Heroic Record Of Chinese Trotskyists In War Years

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ANTI-LABOR LAW SURE, SAYS TAFT

Greek Trotskyists Face Death As Terror Reigns

A May 23 dispatch from Paris to The Militant reports that 13 Trotskyists are among the victims of the reign of terror unleashed in Greece since the monarchy was assured of Washington's financial and military support. All 13 are members of the Internationalist Communist Party, Greek Section of the Fourth International.

Three of them, including one woman, face court martial in Salonika and a possible death sentence. Five were arrested in Athens and accused of breaking the "public order" measures decreed by the reactionary Maximos-Tsaldaris cabinet.

The remaining five were condemned to two months imprisonment in the notorious dungeons maintained under the Glucksberg dynasty. The "crime" for which they were condemned was distributing a leaflet.

REACTIONARY DRIVE

The persecution of the Greek Trotskyists is part of the present campaign of the monarchy to suppress all popular resistance with the aid of arms and money furnished by the Truman Administration. Greek reaction took the vote of Congress to hand over a quarter of a billion dollars as the signal to get going. One of the first acts of the Greek government was to restore wartime

censorship of civilian mail.

In the North government mercenaries are attempting to mop up the remnants of the partisan forces who resisted first the Nazi conquerors and then the British. But tight censorship screens the reports, and details of the powered to give "prisoners" a struggle are meager.

brief court martial and execute American correspondents inti- sentence on the spot. Hundreds American correspondents inti-mate that the monarchist forces are not advancing rapidly. The mountainous terrain hampers swift operations and the local populace offers no aid. "Appar-contration composition to progressive ideas swift operations and the local populace offers no aid. "Apparpopulace offers no aid. "Appar- centration camps without so acing deployment of mili- Allied bayonets, dared to name a ently their only interest in the much as the formality of a trial. tary forces, fighting," one reporter writes, "is In accordance with the Tru- around the whole perimeter of cialists and Communists. And in a hope that it will pass them by man "doctrine" these brutal acts the USSR, and finally the an- Hungary, the Stalinists answerwith the least possible damage." are labelled as a fight against nouncement of the war-monger- ed the Truman "doctrine" by onets - rushed by the Truman Nevertheless. the estimated "communism."

Socialist Workers Party Calls For Picket Line At Consulate

NEW YORK, June 3-Appealing to New York workers to join in a picket line protest demonstration at the Greek Consulate at 30 Rockefeller Plaza at noon Saturday, June 7, George Clarke, New York Organizer of the Socialist Workers Party stated:

"The wholesale arrests of Trotskyists in Greece and the savage sentences meted out for minor 'offenses' is just another illustration of the reign of terror now prevailing in Greece.

"Backed by American dollars, the corrupt regime maintains itself in power by a complete denial of civil liberties to all opponents-from revolutionists to moderate liberals.

"The Maximos government-upheld by Truman as an outpost of democracy-has filled the prison camps with trade unionists, militant workers and every honest democrat who has dared to voice a criticism of one of the most reactionary governments in the world. It has persistently rebuffed proposals for a general amnesty to political prisoners urged upon it by embarrassed supporters in Washington.

"The picket line," Clarke concluded, "will raise the demand for the release of the imprisoned Trotskyists, for a general amnesty to all political prisoners in Greece, for a cessation of all financial and military support to the reactionary Greek dictatorship which is jailing and murdering today at the behest of Wall Street imperialism just as it once did for the Nazis during the German occupation."

The demonstration is being jointly sponsored by the New York Locals of the Socialist Workers Party and the Workers Party.

army of 150,000 troops is being

ernment mercenaries are em-By Joseph Hansen

De Gasperi's move to the right offensive has been voted by the

Time To Organize Powerful **Protest Strike Grows Short**

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JUNE 3 — Wall Street's legislative drive against the labor movement is perilously near victory. So confident of success is the bitterly anti-

union Democratic and Republican machine in **Congress** that Senator Taft and Representative Hartley yesterday issued a joint statement flatly predicting their slave-labor measure "will become law. We have no doubt of that."

The confidence of these Wall Street political hatchetmen stems from the failure of the top AFL and CIO bureaucrats to take effective measures against the legislation while it was under consideration in Congress.

Only mighty protest demonstrations such as a nation-wide 24 - hour protest strike could throw a scare into Wall Street's political representatives and force them to retreat. Only the serious threat that labor would organize its own political party and kick out the Wall Street machine politicians could bring hard-bitten political gangsters ike Taft and Hartley to think twice before trying to cripple the inion movement.

But the half-blind and comoletely paralyzed bureaucrats of the AFL and CIO have refused to take an energetic course of action such as that. They have ignored the demands for a 24hour strike raised by international unions. councils and locals throughout the country. They And 24-Hour Strike have preferred to follow the cow ardly example of the trade union ST. PAUL, May 31 - Support bureaucrats in Italy and Germany who watched Mussolini for a national 24-hour protest and Hitler move toward power without lifting a finger even to

save their own necks. In the face of this criminal in flagrant opposition to the de- Executive Board of Local 209, policy of the AFL and CIO bu-

PartialList Of Unions Wanting1-DayStrike

The following national union bodies have gone on record for a 24-hour general protest strike against the Taft-Hartley Bill:

CIO United Packinghouse Workers; National Foundry Council of the CIO United Auto Workers; CIO United Office and Professional Workers; and five national CIO unions at a conference in San Francisco: National Maritime Union; International Longshoremen and Warehousemen; Marine Cooks and Stewards; Marine Engineers; American Communications Association. A number of powerful local councils, central labor unions and joint labor conferences have also endorsed the call for a one day-strike. Among these are:

The CIO Industrial Union Councils of Akron, Flint, Newark, Mahoning County (Ohio) and Chester (Pa.);

The Mercer County (N. J.) Central Labor Union of the AFL; District 3 of the CIO United Electrical Workers; Western Maryland Labor

Unity Conference; Fulton County (N. Y.) United Labor Unions; and the Joint Shop Stewards Conference of Mansfield (Ohio) — all uniting AFL, CIO and independent unions.

In addition, scores of local unions in all parts of the country have expressed their desire to participate in a national protest strike.

dicial agency and gives the "general cour



Put The Squeeze On!

army of 150,000 troops is being deployed to the best of the abil-ity of the fascist-minded generals ordered to carry out the Truman "doctrine" in Greece. Villagers who go outside their homes risk being shot on sight. The gov-armement measuration the other

Wall Street's intensive cabinet.

kick the Stalinists out of the Gasperi has been negotiating.

strike and the building of a labor party to fight the anti-labor

New Jersey Layoffs Sound Warning Signal To Unions

By A. Stevens

NEWARK, June 2-Unemployment is hitting many out of political retirement and workers in the Greater Newark industrial area, and the the flabby Ramadier regime to unemployment compensation offices are congested nowadays as unusually large numbers are filing claims.

Last week the Central Found-Dry Company, Essex Division, laid for housing purposes. Central off 200 workers and discontin- Foundry is the largest producer ued operations indefinitely. Over of soil pipe and drainage fittings 150 were given their walking pa- in the whole northern area. pers at the Phoenix Brass Com- Phoenix Brass produces steam pany in Irvington, and preduc- fittings which are also required tion drastically cut. The same for building construction purhappened at the C. A. Goldsmith poses.

Foundry. The electrical industry is the and more clear. While thoushardest hit. At the General In- ands of families go begging for strument Corporation in Eliza- homes, the building contractors beth 500 have been given ter- and the real estate interests have mination notices, and 200 were conspired to defeat any and all cut off the rolls at National Un- measures for a federal housing

ion Radio. program. By removing price At the East Newark and Clif- controls they have put what little ton plants of Federal Telephone construction there is far beyond and Radio Corporation, an IT&T the purchasing capacity of wage subsidiary, 5,700 were laid off in- earners, and have contributed definitely in a lockout because toward speeding up unemploythey resisted a corporation ment.

of unemployment, but the corp- been operating on a six - day oration's attack on the union schedule for over six months, was made easier because of slackening production orders.

counting the Camden area.

Layoffs amounting to 2,000 are embarrassingly large! also announced for the Western Electric plant in Kearny, and the big RCA plant in Harrison is reported to be preparing a complete shutdown for two weeks, after which wage reductions will be made.

The significant aspect of the shutdown at Central Foundry and the layoffs at Phoenix Brass is that these plants are manufacturers of essential materials ployment, on Page 4.

speedup. This was not a case Central Foundry, which had

The pattern becomes more

was getting a federal bonus to spur production under terms of The district office of the CIO the Patman Act, whose benefits United Electrical Workers esti- do not expire until June 30. Yet mates that even before the Fed- the company was not even able eral shutdown, between 15,000 to take advantage of this handand 20,000 electrical workers had out for this last month because been laid off in New Jersey, not orders are being withheld and the stockpiles of inventory are

> These are small plants, for the most part, but what happened to them is a signal of what is being prepared for the larger plants. These lavoffs are a warning that the trade union movement should

> act now to protect the workers against the effects of the depression.

of democratic liberty which is essential to the functioning See editorial, Growing Unemof free trade unions."

"incidents" cabinet that excluded both Soing Truman "doctrine." pulling a coup d'etat, ousting

This brazen avowal of an "an- | political sympathizers of Angloi-communist" foreign policy of American imperialism from the world-wide intervention in the regime.

internal life of other countries RESPONSE SWIFT

gave new life to reaction on every continent. In France, for instance, it encouraged the dicta- ments was swift. On his own au- German armies from the under- used so far have failed, we must damaged his chances in the 1948 damage suits can be slapped on torial-minded de Gaulle to come cellation of the unused half of by the heels. If the report is true, weapon.

intimating that he will speed the \$100,000,000 loan for which de

'one of the greatest political gambles of all time." The gamble is that dollars.

food - and perhaps more bay-



a \$30,000,000 credit to Hungary their departure for the "hills" 15 to buy American surplus pro- tensified civil conflict. Such con- the call for a 24-hour work stopperty. At the same time he wish- flict could end the feeble de Gased "every success" to de Gasperi, peri regime overnight. (Continued on Page 3)

Michigan State CIO To Meet

DETROIT, June 2 — The June 16-18 convention of the | stands to lose, if the present pro-

crisis. Not only is the whole labor movement threatened program of retreat and inaction,

At Height Of Labor Crisis

by the passage of the Taft-Hartley Bill; but right here in is maintained.

try's most powerful industrial visions of the reactionary Voor-

union structure, the State Leg- his Act adopted by Congress dur-

Michigan, the home of the coun-9-

Bill as a measure to "put the Administration, can succeed in Labor Act," the Local 209 Bulletholding de Gasperi in office. But in declares that a general pro- for a veto has been lacking, Truon June 1, the day after the new 'test strike is the only effective man himself is weighing whether cabinet was announced, a Rome answer to the Wall Street-spon- or not he should sign the measdispatch said that former Parti- sored measure. Big Business is ure. If a great protest movesans in northern Italy were al- playing its hand for all it is ment had been organized by the "Since all the methods we have

CALL FOR LABOR PARTY

A number of leading militants

in Detroit have drawn the con-

Favor Labor Party

page. Local 209 further caffs for influence as head of the Demo-This too is part of de Gasperi's stop this political conspiracy ate votes needed to sustain the against us." veto.

