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By George Lavan

The acquittal of 28 lynchers in Greenville, S. C., last week served notice on the country that lynch law is still supreme in the South. It means that race-hating white supremacists can brutally murder any Negro they wish and go scot-free.

many newspapers nailed the Greenville trial as a great step Acquittal Gives Many newspapers hailed the forward because it is the first vading the courtroom. The rights and lives of the Negro people were under discussion, but the Negro people had no voice in the proceedings. Not one Negro was in the panel from which the jury was drawn, nor did either side in the case even comment on this matter.

was somewhat unusual, there in Jackson, N. C. was nothing extraordinary about the kind of justice dispensed at | the trial. It completely conformthen murdered Willie Earle, a 24 year old Negro, were cleared heroes.

The South Carolina state auonly the motions. HANDY LOOPHOLE

The state with the help of the started screaming. A group of ant witnesses were put on the lynch mob. stand by the prosecutor.

Then Judge J. Richard Mar- warehouse to walk his girl friend tin accommodatingly ruled that home from the place across the the statements of the accused street where she worked. Some could be used only against the white citizens of Jackson have individual maker of the state- since verified this fact. ment and not against other de- In contrast to the trial and fendants named in them. This acquittal of the 28 Greenville

time such a case has been brought to trial in the south. Green Light To But there was nothing new about the Jim-Crow atmosphere per- More Lynchings

Acquittal of the lynch mob in Greenville, S. C., gave new encouragement to lynchers the jury, nor was any Negro on in other parts of the South. This was shown 28 hours after the Greenville trial, when a mob of armed men took Godwin Bush, While the holding of a trial 24-year old Negro, from the jail

Only Busch's quick thinking and action saved him from the ed to the general pattern of torture and murder that befell Southern lynch law justice. Willie Earle, the Greenville vic-Twenty-eight members of a mob tim. He broke away from the that sadistically tortured and mob and hid in the woods. After going without food for 48 hours of all charges. In fact, they em- he surrendered to the FBI and erged from the trial as local was taken to the State prison. The charges against Bush are

typical of the rape cases in the thorities, the judge and the FBI South. A white woman was went through the motions of walking along a dark row of toseeing that justice was done, but bacco warehouses when somebody stepped out of a doorway behind her. Immediately she

FBI drew up a case that had a white youths scoured the vicinhandy loophole. This loophole ity and seized young Bush. was the fact that the prosecu- Charged with attempted rape, tion's whole case rested on state- he was put in the jail and shortments of the accused. No import- ly thereafter kidnaped by the Bush often waited near the

The manifesto calls on the

their rulers in regard to Ger-

many. To the workers of the

"The oppression of Germany

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"The lowering of the stand-

"The same hyenas who pre-

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Lynch Mob Of 28 24-HOUR STRIKE DEMAND Set Free By Lily-White Jury MOUNTS THROUGH NATION

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THE MILITANT

Monster On The Loose



Ramadier Decrees Military Rule For 85,000 Utilities Workers

MAY 27 - Although the years in prison. Renault workers are back at Ramadier claimed that the by Stalinists) received only 800,work after winning signifi- current wave of strikes in France 000 votes although it lists more cant gains, the government were "incited" by "anarchists than one million members or crisis that was touched off and Trotskyists." The truth is the books; while the Catholics by their strike continues. Following the lead of the for wage increases.

ing is forcing workers to battle far more than their book mem-Renault workers, 85,000 workers While the government pre-

Federation of Labor dominated that the rise in the cost of liv- received more than 300,000 votes,

bership. The Stalinist leaders Henri Raynaud and Eugene Hen.

Truman Weighs Slave Labor Bill

Workers Of The World, Unite?

PUBLISHED WEEKLY IN THE INTERESTS OF THE WORKING PEOPLE

Truman's continued silveto the Taft-Hartley slave bodies joined in calling other SIU branches for considerlabor legislation is an om- for a nationwide 24-hour ation. inous sign. Couple this with strike to express work-House lieutenants and the Senate-House conferees, and you get a clear indication that Truman is seriously weighing signing the bill to wipe out decades of hard-won labor gains, or letting it become law without way among AFL unions as well. his signature.

legislation.

is now beginning to make head-

In New York City members of

the AFL Seafarers International

MIGHT SIGN

Union voted last week to ask The May 23 Wall Street Jour- AFL President William Green to nal reports Truman's attitude as arrange a one-day work stopfollows: page in conjunction with the CIO

"Whispering galleries echo talk and the independent unions. The that Truman will okay the Sen- proposal was also referred to ate labor bill.

"White House intimates have changed their tune. They're now **10,000 Protest** privately peddling the idea that the 'milder' Senate version is 'not too bad a bill.' Truman, Anti-Labor Bills they say, is not dead-set on a veto and might sign a measure In San Francisco along the lines of the Senate plan.

". . . Truman's counselors say an over-ridden veto-likely if he vetoes the Senate's bill-would hurt him more than union opposition. They discount union votegetting power in '48."

The conservative **Business** Week (May 24) says that a veto Center where a resolution was 's "assured if the President can count on more than a third of the Senate's votes." While the slave-labor bill. veto may come anyway, it appears clear that Truman would could not line up even 7 Senators in his own party.

AFL Unions Join CIO In Call Putting Okay On For Nation-Wide Stoppage

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While Senate-House conferees worked this / week to merge the Taft-Harley legislation into ence over whether he will a single union-smashing bill, more trade union

In Trenton, N. J., the Mercer reports about "busy rushing ing class opposition to County AFL Central Labor Un-ion adopted a similar resolution, back and forth" between White any form of slave labor explaining that such a work stoppage would dramatize labor's de-This demand for a huge mand for a presidential veto of

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the Taft-Hartley legislation. demonstration by all sections In New York a special meeting of the labor movement, which of the CIO National Maritime was first proposed by CIO Union voted in favor of a 24international and local unions, hour strike. This places both wings of maritime labor, AFL and CIO, on record as favoring a national protest action.

In Albany, N. Y., a state conference called by the State CIO Council voted unanimously to designate June 10 as "New York State CIO Veto Day," and to hold meetings and parades against the anti-labor legislation. A num-

ber of delegates proposed that the day be marked by a statewide work stoppage, declaring that the workers in the factories favored such action.

But State CIO President Louis Hollander would not let this proposal come to a vote. As "justi-SAN FRANCISCO, May 23 fication" for his bureaucratic -10,000 members of the CIO action he declared that the conplus one independent union, ference had no authority to decide this question. The individthe Marine Firemen, paraded up Market Street to protest ions, however, were permitted to anti-labor legislation last make their own decisions on the Saturday. The parade ended kind of protest demonstrations in a demonstration at the Civic they want on June 10.

The New York AFL Central adopted calling on President Trades and Labor Council will Truman to veto the Hartley-Taft hold a mass protest meeting against the anti-labor bills at

the defendants named Roosevelt not consider this evidence die in the electric chair after the against Hurd. Naturally each statement pic- minutes. The whole "trial" last-

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Call On Labor Of All Lands To Help The German Workers

ed three hours.

An important manifesto by the International Executive Committee of the Fourth International, calling for the creation of a "free, united German republic of workers and peasants," has been received in this country. Addressed to the workers of Europe and 9

says:

America, it urges opposition to annexations, reparations and workers of various lands to opthe dismemberment of Germany. pose the reactionary plans of

'The resounding failure of the Moscow Conference." declares the manifesto. "leaves the German problem femporarily 'unsolved.' But Germany is still covered with ruins, cut up into four occupation zones, under four different military dictatorships. man workers, the definitive The toiling masses are still the colonization of its riches by your prey of ruin, famine, lack of own monopoly capitalists - the clothing and housing. Their most very ones against whom you elementary needs are still unfulfilled after seven years of strike struggles since the end of war and privation. And the most elementary democratic rights are still denied them after twelve years of Fascist dictatorship.'

workers of the world: "Destroy workers will give a powerful the myth that the entire Ger- means of pressure to your capiman people are collectively re- talist exploiters to use against sponsible for starting the war! your own standard of living. Understand that the policy of The military dictatorship that AT&T employes. the Big Four, far from laying your generals want to perpetuate the foundations for a lasting in Germany is a training school peace, only prepares the starting for future would-be dictators of point for the race towards the the United States. Third World War. Don't forjust like the Versailles Treaty Washington also want to reduce on CIO affiliation. Moran indi-

after the First World War, will the German working class to cated he meant business by statonly create very fertile ground abject slavery. Your struggle ing he was submitting his resigfor the rebirth of another vio- against the greedy and reactionlent wave of chauvinism in Ger- ary policy of the American trusts NFTW. many."

In opposition to the secret dip- struggle for the recall of the other leading NFTW affiliates is evidenced by the fact that the low-cost building situation lomacy of the powers "who are American troops from Germany met with Murray and Haywood approximately 100,000 of the with the analysis that "the encarving up the living flesh of and against all the reparations in Atlantic City last week-end to 260,000 members of the NFTW tire home construction industry the peoples." continues the man- plans."

ifesto. "the Fourth International The full text of the manifesto | filiation and organization. re-affirms the inalienable right will appear in the June issue of of the German people to self- the magazine, Fourth Internadetermination." tional.

Brown, 25 year old Negro, in in the nationalized gas and elec-C. Hurd as the man who fired Sylvania, Ga. Charged with tric power services scheduled a the death shots, the jury could rape, Brown was sentenced to one-day strike for May 28 to emphasize their demand for a plans to carry out the strike. jury had been out only three 23% wage increase to meet the skyrocketing cost of living.

trol.

"The government's decision spokesman is reported to have The Ramadier regime, however, is committed to a policy of said; "and we shall go through with our plans to the bitter end." wage freezing and "sacrifices" The leadership of the union, by the workers. Although Ramadier and his associates call ist. Jacques Duclos, top shot themselves "socialists," actually Stalinist leader, has announced they are running the government that only "imbeciles" would call for the capitalist class of France. a general strike. And L'Human-Ramadier therefore met the ite, the Stalinist paper, said demands of the gas and electric there never was any question of workers with a typical weapon a "strike" but simply of a "demfrom the arsenal of capitalist onstration." governments. He invoked a 1939

The Stalinists have suffered a warfime law that does not lapse until next July and placed these industries under military con-The Ramadier decree calls for capitalist government.

the use of troops if the workers United States, the manifesto go ahead with their 24-hour strike. Savage penalties can be the government's workers secur- ing to preserve rent control, also inflicted on strikers-up to 5 ity fund. The CGT (General

CIO Now Organizing New Phone Workers International

MAY 26-The CIO is proceeding to organize a phone sions the real estate lobby will workers international union, it was announced by Phillip be able to wring from a joint ther development of your own Murray today. Allan S. Haywood, CIO Organization Direc- Senate-House Committee. In the

tor, has been named head of the D-Telephone Workers Organizing at levels far below their original The manifesto appeals to the ard of living of the German Committee which will receive fi- demands. They feel that only a joint committee, it is virtually nancial and material assistance strong centralized union can certain that so many loopholes from the CIO in building a pow- match the power of the highly and provisions for increases erful industrial union capable of centralized AT&T - Bell trust. would be made, that rent conembracing the 500,000 Bell and Their interest in the CIO wid- trol, while retained in name. ened as a result of CIO support would be smashed and at least

of their recent strike. Formal announcement of the Meanwhile, Joseph Beirne, rising cost of living. CIO developments came two days after John J. Moran, pres- president of the NFTW, which ident of the long-lines telephone had previously considered affili- consumers committees are soundworkers, announced that his un- ation to either the CIO or AFL, ing the warning on the dangers get that a new robbers' treaty, pare the anti-labor laws in ion was polling its membership announced that the NFTW was of rent boosts. Such inflationary nation as a vice-president of the

vention scheduled for June 9. In addition, representatives of discuss the problems of CIO af- were represented in the first is falling apart rapidly." Many phone workers have ex- wood. A second and larger con- retention of existing rent conpressed dissatisfaction with the ference is being scheduled next trols have been pigeonholed in

termination of their recent strike, | week-end in Philadelphia.

aff, who head the CGT list, came pared to use troops, the rank and in last. file of the union went ahead with

makes no difference to us," one Landlords Await **Rent Hikes As** The leadership of the union, however, happens to be Stalin-ist Jacques Duples top shot

> Millions of workers are faced with the threat of rent increases as the June 30 expiration of existing rent control nears without any Congressional action.

If Congress should adjourn great decline in the eyes of the without new legislation, land-French workers as a result of lords would have a holiday of their continued support of the rent hikes, backed up by eviction threats. At the present time,

This decline is reflected in the the House has passed the weak vote for officials to administer Wolcott bill which, while claimcontains the main idea of the real estate lobbies for "voluntary" 15% increases.

