baiting activities make Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party him an acceptable choice to the received 68,056 votes - 62% of most astute capitalists of the the total. Frank Collins, who was city.

party endorsements Mayor Hu- ance of the Truman Doctrine

endorsed by the Hennepin The Junior Association of County Republican Club received Commerce, which named Hum-



PHILADELPHIA, May 20-In a statement issued by the Joint Anti-Fascist Committee of the Socialist Workers Mayor in 1943. Party and Workers Party, the Communist Party here was asked to examine its failure 9-

to participate in the May 1 dirtying Philadelphia with his anti - Smith demonstration filthy fascist propaganda . . . "We take this opportunity to and to join in the establishremind you that it was the failment of a United Anti-Fascist ure of the workers' forces to Committee which could prepare unite in Germany that made posa hot reception for the fascist sible Hitler's rise to power and leader the next time he comes brought in its train the conseto Philadelphia. quent misery and destruction of

The statement, addressed to war. the Communist Party, recalled that "Upon short notice, 24 hours to be exact, the Joint Anti-Fascist Committee of the Socialist Workers Party and the Workers Party sounded the alarm to the Philadelphia labor movement regarding Smith's scheduled meeting . . .

"Your party, along with the untold suffering by carrying on AYD, and all other labor and a vigilant struggle against him workers' political organizations. were asked to join in a united demonstration against the Fascist Gerald L. K. Smith . . .

"Some 200 workers demonstrated their anti-fascist sentievening. The picket line was his fascist gangs; notably, those made up of token forces from of Minneapolis, Los Angeles, the trade union movement, the AYD, the AVC, and the forces available at such short notice of

A SERIOUS BLOW

"Your party, outside of a few stray individuals, was not presconsider your failure to muster against Gerald L. K. Smith, a tee which will be able to effect- The Democrats and Republi- . What do the labor leaders, the serious blow against the anti- ively organize such a mass outfascist struggle . . .

pated in the May Day Parade of dare return to Philadelphia." May 2, or even a portion of them, been able to prevent Smith from izer.

role in the CIO movement here, both sexes and in all occupathey received only 1,783 votes. Both screw much longer the

Dunne was the only candidate present decline in industry will who spoke out consistently continue cannot be ascertained; against Humphrey's treatment the employers themselves don't of the telephone strikers, his know."

red-baiting activities and his Workers still on the job in general anti-labor record. Votes Rhode Island are likewise feelfor the SWP candidate were re- ing the effect of the slow-down. corded in every ward of the city Schedules in heavy machinery, but the heaviest concentration machine tools and rubber plants came from the working class are being slashed from 48, 45 precincts. This year's SWP vote and $42\frac{1}{2}$ hour weeks to 40 hours. represented a 17% increase over This means a serious loss in the vote cast for Dunne for over-time pay.

What is happening, say USES

The Bi-Partisan Deal And **N.J.**Constitutional Convention

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to N. J. Constitutional

Convention

Thurs., May 29, 8:30 p.m.

Cadillac Restaurant

Halsey and Hill Streets

to how each will serve Big Busi-

Music

ness.

Refreshments

By Alan Kohlman NEWARK, N. J., May 20 -The bi-partisan deal cooked

up by Governor Driscoll as-"Every lesson of history teaches us that the struggle against sures the Republican and fascism is a continuous one. The Democratic parties complete time to hit the fascists is when control of the Constitutional they are numerically insignifi-Convention to be elected on cant, and their influence at a June 3. In Essex County, the biminimum. The time to fight partisan agreement fell through Gerald L. K. Smith is NOW. We when the "Clean Government" can save the American workers Republicans could not obtain "satisfactory" terms from the Democrats. The Democrats filed at the present time.

a slate, but shortly afterwards EFFECTIVE ACTION withdrew it. This leaves the Re-"Workers in other cities of the publicans with the only full slate United States have shown how in Essex, and guarantees them a effective united action can be in bigger control of the 81 dele-

ments in front of Town Hall that stopping Smith from organizing gates at the Convention. Chicago and Detroit.