Denouncing the Taft-Hartley lined up by Taft. This handful who might have been persuaded whole labor movement in a worse the measure are now swinging He will have final authority to uphold a Presidential veto of straitjacket than the Railway still more solidly behind Taft. Because really strong pressure

tatorial powers. Whoever is appointed to this post must be conwithout appeal on the filing of charges against unions or employers of unfair labor practices.

Government by injunction is established, since any employer faced with strike action can ask the Attorney General to halt the CIO and AFL heads, this hesitation alone would have severely walk-out for 80 days. Crippling the unions for alleged "violaelection. If a big enough fire were built under him, he would tions" of contract. The closed "Therefore, Local 209 urges all feel forced not only to announce shop is outlawed, and union hir-

which had been made February constitutes a storm signal of in- railroad unions to participate in well in advance that he would ing halls are apparently to be veto the measure but to use his ended. Union political activity is barred. Collective bargaining the building of a Labor Party to cratic party to line up the Sen- is seriously restricted. Every, union officer must swear that he is not a "Communist." Mass

The final version of the Taftpicketing, interpreted as "inter-Hartley bill as it emerged from ference," is outlawed.

the House-Senate conference is And these union _ smashing designed to smash the spine of provisions are only some of the the labor movement. It converts main teeth in this measure that the National Labor Relations | Wall Street counts on having on Board, for instance, into a ju- the law books very soon.

DETROIT, June 2 — The June 16-18 convention of the stands to lose, if the present pro-Michigan State CIO will meet at a time of supreme labor gram of the CIO leadership, a **Granting Rent Boosts Of 15%**

On the heels of passage of the Taft-Hartley slavelabor legislation, Wall Street celebrated another major victory over the people on May 29 when the Senate by a band-wagon vote of 48-26 passed 🔊

a bill permitting rent boosts of Last year, when he first pro-15%. The bill also eliminated posed the 15% boost, he claimed building controls on new homes. that tenants widely sympathized The rent boost clause was pro- with landlords unable to raise posed by Senator Albert W. rents because of controls. The Hawkes (R., N. J.) a well-known real estate interests have insistpolitical representative of the ed that because their profits durbig insurance companies. ing the war did not soar to such

The rent-relief provision for mountain - high proportions as "That no more time be wasted the monopolists at the expense the profits of other sections of and that the officers of the State of millions of workers and other the capitalist class they have

Fiorello LaGuardia, head of meeting of local UAW officers their way, will be dominated, not convention of all labor organi- May 1. The House and Senate the National Rent Committee, was called in Lansing two weeks by a discussion of a program to zations in the state of Michigan versions now go to conference called the "voluntary" rent boost ago by UAW Vice-President Rich- hurl back reaction, but by the and proceed there and then to where differences will be provision a "blackjack clause." Senator Taylor (D., Idaho), who Reuther and Thomas-Addes fac- labor in this state as the initial bill is placed on Truman's desk. opposed the increase, described the clause as "a pistol at the head of the little people to come The clause permits landlords across or else-" And Senator

"Real estate and landlords' in-Senator Hawkes argued that terests are singing a Te Deum the whole labor movement the tenants will "welcome" the op- and a Hallelujah over its adopportunity to pay 15% more rent. tion."

islature has had the temerity to ing the war. clusion that it is up to them to put forward one anti-labor bill Thus far all attempts by the get the ball rolling if the Michiafter the other, each bill more union militants to have the CIO gan CIO is to be pushed out of savage than the one before. leaders break with the bankrupt its present rut and is to take the PAC policy of supporting the high road that will lead to new What has been the answer of the Michigan CIO leaders to this campaign which threatens the very existence of the unions?

The leaders are bewildered and stunned by the rapid advance of reaction and can do nothing but propose sending postcards to

Congress and fighting rearvears ago. guard actions to here and there soften the anti-labor blows. ard Leonard, to fight the ultra- rotten clique fight between the launch a new political party of straightened out before the final reactionary Callahan Bill. This group of officers attended the

succeeded by their demonstration retain the incumbent state leadin forcing the removal of sev- ership of August Scholle. The of action the Michigan CIO Con- to raise rents where tenants en- Charles Tobey (R., N. H.) said, eral of the most obnoxious sec- Thomas-Addes caucus leaders tions. The bill however remains are busy lining up votes to oust extremely repressive, duplicating, the incumbent leadership. on a state scale most of the pro- | Either way, the rank and file road to progress.

Democratic Party have been un- advances. As an example of this development, the Budd Local successful. These CIO leaders continue to cling just as tena- 306 executive board passed a reiously to a policy which has re- solution condemning the present lows: AFL leaders clung to the policy

of narrow craft unionism 12

vealed its bankruptcy, as the PAC policy and resolving as fol-The coming Michigan CIO CIO stand instructed to call low-income groups had already been suffering "hardship." Thus for instance a special Convention, if these leaders have within 60 days an extraordinary been approved by the House on

tions. The Reuther caucus lead- step toward the formation of a Truman is expected to sign the open hearings on the bill and ers are busy lining up votes to nation-wide labor party."

On the basis of such a program vention can reverse the present ter contracts "voluntarily." course of retreat and can show

measure.

Supreme Court **Ruling Hit By CIO** The CIO last week asked the Supreme Court to re-hear a case involving the right of police to search private dwellings without a search warrant.

Despite the Fourth Amend-

ment, which prohibits illegal

search, the Court had ap-

proved such procedure in a 5

to 4 decision handed down

last month in the George

The CIO brief declared that

"the destruction of any of

the guarantees of the Bill of

Rights constitutes a threat to

the existence of that climate

Harris case.

ALCIDE DE GASPERA

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Farewell To A Socialist Pioneer

An old socialist pioneer died in Rosedale, Kan- | tical help he could, up to the recent years when

home to his funeral. I was bound to him perhim for many things of value beyond computation. He was the first to explain to me that he said. He really believed in freedom, equality and the brotherhood of man, and thought these things attainable and worth striving for. That was his "principle," and he lived up to it.

It was from him that I first learned about socialism; he took me into the movement, 36 years ago, and thus shaped my life in a pattern and reliving all that on the long train ride to the old man's funeral, I thought of him not only as a friend and counsellor, but also as a true and worthy representative of that noble generation of pioneer socialists who went before us and prepared the way for us. We are here because they were there. We should never forget that.

His socialism-the predominant mid-western American socialism of his time-inspired by the great spirit and burning eloquence of Debs, was broadly humanitarian, more ethical, perhaps, than scientific, and putting more emphasis on the goal than the road to it. But it was right in the essence of the matter, and there was a great driving force of conviction and inspiration behind it. In my opinion, the modern movement, with its more precise analysis and its necessary concentration on the struggle, would do well to infuse its propaganda with more of the old emphasis on the ultimate meaning of the struggle; speak out, as the old pioneers did, for human rights and human dignity, for freedom and equality for the last time, that's a great deal. Carl Sandand abundance for all. That is what we are really fighting for when we fight for socialism.

Ben Hanford, the great socialist agitator of collective comrade whom he called Jimmy Higgins -the man in the ranks who busies himself without ostentation, recognition or reward to do all the innumerable little and unnoticed things which have to be done to keep the "movement" going and keep the torch burning. Such was the old man. He was an old-timer from away back-a "labor man" from the days of the Knights of Labor and the eight-hour movement; a Debs' man from the A.R.U. strike of '94 on; and a socialist activist all through the twenty-year rise of them, and I say farewell to him with gratitude of the Socialist Party after the turn of the century. He ardently sympathized with me in all my father. my work and struggles, and gave all the prac-

sas, the other day at the age of 89, and I went he was too old and tired to do any more. An account of his quiet and sustained activity sonally by many different ties and indebted to for socialism could stand, with only a few unimportant changes, as a composite biography of the whole fraternity of anonymous activists whose truth and justice are important, and he proved to unrecognized labors and sacrifices, freely given me, by his life-long example, that he meant what | with unfaltering faith, transformed an idea and a hope into a movement which lives after them and will yet prevail.

He was no "leader," but a simple rank and file man who "talked socialism" to all who would listen; hustled the subscriptions for the papers; arranged the meetings, rented the hall and drummed up the crowd for the speaker: and alwhich has never been changed. Remembering ways had his hand in his pocket for a contribution he couldn't afford, to help make up the deficit. In addition, he could always be counted on to "put up" a traveling agitator at his home and thus save the party expenses, although hiz own financial means were all too narrow.

The old man was the friend and partisan of all good causes, always ready to circulate a petition, help out a collection or get up a protest meeting to demand that wrongs be righted. The good causes, then as now, were mostly the unpopular ones, and he nearly always found himself in the minority, on the side of the underdogs who couldn't do him any good in the tough game of making money and getting ahead He had to pay for that, and his family had to pay, but it couldn't be helped. The old man was made that way, and I don't think it ever once entered his head to do otherwise or live otherwise than he did.

That's just about all there is to tell of him. But I thought, as I looked at him in his coffin burg said it this way: "These are heroes then -among the plain people - Heroes, did you say? And why not? They give all they've got and an earlier day, once wrote an encomium of a ask no questions and take what comes and what more do vou want?'

That devoted band of pioneer socialists who lived and worked unselfishly for socialism, who did what they could for the "movement" and kept it alive so that a new generation coming along would not have to begin at the beginning, did not live in vain. They were far more important for the future of America and the world than they, with their modesty and their renunciation, could possibly realize. The old man was one and love. His name was John Cannon. He was

-J. P. C.