Meanwhile the Senate has pushed to the sidelines the Buck bill which gives regional and local boards the right to increase rents. The longer the Senate delays action, the more concesevent that the Wolcott and Buck bills are pieced together by a

15% increases slapped on to the Both the CIO and numerous

proceeding with plans to launch moves would bear down doubly the Communications Workers of hard on the workers because of America as an independent na- the critical housing shortage that tional union at a Miami con- worsens with every development. The National Public Housing The strength of the CIO move Conference has just summarized

meeting with Murray and Hay- All bills providing for the full both houses of Congress.

COULD BE SWUNG

The 7 needed Senators, meanuntary basis, with the largest while, are waiting to see what Truman "might care to tender house Local 6, which is set for hour labor holiday but also for in the way of post-offices, constrike on June 1. tracts and jobs," according to At the Civic Center the march-Business Week. This Wall Street mouthpiece does not mention Schnur, San Francisco CIO that they are also waiting to see Council secretary; Eugene Patwhat kind of demonstrations and how much political pressure the men; and Scott Weakley, one and the organization of joint labor movement is capable of or- of the victorious councilmen of mass meetings like the Cadillac ganizing in protest against the the Oakland Voters League Square rally in Detroit last anti-union legislation. which won the recent elections month. Some Senators could be swung,

in Oakland. In his address, says Business Week, if Truman Weakley called upon San Franwould outline precisely the type cisco workers to repeat what was ions made plans for additional of measure he would approve as accomplished in Oakland. He resubstitute. ceived a rousing hand.

The threat of congressional Madison Square Garden on June find it distasteful to reveal he attack and the June deadlines 4. AFL President Green will be on contracts with the CIO wa- the main speaker.

terfront and warehouse unions In Philadelphia, Westinghouse brought the workers out in num- Local 107 of the CIO United bers. Parading was on a vol- Electrical Workers voted unanimously at a membership meetturnout coming from CIO Ware- ing not only for a national 24a simultaneous march on Wash-

ington from every local union in ers were addressed by Paul the country.

In Buffalo, the Westinghouse UE local executive committee ton, president of the Warehouse- advocated a one-day stoppage

In scores of other industrial centers both CIO and AFL unjoint or separate local actions against the anti-labor drive.



• An Editorial

hangs over the American trade union move- | will sustain a veto. ment like a razor-sharp sword. The thin strand that may keep it from falling is a Taft-Hartley bills are. The public already possible presidential veto and a possible knows that the Republicans consider camswitch of 7 Senators from support of the paign promises nothing but scraps of paper. measure to support of this hoped-for veto. The public knows too that the Democrats The immediate question facing labor is share the guilt, although the AFL adverhow to assure this veto and the switch of tisements say nothing about this. The pubthese 7 Senators.

The trade union bureaucrats have given their answer to this burning question. They bill; and that in the Senate the Democrats have sent appeals to Truman to please re- split evenly on the Taft bill (21 to 21). ject this legislation. And the AFL officials have ear-marked \$1,500,000 for an adver- these conclusions. What they want now is tising and radio campaign to inform the action. They want to exert real pressure on public about the evils of this savage anti- Truman and Congress. labor measure. That is about all.

with specifications of the National Associlined how the bills violate the 13th amend-strike. ment to the Constitution. They have disclosed how the platform of the Republican Party championed "free labor" while the candidates of the Republican Party in office have championed slave labor.

But this is utterly inadequate. Truman organize an independent Labor Party! has responded to the prayers up to now with Mobilize on the political field and put lacontemptuous silence. None of the 7 Sen- bor's own representatives in office!

The Taft-Hartley slave labor legislation ators have indicated by a word that they

The public already knows how vicious the lic knows that in the House a majority of Democrats (93 to 84) supported the Hartley

The great mass of workers start from

This pressure can come only from dra-These advertisements have made some matic demonstrations and mass actions intelling points. They have told how the Taft- volving millions of participants. Resolu-Hartley bills were written in accordance tions passed by union bodies throughout the country show that what the union ranks ation of Manufacturers. They have under- want is a 24-hour nation-wide protest

> Moreover, this action is only the beginning of the militant steps they want to take to fight Wall Street's anti-labor drive. They want a definitive answer to the Taft-Hartley legislation. The way to do that is to

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THE MINITANT

Lynchers Set Free

SATURDAY, MAY 31, 1947

Notebook Of An Agitator

A Blood Transfusion

Things are not exactly what they used to be in and out of view, only their heads, rather their in South Carolina. The mob of 31 white men drawn faces, showing, like figures on a silent who lynched the Negro Willie Earle and admit- movie screen. ted it with ample detail in signed statements, were put to the inconvenience of a trial in court. That is something new. But it turned out to be a very small point, for the lynchers were all triumphantly acquitted and the dead man is still dead. That's the same old story. Lynch law is still riding high; the courtroom "trial" only added

a touch of mockery. Well, that's one way of handling the race problem and advertising the American way of life to the benighted peoples of the world, who were looking on and listening in through the press and radio, and it may be safely assumed that the lesson will not be lost on them.

But I have seen it done another way-here in America, too-and perhaps it would be timely now to report it as a footnote to the South Carolina affair. This incident occurred at Sandstone prison during our sojourn there in the fall of 1944. I wrote about it at the time in a letter as fully as I could in the rigidly restricted space of the one sheet of paper allowed for prison correspondence. This left room only for the bare facts, a strictly news report without amplification. But I believe the factual story speaks well operation. enough for itself as then reported, without any; additional comment.

Here is the letter:

"I have seen a triumph of medical science here at Sandstone. When I went up to the hospital at 'sick call' one day to have my sore toes dressed I immediately sensed that something was missing, something was wrong. There were no nurses in evidence, the door of the doctor's office was locked and the other convicts on sick call were standing in the corridor in oppressive

The reason soon became manifest. silence. Through the glass door of the record office, and beyond that through the glass door of the operating room, we could see the masked doctors and nurses moving back and forth around the operthe double door. Now a doctor, now a nurse moved | get a little of it back."

"The word was passed long the 'line' in hushed whispers: A colored man was dying. A desperate emergency operation was failing; the poor black convict's life was slipping out of the doctors' hands like a greased thread. But we could see that the doctors were still working, still trying, and one could sense the unspoken thought of all the men on the line; their concern, their sympathy, and in spite of everything, their hope, for

their comrade on the operating table. "After what seemed an endless time, the prison pharmacist who was assisting in the operation came out through the double door into the corridor. His face was the picture of exhaustion, of defeat and despair. There would be no 'sick call.' he said: the doctors would not be free for some time. The case of the colored man was apparently hopeless, but the doctors were going to make one final desperate effort. They were sewing up the abdominal wound on the slender, practically non-existent chance that, by blood transfusions, they could keep the man alive and then build up his strength for the shock of another stage of the complicated and drawn-out

blood was hard to 'type.' The blood of the first which was also a triumph of human solidarity needed just the same. The white convicts rose up en masse to volunteer for transfusions. I think every man in our dormitory offered to give his blood. The sick man hung between life and death for weeks; but the life-giving fluid of the white convicts, steadily transfused into his body.

"Then came a new difficulty. The sick man's

eventually gave the strength for a second, and successful operation.

"I saw him line up with the rest of us for blood of white men coursing through his veins, and I thought: The whites, over the centuries, have taken a lot of blood from the blacks; it is ating table. Not a sound reached us through no more than right that one of them should The 31 lynchers of Willie Earle in Greenville, S. C., leaving

the county jail for court. An all-white jury turned these murderers loose Federated Pictures

colored fellow-convicts who volunteered was un-suitable. But the sick Negro got the blood he needed just the same. The white convicts rose **By White Southern Jury**

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tured the maker of it as a mere adoption is. While such legislaonlooker who had been swept tion could not abolish lynching the yard count yesterday, this Negro with the along by the mob and did not because it could not abolish its actually participate in cutting cause - the Jim-Crow system chunks of living flesh from Earle, itself - its adoption and rigid nor in crushing his skull, nor in enforcement could serve to disfiring repeated shotgun blasts incourage the lynchers and their to his tortured body. The co- accomplices by making it easier

wardly types who make up lynch to punish them. mobs never make confessions of ANTI-LYNCH BILL NEEDED Such a bill has been recently and property" of the Negro peotheir own guilt but always name the other fellow.

introduced in Congress and has ple. Up to now it has been used Thus the prosecution brought the backing of the labor movein a case that it knew could be ment and Negro organizations. It undermined by a single ruling by | would not only punish the lynchthe judge. Some sources now try ers but the local sheriffs and polto explain that the FBI agents lice and jailers who usually hand who secured the statements | the victims over to the mob. In

Undaunted, they embarked up- wanted to get actual witnesses the Willie Earle case, for examon a house-to-house campaign, to testify but that Washington ple, the jailer offered no resistordered them out of the case beance other than to ask the mob popular cause is so great that in- cases is proof that it has not ized but did nothing whatever For the past two weeks the dividual members of the AVC really tried to build cases that to prevent it. AVC has undertaken a big peti- are able to collect 100 signatures get convictions against lynchers. Judge Martin not only made tion campaign. Since all permits in a day through this house-tothe ruling on the non-applica-

bility of the defendants' state-Mayor insisting that a housing Hall, the AVC found itself block- militant leadership, this chapter ments, but he also freed three project would be a more fitting ed at every turn in getting the of the AVC has already tripled its of the accused and reduced the charges against seven others before the case went to the jury.

INFLAMMATORY APPEALS In his final speech to the jury, the chief prosecutor for the **Detroit UAW-CIO Unions** Hit State Anti-Labor Bill

DETROIT, May 24 - About 400 delegates from UAW | was a feeling that maybe the locals throughout the state went to Lansing last Tuesday delegation had persuaded their to lobby against the anti-labor Callahan Bill, which had representative to vote against already passed the State officials.

Senate by a large majority. Ceptable to the State Officials. At (p.m. an open heavier, Speaking Bill provides penalty of 5 years held on the measure, Speaking conference, Richard T. Leonard, UAW Vice-President and PAC Director, said: "Under the Callahan Bill passed by the State Senate yesterday, hundreds of organizations, including labor unions, are stigmatized as foreign agents. They are required to register and file any information requested by the Secretary of State. Bill would give the U.S. Attorney General and the Michithe Olds Hotel to hear speeches gan Attorney General power to from Tracy Doll, PAC Director determine that an organization from Wayne County and othis a foreign agency. Bill specifiers about the political weakcally authorizes court to deprive labor unions of their bargaining rights and to appoint a receiver made of the reason for this; inover unions and their funds until stead the blame was placed on the rank and file who failed to officials are elected who are acvote in the fall elections. It was

of the victims.

passage of legislation does not

guarantee its enforcement. The

Fourteenth Amendment to the

Constitution has been on the

books since 1868. It is supposed

to guarantee the "life, liberty

mainly to protect the property

But the fight to obtain a fed-

eral bill punishing lynching will

workers who will smash the Jim-

Crow system itself by ending the

capitalist system that fosters and

sustains the oppression of the

Negro people. That is why every

worker must join the fight to

of the corporations.

A federal anti-lynch law punish the lynchers.

Chicago Tenants Union Halts

Mass Eviction Of 6 Families

By Robert L. Birchman

the measure.

At 7 p.m. an open hearing was imprisonment and \$5,000 fine. for it were Homer Martin and "This bill would place the li- Larry S. Davidow, expelled formberties of the people at the er president of the UAW and mercy of the State. It would his attorney. They sounded as if make the very existence of labor they were seeking revenge for unions, groups, clubs, leagues, having been filed by the workers. societies, committees, associa- The American Legion and the tions, political parties, or com- Veterans of Foreign Wars also binations of individuals depend- had representatives who spoke ent upon the will of State offi- in favor of this fascist-like meacials. This bill is naked fascism." sure.

The 400 UAW delegates met in HEARING ADJOURNED

Speaking against the measure were State CIO President August Scholle, Richard T. Leonard ness of the UAW and the CIO and a representative of the Lawin Michigan. No real analysis was yers guild. The public hearing was adjourned when the workers booed the traitor Homer Martin. Other speakers were heard in committee.