"In the name of the martyrs as to which gang shall hold of- representatives of the bosses. candidates in the field. Such a of the concentration camps of fice. They compete for the spoils The "best" deceivers of the slate of independent unionists, the Socialist Workers Party and brave anti-fascist fighters who department superint endents superint endents and convention will be a boss- ands of CIO, AFL and phone gave their lives in the struggle compete for promotion to plant class Convention. against fascism, we ask that you superintendent. No matter which Governor Driscoll's formula of examine your failure to partici- super is selected, he will serve the "best men of both parties" pate in the anti-Smith demon- the company. No matter whether means the "best men" to entrench other counties, and the Republient at the demonstration. We stration on May 1. We ask that Republican or Democrat wins embellish and perfect the legali- can slate in Essex give pointed you join with us in setting up office at general election time, ties of monopoly capitalist rule emphasis to the urgent need to your members and followers a United Anti-Fascist Commit- he will serve the bosses.

publicans and Democrats, who are striving with might and main to pass new anti-labor bills at every opportunity? Such a course is treachery to labor.

Especially in Essex County where only the Republicans have a full slate - opposed by three Socialist Workers Party candidates and six other independents - just what do the CIO and AFL leaders propose to the workers? For whom should the workers vote? Let the labor leaders speak out.

The main lesson which every worker must draw from the bipartisan deal is the need and practicality to build the Labor

That is what Driscoll means Party now. It is obvious that the when he says "select the best labor leaders have been guilty As a rule the Repubicans and men from both parties." He of irresponsibility and absten-Democrats froth, fume and foam means the "best men" of the tionism by having failed to put a in competition with each other capitalist politicians. The "best" full slate of independent labor workers, could have given strong opposition to the Republicans.

Both the bi-partisan deal in of the state machinery. build the Labor Party.

Meanwhile, in Essex at least, cans can now get together and heads of the CIO, AFL and in- labor has an opportunity to oppouring of workers at Smith's make a bi-partisan deal on how dependent unions, propose to do pose the "best men" of capital, "Had the forces that partici- next appearance that he will not to re-write the Constitution, how about this bi-partisan deal? The to express a demand for the to perfect this state machinery union movement is on record for building of a Labor Party, to The joint statement was signed for the bosses. This is proof that Constitutional Revision. Let the support a working class program been involved in the anti-Smith by Max Geldman, SWP organ- they both are tools and agents leaders speak out: For whom can and working class candidates demonstration, we would have izer, and Jack Brad, WP organ- of Big Business, who can agree the workers vote? Can they sup- by voting for the ticket of the

on the "rules of the game" as port this joint coalition of Re- Socialist Workers Party.

the third week of their strike in Winston-Salem, N.C. CIO Food and Tobacco Workers officials have announced a nation-wide boycott of Camel cigarettes

port. Funds should be sent to FTA-CIO Local 22, 2471/2 N. Main St., Winston-Salem, N. C.

John F. Sonnett, U.S. lawyer who successfully prosecuted the United Mine Workers and broke the coal strike, has been rewarded with a promotion. He is now head of the anti-trust division of the Department of Justice.

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John Roosevelt, FDR's youngest son, explained he crossed AFL picket lines to get to work because, "We don't have any labor troubles here." Roosevelt is merchandise manager of Gravson's ready to wear chain. The Los Angeles Labor Council stated that 110 of the 140 Grayson employes were in the union but that the com-

The Centralia Coal Company, in whose mine 111 died March 25, has been indicted by a Grand Jury on two counts: insufficient rockdusting to prevent explosions and failure to provide pure

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pany had refused to bargain with them.



Notes From The News 10.000 Reynolds tobacco workers have entered air underground. If convicted, the company will

be liable to \$500 fines on each count at the maximum. Maximum penalty for smoking in the New York subways is \$500 fine and one year in prison. * * *

The Daily Worker has announced the publication of Inside Job, The Story of Trotskyite Intrigue in the Labor Movement. The author is Herb Tank whose claim to fame is another piece of fiction entitled Communists On The Waterfront.

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The State of Washington has set up a "Little Dies" Committee, more powerful than the Legislature which authorized it. There is no limit on the committee's funds. Overwhelming majorities of both Democratic and Republican legislators supported the bill.

A new and strengthened Federal Anti-Lynch bill was introduced in Congress last week. It provides penalties for lynchers and for state and local officials who hand victims over to lynch mobs. It would also make communities where a lynching takes place liable for civil damages to the families of the victim.

H. M. Sweatt, Negro student, has lost another round in his legal battle to gain admission to the lily-white University of Texas Law School. The NAACP-will take the case to a higher court.

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