Stalinist Grip On Buffalo UE Shaken By Militant Caucus

BUFFALO, May 31 - One of 20 votes, (430 to 410), it 1581 presented an entirely difof the hottest union election nevertheless succeeded in elect- ferent picture.

campaigns in the Buffalo ing the vice-president and three For in this local the Rank and

which is organized by Local ine that dominates the UE has militant labor program. In addi-1581 of the CIO United Elec- been receiving opposition main- tion to raising various plant isly from right-wing dissidents sues, the Rank and File pro-Although the Rank and and red-baiters running on a gram called for vigorous opposi-

File Membership Caucus, program that does not differ tion to the anti-labor offensive; whose slate was headed by Tony much from that followed by a sliding scale of wages to meet Marino, lost the election for Fitzgerald, Matles and Co. But the rising cost of living; and president by a narrow margin the election campaign in Local the building of an independent,

Notebook Of An Agitator Joint Labor Victory In Oakland Election **Points Road For Workers In Other Cities**

By Ed Davis

OAKLAND, Calif., June 2-The recent election campaign, in which the labor-backed Oakland Voters League won four of the five City Council seats being contested, merits the close examination of union militants throughout the country. While it is

what was needed was a respect-

support from the middle class.

As a result the joint labor com-

mittee finally set up the Oak-

true that there were some special circumstances in the top. Only the Teamsters' last December, and a working unity between the AFL, CIO and Railroad Brotherhoods -conditions of this kind will ap- and resolutions stressing the pear elsewhere as the labor party need for candidates "from the movement develops.

Political action was the next step obviously indicated after the strike, which led to the general not possibly succeed. They felt general strike. The retail clerk strike when the city administration gave police protection to professional strikebreakers, resulted in a stalemate. The picket SLATE AND PROGRAM lines were expensive, and even more important, labor could not feel secure in the East Bay.

land Voters League with a few The critical and test case na- liberals as top officers, and deture of the clerks' strike was rec- | cided on a "respectable" slate of ognized by everyone, as was the five candidates. Although four need for taking some positive ac- of the five were or had been tion against the City Council- members of unions, none had men. As a result joint labor ac- ever gained any leading position

tion was achieved, primarily at for better housing, street im- puted to have spent. provements, parks, etc. Nothing working unity. Rank and file unionists bemanship. gan to come out with speeches

THEIR CHANCE

If ever a "coalition" slate had ranks of labor" in the city election. However, the Stalinists should have been the one. Not and AFL bureaucrats felt that cnly were the candidates and with cars made available to take participants. a "straight" labor ticket coulo their program middle class, but voters to the polls. in Oakland for almost two decades the middle class has made SLATE LED . . able ticket which could rally

repeated attempts to unseat the political machine which has run Association.

slate idea was doomed and that paid off.

they would have to rely on their section of the middle class lead- has the Knowland machine acchine was being challenged, for successful end of the clerks' labor-and labor alone.

Fortunately, the Joint Com- ers. mittee took up the challenge and more emphasis on their union af- land. filiations, meager as these were.

SHOT IN THE ARM

The primaries, which the Votpluralities, served as a shot in the arm to the whole labor movement. Nothing had so captured the workers' imagination since the beginning of the CIO. Volunteer precinct workers appeared from almost everywhere.

The Voters League had little or no access to the daily press and the important radio stations,

Chicago Packing Unions Decide To Cooperate

but that made little difference its present footing. A dinner is The program was similarly to the success of the campaign. planned for all presinct workers "respectable." The Voters League Nor did the meager financial and a victory dance is scheduled came out against the unjust tax- outlay seriously retard the cam- for the night the candidates are ation which favored the down- paign—the League operated on sworn into office.

town merchants by low assess- a budget of \$20,000 compared to But what the AFL bureacrats ments. They came out vaguely the \$250,000 the machine was re- want is to tie the League to the Democratic Party, even though

Three things were done to get the local Democratic Committee Oakland - a general strike leadership remained outside this concrete. On the labor angle, out the vote. First, the wide came out the day before the they promised "impartial" states- distribution of three leaflets-a election in favor of the incumbgeneral one for mailing, a trade- ents. The Stalinists for their union leaflet, and one addressed part are not too sure what they

to the large Negro population. want, although they are not sat-Second, a real precinct organi- isfied with things as they are. the chance of garnering in the zation recruited from the trade and are inclined toward a "peomiddle class vote, this slate unions. And third, an election ple's" committee with labor unday drive to get out the vote, ions represented by individual

DELEGATED BODY

The union militants, on the In those precincts where votother hand, are pushing for a delegated body through which ers were talked to, and in which the city in the interests of the the election day campaign was unions can call for an account-Downtown Merchants Associa- carried on, the slate led by hand- ing by the candidates. Some tion and the United Employers some majorities. In those pre- have already initiated a resolucincts where only the mailing ticn drive in the unions built Yet the campaign was hardly was done, the candidates either around the central idea of conbegun before the Joint Commit- just held their own or trailed, tinuing the Voters League as a tee realized that their coalition The house-to-house work really delegated body with labor leadership predominant.

Working class interest did not This idea is meeting with some own strength. No significant die down after the election, nor success. The workers understand immediately that this is the aners rallied to the support of the cepted the defeat. It has dropped swer to the old game of electing slate. With the exception of a the red-baiting and now is try- candidates only to see them sell handful of PCA people and some ing to buy out the candidates by out. Some Stalinist rank and fellow-travelers of the CP, the one means or another. These file members think it is a good middle class leaders made their tactics will become more persist- idea too. In one union the Stalchoice in favor of the incumb ent. Labor won a victory whose inist PAC director withdrew a ents. It quickly became clear effects are far reaching. Locally, resolution for a loose people's that the entrenched city ma- the campaign has resulted in the committee-which had been prepared for him-in favor of a resthe first time in two decades, by strike, and in the soft-pedaling olution for a delegated labor of police brutality towards strikbody.

Resolutions of this kind have

been passed in two CIO steel lo-

cals, one AFL union and one

railroad brotherhood. It is thus

Statewide, the victory was reproceeded to speak more openly sponsible for the defeat of an in the name of labor-although anti-full-crew law for railroad never going as far as they should workers. Inquiries are coming have. The candidates added the in from all over the state and sure to come before both the plank of "no strikebreaking" to from other states asking the CIO AFL and CIO central bodies. their program and began to lay Council how it was done in Oak-

Finally, the successful campaign in Oakland is sure to have The big question is what next

-what becomes of the Oakland repercussions in San Francisco Voters League? Plans are in which will have a municipal ers League slate carried by big the making to keep it alive on election next fall.

Our Program:

1. Defend labor's standard of living!

- A sliding scale of wages -an escalator wage clause in all union contracts to provide automatic wage increases to meet the rising cost of living!
- Organize mass consumers committees for independent action against profiteering and price-gouging!
- Expropriate the food trusts! Operate them under workers' control
- 2. Full employment and job security for all workers and veterans!
 - For the 6-hour day, 30-hour week! A sliding scale of hours



10,000 Aircraft Workers Threaten Strike In Seattle

By C. Kaye

SEATTLE, May 28 - Ten thousand workers at the and File candidates as "strike-Boeing Aircraft Corporation's giant Northwest plant here, never before struck, will strike if the company does not revise its present contract offer O

in the next few days. At a jam- ten cent per hour wage inmed meeting of the Aero Mechanics Union, Local 751, IAM, on sent ten labor grades into five May 22, thousands of indignant to allow for swifter advancement unionists overwhelmingly voted and simpler administration; to reject the bosses' offer.

In a second vote over 94% call- vacation plan; double-time pay ed for a strike. The union imme- for overtime work; greater shift diately petitioned the Machinist's International in Washington for strike sanction.

The continued arrogance of the bosses after three months of the past years (these include membership to this militant ac- periods). A company proposal tion. All the company's offers to institute a staggered work are conditioned by their insist- week is likewise strongly opposed ence on nullifying the present by the union. seniority agreement by excluding any 10% of the working force from seniority coverage. The of the IAM, have similarly filed

workers are justly refusing to

Other union demands are a at Boeing.

labor party based on the trade unions. The so-called "Unity" slate raised a campaign of vilification and slander against the leading Rank and File candidates, espe-

cally Tony Marino. In the last days of the campaign, they issued leaflets branding the Rank mad" and "disrupters" who "if elected would have a program of nothing but strike-strike-

strike." The Stalinist-dominated slate crease; consolidation of the prealso stooped to encouraging These fabricators seem disposed I undercover red-bating against and File caucus, which had takeight paid holidays; liberalized en a clear and principled position against red-baiting as a other fringe demands they are bosses' weapon for smashing the stalling in the hopes that an differentials; paid sick leave; and official inclusion into the labor movement.

contract of minor conditions The closeness of the vote all gained by the members during along the line showed that the an injunction club to wield slanders and red-baiting did not against the union. They are also negotiations spurred the union smoking time and extended lunch have the full effect intended. With only another 30 votes, the Rank and File caucus would have won a majority of the Executive Board.

Boeing foremen and supervis-Although the Rank and File ors, organized into Lodge 1750 slate had limited financial resources, it put up a much more strike notice. as have the plant active and vigorous campaign sacrifice this prime guarantee of guards and Building Service Em- than the "Unity" slate, which their job security in the plant. ployes Union members working had the full support of the UE International machine.

labor on scab products. Copies of the poster are available at FTA headquarters, 20th and Race Sts., Philadelphia, Pa. **Federated** Pictures

This poster, issued by the CIO Food, Tobacco, Agricultur-

al & Allied Workers, on strike against the R. J. Reynolds Co.,

makers of Camel cigarettes, expresses the attitude of union

Tri-State Fabricators Resist Fringe Demands In Contract

By Art O'Brien

YOUNGSTOWN, June 1 - An unholy alliance between the small steel fabricating companies in a tri-state area in this region appears to have been formed against the union contract terms signed by Big and Little Steel. to grant the 12½ c increase won General Fireproofing, the leading members of the Rank from both Big and Little Steel. Youngstown Steel Door and Wil-But on the questions of re- liam B. Pollock Co. are holding troactive pay, paid vacations and out. General Fireproofing has a 15 day extension of contract. early passage of the proposed an- Youngstown Steel Door is closed ti-labor legislation will give them down because, the union is in a continuous meeting and William

B. Pollock Co. is still in negotiaputting up a solid front against tions the union shop demand which

many union locals in the fabri-A key strike in the area is gocating part of the industry are ing on at the F. C. Russell Co. in Columbiana. The spirit of the

The union made a small crack workers there still remains high in the anti-union front by dedespite a court injunction and feating three small fabricators the dragging out of the strike. Hill-Hubbell, Trim Edge and This is also a case of the com-Mackenzie Muffler recently. But pany holding out to see what these are very small companies happens to the other fabricators and do not carry very heavy and what kind of anti-labor legislation will be passed for its

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STALINISTS ON

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CHICAGO, May 31 - By agreement between the CIO United Packinghouse Workers of America and the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen, the NLRB election scheduled for May 28 in the plants of the Chicago Packers Association was called off and will not be held.