The UAW delegates left Lanalso pointed out how Governor sing with a disgust for the peo-Sigler and the capitalist press ple who were supposed to be their had whipped the legislators into representatives. The labor reprea hysteria over the Red issue. After the meeting these UAW killed in committee, but few exsentatives asked that the bill be members marched across the pected that this would be done. street to the State Capitol where Regardless of what happens to they were to try to persuade this bill, it has already convinced their respective Representatives many auto workers that the next would also make communities to vote against the Gallahan legislature must have some auto where lynchings occur liable to Bill. The House was in recess workers to represent them. Sevsuit for damages by the families and many of its members had

eral expressed their demand for already left. Those who remainindependent political action. A federal anti-lynch bill is ed were surrounded individually,

not enough, of course. The mere by ten or fifteen of their auto-CHICAGO worker constituants. In some cases the legislators A Series of 6 Lectures On AMERICA'S SOCIALIST FUTURE professed ignorance as to the Sundays, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. contents of the bili. Many declared they did not want to discuss the measure, saying that June 8 - Negroes And The Lathey had already made up their bor Movement minds. Others were openly defi-The Struggle Against Jim Crow ant, saying they were going to June 15 - The Revolutionary Party In The U.S. All in all, one got the impres-Role of the SWP sion that these representatives mobilize the forces to fight for did not have minds of their own, its enforcement. It will also serve or if they did, they were pretty

Speaker: Michael Bartell 777 West Adams

to organize and mobilize the well set on how they were going 25c a lecture-\$1 for the Series great army of Negro and white to vote. In some few cases there



1. Defend labor's standard of living!

vote for the bill.

A sliding scale of wages -an escalator wage clause in all union contracts to provide automatic wage increases to meet the rising cost of living!

Organize mass consumers committees for independent action against profiteering and price-gouging!

Expropriate the food trusts! Operate them under workers' controll

2. Full employment and job security for all workers and veterans!

CHICAGO, May 23 — The Chicago Area Tenants Union

Lynn AVC Chapter Pushes **Militant Fight For Housing**

ican Veterans Committee is engaged in a bitter struggle petition campaign to the public. with the city administration over the issue of housing. The

fight began when the Mayor)proposed the erection of a new a new City Hall no matter how Out of a population of 100,000 proposed the erection of a new great the protests. For a week the here, the AVC is aiming for 20,- fore they could. But no matter to stop swearing in his wife's newspapers headlined the dif- 000 signatures, with 5,000 already what the intrigues were, the re- presence. Several deputy sheriffs mack eye for such construction in ferences between the veterans collected. The response to this cord of the FBI in other lynch knew the mob was being organ-

he face of the acute need for and the city politicians. housing, the Mayor labelled his project a "memorial" to the war dead.

for booths, public address ve- house drive. The AVC sent a letter to the hicles, etc. are issued by the City Moreover, as a result of its necessary permits to bring the membership. memorial to the dead than a new City Hall, since it would

serve the needs of the living veterans.

LYNN, Mass., May 23 — The Lynn Chapter of the Amer- @



SATURDAY, MAY 31, 1947

THE MILITANT

The Four Germanies Workers' Revolution And

lently

😹 By Ernest Germain

Having brought their war for the "freedom of the peoples" to its logical conclusion, the American, British and French imperialists and the Soviet bureaucracy began the "peace" by completely crushing the sovereignty of

the German masses and viodismembering the The Second In A country. Although the same Series Of Articles desolation reigns everywhere, On Germany—1947 there exists today not one Ger-

many but four "zones of occupathat in each of them all aspects pying power.

Because of the marked geoder the military dictatorship of one of the Big Four. These four graphic differences between the Germanies have this in common. four zones and the enormous dif-

Truman Doctrine In Action



Entering the Turkish port of Istanbul is the U.S. aircraft carrier Leyte, part of the fleet engaged in maneuvers to terrorize all opponents of Wall Street's drive for world Federated Pictures subjugation.

Revolutionary Solution To Palestine Question

The analysis of the social forces on the Palestinian Arab feudalists. chessboard has disclosed how vitally the imperialists are interested in maintaining control over this part of the effectively combat their own world. It has likewise shown why neither the terrorists, nor ruling classes if they remain the Zionist leaders, nor the great landowning and bourgeois Arabs, nor even the Zionist labor movement is capable of organiz- aced by foreign imperialism ing and unleashing the revolu- alone. It cannot be realized dominant classes of the Arab and social emancipation of the Mid-Jewish communities.

But a Marxist analysis cannot limit itself to a criticism of ex- heads of the great feudal "paristing relationships. It should ties" will do their utmost to

There are profound differences between America and gram of immediate action to the the mass of poverty-stricken documents and secret minutes American hands, or indirectly

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foundries, the entire industry for The Russian zone is the largest in area and richest in agrilocomotive and engine construcculture. Before the war it protion, 70% of the optical industry, duced 57% of the potatoes, 44% etc. At present it is working at of the wheat and 40% of the full production. In contrast, inlivestock of Germany. Despite dustry which is state-ized in the the large levies imposed by the hands of German states (Laenoccupation troops and the sharp der) is working at considerably fall in agricultural production less than 50% of its prewar levas a result of the lack of ferti- el.

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artificial fertilizers is being used On the other hand, insecurity s greatest in this zone. It is to raise the level of agriculture in the Russian zone. still a regular occurrence for

men and women to disappear THE BRITISH ZONE The British zone is the most suddenly or to be "collected" in important industrially. Before the streets for deportation to the war it produced 87% of the

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coal and 65% of the iron in Ger-Dismantling of industry has many. Its agricultural producbeen the most extensive in this tion, on the other hand, is very part of Germany, but this special low, and in this zone the dismethod of looting was a dismal tributed rations are the lowest. failure since most of the ma-All the efforts at "reconstrucchinery removed was damaged tion" on the part of British imin transportation and the skilled perialism and its lackeys, the manpower for the necessary reworking class leaders, have been pairs was lacking in Russia. concentrated here on increasing The bureaucracy next made sevcoal production-and this raiseral attempts to transplant ening of production is nothing tire factories along with their more than the special form of personnel - among these, the looting of Germany by British leiss optical instrument plants imperialism and its Western Eurin Jena—but this method got no opean satellites. But the cata-

strophic results of regularly exporting the largest part of the Ruhr coal production were not long in coming.

The zone's entire economic lifeindustry, transport, gas, electricity-collapsed almost completely as a result of the scarcity of coal, and the British capitalists themselves were compelled to finance the feeding of the miners, for otherwise all production of coal would have become impossible. The subsidy of 80 million pounds sterling, which the British capitalists had to pay annually to maintain the present miserable level of existence in their zone, was more effective than all the humanitarian arguments in forcing them to change their

THE AMERICAN ZONE

The American zone, the least touched by war destruction and the least densely populated of the four zones, is the one where reconstruction has made relatively greatest progress. Nevertheless, in this zone also a number of factories were dismantled. The return to private owners of a Their breaking with the Arab large part of industry has re-

Despite the considerable wheat

Bureaucratic Degeneration

-By James P. Cannon –

American Stalinism and Anti-Stalinism.)

Will the American workers lose the revolution after its power only to fall victim to a new bureaucracy and be curity which haunt their lives. subjected to a new form of slavery?

The people who ask these questions - and there are many of them — have in mind the post-Lenin develophas already been completely destroyed there - which is far from the truth-and taking the Russian experience as a universal pattern-another serious mistake - they fear that Stalinism or something like it, with its totalitarian police state, forced labor camps, and terroristic organization of the unorganized outside of their control. suppression of all democracy will be the eventual outcome of the workers' victory in any case. This line of thought and speculation has led not a few people to conclude that the ade, the movement of the masses proved itself to be strong revolutionary cure for capitalism will turn out in the end to be worse than the disease. It is the perfect formula for passivity leading up to capitulation and renegacy.

Those who take this gloomy view of the ultimate outcome of a victorious proletarian revolution sound something like the worker who refuses to join a union and prepare a strike for higher wages because of previous bad experiences with bureaucratic sell-outs and betrayals. "How do I know the leaders won't sell us out as the others now. How do I know the union will not fall into the hands lution. of racketeers and be more of a detriment than a benefit kind of defeatist logic. In spite of that, many new unions have been organized in the past ten years or so - more than in all the previous history of the organized labor movement - and they have greatly benefited the workers.

Those who demand guarantees as to the eventual outcome of a strike — or a revolution — ask more than we can give. Defeats and set-backs are always possible in every struggle. Naturally, as revolutionists we should look ahead and take into account the possible difficulties and dangers of the future and consider how to deal with them. But we must do this without exaggerating them and without permitting ourselves to be diverted from the task of the day. That task is the struggle against capitalism, and with that the struggle against the reactionary labor bureaucracy. This bureaucracy is a powerful obstructive force based on the privileged and more conservative sections of the working class, and has in addition the support of all capitalist institutions, including the capitalist government, against the great mass of the workers.

The Real Danger Today

It is this bureaucracy, as it exists today, which must first be dealt with and overthrown. Only then will we confront the possible danger of a new bureaucracy of the future, which no longer has any privileged section of the working class to lean on and no capitalist government to support it. In our view this problem will be much simpler and easier to cope with in the United States.

The real danger of bureaucratism with which we must concern ourselves first of all is not one that will arise on the morrow of the workers' victory. Rather, it is the burning reality of the present day, and of the whole period be-

(Ed. Note: This is the ninth and last of a series of articles reaucracy, which serves as an agency of capitalism in the labor movement. The struggle of the rank and file work-

ers against this bureaucracy is one of the surest expressions of their instinctive striving to settle accounts with they have won it? Will they overthrow capitalism with all capitalism and solve the problems of poverty and inse-

As far back as 1931 Trotsky directly linked the coming tion," that is, four disintegrated of life are determined exclusiveradicalization of the American workers with a determined fragments of what was formerly ly by the interests of the occuand irreconcilable fight against the trade union bureau- one nation, with each zone uncrats. He wrote: "With the first signs of a rise in the ments in Russia. Rashly concluding that the revolution (economic) conjuncture, the trade union movement will acutely sense the necessity of tearing itself loose from the claws of the despicable AFL bureaucracy." This was written when the bureaucracy seemed to have an unshakable grip on the existing unions, which then had less than three million members, and an unlimited power to prevent the

> There were many croakers who scoffed at Trotsky's "optimism." But within the brief space of less than a decenough to break this bureaucratic grip and achieve the organization of the unorganized in the mass production industries under the independent auspices of the CIO. The "new unionism" took shape in struggle against "the despicable AFL bureaucracy." This example shows how ri-

diculous it is to make a fetish of the power of the labor bureaucracy - or any other bureaucracy. The bureaucracy can dominate the masses only when they are passive. But the masses in motion can smash any bureaucracy. This is the law demonstrated in every great revolution. It will be demonstrated once again, and finally we think, in the did? If the strike is lost we will be worse off than we are greatest revolution of all - the coming American revo-

This magnificent movement of the CIO, which has to us?" Every organizing campaign has run up against this wrought such a profound change in the whole labor movement and in the position and outlook of the American working class is only the beginning. So far we have seen only the first tentative steps of the American workers on the road of radicalism and class militancy. Considering this, it does not require much imagination to foresee what a genuine, deep-going revolutionary movement of the working masses will do to the bureaucratic barricades still standing in their path.

> The American workers can and will make their revolution; and, as is guite obvious, they will smash the present trade union bureaucracy in the process. "But," say the de-, featists, "what then? After the victory, after the expropriation of the capitalists and the consolidation of a workers' government and the organization of socialist production — will not then a new bureaucracy arise? What guarantee do we have that power will not be usurped by a new bureaucracy, as happened in Russia, which will oppress and enslave the workers and rule by totalitarian terror?"

Such a thought indeed opens up "a perspective of the profoundest pessimism," as Trotsky once remarked, and is all the more to be condemned because it has no real justification. It can only debilitate the movement of the revolutionary workers by robbing them of their will to tion of the Arab masses which within the framework of the restruggle, which must presuppose the prospect of victory will achieve the national and actionary aims pursued by the and the emancipation of the workers. An aversion to the Stalinist regime in the USSR is quite justified, for it is in- dle East. deed a horrible monstrosity, but the fear of its duplication here, after a victorious revolution, has no basis in reality.

Russia, and these differences create different problems masses which shows them a con- peasants. They will make stren- of this organization would im- where German purchasers were both before the revolutionary victory of the workers and crete way out of their present uous attempts to gain the peas- mediately dispel the feeling of used as false fronts. when the problem of consolidating the victory difficulties. afterward,

By H. Vallin

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anti-Semitic propaganda of the The Arab workers and poor peasants cannot for their part policy

united with them in the Arab High Committee for Palestine and in the Arab League. They cannot struggle effectively for the complete independence of Palestine if they remain within the Arab League, which is the instrument of imperialism for perpetuating its domination of

the Middle East.

tween now and the American workers' revolution. The break-up of the bureaucracy in the labor movement and the freeing of the working masses from its strangulating grip, is the indispensible condition for the overthrow of American capitalism. Can this be done? Those who doubt it, or those who skip over the problem in favor of gloomy speculations about the dangers of bureaucratism after the revolution, are no good for the struggle.

In the early years of the Comintern some extremely interesting and instructive discussions took place on the trade union question between the Bolshevik leaders and some "Left" Communists. The specific point at issue was posed as follows: Should Communists accept the reactionary trade unions controlled by the reformist bureaucracy as they were and work within them to overthrow the bureaucrats, as the Bolsheviks said; or should they abandon these unions to the bureaucracy, withdraw from them and build new unions of their own, free from the presence of the bureaucrats, as the "Lefts" maintained? This was also the position of the American I.W.W., and was one of the reasons for its failure.

The "Lefts" of that time were unquestionably serious and sincere revolutionists-that is why Lenin took the trouble to debate with them at great length and with the utmost patience. They were confident that the workers could overthrow the capitalist regime and reorganize society on a socialist basis. But they seemed to be equally convinced that it was impossible to "reform" the reactionary trade unions-that is, to win over the majority, throw out the bureaucrats and transform the unions into militant organs of the class struggle.

Lenin pointed out that the "Lefts" lacked the sense of proportion. Look, he said, you are confident of being able to defeat and overthrow the power of the bourgeoisie concentrated in its state apparatus, its army, its police force, etc.; but you consider it impossible to overthrow the reactionary trade union bureaucracy, which is only one of the agencies of this bourgeois power which you expect to defeat in its entirety. This, said Lenin, shows a glaring inconsistency on your part; an overestimation of the power of the bureaucratic rabble which has seized control of the trade unions and an underestimation of the power of the masses of workers who constitute the membership of the unions.

The same inconsistency, on a thousand-fold greater scale, is today manifested by not a few people who have The same doubts and fears formerly advanced in support of attained, will be all the easier. the discredited theory of the "Left" Communists with respect to the trade union bureaucracy under capitalism based on the foolish belief in its invincibility — are here expressed again in connection with the broadest problems of socialism, with far more dangerous implications than when they were first revealed in the limited field of trade union tactics. They underestimate the mass power of the workers - the motive force of every revolution and surrender the field to a possible future bureaucracy before it has even made its appearance.

Genuine revolutionists who have confidence in the ability of the American working class to overthrow capitalism do not and cannot have the slightest doubt of the fillment of the revolution in the classless socialist society. ability of the workers to dispose of the conservative bu- | The thing is, to make the revolution.

comes to the fore.

Why Soviet Union Degenerated

Russia was the most backward of the big capitalist countries. The proletariat, although highly concentrated, was numerically weak in relation to the population as a estine and the representatives whole. Its industrial development and technique lagged of British imperialism. Finding the Jewish capitalists, rather far behind. On top of all that, the victorious workers' revolution inherited from Czarism and the destruction of

war and civil war, a devastated, ruined, poverty-stricken country and a frightful scarcity of the most elementary necessities. The disrupted productive apparatus taken over by the revolution was incapable of turning out a volume of goods sufficient to overcome the scarcity in a short period of time.

The Russian Revolution was not an end of itself and could not build "socialism" by itself, in one backward country. It was only a beginning, which required the supplementary support of a revolution in more advanced

Europe and a union of the European productive apparatus as its point of departure this and technology with the vast natural resources of Russia. The delay of the European revolution isolated the Soviet Union, and on the basis of the universal scarcity a privileged bureaucracy arose which eventually usurped power in the state and destroyed the workers' organizations-Soviets, trade unions and even the revolutionary party which had organized and led the revolution. A horrible degeneration has taken place, but for all that the great revolution their own fate! For the imhas not yet been destroyed, and its ultimate fate has not yet been decided.

Socialism can be constructed only on the basis of a highly-productive economy capable of producing abundantly. Where there is scarcity, with the consequent scramble for the meagerest necessities, the fight for privi- ian Constituent Assembly as the leges takes place; the material basis for a privileged bureaucracy appears, as was the case in Russia. We cannot the fate of the country in acsee any prospect of such a situation in richly productive cordance with the wishes of the America once the power of the capitalist class is broken population! and production is organized, under a workers' government, for use and not for profit. America is a much more of the imperialist occupation advanced country than was the Russia of the Czars, and consequently the American bourgeoisie is much stronger

than was its Russian counterpart. Because of that, the overthrow of the capitalist regime in the United States pression of the most elemenwill be much more difficult. But for the same reason the been demoralized by Stalinism and horrified by its crimes. consolidation of the workers' victory, once it has been the atmosphere of the British letariat so long as they continue

> Thanks to the extraordinary development of American industrial technique, its vast resources and skilled working class, the organization of production on such a scale as to ensure plenty and thereby economic equality for all, can be assured almost immediately after the consolidation pression. The Arab and Jewish of the victory. This is the main point to keep in mind; masses are capable of governit is the greatest assurance that neither capitalist coun- ing themselves. Out with the ter-revolution nor bureaucratic degeneration can find a firm material base here. Once the American workers have made their revolution, the decisive factors of American

resources and technology will provide the material basis for the broadest workers' democracy, leading to the ful-

For the right of the Palestin- and coercion. To make the mass ian masses to decide their own of Arab peasants conscious of them that never again will the city of potatoes renders it defate!

Successive conferences bring together the heads of the Jewish Agency, the emissaries of the by the slogans of the agrarian Arab High Committee for Palrevolution.

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ican imperialism and the emisof the toiling masses, which saries of the Kremlin assure the would forever dry up the source Zionist leaders and the Arab of their profits - they will enchiefs of their disinterested ter into alliances with the Arab "sympathy." But no one speaks landowners. Continuing their to the Palestinian masses themnationalist and racist propa-

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For the immediate withdrawal are the two slogans which make possible the revolutionary mobiltroops! ization of the Jewish and Arab But "free" elections cannot be masses

Break with the Jewish Agency! held in an atmosphere of police terror, espionage and sup-Break with the Arab League! The Jewish workers, however, tary democratic rights. That is cannot unite with the Arab pro-

occupation. The replacement of to participate in the same orknow how to organize the antithe British occupation by Amer- ganization with the Jewish capimperialist struggle within the ican or Russo-American or "initalists. And above all they canternational" occupation troops not pursue the common aims of framework of the Arab revolution of the Middle East and will would further intensify this at- the Palestinian revolution if prepare the fusion of the revomosphere of insecurity and op- they continue to pursue the spelutionary forces of the Middle cial aims of the Zionist "na-East with those of the whole tional" movement. Their breaking with the Jew- insurgent colonial world. This

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For Workers and Peasants workers of the sincere reorientation of the Jewish workers; Committees! But the sovereignty of the and which would also deal a Palestine Question. Translated

Palestinian masses is not men- mortal blow to the reactionary by George Lavan.)

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(This is the fourth and last in a series of articles on The

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in city and country are ready industrial production. The English and American workers on the road to their capitalists, by uniting their ocPAGE FOUR

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"The contradictions which rend Europe and the entire world asunder will find their natural and peaceful solution within the framework of a Socialist United States in Europe as well as in other parts of the world.' Leon Trotsky

Accept No Substitutes!

As the demand for a Labor Party becomes increasingly popular, the enemies of the movement for independent labor political action devise new techniques for heading it off.

Those who fear to oppose the Labor Party movement outright are trying to divert it into ineffective channels by proposing a "Third Party" in its place. Such a new edition of a capitalist party, mislabelled a "People's Party," is to be headed by "progressive" capitalist politicians like Henry Wallace. Ickes, Pepper and LaGuardia.

The principal advocates of this "Third Party" in the unions are the Stalinists, skilled in the art of sidetracking and wrecking promising mass movements. At both the CIO Packinghouse Workers and CIO Marine Cooks and Stewards Conventions this month, Stalinist spokesmen sought to switch the sentiment for genuine independent labor political action into the "Third Party" dead-end.

The Stalinists oppose the formation of a real Labor Party so bitterly because they themselves want to maintain their connections with Democratic and Republican politicians and make new deals with them at the expense of the workers. The Stalinists trot behind Wallace, Pepper and their like - and they in turn remain loyal to the Democratic Party. Even if some of these "progressives" should quit the old machines, they have no fundamental differences with the other capitalist politicians and offer no program that can solve the problems of the workers.

The proponents of such a "People's Party" argue that a clear-cut stand for a Labor Party would repel other sections of the population. This is totally false. The politically organized workers must seek support from the poor farmers, shopkeepers, Negroes and all who suffer from monopolist rule. But how can labor win their support? That is the heart of the question. Labor will never command confidence from others, if it does not display confidence in itself, its own power, program and party. The unions have already shown that they are the only organized force capable of combating the industrialists and their government stooges on the economic arena. Once the organized workers undertake to lead the political struggle against the monopolists, they will win increasing sympathy and support from all other oppressed sections of the American people. The Stalinists have no confidence in the capacity of 15 million unionists to create their own party and provide a leadership and program for the entire people. That is why they paint up Wallace, Pepper and other demagogues who serve the monopolists as representatives of "the common man."

selves against murderers? Do the NAACP leaders really advise the Negro people to sit back passively and make no efforts to protect their lives and rights? If that is the kind of advice they have to offer, it is more than worthless - it is positively harmful.

A federal anti-lynch bill will discourage lynching, but it will not by itself prevent lynching. A federal bill will make it easier to punish lynchers, but it will not restore life to the victims of the lynchers. A federal bill is necessary, but there is no contradiction at all between such a bill and defensive action by the Negro people against lynch mobs, both before and after a federal bill is adopted.

The fight against lynching takes many forms. It requires legislation in Congress; political action to secure adoption of legislation and election of officials who will enforce it; mass action to end the capitalist system which spawns Jim-Crow terror. No less important is the organization of effective action by the people themselves to stop lynch mobs before they can kill their victims.

Arms For Dictators

President Truman is again asking Congress for authorization to transfer vast amounts of arms and other military supplies to Canada and Latin American countries.

The Secretaries of State, War and Navy not only strongly favor his recommendations but have actually been conducting their activities in Latin America in accordance with them since the end of World War II. Congress will in reality only be legalizing military missions and the handing over of certain arms now barred by law.

The money to finance this expensive military scheme will, of course, be taken out of the U.S. Public Treasury as in the case of arms for the Greek monarchy and Turkish dictatorship.

The proposed measure casts a most revealing light on the purposes of U.S. foreign policy. By selecting the recipients of American arms, Wall Street can bolster up the most reactionary forces in the Western Hemisphere. Along with the arms goes military missions -officers to oversee the indoctrination of troops and give advice on their use. The press cynically points to the example of the German militarists who helped spread Nazi doctrines by such means.

Since the arms are manufactured in American plants, the ammunition designed for use in them must come from the same source. By granting or withholding these supplies, the brass hats in Washington exercise effective control. This reactionary military program is called "standardization" of arms.

Truman's recommendations consequently serve to draw the Latin American regimes more tightly into Wall Street's net. This scheme adds military links to the economic and financial bonds already in Wall Street's hands.

Wall Street is organizing the entire Western Hemisphere into a vast military camp-the largest peacetime military camp in history. When the time comes, Wall Street plans to turn loose this military machine on the Sovet Union. It plans to crush the US all resistance in the colonial areas and rule the entire earth with the atomic bomb as scepter. Trumans' plan for turning over huge military supplies to the Latin American dictators thus stands as another milepost on the road to World War III.



"But Senator, if we did away with the unions, the Reds COULDN'T capture them, could they?"



REVOLUTION by Ypsilon, how an entire generation of pro- | country that time and the world Ziff-Davis Publishing Co., 459 letarian fighters was destroyed forgot, except for taxing purand corrupted by the decay and poses. The peasants had a saypp., 1947, \$3.50. This book purports to be an downfall of the Communist International under Stalin's misinformal history of the Com-

munist International from its foundation by Lenin and Trotsky in March 1919 to its dissolution in May 1943 on order of Stalin. The anonymous authors claim to have been intimately connected with the inner workings and leadership of the Comintern during the first 15 years of its existence.

They reveal considerable familiarity with the operations of the Communist International as well as with the principal administrators of its policies both in the period of its rise and in the years of its decline. They relate information, not always trustworthy, about the personal traits and activities of such figures as Zinoviev, Nicolai Bukharin, Karl Radek and others who formed part of Lenin's general staff for the world revolution.