Last November District 1 of the UPWA filed a petition for an NLRB election in seven AFL organized independent plants involving about 1,000 workers. By agreement now the election has been called off and the AFL union will continue to represent the workers in these plants.

A statement by the UPWA district officials called attention to the anti-labor drive in Congress and declared:

"Now is not the time for workers to fight one another on union affiliation. All unions must unite to fight the common threat to all. Especially must the packinghouse workers work in close cooperation if we are to obtain increased wages in the negotiations now taking place in our industry.

"We hope that by withdrawing from this election, we will set a precedent for a 'no-raiding agreement' between our respective unions and will effect closer cooperation in action from now on.'

ENDORSED STAND

Representatives of the local unions of the Amalgamated issued a statement heartily endorsing the stand taken by the CIO union, calling attention to the fact that the two international unions were cooperating in negotiations for wage increases with the major packers, and describing the elimination of jurisdictional differences in Chicago as "another move in the direction for united action."

The UPWA voted at its recent convention to work closely with the AFL union in seeking a 15 cent wage raise. Last week Patrick E. Gorman, international secretary-treasurer of the Amalgamated, reported that the AFL union had agreed to this and that no settlement with the packers will be made without agreement by both unions.

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How German People Are Being "Re-educated For Democracy" and Mannesmann remain in the

By Ernest Germain

good graces of the "Labor Party' All the plagues which have struck Germany-the dismoguls. membering of the country, plundering of its industrial equipment, stagnation of its production, disintegration of the American zone. In Bavaria, its economic and cultural structure-all these are justified, the minister for denazification

according to the occupation @ powers and their advocates, the legal German parties, by the "collective guilt of the German people" in starting and "barbarically conducting" the war. The occupation has to be continued, they say, in order to "re-edu-

make them "fit for democracy." ed in the Ruhr mines, because

Fourth International exposed the detestable lie of this myth about administration removes a whole the collective guilt of the German people; we don't need to go into it again here. (See June its orders strictly enough. 1947 issue of Fourth International.) It could also be pointed hardly a favorable environment suits the occupying powers! for such "re-education." But let STRICT CENSORSHIP us not linger over these general considerations; let us look more the German workers after their emergence from twelve years of brutal fascist dictatorship.

rules Germany today is one of cupation forces is permitted. of "democracy" they are trying military dictatorship. It begins The editor of a Coburg daily by denying the German masses got six months in prison for their most elementary demo- some completely innocuous recratic right: the right of free marks which the German mili- May 8, 1945 one police regime self - determination. It then tary tribunal considered "inthrusts them into the dismem- sults." bered and outmoded framework not only of the four zones but of two dozen states ("Laender"), each with its own "parliament"

True enough, these "parlia- arms. The workers are still detatorship!

1946: ". TIONS FOR THE CONSTITU-UTIES RESENTATION . . .!"

juridical formula, but the prements, flout "parliamentary" de- Dinkelbach, former director of

The Third In A Series Of Articles

racy when last October they dissolved all the mine-workers' the German people and committees democratically electthey refused to call on their A recent manifesto of the fellow-workers for extra work in the mines. The Russian military string of mayors, provincial leaders and ministers who don't obey

The "democratic rights" grantout that the frightful misery ed the German masses consist hundreds. existing in Germany today is of the "right" to do whatever

Strictest censorship exists. A closely at the kind of "democ- without a government license, the only cases where large-scale racy" the Big Four have brought and of course the government propaganda is allowed are the who give satisfactory "guarantees" of their submissiveness. No

Demonstrations and strikes are strictly forbidden and punishable by law. Just as in the countries which Hitler occupied, and its own government. the death penalty hangs as a

FRAUDULENT FREEDOM

ments" are "elected" by the nied the right to a national population. But in the elections trade union organization! only those parties which have accepted the Potsdam agreement the fact that the Big Four have can participate, that is, parties no "confidence" in the Germans which accept the military dic- because they are still "pro-Nazi," as the imperialist and Stalinist

Even these parties, however, propaganda tries to maintain? are "free" only in appearance. But the worst of the comedies The American newspaper, Neue staged by the occupying forces Zeitung, issued for the German has been the so-called "denazifipopulation, puts it to them cation." A few scapegoats have bluntly in its issue of August 19, been hanged. A whole crowd of . AFTER THE ELEC- smaller fry have lost their lives. ENT ASSEMBLIES ALSO, THE have removed, they have put GOVERNMENTS (of the vari- three into their service. This ous states) WILL CONTINUE comedy has been partly hidden TO BE, AS PREVIOUSLY, DEP- from public knowledge by mu-(Charges d'Affaires) tual blackmail among the four OF THE OCCUPYING POWER, occupying powers: "If you de-AND NOT PARLIAMENTARY nounce my Nazis, I will denounce ORGANS OF POPULAR REP- yours." From time to time a

cise expression of what actually considered the Nazis' paradise. of the government itself. goes on every day. The occupa- The head of the iron and steel tion powers change the govern- sector in Dusseldorf is a Dr.

On Germany 1947

is himself a former Nazi! When a German denazification tribunal declared the designated Prime Minister of Bavaria, a certain Mueller, to be unfit for the post. Mueller took a plane for Berlin, saw General Clay

and was promptly cleared! In the French zone a vast number of fascists have reassembled. As for the Soviet zone, much more noise has been made about "denazification;" but many a Nazi officer is today being used by the GPU as police spy in the universities, and the bureaucracy has taken Nazi technicians and inventors into its service by the

The picture is hardly better in

When we add that the Amer-

ican authorities have actually had the Nazi books burned: that not a single piece of foreign litnewspaper cannot be published erature has been published; that grants such licenses only to those church in the Western zones, and the Stalinist party in the Russian zone-we can then get a The political regime which attack upon any act of the oc- fairly good picture of the kind New York Herald Tribune expressed it quite frankly: "On

by another police regime." In the rubble-covered streets of Munich, a street car passes. On the front is the sign, "For **Occupation Forces Only."** A few people in uniform are comfortably seated inside. And on the threat over anyone possessing back of the car a human swarm clings to the steps. A father goes by with his child, and the boy asks: "What is that, papa?" The

Can all this be explained by German replies, without irony or hidden meaning: "Why that, son, that is democracy. (Next week: From Potsdam to Moscow.)

But for every Nazi the Allies

GENERAL MARSHALL

discovery of a "plot" and arrest-

ed Deputy Bela Kovacs, former

Secretary of the Small Land-

On May 28, Matyos Rakosi

Deputy Premier and leading Stal-

inist hatchetman in Hungary

called a cabinet meeting. Prem-

ier Nagy of the Small Landhold-

cation" in Switzerland, This

meeting ordered Nagy to return.

On May 31 a new Cabinet was

nearly all the top leaders of the

holders.

Heroic Record Of Chinese In the Trotskyists During The War

CHEN CHI-CHANG

Member of the Central Committee of the Chinese Trotskyist movement, whose courage and vigilance kept the Trotskyist underground printing press functioning, despite the terror regime. News of his death at the hands of the Japanese police was received in February 1946.

The Position Of Stalinism **After The Renault Strike**

By Pierre Frank

PARIS, May 15, - As a result of the governmental on the parliamentary scene our cause. crisis developing from the Renault strike, the French Stalinists find themselves, for the first time since the "liberation," outside the governmental majority and, except for first time since 1923 an import- responsible comrades were forced set up a small guerrilla detach-DRGANS OF POPULAR REP- yours." From time to time a big scandal breaks, but with far the brief interlude of the govern- brief interlude of the brief interlude of the brief interlude of the govern- brief i tant working class action in a ists. The Renault strike was understanding the Stalinist manleft direction has resulted in a strong enough to weaken the euvers ever more clearly and con-

CHINA, May 15 — The Trotskyist organization, the ment on the border of Kiangshu Communist League of China, was cut to pieces in the and Anwei. They had to conduct first year after the attack on Pearl Harbor. Every local their guerrilla war not only unit had to rely on its own initiative and courage to meet against Japanese armies, but the emergencies. Only common ideas and traditions con-tinued to high up to the pays and traditions con-tacks of Kuomintang and Staltinued to bind us together. No news, no communication inst armies. They, however, could be exchanged.

could be exchanged. Even after the war, we had to wait another year and a half to draw a complete pic-their bic bids and Peng boldly and Yet Comrade Peng boldly and Swelled to an army of two thousture of our organization on calmly stuck to his post. a national scale. Everywhere that we had a group of comrades or surrender, our comrades in pri- mander. a unit, we had a glorious epic son were set free. They went through a heroic struggle in the STALINIST MURDERS too. We say that without any exaggeration. Let us give you some iron grip of Japanese policemen brief sketches now.

SHANGHAI STRUGGLES tions. They continued the revo- China.

lutionary activities among work- SHANTUNG WARFARE ers and students. Our young student comrades served in the Tam Car Company and other factories as workers. They successfully contacted the ranks of the Communist Party and made some as they were discovered as Trotheadway among them.

a series of strikes in several weaving factories and was finally put ly heroic death. Before the first wife were captured in the Stalunder arrest by Japanese policemen. A girl student comrade paid he made a revolutionary speech with them, a wife and a small and was taken into custody at once. Completely terrorized by the brutal torture, she went mad breath. and betrayed everything she

knew. A group of young comrades were arrested soon. Comrade of Stalinist murderers? We can-Liu Chia Liang, who just left not yet give an exact account. the hospital after a serious operation removing a tubercular idney, had a narrow escape.

Comrade Peng also escaped rom the deadly hands of the apanese butchers. It is difficult o adequately describe the heroism of this old Bolshevik who not only showed his great abilities and resourcefulness in meetditions of wartime. In spite of sooner formed than it was disder a pseudonym, and converted tried to escape, but was recap-

and fighters. Comrade Cheong Not long before the Mikado's Li Ming was elected a com-

Even the native Stalinists held and they could and did stand all a mass meeting to welcome "the kinds of cruel threats and tor- most loyal anti-Japanese fight-Our comrades in Shanghai ture. Without their heroism and er - Commander Cheong." Commaintained the official organ, self-sacrifice, we could not even rade Cheong's army attacked Tao Tsing Pao (Struggle), even dream of the revival of the Trot- Japanese armies frequently. Its under the most difficult condi- skyist movement in postwar dynamics made a deep impression on the peasants. And its popularity caused a great envy in the top ranks of the Stalin-

Our comrades in Shantung ists, who ground their teeth in Province became the best fighters rage. Only the unfavorable posiin the guerrilla war. Some comtion bound their murderous rades fought in the Stalinist hands. Eighth Route Army. But as soon

But when Cheong's guerrilla army suffered a fatal defeat in skyists, they were shamefully shot the battle of Tzin Hwa, the One of our women workers led one after another. One of our Stalinists seized their golden young comrades died an especial- chance. Comrade Cheong and his Stalinist bullet stilled his voice, inist-controlled zone. Together to his fellow-fighters attacking son of another comrade, a For-Stalinism and upholding the re- mosa revolutionary who had revolutionary slogans to his last cently been converted into a devoted Trotskyist, and several How many comrades lost their women, were all placed under lives at the criminal bloody hands arrest.