As the Stalinist bureaucracy gained ascendancy in the Sogained ascendancy in the So-fered by the Stalinist leaders viet Union, Lenin's International themselves. became converted into its op-

posite. From the organizer of the struggles of the world working class for socialism, it became the disorganizer of the revolutionary movement. When the Communist International no longer served the interests of the workers but became an unprincipled agency of the Soviet bureaucrats, it acquired a totally different type of leadership.

ing that they were not even Christians (i.e., human beings) because Christ never got to Gagliano. He stopped at Eboli, on tion with the Marxist movement, the plains of Campania. The middle - class gentry, doctors. lawyers, officials - degenerate and incompetent-lived as parasites on the peasants, justifying Instead of viewing the life his- their incomes not by service, but tories of the Comintern leaders by a theory of feudal rights.

class forces, ideas and programs | feuds among themselves and to on the international arena, they jealously guarding their petty privileges

ed anecdotes about them. The authors put forward the thesis that today the "Stalintern," as successor to the Third International, is a political instrument of Stalin's totalitarian withstanding their opposition to duty to the Church (which was the Kremlin's foreign policy es-

fed and suitably honored). Politically, the peasants were helpless, because they had no knowledge themselves, and no way of In reality, there is nothing | learning of any solution to their 'socialist" in the policies of the troubles.

Stalinist parties. The record Levi's politics are exposed in proves that they do not strive his last chapters. He lumps fasto overthrow capitalism but to cists, Marxists and liberals tocompromise with its upholders gether as "worshippers of the at the expense of the welfare state," and asserts that there can of the workers and their fight be no solution, since "there will for socialism. always be an abyss between the -John Marshall state and the peasants." It is a

conflict of two civilizations, he says, country and city, one pre-

Christian.

It is a dilemma of poverty, with

the power of the landowners.

-John Hudson

Wall Street Tycoons Run U. S. Government

Who runs the American government? According to the civics text books used in the schools, it's the American people. The May 23 United States News, however, presents facts that lead to a different conclusion. This conservative businessman's magazine declares that "a new team of top-ranking officials is taking charge of affairs in Washington.'

These men were never elected by the people. They were all appointed to office. Yet they both "shape and execute" government policy. "All have Wall Street connections."

"Top policy is being influenced by Commerce. Secretary W. Averell Harriman and Navy Secretary James V. Forrestal." Harriman is one of the wealthiest men in the United States, a tycoon in banking, railroads, mining and aviation.

Forrestal was head of the investment-banking firm of Dillon, Read & Co. before his appointment by Roosevelt as an "adviser" on national defense. As a banker he was involved in such financial manipulations as the purchase of Dodge Brothers automobile company for \$150,000,000.

The new Under Secretary of State, Robert A. Lovett is another Wall Street figure. He is a close friend and former associate of Harriman, having been a partner of Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. and a director of many railroads, banks and insurance companies.

W. L. Clayton, another member of this "team," founded Anderson, Clayton & Co., the largest cotton firm in the world. Lovett and Clayton, says the U.S. News, "are to be responsible for shaping and administering foreign policy" for the United States.

At the head of the World Bank is John J. McCloy. He was a former partner in the Wall Street law firm of Cravath, deGersdoff, Swaine & Wood. Like Lovett, McCloy is a director of the Union Pacific Railroad Co. which is controlled by the Harriman family.

McCloy has two assistants to help him disperse dollars in carrying out Wall Street's foreign policy. These are Eugene R. Black, a former vice-president of the Chase National Bank and Robert L. Garner, former vice-president of General Foods Corp. and a former Guaranty Trust official.

In addition to these top figures, Wall Street has other key men holding posts in The World Bank. Among them are E. Fleetwood Dunstan, a former vice-president of the Bankers Trust Co. and Chester A. McClain, one of McCloy's former law partners.

In the International Monetary Fund, Wall Street has such men as Andrew N. Overby, formerly of the Irving Trust Co. and the New York Federal Reserve Bank.

Other key figures in this new team directing the government are Marriner Eccles, a western banker who is now Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, and William McChestney Martin, Jr., former president of the New York Stock Exchange.

Not since the days of Harding, Coolidge and Hoover has Wall Street dared exercise such flagrantly open control over government affairs. As "advisers" to Truman and the Republican-Democratic coalition in Congress, they are the ones back of the "doctrine" of supporting reaction throughout the world and the current drive to wipe out labor's hardwon gains with the most savage anti-union legislation in decades. As the U.S. News observes approvingly, "there is not the faintest tincture of left-wing reform in any member . . . "



leadership. Despite their former connec-

the authors do not use the materialist method to explain the real. reasons for the process of political degeneration they describe. as part of the conflict of basic They devoted their energies to

retail superficial and disconnect-The peasants lived out their

lives, devoured by disease and poverty. Their only memory of glory was the futile, reactionary rebellion of the brigands back in the 1860's. Their religion was Eurasian empire which aims at more pagan than Catholic, and socialist encirclement" of a the priest complained bitterly nostile world capitalism. Not that they neglected him and their

Stalinism, this interpretation of primarily to see that he was well sentially coincides with that of-

"The Third Party" peddled by the Stalinists is NOT the Labor Party the workers need and want. It would only be another capitalist party with its face lifted and its name changed.

Militants should beware of this fraud. Accept no fake substitutes for an independent Labor Party based on the trade unions.

Stop The Lynchers

Officials of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People correctly cite the acquittal of 28 lynchers in South Carolina last week as additional proof "that state action cannot be expected to punish the crime of lynching. Notice has been served on Negroes in South Carolina and throughout the South that they are now at the mercy of mobs, and that the law is powerless to defend them or to punish their murderers."

The main stress of the NAACP statement was on the need for an effective federal antilynch bill, such as The Militant has advocated for many years. But this paper vigorously disagrees with the following part of the NAACP statement:

"Unless we can secure federal legislation, it is entirely possible that some Negroes, abandoned to mobs by the law, may be forced, in their desperation, to devise some means of protecting themselves. This would be a lawless and futile gesture, but logical and understandable in the circumstances."

Why would it be "lawless" for Negroes to protect themselves against lynch terror? Why would it be "futile" for them to defend them-

In Economy's Name

In the name of economy the House Appropriations Committee last week lopped almost 400 million dollars from the 1948 budget of the Department of Agriculture. These cuts virtually liquidate the food and land measures introduced by the New Deal.

Federal funds for crop insurance, soil conservation and farmer loans have been slashed to the bone. Such measures as federal loans to tenant farmers were completely eliminated. Inflated farm values, coolly explained the Committee, were "certain to collapse" in the near future. This means, as the Committee itself acknowledges, that many tenant farmers "will surely come to grief." For precisely this reason the Congressmen who serve Wall Street not only refuse to increase assistance to these farmers, but, on the contrary, expedite their ruin by depriving them in advance of any government aid.

Millions of school children were accorded similar treatment. A cut of more than 50% was made in appropriations for the school lunch program, which provides cheap lunches for children, with one child out of nine receiving them free. Withdrawal of federal subsidies will in most cases mean suspension of the school lunch program.

These same "economy-minded" Congressmen behave in an entirely different manner when it comes to serving the interests of their masters. Without hesitation they continue to pour billions of dollars into Wall Street's "peacetime" war machine. Poor farmers and undernourished children get short shrift, while bloody dictatorships in Greece and Turkey are granted hundreds of millions in pursuance of the Truman Doctrine.

Nor are Wall Street's own pockets ever forgotten. Thus in 1946 tax-rebates to corporations amounted to more than 3 billion dollars. These same corporations, who have been raking in unheard-of profits, will receive additional rebates of more than 2 billions in 1947 and approximately the same huge sum in 1948.

This striking contrast in Congressional behavior is another demonstration of the true class character of the present government. It is government of the rich, by the rich and for the rich. From it the poor can expect nothing but blows.

CHRIST STOPPED All those pioneers who re-EBOLI by Carlo Levi, Farrer Christian, the other no longer mained loyal to the original Straus, 1947, 268 pp., \$3. Communist program and pur-This is the story of the authposes were expelled, crushed, framed-up, or murdered. Those or's year of exile, because of his no means to be found to relieve who remained in the Comintern anti-fascist activity, in the re- the poverty, which is partly

apparatus had to remake them- mote village of Gagliano in back- caused by previous interference selves into servile and unscrupu- ward Southern Italy. It is the by the state. The chief enemy is lous functionaries dependent year of Mussolini's war for em- not the Aandowners (peasants upon Stalin's dictatorship and pire in Ethiopia, another of the who own their own land are no carrying out Moscow's mandates endless series of wars which have better off than the tenants) but without question, no matter how always been going on outside the the parasitic gentry and the they injured the revolutionary world of the village and of in- peasants' own hopelessness! It terest to the peasants only be- is not surprising, therefore, that

cause. The authors seek to portray cause of their dismal certainty the author is unable to present this process of transformation in that it will mean death and suf- any effective program for ending the careers of such notable Ger- | fering to them.

Bevi is a doctor, painter and Despite its false politics, this man Stalinists as Ernst Thaelmann and Willi Muenzenberg, a leader of the liberal under- book is worth reading as a realthe Czech Smeral, the French ground, which is now organized istic, sympathetic, moving pic-Stalinists Jacques Doriot, Andre in the Action Party of Count ture of the oppressed. Marty and others. They show Sforza. He found himself in a

Congressmen At Work Wall Street And Wool

How Wall Street's Congressmen fight for the special interests of the capitalist class was well illustrated last week in the debate on wool.

Wall Street wants a flexible tariff policy to lower trade barriers for countries taking huge amounts of American exports. About 95% of Australia's shipments to the U.S. consist of wool, 40% of New Zealand's and 37% of South Africa's. With dollars obtained from these shipments,

such countries can buy manu- million pounds. And the British factured articles in America. A pool amounts to some 2 billion tariff acts like a wall cutting off pounds. Experts figure that it U.S. Government be permitted international trade.

The woolen goods manufacturers are likewise interested in low- stockpile of 4 billion pounds "in the cost to the public or the ering tariffs. Their objective is an orderly way."

to increase their profits by lowavailable, the price would plunge | care of by some form of subsidy ering the price of wool. Astronomical profits during the war precipitately if it were not artificially maintained by govern- turns to wool growers must be only whetted their appetite. Amment support of domestic prices borne by the public of the Unierican Woolen of New York, a and by tariff walls (34c a pound ted States regardless of the form typical company, cleared some 3 tariff on wool now selling slightly that support takes." million dollars in 1940, 8 millions in 1945 and 20 millions in 1946. above 40c). The aNtional City Bank of New

York reports an average of 25.2% growers, who produce about 20% in - the capitalists in Wall return on net worth for 1946. There is no shortage of wool. textile mills, are fighting tooth abroad, the textile manufacturand nail in Congress for subsi- ers at home and the wool grow-During the war the U.S. government bought the entire clip for dies and for a high tariff. 4 successive years, and now has

in stock about 480 million pounds — almost enough to satisfy the a majority of 151 to 65 to go on | must foot the bill. But then what entire country's needs for a year record for a tariff increase. at the prewar level. The clip this But, such legislation would sentatives of their own to fight year will be probably around 300 hamper Wall Street's foreign for their interests in Congress?

economic policy. The ruling clique acted swiftly. Will Clayton, attending an economic conference at Geneva of representatives of various governments. immediately returned to Washington. He is one of the Wall Street spokesmen in charge of working out policy for the Truman Administration.

In a letter to Representative Cooley of North Carolina, Clayton outlined the policy he proposed: (1) That the Secretary of Agriculture be empowered to impose a "fee" on imports if he deems it necessary. (2) That the would take an entire decade to to dump its wool stocks at any dispose of the present world price it sees fit, no matter what gain to the manufacturers. (3) With these mountains of wool That the wool growers be taken

- "The cost of supporting re-

Thus Wall Street plans to take Consequently the western wool care of everybody it is interested of the wool used in American Street's sphere of influence ers out on the western ranges. Last week their representatives The only ones forgotten are the in the House succeeded in getting workers and poor farmers who can they expect without repre-

Capitalist thinkers are greatly perplexed about the economic situation. From the most informed cricles comes the cry: "Where is the recession?"

Polls of economic experts continue to give conflicting opinions. The majority still say the "recession" is only on its way. A doughty handful believes there will be none. One nameless expert in a recent poll astounded his colleagues by refusing to speculate about a future bust because "we are busted already."

Congress is now conducting a special poll of 800 largest business enterprises, whose replies will supposedly resolve this ticklish problem. It is safe to predict that after this poll is taken, all these gentlemen will be little wiser than before.

They remain so genuinely puzzled because they tend to approach all questions, in the first instance, from the standpoint of dollars and cents. They do not fully realize the important role they themselves and their policies play in expediting (or retarding) the course of the economic cycle which they are utterly impotent to prevent.

Had prices hit the skids, there would be no doubt whatever among them now about the present state of affairs. But prices by and large continue to stay up. Truman's price reduction program fizzled miserably. Hence the bewilderment.

They do not understand the operation of their own system and how it is possible under this system to temporarily maintain high prices-as they are doing-in the face of stagnating or declining physical volume of sales, in the face of stagnant or declining production and growing unemployment. Yet these are all unmistakable signs of unfolding depression.