At first, the Stalinists tried to get a denunciation of Trotsky-We met the same fate in the ism from Cheong's mouth. When Kuomintang-controlled area. For they found out that it was hopeinstance, Comrade Cheong Tzi less to bend his will, they mercilessly beheaded him. His wife rades in north China, was bru- and all other captives were shot tally killed by the Kuomintang. wholesale. Even the six year old

Immediately after his release innocent boy was not spared by from Nanking prison in August the Stalinist beasts. He was thrown into the sea and drowned. As can be seen, there is ing of Stalinism or our struggle against it.

UNDER THE JAPANESE

In Southern China, our comrades stubbornly maintained the tured and shot. He also "drank party nuclei in Japanese-con" trolled factories and docks. They

worked hard and led a "life even worse than that of an ox or a horse" in Hongkong and Canton. We note with pride that our base in Canton was established only after the beginning of the Paci-

fic War. The emergence of our organization in Canton meant that the Communist movement was again beginning to take root in the traditional revolutionary soil af-



Ching, one of our leading com-1937, Comrade Cheong had forming a series of emergencies, but ed a guerrilla detachment in his went hand in hand with us even native country in Shantung. But nothing abstract about the under the most dangerous con- the guerrilla detachment was no Chinese Trotskyists' understand-

the fact that our enemies knew armed and wholesale imprisonhis name very well, he bravely ments took place in a special concentration camp. Cheong lectured in two universities un-

beaten, and most seriously, not a group of Stalinist students to

cisions, remove "elected" repre- the "Vereinigte Stahlwerke" sentatives from their posts, and which was Hitler's most conintervene in all German affairs sistent financial backer. During the war Dr. Dinkelbach was the as they please.

The British authorities, under Nazi looter-in-chief of Holland. cover of the "progressive" and Hitler's former banker Pferd-'humanitarian" phrases of the heimer has become a function-Labor Party leaders, showed ary for the British in Cologne. what they understand by democ- The steel magnates Kloekner

Italy, Hungary Cabinet Shifts Truman "Doctrine" Product

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gamble. After two world wars in a quarter of a century and more than two decades of fascism, the Italian masses want no more of capitalism. Under revolutionary leadership they would already have set up a Workers' and Farmers' Government. But a provocative shift in the direction of open reaction such as de Gasperi has just undertaken can likewise precipitate revolutionary action.

The Stalinists and the Social Democrats, however, are helping de Gasperi win his gamble. They have done their utmost to head off revolutionary developments. They have restrained and curbed the masses, blocking every rank and file attempt to end rotting capitalism with its horrors and unendurable misery.

Even after the announcement of their exclusion, the Stalinists and Socialists still clamored for posts in the cabinet. And rather than call on the masses to take action against the mounting threat from the right, they limited themselves to calling for a general election — next October.

IN HUNGARY

In Hungary, where the masses When Nagy refused, his "resighave decisively rejected and re- nation" was officially announced. pudiated the Stalinists, the coup d'etat was engineered behind installed with Lajos Dinnyes, the scenes. The Stalinist bur- described as a Stalinist stooge, eaucracy dominates Hungary by named Premier. And on the same virtue of the occupying Red day, a "confession" wrung from Army. A government can rule the long-imprisoned Kovacs told there, consequently, only with about a "conspiracy" involving Moscow's approval.

The leaders of the Small Land- Small Landholders Party. holders Party won a majority in This shady, complicated machination to cut down the prothe last election and took office. The Stalinist bureaucracy soon Truman forces in Hungary's govbegan preparations to remove ennment was the Kremlin's way them in a typical Moscow man- of answering the exclusion of ner. Last December the Russian the Stalinist ministers from the military authorities announced cabinets in France and Italy.

governmental turn to the right. Stalinist position in relation to How can this be explained? The Stalinist party has be-

class.

votes.

owering prices, has resulted in movement within limits. certain deterioration of the The Stalinists, on the other

Stalinist hold over the working hand, cannot permit themselves to be outflanked on the left and Stalinist party immediately gave

This fact is strikingly attested consider it necessary to stay out the capitalists the guarantees to in the recent elections of the of the government long enough they required as to the former's administration of the social se- to strengthen their weakened in- intentions: "We remain a gov- and for many years a stooge of curity program in France. While fluence over the workers, and ernment party," the CP spokesthe Catholic trade unions groups thus be in a position to control man declared. received more votes than they the strike movement, which has have members, this was not true spread further than was expect- American paper, Duclos stated Other American governments ed. And of course, they hope their for the CGT, which received less

SPLIT THEIR VOTES

What is even more important is the fact that many voters split their tickets, refusing to vote for or exclusion (either word is valid) some Stalinist bureaucrats who of the Stalinists from the governhad been placed at the head of ment was a parting that took the list. In the Seine region, for place without great acrimony on example, the Stalinist secretaries either side, since each underof the CGT unions, Raynaud stood the maneuver perfectly. and Henaff, came out at the The capitalist press and parties bottom of the list, while the did not hesitate to praise the Stalinist deputy, Costes, secre- moderation of the Stalinists and -who for years has had the Re- Thorez in relation to the govern-

is thumb — was defeated.

ory to which the workers have for those imbued with parlia- the USA. always looked for leadership in mentary cretinism, who don't times of struggle. For eight days understand the contradictions are concentrating all their ef- and marched alongside the conat the Renault plant the Stalin- produced by the class struggle forts in order to re-establish tingent. ists chased after the workers, in the government machinery of

This is also a magnificent exture the leadership of the action. ample against those who incor-Under present conditions, how- rectly equate Stalinism with the

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sciously. the capitalists.

But the spread of the strike to blow," a Stalinist worker said to South America this year on ickam), secretary of the Madras hind it the majority of the work- other plants and industries can a Trotskyist worker in one of charges that it is "controlled by unit of the Bolshevik Leninist ing class and effective control have the effect of forcing the the metal plants in the Paris Moscow." The Brazilian Work- Party of India was arrested. The and leadership of the CGT. But capitalists, willy-nilly and quick- region. Indeed, the Renault ers Federation was the first. next day Colvin R. de Silva, its active collaboration in the ly, to agree to the participation strike opens a new chapter in The Truman Doctrine marches general secretary of the BLPI, policy of freezing wages, in the of the Stalinists in a new govern- the class struggle, that of the on! And reports from Mexico was picked up on his arrival at fallacious hope of stabilizing and ment, in order to hold the strike decisive stage in the struggle say that the government is con- Madras airport from Calcutta

against Stalinism for the lead- sidering the outlawing of the to address a mass meeting callership of the working class. Communist Party there, as has ed by the Madras Labor Union. already been done in Brazil. In leaving the government, the

> General Anastasio Somoza, military dictator of Nicaragua Washington, permitted the election of a president last February

In an interview granted to an and overthrew him last week. that those who think that the protested, but the U.S. State position in the next government CP will call for a general strike Department is still studying the are "imbeciles." He expressed the Latter.

firm hope that they would re-

The London organization of turn to the government soon. He indicated that his party the Revolutionary Communist would not permit itself to be Party, section of the Fourth International, held a successful demonstration as part of the procession organized by the London Trades Council on the has been demonstrating that it first Sunday in May. The Labor is a government party. It has Party was absent from the promoderated its attitude on the cession and the Stalinist forces question of Madagascar, raising much smaller than last year. arrest of the Madagascar depu- Hyde Park under slogans de-

"Workers May 6. The Congress Party's infood question, which is becoming Control of Production," "For A ever more critical, it has con- Workers' Militia," etc. Along war joined the RCP demonstra-

It is obvious that the Stalinists tion in singing the "Red Flag"

The Revolutionary Socialist interview with the Premier on Party of Ireland, section of the nounced the Central Board of They met raids and arrests sevthe wage question, which proved Fourth International, held a big to be fruitless. In this respect, public meeting in Belfast on Sangh for its decision to launch the Stalinists are beginning to May 11 in memory of the revolutionary socialist martyr, tion under the name of the Inshow their teeth somewhat.

Frachon and Raynaud are in James Connolly. More than 600 dian National Trade Union Cona bad humor, but the "action" attended the meeting, the larg- gress in rivalry to the existing they propose does not go beyond est held by the Irish Trotskya two-hour walkout demonstra- ists during the last two years. gress: tion, which can only lose two The RSP has just published the hours' wages without bringing first number of its paper, Work- the HMSS as a deliberate atany results, while several days of ers Republic. an energetically conducted strike

could assure victory for the NEWS FROM INDIA workers' demands. MADRAS — After arresting but to a handful of capitalists." The Renault workers have shown the way. Their example S.C.C. Antony Pillai, prominent The MMSS had been working will not be lost. In the days to Trotskyist strike leader, on within the AITUC for about six come, great masses of workers March 28, the Madras Provin- months, but had made little will show they have learned the cial Congress Ministry has set headway with its class-collaborain motion the whole machinery tion policies.