But the main reason for their confusion lies in their mechanical thinking about economic cycles in general, and their downward phases in particular. They do not understand, among other things, that this is a process which must pass through several distinct stages.

The downward phase of the economic cycle does not begin with declining production or declining prices. This is actually the second stage of the process whose beginning we now witness. It is preceded by a period of peak production and peak prices in the course of which most of the factors which underlie the boom are liquidated. This stage set in toward the end of last September, paving the way for the plunge downward. The third and final stage is the crisis itself, which is in reality the lowest point of the depression. This is what the capitalists mean when they talk about "recession."

There is no reason whatever why the crisis itself should come swiftly. To be sure, the capitalists' are wishfully hoping that the unfolding economic convulsions will fall into the patterns of 1920-21 when there was a sharp price break accompanied by an equally abrupt break in production within the space of a few months, after which there came recovery. They prefer to forget what happened in 1929 when it took almost four years before the depression touched bottom.

Meanwhile they have thus far acted to speed up and aggravate the situation. They permitted the boom to be liquidated in less than seven months. when it could have lasted much longer provided some checks on the profiteers had been enforced. They are now permitting the economy to skid into the second stage with the same reckless abandon.



SATURDAY, MAY 31, 1947

WORKERS' FORUM

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 eddress. Indicate if you do not want your name printed.

Workers Party.

capitalist regime.

Candy Store Reflects **Capitalist Anarchy** Editor:

For the past few months I've been forced to work in a small to see a few more of the countless examples of the mismanagement of society under capitalist rule.

The small store of almost any type, inefficient to the core, is a clear reflection of capitalist anarchy. In my neighborhood, within the space of one short block, there are three candy stores. None of the storekeepers can afford to keep a really sanitary store with the most upto-date equipment and the latest labor saving devices.

None of the storekeepers can carry a sufficiently varied stock to satisfy the needs of the community. In addition to the three candy stores in my block, there are four groceries, each of which carries many of the items which the candy stores carry.

In addition to the tremendous waste of space and equipment involved in such a set-up there is a great waste of labor First, there is the waste of the storekeeper's labor, since each one keeps his store open 18 hours a day. 6 days a week. Secondly. there is the waste involved in one. Not only that, but in most cases a different truck must CIO and AFL unions. make deliveries to each store since they carry brands which

differ in name but are almost identical in quality. George Rock Brooklyn, N. Y.

Advocates Joining **Socialist Workers** Editor:

Do you want to help insure Proposes Additions your future against war, famine, strife, injustice, insecurity and the political corruptness that Editor: continually keeps the workingman's nose on the proverbial lary slogan under item 4 in the that they, too, have always been grindstone?

cating the conditions that en- an Independent Labor Party." force the mass exploitation of the working man in this country it would be improved, I believe, the courage to print the truth and abroad?

est extent of the word by and money for war preparations into her life, she has been deeply for the benefit of each and ev- housing," or words to that ef- moved by this same thing. Al- have staged strikes that have ery working man?

interest at heart a government | Everyone Should See operated by and for the working "Monsieur Verdoux" people. This is the Socialist Editor:

R. J.

Before criticizing socialism or its program, you owe it to yourcandy store. Here, I've been able self to examine the constitution write once again, to congratuof the Socialist Workers Party. late you especially upon this When you get to know how the week's issue of The Militant. party functions internally and how it is run by working men, book of an Agitator" which conyou will realize the sincerity with which this party carries on an Chaplin's new picture "Monsieur unyielding struggle against the Verdoux."

Party branch located in every important industrial city. Visit the branch nearest you today and learn what socialism is, what it stands for. and how we can build a better world through it.

Adopt Resolution

For 24-Hour Strike Editor:

On May 22 at a membership meeting of the Libraries Chapter of Local 111, United Public-Workers, CIO, a resolution was adopted calling for a 24-hour work stoppage to protest the anti-labor legislation now in Congress. The resolution requested the Executive Committee for the he delivery of merchandise to New York area of the UPW to in-C number of stores instead of vestigate the possibility of such a step in conjunction with other

The resolution passed with practically no opposition. The decadent, bestial, monster-capsentiment expressed by the mem- italist of today roams over this bership was unusually militant. unfortunate world like a relic "Postcards and petitions have of the age of reptiles, a destroyer failed," said one member. "This of mankind, the murderer of

is the time for more aggressive millions of helpless, innocent action. This is labor's 11th hour." men, women and children!

To Program Box

Allow me to suggest a subsidprogram box on page 2 of The impressed by the terrible injus-Are you interested in eradi- Militant, that now reads: "Build tice of so-called "law enforce-

by adding: "End company-un- on this subject, and they all wish Do you want a country that is | ionism in politics!" not only maintained by the Paragraph 6, on housing, would people, but operated to the full- the improved by adding: "Put the press her own appreciation. All REVOLT SPREADING

fect. The answer is well stated in Paragraph 11 calls for a Work- dignation at every imprison- depths. Revolt is spreading

At the risk of being told to cease writing letters, I must I am referring to the "Notetains the splendid review of

Always my family and myself There is a Socialist Workers have been stirred and troubled by this monstrous contradiction which has existed since the dawn of civilization-the frightful injustice inflicted by the so-called law courts upon individuals guilty of so-called crimes on a small scale, while the ruling class Flint, Mich. perpetrates the same crimes on

a scale magnified a million times. Think of a man or woman serving a prison term for rob-

bery or kidnapping in the days of slavery, while millions of stolen, kidnapped human beings were forced to toil in servitude all their lives by the criminal. bandit slave-owners!

Or think of a man or woman serving a sentence for theft under capitalism, while the bandit capitalist is allowed to rob every worker of a part of his justlyearned wages! And, above all, think of any-

workers compelled the Communone-anyone-being executed for ist Party leaders to withdraw murder, no matter how horrible

their opposition to their strike the individual case, while the action in order to maintain their hold upon the metal workers union. This led to the ousting of the Stalinists from the government and precipitated a profound political crisis.

In England dockers, transport workers and miners are among M. R. But no other newspaper, to those who have defied their bu-New York my knowledge, points out this reaucratic leaders by striking. contradiction. That is why I The Labor Government is beset was so glad to read The Militant less by the Tories than by the this week. leftward-moving workers. Dem-

Many friends of mine wish to onstrations and riots have join me in this letter of apprebrought about the collapse of ciation. They wish to state also the De Gasperi government in staged powerful hunger demonstrations throughout the entire ment." But they never expect-British zone. To head off sim-This is excellent, of course, but ed any newspaper would have ilar outbreaks in its zone, U. S. imperialism threatens reprisals reminiscent of Hitler's bloody to thank The Militant very much.

My mother, too, wishes to exways she has expressed great in- shaken Franco's rule to its

In closing, let us all demand

to be allowed to see Chaplin's

picture, "Monsieur Verdoux" in

our neighborhood movie houses.

Every one should see it; every

Belle Montague

Boston, Mass.

one has a right to see it!

Minneapolis, Minn. with her.

A. W. H. how glad she is that you agree

World Labor Experiences New Upsurge As Resistance Mounts Against U. S. Imperialism

While trying to save world cap-

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All the objective conditions

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Only one condition for a suc-

cessful revolution is absent - a

strong revolutionary party that

can lead the masses to victory.

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cessful conclusion.

throughout the world.

By Arthur Burch

THE MILITANT

After their upsurge at the end of the war, the workers aggravated it in the extreme. of Europe and Asia were forced temporarily to retreat before the might of Anglo-American imperialism and the masses and to crush the remtreachery of Stalinism. But the workers have utilized the nants of the Russian Revolution intervening period to regroup D their forces. Evidence is ac- the road lies their only hope for

cumulating that today they are peace. At the same time the Ameronce more beginning to move into action against the Amer- ican capitalists insist on harsh ican colossus and its capitalist terms from their beneficiaries. They want France and England agents throughout the world. The greater part of Asia is al- not only to orient for war against ready in revolt while the deepthe Soviet Union but to turn over ening economic and political exploitation of their colonies to crisis in Europe and Africa is the American monopolists. So the precursor of new revolutiononerous were the terms for proary situations in the coming jected loans that even the hardperiod. The recent demonstra- pressed French government tion of the peoples of Europe subs to The Militant to a sucthought twice before accepting. and Asia that they desire at all tions and threatened general Now Secretary of State Mar- costs a radical change. The strike in Shanghai indicate that the Chinese workers are moving shall has announced that there demonstrations sweeping the forward in the fight against would be a brake on the Tru- world outside of the American Chiang Kai-shek, the tool of man Doctrine and a halt, for the American imperialism. The Indo- time being, in further loans to whelming sentiment for social Chinese masses are savagely bat- the foreign Quislings. But the revolution. tling for their freedom against need for bolstering their econtheir French overlords who are omies is so urgent that the forbeing aided by American arms eign capitalists are being forced and money. Korea insists on in- to submit to the conditions dedependence and refuses to be manded by American imperial- But it is in precisely such turpartitioned between the United ism.

States and the Soviet Union. The European masses are bit- parties grow. The role of the The French workers are strivterly hostile to the Truman doc- French Trotskyists in the Rening to break out of the strait- trine. They know that it means all strike shows the advance jacket of the Stalinist trade un- war in the near future. They made by the workers in the short gain little from the economic aid period since the end of the war. ion leadership. The strike of 30,000 Renault auto workers en- granted to the Quislings for it The deepening of the world crisis couraged workers throughout France to follow their example, ing capitalism and keep them in even greater opportunities for get that week-end at the Sum- cialist Workers Party." In addition to achieving certain a state of slow starvation. Thus, the growth of the revolutionary mer Camp?" economic gains, the Renault far from solving the European party.

Fun At Little Pleasant Lake



How One Vacationer Viewed Even in fascist Spain workers Benefits Of Mid-West Camp

"You noticed many things gram. About this Kovalesky Chicago teams as well as the individual aspirants for the Karl Marx's slogan, "Workers of ers and Farmers Government. ment or execution of a human throughout French Africa. Mad- when you reached the Camp," wrote: "It was inspiring to see grand prize. he world, unite. You have noth- To this could be added: "For being by the hypocritical rulers agascar has already risen while wrote Militant columnist these workers, young and old,



tant from Detroit! Twenty com- that The Militant is a friend of ism has for some time exhausted rades went out last Sunday and the workers and guides them in brought these in. They anrevealing the true facts for gress. The ruling class can no nounce that they are determinlonger solve its problems and is ed to ring up even better scores them, which the workers would fast losing confidence in itself. in the next two Sundays to otherwise not learn in the daily Such is the misery and despera- bring their campaign for 200 capitalistic press."

Milwaukee's Militant Manager. The branch has been organiz-Fred Martin, breaks down the ed into several teams. The wincomposition of the 97 new subning team gets treated to a free scriptions they obtained in their lunch at the headquarters after campaign: "The new subs are each Sunday mobilization. After practically 90% workers in the lunch a movie in the headfactories and various trades. Inquarters rounds out the day. cluded are 8 railroad workers. The Pace-Setter getting the two union officers. One submost subs will be awarded a scriber is a Socialist Labor Parweek-end at Mid-West Vacation ty sympathizer who is getting Camp and School for Workers. rather disgusted with the in-"The spirit of competition in activity of those sectarians and the branch," says E. Brent, Li- is trying The Militant to get terature Agent, "is fine and the some action. One of these submorale is very high. Need I tell scribers is a former seaman who you that the teams work hard is now in a CIO steel union. He to get that free lunch or that expressed a desire to join our is just enough to prop up decay- in the coming period will offer every comrade is determined to branch as a member of the So-

> Boston was rained out of its The competition in Chicago's sub-getting expedition Sunday. 8-week campaign for 300 subs but Rena Breshi reports that is getting hot. According to "Comrade Josephine Joyce sold their special bulletin, the Milithree subs last night at our sotant Sub Campaigner, "The cial. Comrade Joyce has been leading four contestants remain inactive due to having a baby. the same as last week, but the order has definitely changed. in getting subs now that she is but she didn't waste any time Comrade Frank B., Sr. has movback with us."

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Winifred Nelson, Militant Agent for St. Paul branch, mailtestant with 13 points, followed | ed in 8 subs secured by the comby Hoot with 9 and Rosalie with | rades during the week.

Zeke Abel has been elected the ing when you know that the top Literature Agent for the New Pace-Setter will be awarded a Haven branch. Welcome into the ranks of the Militant Army, Com rade Abel.

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In two weeks the Chicago L. C., Militant booster of comrades have piled up a total Southgate, Cal. sent in a sub of 103 subs to The Militant. And. "for a fellow in the shop." according to the Campaigner. M. B. of Kennewick, Wash. the South Side team is still leading although the North Side is made sure that his friend continues to read The Militant by sending in a six-month renewal

closing up the gap. Calumet branch has decided for him. to get into the running too. This branch has challenged the four Chicago teams as well as the

have a solid front.

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ing to lose but your chains." You the genuine rule of the major- of this or any other country, and Tunisia, Morocco and Algeria Theodore Kovalesky, after a Negro and white, men and woshe says to be sure to tell you are on the verge of erupting. stay at the Mid-West Vacation men, joining in the discussions of the so-called "American Cen- ious summer season. "You saw of Marxist economics, history Thus even in the second year School and Camp during a prevtury"-and at the peak of the the beautiful little lake framed and politics, or trade union polpostwar boom-the grim specter by soft trees and low hills; you icies and organizational quesof rising revolt haunts the are saw the sleeping quarters and tions, straining to learn the max-

rogant American industrialists. the dining and recreation hall imum that they could absorb." The Truman doctrine is their answer to the demands of the it, that it alone made the vaca- al Educational Director, is in starving, demonstrative masses tion a memorable event." of Europe and Asia. In essence,

this means an offensive against for its fourth season on June known writers for The Militant the peoples abroad, prospective 29, is located on Little Pleas- and Fourth International. war against the Soviet Union ant Lake, 60 miles from Detroit, and economic aid to the capital- and easily reached by train or of a fine vacation should write ist forces who are being enrolled bus. The camp is operated on now to Oscar Coover, Manager, as assistants in this bestial cru- a cooperative basis to give work- 116 University Place. to make

every section of the globe out- is well prepared and plentiful. er information desired, will be side the Soviet Union and its

small periphery of satellites. But Camp is the educational pro- munication. the contradictions facing Amer-

sade.

ican imperialism are greater than ever. While the United States succeeded in crushing its hostile imperialist rivals and subordinating its capitalist allies, it likewise succeeded in el-SAN DIEGO-Headquarters 623 iminating important markets for the American productive machine. U. S. exports last year were nine billion dollars in excess of its imports. To avoid an impending economic collapse. this country must continue exfloor open from 12 noon to ports on this large scale and even extend them. But the rest of the capitalist world is ruined SEATTLE-19191/2 Second Ave and heading toward bankruptcy. Open 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Foreign countries can continue Mon. through Fri., 12 to 5 p.m. to buy only with "peacetime

lendlease" from the U.S. That is the meaning of the economic phase of the Truman Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Basic Doctrine. American industrialists are willing to grant billions ST. LOUIS - 1023 N. Grand to their capitalist allies, which Blvd., Room 312. Forums must be paid of course by taxes on the American workers. The

latter are expected to acquiesce on the false assurance that along

> BROOKLYN Preview of Life At

. . . There was fun, so much of William F. Warde, SWP Nationcharge of the educational pro-The Mid-West Camp, opening gram. Instructors include well-

Those who wish to be assured about the workers, their participation in various union activiers and their families a good reservations, or clip the coupon ties. They appreciate the articles The postwar world finds the vacation at reasonable rates. on this page. Full directions for in The Militant pertaining to American colossus dominating There are varied sports. The food reaching the camp and any oththe anti-labor drive that is being

conducted in Congress. This One of the best features of the mailed upon receipt of the comanti-labor drive is manifesting itself in the workers' minds that

Columbiana Strikers' Morale High **Despite Vicious Attack By Court**

By Art O'Brien

YOUNGSTOWN - At a hearing in the Columbiana County Common Pleas Court, a group of F. C. Russell Co. strikers were tried for contempt of court last week. Two strikers were found guilty and . fined \$200 and costs, plus one | fighting for a renewal of a union week in jail was also suspended. shop clause in their contract. pended \$150 of each fine, leav-The Youngstown union moveing a fine of \$50 to be paid. The ment is coming to their aid. Sevweek in jail was also suspended. Attorneys for the defense filed a eral locals have made donations. motion for an appeal, whereupon The CIO Council donated \$100 the defendants were released unand referred the case to its legder \$200 bond each. islative committee for publicity. As The Militant reported last The spirit of the workers in week, 150 workers are on strike at the F. C. Russell Co., a small

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the face of this vicious attack steel fabricating plant in Colum- is splendid. biana. Ohio. The workers are

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1. S. H. Spring Valley, N. Y.....\$5 2. W. T., Buffalo, N.Y. \$5 a week subs from Buffalo. Charles Carl-3. W. S., New York, N. Y., \$1 son explains that 24 of these the comrades work. He passes 5. H.C., Roanoke, Va., \$2 a month along some of the remarks made 6. G.W., Bronx, N.Y., \$4 a month by these shop workers: "The If you have not yet done so. main phrase they use is that we ask you to join these friends finally they are reading a newspaper that is not catering to of The Militant in sending what the Bosses and Big Business - you can. A pledge or contribuin short, it is a truth-revealing tion of any amount-no matter newspaper that doesn't pull any how small, or how big-will help punches and prints the truth The Militant.



AKRON. - Socialist Youth Club meets Fridays, 7 p.m. Followed by refreshments, dancing, Big Business and its associates 8 South Howard St., 2nd floor. are out to crush the entire labor CHICAGO. - Youth meeting Fridays at 8 p.m. Discussion on movement and the workers pamphlet Socialism On Trial. realize that they have to come Games and refreshments. 777 W. to the fore, unite and show the Adams, 2nd floor. Bosses that they, the workers,

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Diary of a Steel Worker -Murray And Memorial Day By Theodore Kovalesky

For years I've had a pet project in my head. I'd like to see it worked out some day. I think it would be great if Memorial Day were observed



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as a holiday each year by the trade unions in honor of those ten Chicago workers who gave their lives in the fight to organize the steel industry.

On this May 30, it's just ten years since the Memorial Day Massacre, ten years

since the Chicago cops shot and beat ten of our brothers to death in a field before the Republic Steel Co. Maybe some one would ask, "Well, how about

Philip Murray? He owes a lot to those martyrs. Maybe he'll recognize their sacrifice in some way as head of the union.'

Well, in a way he did. On the eve of the tenth anniversary of the workers' Calvary, Murray laid down a policy for the CIO Steelworkers. A policy of renewed militancy? A proud and resolute struggle against the reactionary Congressmen who want to kill the labor movement? No! A new two-year no-strike pledge. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES, he said, must there be strikes!

We saw the no-strike pledge operate during the war. We saw how it gave the companies a free hand to do as they wished. We heard the superintendents and managers say in grievance meetings, "Well, what are you going to do about it? You can't strike, you know.'

Murray wants it "made clear that the company and union officers, whose duties involve negotiations of this labor agreement, are not antiunion or anti-company . . . "

How do you like that! Grace, Fairless and Girdler aren't anti-union, he tells us! It's a small world: you meet new "friends of labor" every day.

And how about us? I can tell you, brother, I'm anti-company, and I think you are too. And I think every good union man is anti-company. Too many of us have been beaten or killed in the class struggle for us to love the companies as passionately as Philip Murray seems to.

Here's my idea: I think Murray was worried to death when he saw all the steelworkers in the country close down the mills last year, particularly those tough Lackawanna boys who went out a week early and left the blast furnaces half full of iron when the company not only rejected the union's offer to maintain the plant during the strike but also brought in food and started arranging to get scabs. I think Murray felt his throne shake with the vibration of the marching pickets.

Then too, Murray might have got the wrong idea about those ten union men who died ten years ago. He may think they died for him. Perhaps he sits in his easy chair in the twilight at the close of day, perhaps he sits quietly with tears in his eyes and muses, "Those ten martyrs died for me. If it weren't for men like that I couldn't lead the life I do . . . and I love the life I lead!"

Only I don't believe so, brothers I believe they died for us. I believe they died as fighters in the hope of building a strong union as a step toward making a decent life for the working people. And I'd like to honor them in the militant spirit in which they died - and not by collaborating with, and surrendering to, the greedy monopolists that murdered them.

THE MILITANT NEW YORK, N. Y. PAGE SIX SATURDAY, MAY 31, 1947 **Dump Surplus Potatoes** As World Goes Hungry

Unemployment Rises To Half Million In New York

New York is witnessing something not seen since prewar days. Crowds of workers clustered around bulletin boards in employment offices.

In August 1945 some 70.000@ were on relief in the country's are doing virtually nothing about largest city. Today the estimates it. The Greater New York CIO of jobless range from 400,000 to Council is reported to be urging 'lower prices" and a "share-the-500.000. work" plan.

According to a survey taken by the Daily News more than proved to be so much wasted 140,000 members of AFL and CIO unions are hunting work. plan could accomplish some-Tens of thousands of others are thing if it were pushed energeon a part time basis.

In the garment industry at Packinghouse Workers, for inleast 33,000 are jobless. Emstance, for a 30 hour week at 40 ployers explain that shelves of hours pay is a step in the right the stores are filled with goods, warehouses are jammed, people direction. Still better would be a sliding scale of hours which are unable to pay the high prices would divide all the available demanded, and so they have hours in industry among all the slowed down production. available workers, but at no re-Retail clerks have been hard

hit too, with some 2,500 recently lopped off payrolls.

Among the bakery workers, 4,000 are pounding the pavements. People simply can't afford the cakes and candies stacked in retail cases and bakery shelves.

Restaurants, cafes and night clubs are likewise feeling the first squeeze of the slump-6,000 workers in this industry are no longer "needed."

Hatters and millinery workers are searching with fear in their hearts for non-existent jobs -7,000 of them.

The toy and jewelry industry has felt the slump with particular severity. Here 17,000 have been given discharge slips.

Some 9,000 fur and leather workers are combing the lofts in the city's by-streets hoping to find openings that will enable them to meet rent and grocery bills.

Shoe workers are likewise well - represented among the jobless. More than 5,000 pass well-filled displays in countless shoe store windows in their search for an opportunity to make more shoes. As for furniture workers, esti-

eers, Humphrey, a Democratic mates of job-hunters range Party hopeful, and Collins, a Reto 8 000.



Their morale high, these members of the CIO Food Tobacco Agricultural & Allied Workers sing with gusto as the strike against R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. continues in Winston-Salem, N. C. To help their struggle for higher wages and decent working conditions, don't buy Camels or Prince Albert Tobacco. Federated Pictures

are his prisoners now!

alty campaign said, in part:

union leadership who have ut-

This points up the need for

Especially in Essex County.

where only a full slate of Re-

publicans is in the field, the

dependent working class action,

the Labor Party. Throughout its

Dunne Calls On Unions

To Build A Labor Party

By Joseph Hansen When the Truman Administration poured kerosene over a mountain of potatoes down in Alabama the other day, public resentment rose high. Didn't the capitalists and their political representatives declare last summer that if controls were removed rices would come down as soon s production got under way? Didn't Truman just get through emanding general price reducions? If production will bring prices down, then why did the Truman Administration destroy hese potatoes? Doesn't he know hat the food trust is socking he public as much as 10c a bound for potatoes?

To counter this criticism, the Department of Agriculture issued an explanatory "Memorandum." This document should be reuired reading for anyone who still believes that the capitalist system is the best of all possible systems.

The Department explains that it is under statutory obligation to keep prices at not less than 90% of parity (a figure equal to purchasing power of prices before World War I). Under this law, no one should be "surprised," says the Memorandum, c if potatoes are destroyed.

It then describes Department of Agriculture efforts to keep prices up. In 1946 it deliberately lowered production goals in hope of keeping the crop down. But unfortunately for the Department. the wily American farmers

used better seed, new and imthat does not suit his fancy. proved insecticides and got a Humphrey decides what is good lucky break in the weather. So and what is bad for labor. they produced a record crop of Humphrey decides which of the 475,000,000 bushels. This was allabor-endorsed candidates should most 100,000,000 bushels above be permitted to run. And why the goal set by Washington, and not? The trade union officials 50,000,000 bushels more than 1945. "In 1943, the Socialist Work-

To get rid of the potatoes, the ers Party warned of this danger. A public statement issued Department did its utmost to popularize the vegetable and induring Humphrey's first mayorrease its consumption. But this "Humphrey does not know the didn't make a dent in the huge

workers' movement nor does he supply. base himself upon it. When So they pushed all the pots. elected, he will serve the worktoes possible into charitable iners' cause only if the organized stitutions and into the governlabor movement builds a labor ment - sponsored school - lunch party. Such a Labor Party, con- program. But these consumers trolled by the trade unions will didn't make much headway eith-

case of Jackie Robinson, first baseman of the Brooklyn Dodgers. Most of them, we can be sure, do not under-

target of nasty remarks and even a threatened

athlete has been barred from the big leagues no matter how talented he is. America's favorite sport is just as tainted with Jim-Crow practices as America's capitol. It is no wonder in this country that the Robinson case has attracted so much comment and that the Negro press devotes so many columns to it.