Labor is the second trade union imperialism. "You have dealt us a first federation to be "suspended" in On April 15 Muthiah (Man-

ter a lapse of fifteen years since the Canton putsch. We owed the initiative for this significant work to Comrade Fun, one of our lead. ing members in Southern China, who was unfortunately killed by

Comrade Su, a printer and also another leading member of our Southern organization, conduc-Dr. de Silva, a practicing barted brave activities among his rister, is to file a suit of habeas fellow workers. Once he led a corpus against the government. strike in defiance of the Japan-Despite its differences with ese authorities. A Japanese agent the Congress Party, the Moslem threatened him in a terrible League opposition in the Madras manner, demanding that he Legislative Assembly showed its choose either death or signing solidarity with the anti-labor an order to stop the strike.

practices of the Congress gov-Some friendly workers advised ernment by asking the Home him to submit. But Comrade Su Ministry to consider expelling said calmly before the strikers Pillai and de Silva, both Ceylonand the Japanese agent: "I preese, from the country. fer death to an order of surrend-

BOMBAY, April 26 - 6,500 er." All the strikers admired and supported him. Their enemy was workers at the New Kaiser-i-Hind Mill declared a stay-in dumbfounded by this proletarian strike April 14 to protest the heroism, and finally conceded. transfer notice served by the From then on Comrade Su won management on Anant Mande- a great popularity among the kar, clerk and member of the printers of Canton and Hong-BLPI. On April 17 Mandekar kong.

and 8 others went on a four-It should not be forgotten that day hunger strike against Labor our comrades were working un-Minister Nanda's role in the der the most brutal rule of the strike. On April 21 he was ar- Japanese occupation army. Only rested and released on bail Trotskyists could stand it. pending review of his case on

UNDER THE KUOMINTANG

In Southwestern China, espefluence among the workers in cially in Chungking, the strongthis mill has been decisively hold of "free China," our combroken, and Trotskyist prestige rades suffered no less persecution under Chiang Kai-shek's regime, because they alone had the BOMBAY, May 5-The Bucourage to conduct strikes and reau of the Central Committee of the Bolshevik Leninist Party criticize the treacherous policy of the Kuomintang government. the Hindustan Mazdoor Sevak eral times. A great part of our comrades in the interior went a new central labor organiza-" through the hardship of concentration camps or hard labor camps. Even now, we still have several comrades in these camps. All-India Trade Union Con-That is the true picture of the movement of Chinese Trotsky-"We condemn this move of ism during the war. Numerically, it seemed small. But a group of tempt to split the working class tested cadres emerged from it. movement, to weaken it, and to That was the thing most valudirect it along channels bene- able and significant in our eyes. ficial, not to the toiling masses, And that is the cause too for our unlimited optimism. In post-

> war China our movement was actually revived by their efforts. And the foundations of a new party will surely be laid by their hands.

Working class dissatisfaction governmental turn to the right has ended up by outflanking the becomes clear. Stalinists in France's largest facchanging their slogans from day the capitalist state. ers, warned in time, was on "va- to day in a vain effort to capver, the capitalists are interest- working class. Stalinism has been

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will be considerably stronger. UNDERSTOOD MANEUVER It is thus that the departure

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> "Only the world revolution can save the USSR for socialism. But the world revolution carries with it the inescapable blotting out of the Kremlin oligarchy."

Leon Trotsky

Growing Unemployment

In the midst of all the talk about the coming depression, not enough attention is being paid to the fact that unemployment has been steadily rising since April. Almost one out of every ten workers in this country is now without a job, through no wish or fault of his own. For these workers, the effects of a depression are already here, even though prices remain at all-time high levels.

What is being done about this unemployment, whose rapid spread represents a dire warning of the speed with which a depression can strike?

The government does nothing at all; it does not even take care to properly report the full figures. The employers do nothing too; terrified by the prospect of a crash, they are looking around for ways and means of reducing all costs, that is, of reducing the number of their employes. The trade union bureaucrats are hiding their heads in the sand, afraid to "antagonize" the anti-labor Congress by fighting for anything. It is clear that if anything will be done, the militant workers in the unions will have to initiate action themselves.

The problem can and must be approached from many angles. Among the most urgent is the need to raise unemployment insurance allowances. In no state is the allowance adequate; in March the average payment was \$17.72 a week. The workers must begin to fight now for upward revisions in these allowances, with the aim of bringing them up to the level of trade union wages during the entire period of unemployment.

A second demand should be for a shorter work week, without any reduction in weekly pay. The CIO Packinghouse Workers Convention last month pointed the way by calling for a 30 hour week at 40 hours p

at work and buried the story. The editors contend only that it should have been "explained" why these potatoes could not be shipped abroad.

They also suggest a program to avoid future unfavorable publicity like this. Their proposal is to stop government support of farm prices because it "encourages excess production of the wrong things." With production curtailed sufficiently then there won't be any surpluses—so dangerous to their profits—to destroy.

We think a different proposal is in order. Deliberate destruction of surplus food supplies, in our opinion, should be made a capital crime.

The curtailment of production while people lack basic necessities should likewise be made a criminal offense. To prevent food and other necessities from being produced is just as brutally inhuman in the face of world need as the more sonsational destruction of food already produced.

Why Veterans Join

The application blank for membership in the Socialist Workers Party asks among other things why the applicant decided to join. In San Diego the other day a 23 year old veteran of the U.S. Navy, now unemployed, wrote his answer: "Disillusion with the postwar 'new world': Decision to do something about it."

That 12-word sentence sums up concisely the experience and political conclusion of the entire generation who were railroaded into World War II. They were drafted, most of them against their will, told they were fighting for an "Atlantic Charter" and "Four Freedoms" and thrown onto the battlefields of Europe, Asia, and Africa.

The capitalist propagandists let loose tens of thousands of tons of propaganda about the wonderful postwar world that would be theirs come V-E and V-J Days. It would be a world of freedom and of plenty, a decent world, bright with hope, a world worth risking one's life for.

That propaganda turned out to be a lie. Almost two years after V-J Day, a stable peace has not even been achieved. The former Allies are at each other's throats. World War III is clearly in preparation. And it is a war that threatens to annihilate civilization, perhaps all humanity.

There is not even the guarantee of a breathing space as long as the one between the first and second world wars. The invention of atomic weapons has speeded up developments beyond comparison with previous decades.

Moreover the real victor in the war turned out to be Wall Street. America's 60 ruling families reaped profits from the war never before seen in history. The bankers and industrial tycoons seized vast new holdings in distant lands, and at home fell heir to plants constructed by the government at the cost of billions of dollars pumped from the public treasury.

Instead of the extension of democracy abroad, Wall Street is bolstering up rotten dictatorships and moth-eaten monarchies. In America Wall Street has launched a savage anti-labor drive that threatens to wipe out gains secured in generations of struggle. And another depression reminiscent of the Thirties is now on the horizon.

Small wonder the war veterans are filled with "disillusion," and want to "do something about it."





"They really ought to be glad to get laid off; it gives them a nice long vacation after their hard war work."



A ROOM ON THE ROUTE by | of a class, nor does the author | discussion between the individmake any comment on it. Godfrey Blunden, J. B. Lippincott Co., 327 pp., 1947, \$3. wishes to know why the Russian In a limited sense, A Room On people "today accept oppression The Route is a political novel that is, to the extent that the characters created by the author group gave their replies: half-pose and discuss many vital "It is man's insatiable appequestions which affect Russian tite for power." life. These discussions, however, "One man's appetite." come to no conclusion, except in "The only reality is power." the case of the young Communist, Karl. He returns from the history as he likes." battle front where he lost his "Power is crime." bearings and became an individ-"To avoid the acceptance of ual terrorist. He dies in an power is a crime." abortive attempt to carry out his erroneous philosophy.

The "Route" is the auto hightion. way leading from the Kremlin "There must be a certain moto the suburban homes of the top-flight bureaucrats. The main when power is not yet in the characters in the book live in hands of the power-lusting. No an apartment along this highway.

The author takes no responsibility for the opinions expressed by his characters. He titles the divisions of the book by the names of his characters instead when I was a child." of the usual chapter headings.

A worker answers. In this manner his characters do "It was a man's vanity which all the talking, giving the imcost us the Revolution. The nextpression that, as author, he is merely portraying composites of real Russian people he met. The author makes no comments on the questions raised nor does he counter any of the opinions exthe less-Great (Stalin) stole it pressed. For example:

A detachment of Germans is sighted coming down a certain That is how it happened that we dividuals. have "on the one hand the guilt road. A group of Russian soldiers -all former political prisoners- of vanity, and on the other hand are waiting for them, ready to the guilt of theft." Here too, the author

ual terrorist Karl and Gregor, A young factory director an old Bolshevik. Gregor argues: "It is not he (Stalin) that is wrong, but Life . . . It is said without a dissentient voice that power corrupts. I found that among them." Several in the the exercise of power requires corrupt men."

Again the author does not intervene. Nor does he make any of the characters point out that "the exercise of power" can also "With power one can make be wielded for great good, and under favorable economic condi-

tions, even by corrupt men. It is difficult to say whether these omissions are by design The young director is not sat- so as to report an "impartial" isfied. He presses for clarifica- record, or whether they are due to the author's own ambiguity on some of the fundamental ment in the seizing of power questions touched.

On the other hand, one of the characters in the book gives man is driven into power . . . an excellent, clear exposition of There is a moment when power the reasons for the Moscow trials is bequeathed to him either by and the forced confessions of abstention of those with more the old Bolsheviks. The only rightful title or by abnegation other explanation of this phe-. I speak of December 1924 nomenon I read which makes sense, is the one by Leon Trotsky.

As a novel, A Room on the Route is a welcome change from Greatest (obviously Trotsky) felt the run of the mill boy-meetshimself to be so great that he girl variety, though it does not remained aloof, waiting for the disregard the sex-interest angle. people to hand him the Laurel, At the same time, this book has instead of seizing it, and when nothing in common with the pretentious novels that deal with he was already condemned." the searchings of soul-sick in-

The story centers around a group of people in a room on the "Route." They are depicted as average Russian citizens livfear of the sinister forces which pending on his knowledge or ig- political intrigue. They never norance of those events and his know who will be called next by the dreaded secret police --- the volved in Trotsky's great polit- NKVD or GPU as we know itnot to be heard from again. So they just sit and wait discussing far into the night with their friendly visitor, the foreign embassy attache, Ferguson, who comes to them secretly. The book is well written and absorbs the reader's attention from start to finish. It is well worth reading.

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Stalin's Fake Concession On Russian Death Penalty

-By Alan Kohlman-

On May 26 the Stalinist regime announced the abolition of the death penalty in peacetime and the substitution of 25 years imprisonment in "corrective labor camps" for all crimes previously carrying the death^{*}sentence. In recent years the death penalty has been invoked almost exclusively against political opponents of the Stalinist regime. In this manner perished the entire generation of Old Bolsheviks, the general staff of Lenin's party, in the infamous Moscow frame-ups. Likewise, thousands upon thousands of lesser known oppositionists were mowed down in the greatest blood purges in history. The Kremlin has offered two reasons for this action. The decree of the Supreme Soviet declares "that the cause of peace can be considered as secured for a long time." In the face of the evermounting military, economic, political and diplomatic preparations of American imperialism for war against the Soviet Union, this is a bare-faced lie, designed to lull the war-weary and poverty-stricken. Soviet masses into a false sense of security.

The decree also speaks about the "exceptional devotion of the entire population ... toward the Soviet Government" which makes this step possible. This too is a lie-an obscene lie. The Stalin regime mortally hates and fears the masses whom it has expropriated politically long ago. The decree, far from testifying to the "devotion" of the Soviet workers to the mass murderers in the Kremlin, is in reality a concession to mass pressure for the restoration of workers' democracy which the Stalinist regime destroyed. The decree is obliquely compelled to recognize this mounting mass pressure when it speaks of "meeting the wishes of the trade unions of workers and employes and other authoritative organizations expressing the opinion of the broad masses of the people."

The masses had expected great changes after the victory over Hitler. The Soviet press even went so far as to hint at one time about the possible institution of habeas corpus. This half-promise to relax even slightly the terroristic reign of the secret police was of course not kept. Instead of genuine concessions came this piece of Stalinist mockery.

A third reason for the abolition of the death penalty is blatantly advanced by Joseph Starobin in the Daily Worker. It is "a sign of the stability of Soviet society . . . the Soviet state is dramatically asserting its unity . . . the Soviet society is calm, cool and collected.'

Again, nothing could be farther from the truth. The Soviet Union is now in the throes of an economic crisis. As a result of wartime destruction, of bureaucratic mismanagement, looting and waste, production remains way below 1940 levels. The Fourth Five Year Plan is sagging because of disproportions and unfulfilled quotas. Widespread and mounting famine engulfs the countryside, dealing deadening blows to the masses. Economic productivity is declining. A huge labor shortage prevails. Collectivized economy is being pierced and dented by increasing concessions to capitalist elements.

All these factors point to increasing instability. growing discontent, feverish and potentially explosive cross-currents in Soviet society and an evermounting crisis of Stalin's regime.

The abolition of the death penalty under such circumstances cannot possibly fool the Soviet workers. They know only too well that the monstrous conditions of forced labor for workers imprisoned for 25 years means an early death under the bestial treatment of the GPU. This has already been demonstrated by the fate of millions of Soviet workers as well as German and other prisoners of war who have gone to their graves in the forced labor bat-The abolition of the death penalty will not placate the ever-rising discontent of the masses, who

Nothing illustrates the insanity and anarchy of the capitalist system so well as the incident reported on Page 1 of this issue about the shutdown of an important pipe manufacturing foundry in Newark last week. The country is faced with the worst housing crisis of its entire history, with men able and eager to build houses, with factories equipped to produce housing material, with plenty of raw material to supply the factories. And what happens?

The pipe manufacturing foundry has to close down because the construction business doesn't see enough profits to be coined in building homes this year. Houses are not built, the housing crisis worsens. And more workers are thrown out of their jobs.

A huge federal housing program is needed to provide millions of low cost homes and employment to the workers who can make and build those homes. The time to start fighting for it is right now. The place to begin discussion of these problems is at your union meeting.

Make It A Crime

Business Week, one of Wall Street's influential mouthpieces, carried a wrathful editorial in the May 31 issue over the recent dumping of 50 tons of surplus potatoes near Foley, Alabama. However, the temperature of Business Week's editors did not rise because kerosene was poured over a mountain of food to render it useless. That's normal under capitalism.

What disturbed these Wall Street propagandists was the wide publicity given the incident in the capitalist press. Especially the vivid picture of the potatoes piled high in an open field by the government.

"On the very days when the picture, thanks to wirephoto, was being featured in picture sections from coast to coast," complained Business Week, "the front pages of the same newspapers were reporting the desperate hunger in Europe and the hurried emergency sieps to stave it off. The nations' newspaper readers were thus left with the clear and dramatically underlined impression that, while Europe cries out with hunger, we destroy fine foodstuffs in order to keep up the price. Certainly it would be hard to conjure up a more damning portrayal of hopeless confusion and frustration in our own house."

Such publicity, Business Week mourned, is "doing the communists' work for them" and "with tremendous effectiveness . . ."

This Wall Street magazine does not openly suggest that the capitalist press should have "killed" the damaging picture of capitalism

In joining the Socialist Workers Party such veterans show that they have reached the correct conclusion: only by ending capitalism and building a socialist society can enduring peace and unlimited plenty be guaranteed; only the program of the Socialist Workers Party can lead to that kind of postwar world.

"Unanimous" Report

The "Advisory Commission on Universal Training" appointed by Truman December 19 to make "recommendations" on peacetime conscription of American youth submitted its report June 1. The Commission "unanimously" decided in favor of conscripting 18-year olds and turning them over to the brass hats for one year's training (six months "basic" and six months "advanced.")

Readers of The Militant will not be surprised at this "recommendation." In our issue of February 8 we predicted that the report of the Commission "will be nothing but a rubberstamp approval of Wall Street's plans for converting America into the greatest peacetime military camp in history." It required no crystal ball to make this prediction. Most of the hand-picked members of the Commission were already active champions of peacetime conscription.

Chairman Karl T. Compton, for instance, testified before the House Military Affairs Committee on November 21, 1945, in favor of universal military training. Daniel E. Poling on April 10, 1945, declared his support of this "principle" because of his "faith as a Christian." Charles E. Wilson, president of General Electric, insisted that "the role of Congress is limited to voting the necessary funds." And John Ohly, the Executive Secretary for the Commission, was in charge of all the work, although not an official member. Ohly happens to be Special Assistant to the Secretary of War, who has spear-headed the brass hat campaign for peacetime conscription.

Six months ago these advocates of Prussianlike militarism claimed that the proposed training program had nothing to do with militarism. Apparently they decided, as a result of their "study," that the pretense was too flimsy, and so they took the course of brazening it out, now boldly admitting the "training" program is part of a general military plan.

The Commission viewed with "horror" the "staggering" cost of the scheme it proposes but apparently felt no horror whatever over the frightful perspective of the new war into which Wall Street is coolly planning to plunge America.

try to delay their forward march. no light on the confused dis- ing from day to day in constant In the interval they discuss very freely. Death no longer terrifies cussion. Instead, he lets the reader draw his own conclusions, de- have caught them in a web of them. The Professor speaks:

"I will give you a formula for a great State. First you seize attitude toward the issues inpower ... After that you maintain an efficient and ruthless ical fight against Stalin. police system and divide your Further in the book we get a people into groups, each group

having privileges above the other" so that there is always "a group below you which is really Through a misprint, the starving. No man likes to lose his privileges, however slight they may be. Thus you begin a class system in which privilege is the reward of lovalty." Ypsilon. Nobody counters this definition

Congressmen At Work

During the war, one of the favorite subjects of Wall Street's Congressmen was their love for "our heroes" on the battlefields. They never tired of making the record again and again and again to declare their undying appreciation for the sacrifices made by "our heroes." No accusation drew more indignant protests and denunciations from them than the insinuation that after the war was over and the veterans got back home, perhaps the fire of this love might die

down.

the members of this Congress ing bonds to be issued for this pay, but not redeemable for 5 will give their cooperation in the Yet that is what happened. years. These former loud-voiced passage of this measure." A vain Now that the veterans need legislative help, a chill reserve aphope. It too is getting nowhere champions of the veteran specipears to paralyze these once ferfast. The ex-lovers of the GIs fied that "such bonds are to be non-negotiable and shall not be aren't even willing to let the vid political Romeos.

Take terminal leave pay, for transferable by sale, exchange, veterans sell their own bonds in assignment, pledge, hypothecainstance. Last year, Representation, or otherwise." tive Dwight L. Rogers of Florida

The Democrats and Republicans, introduced a bill providing for So a veteran, unemployed or a victim of hard luck, may find busy putting a sharp edge on lump-sum cash payment for the terminal leave pay due enlisted himself with a pocketfull of the guillotine for labor, can't be bothered about tossing a sop to men. There was nothing radical bonds out panhandling for his the veterans. Besides, what do about this bill. All it did was to next meal. Rogers announced he would these Wall Street machine poliapprove payment of money owed

the veterans. It was not even novintroduce a bill in the 80th Con- ticians have to worry about? Do el or unprecedented. Cash pay- gress to make the bonds payable the veterans have a Labor Party ment already prevailed for offior redeemable in cash. This bill that can oust them from office? cers. was the third one, H.R. 3, en-

In fact this legislation was so tered in the present Congress. It obviously called for that it pass- was sent to the Armed Services the House by a vote of Committee and has been there ever since, gathering dust in a 379 to 0. Then it came to the Senate. pigeon-hole.

These Wall Street legislators by If a committee does not report this time had gone through a out a bill for consideration withcooling-off period. So they slap- in 30 days, the introducer of the ped on an amendment, provid- bill can file a petition to dis-

case of necessity.

But then why should they?

READ

Fourth

International

-Rose Karsner

Big Business has been quietly passing state laws to keep prices high. This is not only to gouge the workers but a preparation for the unfolding depression.

In Missouri the House has just passed a high price-fixing bill and sent it to the Senate. If the bill is passed, Missouri will become the 46th state to enact such legislation.

This legislation allows manufacturers to fix the minimum retail prices of their products. For a retailer to sell at less is a violation of the law.

For example it is now illegal in Colorado to sell cigarettes at less than a 2% markup wholesale and 6% retail.

These high-price laws are aimed directly at the worker's pay check and have already played their part in making his dollar shrink in purchasing power. Big Business has succeeded in getting 45 states to assist it in gouging the wage-earner. It also shows that the capitalists intend to continue the price gouge and make it permanent.

This is the answer of Big Business to Truman's plea to cut prices. It is also an excellent commentary on the cries of Big Business against "government interference" with "free enterprise." It shows that business prefers legally upheld high prices to the blessings of "free competition."

The Truman administration claims to be alarmed by this price-fixing development since it endangers the President's "campaign" for price reductions. Three federal agencies are now "studying" the situation to determine if these laws are keeping the cost of living too high. There is no indication here long these "studies" will take or that, if ever finished, remedial action will be taken.

As soon as the federal investigation was announced, Big Business declared it would tolerate no meddling with its new state laws. In New York a spokesman for the drug industry threatened a march on Washington.

Big Business is losing no time preparing for the unfolding depression. The silent campaign of slipping price-fixing legislation through the legislatures of 46 states without the public hearing about it is only one step in its preparation. The workers can learn something from this preparation by the capitalists. Labor too should start making its preparations for the days of mass unemployment and depression ahead.



Correction

full name of the book reviewed in this column last week was not given. It is: Pattern For World Revolution, by **Terminal Leave Pay** seek a return to genuine workers' democracy. Not only the abolition of the death penalty but the revolutionary abolition of the Stalinist gravediggers of Soviet society is what the masses want and need to save the degenerated workers state and turn its direction back toward a Socialist goal.



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

Wants More Articles **On Basic Questions**

Editor:

Some time ago you published a series of educational articles on basic Marxian economics) which were a success.

I request that a similar series of basic educational articles on the class struggle and the state be written. Every time the state intervenes in the every day struggles of the workers, special attention should be paid to its role. This will help the workers to learn to understand how the government affects their interests.