It is their hope that the acceptance of Robinson, and a good playing record on his part, will prepare the way for other capable Negro ball players, thus knocking open still another door always closed to the Negro people. We cannot exclude the possibility of a few more Negroes being admitted to the big leagues (especially because such acts will bring many more Negro fans out to the ball parks), but even that would represent only token representation.

The rub is that organized baseball today is not a sport played out of sheer love for the game. It's a fairly well-paid profession, another way of making a living. Many of the players, chiefly the Southerners, are resentful about a Negro "infringing on a white man's job," no matter how able he is at it. This fact is at the bottom of the many jibes directed at Robinson. It's not so much a case of his playing on a

white team so much as it is a case of his working for a big money team. Many colored athletes perform with mixed teams in high school and college sports without any undue comment in many parts of the United States. However, such activities do not pay off for the individual player as in organized baseball. That is the reason why the Jim Crowers are riding Robinson, trying to un-nerve him and cut down on his batting and fielding average.

Jackie Robinson is another proof that Negroes can vie with the best of them in any field, if given the chance. He is in that sense a living demonstration of the falsity and hypocrisy of the doctrine of "white supremacy." That is why the Jim-Crow elements want to get him out of the public eye. That is why the Negro people and their allies want him to be given the opportunity to show that he can succeed.

The individual fight over Jackie Robinson is therefore important and significant, even though it does not and cannot resolve the larger question. In sports - as in monopoly-controlled in dustry, the officer corps of the armed force: etc. - when they can't exclude us entirely from the better-paying positions, they give us toker representation, hoping thereby to quiet us. Bu token representation is not enough. It mean that the great majority of qualified Negroes are just out of luck.

in every field - in the arts, the professions sports and every other sphere of human activit which reflects the unfair economic practices o employers toward minorities. The thing to remember is that the organized labor movemen is our team. When we strike the bosses out ir the factories, we will have beaten Jim Crow of its home grounds, and guaranteed its defeat everywhere else.

The Negro Struggle -The Case Of Jackie Robinson -By Larry Carter

People in other countries who read the American press are probably scratching their heads to figure out why so much space is given to the



stand what is so remarkable about a dark-skinned athlete becoming a big league player,

or why he should become the

strike. But that is "the American way." Many an



We must and will continue to fight Jim Crov

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Brothers Under The Skin

- By Grace Carlson -

The other day, a friend came into the Minneapolis headquarters of the SWP asking for some help in combating a Jim Crower in his plant.



It seems that this individual -a Southern-born white-had been agitating for separate washroom facilities for white workers. In trying to defend this reactionary policy, the Jim Crower had mouthed the stock argument that Negroes are "different," and had made the triumphant assertion that the Red Cross keeps "Negro.

blood" separate from "white blood."

So, I dug up the July 4, 1942 issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association to demonstrate that the Red Cross segregation policy is completely unscientific. In this issue, the Committee on Race Relations of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists denounced the Jim-Crow policy of the American Red Cross:

Evidence was given by the distinguished scientists of the Committee of Physical Anthropologists that successful transfusions of blood from white persons to Negroes and vice versa had been accomplished hundreds of times. "There is no evidence that the blood of Negroes differs in any significant respect from that of white persons," the Committee stated flatly.

Reference was also made by the Committee

to the widespread use of vaccines, serums and other preparations from the blood and glands of horses, rabbits, sheep, etc. The Red Cross never encourages any foolish prejudices which patients might have against treatment with substances of such origin, the Committee points out.

Knowing that the Red Cross officials act under pressure of the Southern Bourbons, the Committee also recalls the custom of "bettercircumstanced families" in the South of using Negro women as wet-nurses for their babies. Many of the same substances that were circulating in the blood of the Negro wet-nurses were imbibed by the white babies along with the nutritious elements of the milk, it was observed.

"In view of these facts," the Committee states in its summary, "it seems improbable that any soldier or civilian so seriously wounded as to require a blood transfusion will insist that it come from a person whose skin is no darker than his own."

My friend was very glad to get this information as to the unscientific character of Jim Crow and he seemed very sure that he would be able to convert his shopmate to a policy of brotherhood. I hope so! It's a sad thing to think that the bosses can get white and Negro workers to fight each other. Our interests are all the same. Scientists, Marxists and poets - all proclaim the triumphant refrain - we are "brothers under the skin!""

other fields too. "Machinists. longshoremen, building service workers, musicians, newspaper employes, textile workers, wholesale and warehouse workers, seamen, truckmen, cigar makers and paper products workers could use an aggregate of 35,000 or 40,000 jobs in New York." The News ascribes most of this unemployment to sky-high prices that have cut down purchases. but adds, ironically enough, that doorman and elevator operators

are out of work because "building owners cut staffs since they cannot raise rents."

By Alan Kohlman

NEWARK, N. J., May 27 -

One week before the June 3

election for delegates to the

Unions in New York are worried about mounting unemploy-

publican Party climber, consider The News reports that there "sizeable" unemployment in nothing more than a convenient out with very substantial sup- sonal political machine.* instrument. Between the parties port for this outstanding Demthey represent, the struggle is ocrat. All of the 'labor leaders' lic. Street.

duction in take-home pay.

threat of unemployment.

Such concrete proposals must

be energetically advanced by the

unions today to protect ' the

membership from the growing

MINNEAPOLIS, May 24 -

Vincent R. Dunne, Socialist

Workers Party candidate for

Mayor in the recent primary,

today issued the following

"Mayor Humphrey will quite

probably be elected to a second

term on June 9. Frank Collins,

the only other candidate, has

"In reality, there is no dif-

ference between the two, so far

as their fundamental views are

concerned. The fact that they

have different party affiliations

is a secondary matter. At this

juncture in their political car-

scarcely an outside chance.

statement:

"Intent on launching another HIS PRISONERS

war to put the working peoples American imperialists choose their right to speak for labor in gram of 'company unionism' in both the Republican and Demo-4 mer-Labor Party. It was these

cratic parties.

only that of vying for the favor of the city know the meaning of with the question: Does Hum- to try potatoes as stock feed. of the true master-the power- this but they don't dare to ex- phrey have 'good' or 'bad' in- giving them to feeders of beet ful financial clique of Wall press their real thoughts in pub- tentions? The facts are that cattle and hogs at prices as low

"These trade union officials he has the backing of all of the were more successful than the of all countries in chains, the have completely surrendered trade union 'leaders' in this pro- school children and institutions.

their atom-bomb diplomats from politics. They scuttled the Far- politics! "A break must be made with men who guided the Democratic political company unionism all 500,000 bushels for export, giv-"Although Humphrey has Party-the camel's nose-into la- along the line. The ranks of the

R. DUNNE

been indorsed for re-election by bor's tent in Minneapolis. And Minneapolis trade union movethe entire trade union movement, the Democratic Party has taken ment must force a change of he has the tacit support of all full advantage of the opening. course. Labor must build its three daily papers. The daily Humphrey today defies every own party, based upon and con-

ment. Up to now, however, they press - avowedly Republican - proposal of the labor movement trolled by the trade unions."

either the Republican or Demo- ranks what is involved and fail-

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to protect the interests of the The union leaders now main-

Such a "platform" is equiva- campaign, the SWP candidates

lent to the announcement of Big have explained how the issues in

Business that its chief concern the Convention are connected

is to centralize executive power with the Labor Party and em-

in order to streamline the state phasized the need to build the

issues are at stake. As they ity to strike a ballot protest

For a number of reasons, in-

about any type of amendment labor candidates.

have the possibility of keeping er in cutting down the size of the working class electorate as has 'crossed the line' and come Humphrey from building a per- the potato mound, only being able to account for about 3,000,-"We were not concerned then 000 bushels. -we are not concerned now-The government then decided

Humphrey is an active member as 1c for 100 pounds. That's of one of the bosses' parties. And right - one cent! The cattle consuming 11,000,000 bushels.

As a further gesture, the government earmarked about 10,ing the starving millions of Europe and the Far East a tantalizing taste of American abundance.

At an unspecified price the Government dumped another 10,500,000 bushels into starch mills. And another unspecified amount at an unspecified price to distillers of alcohol.

After these Herculean efforts. the government was still left with about 20% of the surplus on its hands.

Republicans are running a full for this rests with the official The net cost of this program to the people was \$80,000,000. Not a single spokesman of terly failed to explain to the In the light of this experience, "the Department tightened its potato program for 1947." It ordered acreage reduced from 2,-669,800 to 2,517,000 acres, and set working people. So far, they have tain a complete silence. For them the 1947 goal at 375,000,000

been content to let former Gov- to speak on the issues would bushels. Now comes the pay off. It apernor Edge and his successor only call attention to the fact pears that the government again underestimated the productive capacity of American farms. Astute farmers are increasing the the ability of the people to make vide leadership in the matter of vield per acre far above what

had been expected. And so the Memorandum ends up pessimistically, warning that it will have to destroy a lot of potatoes again this year if prices are to be kept up. In fact the 7.500 bushels destroyed in Alabama are only the beginning.



SWP Candidates Wind Up Campaign For **N. J. Constitution Convention Election**

slate.

Notes From The News

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Congress may soon have a strike in its own backyard. The District of Columbia Shorthand Reporters Federation, a new independent union.



announced a walkout June 1 unless it gets a pay raise. The union is composed of the shorthand and stenotype reporters who have to record all the hot air the Congressmen spout.

Carl A Marzani, former State Department employe, has been convicted of concealing membership in the Communist Party. Maximum penalty is 110 years in prison and \$110,000 in fines. His trial was marked by the testimony of police spies who had been sent secretly into the Communist Party.

Representative Sabath of Illinois told the House that "outrageous, crooked dealings" are going on in Wall Street.

Kenneth Romney, former sergeant-at-arms of sentenced to one to three years. His accounts were \$143,864 short. The money had been used _ quarter of 1946.

by him for speculations dating back to the 1920's.

Representative John E. Rankin last week told the House that it should prevent Henry Wallace from making any more radio speeches.

Samuel Hyder of Pawtucket, R. I., Jas arrested and fined for laughing .oo much and too loud. Police Chief Mills invoked an ancient law against "reveling." Hyder got his fine back after a retrial defending the right to laugh as part of free speech. * * *

As the anti-labor drive to pass the Taft-Hartley legislation mounts, the big industrialists have increased their donations for anti-labor publicity. \$330,000 was contributed in two weeks to the NAM's publicity wing, the National Industrial Information Committee. Its quota for 1947 is \$3 million.

In the first quarter of 1947, American steel the U.S. House of Representatives, has been workers produced 78% more steel but received only 44% more total wages than in the first ેમ પ્રચ હતા હતુ. the in the set with the set

New Jersey Constitutional Convention, the issues have been clearly posed by the contending political parties. In marked contrast to the Republican and Democratic coalition, the Socialist Workers Party candidates have presented a straight-forward platform in the interests of the working people. The SWP has advocated amendments to the Constitution to provide:

(1) For full protection of labor's rights to organize and strike; end state intervention and strikebreaking.

(2) For expropriation of all public utilities and their opera- ers which are under attack by tion by the state under workers' the Republicans and Democrats. control.

(3) For full economic, social most part have nothing to say and political equality for the on what should be done. In most by and large, do not see what workers now have the opportun-Negro people and all other racial and minority groups. For an ef- tent to make a backstairs deal turn in disgust from the Driscoll against boss class rule, for infective state FEPC with real pow- providing for joint slates of Rediscrimination.

(4) For revision of present sex County, this bi-partisan deal not see anybody representing by voting for the three candimethods of election to provide was gummed up, and only the them. The chief responsibility dates of the SWP.

Alan Kohlmon for election to the Legislature by strict proportional representation and a single-house Legisla-

VOTE FOR THE

SWP CANDIDATES

for the New Jersey

Constitutional Convention

In the June 3 Election

William E. Bohannon

from Essex County

ture. These measures are designed to protect and extend the democratic rights of the workers and the vast majority of the people. They point up the immediate demo-

administration to its own needs. Labor Party now. cratic needs of New Jersey workterest in the Constitutional Con-These boss parties for the vention is much less than in regular elections. The workers,

counties they have been con-

strikebreaking regime and beer to enforce the laws against publicans and Democrats, with come increasingly fed up with the former in a majority. In Es- the Democrats, the workers do for a working class program -

George Breitman Governor Driscoll speak "from that they have nobody to supexperience" on the need to port, no "good" Democrats or strengthen the power of the gov- Republicans to endorse. The unernor. That is, to further restrict ion leadership has failed to protheir demands heard in the Leg- the Constitutional election. islature, and strengthen the office of chief executive.