> M. S. Los Angeles

Wants Material **On Socialist Party** Editor:

documents, minutes, correspond- again illustrates the disruptive invalid for the past three years. materials would be returned in working class. good condition and the writer would pay all express and insuronce charges on them. If any ders have any material they would care to loan me, they can Agrees With Article write to the address listed below.

Daniel Bell Faculty Exchange Editor: University of Chicago

Of Police Brutality Editor:

Members of the San Diego Agitator" series. Committee Against Police Brutality held a meeting at the Logan Heights Elementary School May 20 to discuss the case of Raymond Brasher who was shot A Worker's Answer

by a cop last March. Besides being a victim of po- To Depression lice brutality, Brasher faces a Editor: frame-up charge of "felonious

dismissal of this charge. meeting was the appeal of the women should be kept from defendant's mother Margaret working in factories because Brasher, for aid. She told how they deprive men of work. Howher son was shot "by a plain- ever, his other ideas are really clothes policeman without pro- illuminating. vocation.

NOW ON SALE

Two policemen broke into the er means than Communism," he Brasher home. One of them, H. B. said. Hake, shot Brasher in the chest. Hake now claims that Brasher what the American worker will last for many months it is From the industrial Ruhr: "I showings of movies were held by

with a knife. This is vigorously comes and ten to thirty million contributions so that it may indenied by Dabney. workers are laid off. The Communist (Stalinist) Party attempted to convert the

football.

"sabotage."

just have to have a revolution." meeting from a protest against police brutality into a political

When Al Furth of the Social- | Takes Lambasting ist Workers Party suggested that the National Association for the But Renews Sub Advancement of Colored People Editor: should take the lead in the case,

The rule or ruin tactics of the but cannot afford to do so. Diego Race Relations Society landlords who put \$400 on an

withdrawing from the case. Attorney Leo Gallagher. This raise the rent. I've been lambaswell-known Stalinist, attempting to inject the Communist paper. I am collecting materials for Party into the case, has so far inner party bulletins, factional for the Stalinist Party once husband is 69 and has been an

ty savers.

On CIO-AFL Unity

of The Militant was very good high taxes and by the ruthless

right points. Everyone here is commenting people who have to pay high rent favorably on the "Notebook of an

Milt Genecin

Most touching incident at the good union man, but believes man.

He remarked that all Comsocialism.

munists should be kept from holding union offices. "After all this is America. That stuff is all

Finally my last question was had attacked William Dabney, should do when the depression making a special appeal for wish to inform you that I have the Newark and Los Angeles

crease the volume of parcel-post This was his reply: "We'll packages it has been sending. recently from the hunger zones L. M R. Buffalo, New York of Germany are as follows:

From Hamburg, a worker writes that the packages he received "prove that in spite of 12 years of Nazi terror the feeling of international solidarity is

send The Militant to my friends for the final establishment of peace in the world. We will never Stalinists resulted in the San I am one of those terrible slacken in this struggle."

old house before rent control states, "The package is doubly February but was" confined to act to prevent it. Make a dona-

your readers might give me. I am ing out in court. Gallagher's use took it with the hope it would cumstances to receive your pack- Germany." especially interested in files of of the case as a sounding board care for us in our old age. My age. It means for my mother The New York chapter of the today.

ence and any relevant material on the Socialist Party. These to defending members of the socialist party. These to defend the party of the socialist party of the socialist party. These to defend the party of the socialist party of the socialist party. These to defend the party of the socialist party of the party of the

paper I think it is printed only David Page for the ne'er-do-well drinkers San Diego, Calif. and fun-lovers, but not for thrif-ty savers. Against Job Discrimination

Mrs. Clarence Laws Austin,Minn.

Editorial Note: Like other labor, civil liberties and civic organizations launched a

small business men, the landlord united campaign to end the discriminatory policies in no jobs were available and was I think the article on CIO- who has little capital faces great the hiring of sales clerks that prevail in the department refused an application. Ethel Chicago 37, Illinois AFL unity in the May 10 issue difficulties. He is squeezed by stores in the Loop. The conference Monday night Catholic Youth Organization; Stalinists "Aid" Victim and correctly emphasized the competition of the billion-dollar organized a United Commit-

corporations. In addition, poor tee on the State Street Stores and elected a Steerare not inclined to sympathize with any landlord-big or little. ing Committee to direct the cam-In the first stages of social- paign and mobilize labor and

Akron, Ohio ism, the small businessman community support to end diswould find the great burdens crimination in the hiring policies now weighing him down, great-

The first step in the campaign Farmers' Government would end taxes for the low income brack- will be negotiations with the Organization and Labor Views. that they should be working on ets and furnish cheap credit for management of the department The following is part of a con- those desiring it. The great stores in an effort to persuade ination in the hiring policies of Goldblatt's alone. assault." The Committee seeks versation which I had with a leap in mass purchasing power them to end their discriminatory the State Street Department A survey in 1945 by CORE inworker in my plant. He is a would help the small business- policies in the hiring of sales Stores was started in April by dicated that over two-thirds of

As socialism proves its advan- to hire Negroes and other racial tages, small businessmen will be minorities as sales clerks, a caminclined to give up their small paign of mass action will be orholdings in return for a place in ganized to secure their complithe united planned economy of ance with fair employment practices.

The Militant centers its fire The campaign will include an partment Store on April 12. Miss waited on by a qualified Negro on the big landlords, the giant educational program to inform Dixon, a graduate of the Chicago clerk?" insurance trusts, the enormously the department store workers

NEW YORK, June 2-The American Formattee for ACEWR announces that the pro-

European Workers Relief announced last week that it had fit from the Cafe Internationale started cabling relief packages to hunger-stricken Ger- held May 17 is already slightly that the food crisis in Germany that her life was saved." to come in. Successful benefit received your fine package. It chapters of the ACEWR. The arrived in good condition. You final tally on these affairs has have no idea what a great help not yet been received.

Excerpts from letters received such good packages are for us The food crisis in Europe will in these times which are stead- continue throughout the sumily worsening. Many thanks to mer. German workers whose

By Robert L. Birchman

mittee.

tributed to this. I spent nine foodstuffs on the black market years, beginning in 1935, as a will find it impossible to feed political prisoner in jail and their families on the official raconcentration camps (Ester- tion. Former concentration wege, Sachsenhausen and Oran- camp prisoners whose health your information."

as ten years of imprisonment A woman in the Ruhr writes, and torture will speedily suc-"Only today am I able to thank cumb to tuberculosis and other you for your wonderful package. diseases. Another letter from Hamburg I received it in the beginning of This will happen unless you

Brasher is being defended by was mentioned; and could not useful to me because of my 72 my bed by illness and I was not tion today no matter how small. year old mother. After two severe able to write. Now the good All money orders and checks ted from heels to head in your operations in November and contents of the package are should be sent to American February she has contracted helping me to improve my health Committee for European Work-This house was not a gift, it hunger edema due to the lack fast. It is a great joy to know ers Relief, 130 West 23rd Street, to my surprise, after figuring the out their own copies of The Mila history of the Socialist Party departed from a correct line of was by denying ourselves the of food. You can imagine how that there are friends abroad New York 11, N. Y. Please note and would welcome any aid that defense that Brasher risks los- very necessities of life that we happy we were under these cir- who help us in our misery in the change of address and help the starving workers of Europe

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you and to all those who con- wages do not allow them to buy campaign to get subscriptions to meeting of the season. The The Militant will be awarded "a meeting started early and lasted only about an hour and, says Orweek's vacation in Mid-West Va- ganizer Joe Magdleno, "we had cation Camp," according to a a good audience throughout the letter from Milton Genecin, or- meeting. Our literature sales exganizer for that branch. This in- ceeded our highest expectations. All the literature we had with formation accompanied 6 subs, us went like hot-cakes. Fifty three of which came in before Militants, 50 copies of A Practicour campaign started." * * *

in third with 121/2 subs."

al Program to Kill Jim Crow. 30 copies of The Struggle for Ne-Boston wound up its campaign gro Equality, 10 copies of Build A Labor Party Now, were sold. with a total of 112 new subs to We had to take down the paper The Militant. Rena Breshi, cam- we had tacked on the speaker's paign manager, writes: "Much stand to sell and comrades dug score, I came out on top with the people who were so anxious 16¹/₂ subs. Comrade **Henry Den**-nis came in second with 13 subs and Comrade Gert Worth came subs were sold, and many interest cards were filled out. We think the branch has established something of a record for the Subscriptions are pouring in other branches to shoot at."

Plans are under way for the

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financial aid, showing how

following three-month pledges

highly they value the paper. The

Three more Militant boosters

from Chicago. This report from Miriam Roberts came with 49 subs received during the week: Annual Militant Anniversary "Everyone here is sure enthusiastic about the campaign. The Celebration, a nation-wide cele-Public Schools and Tennessee race is becoming a close one bration that will be held during since a lot of us are catching up November. All the branches of CHICAGO, May 30 - Representatives of over twenty State College, had been informed that Goldblatt's was hiring with some of the others who the Socialist Workers Party sales clerks. She was told that have high scores. We don't wait for Sunday to roll around be- from New York to California are fore we go out for subs. Sunday, organizing either a Ball, a Din-Weiss, a white girl who entered however, is the big day when we | ner, a Banquet, house parties, or the Goldblatt employment of- all go out, and after we return some other affair to celebrate fice a few minutes after Miss to the headquarters, there is the the 19th Anniversary of The Dixon, was given an application excited comparing of notes which we always enjoy. We'll Militant. All the net proceeds and urged to have an immediate have more subs for you . . . " from these affairs will go to The

A delegation from CORE, led AFL and CIO, and one each by Gerald Bullock, called on R. * * * from the NAACP, Urban League, J. Mallin of Goldblatt's employ-Good results were obtained by CORE, Socialist Workers Party, ment office to protest the store's the comrades in the Twin Cities branches. The St. Paul branch have responded to our appeal for

policy of discrimination. Mr. sent in 7 subs, several of them Mallin did not deny the charge from railroad workers. of bias but told the committee The Minneapolis comrades The campaign against discrim- race hate in the South and leave sent in 12 subs to The Militant. most of them being "the result or contributions have been of Sunday's mobilization."

The Lynn comrades are mak- 1. S. H., Spring Valley, N. Y. as united action by a preliminary partment stores would not object ing sure that the readers in their conference of representatives of to being waited on by Negro tant regularly by getting renew-The campaign was opened af- inion on the question and only

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AKRON. - Socialist Youth San Pedro comrades have been Club meets Fridays, 7 p.m. Folselling an average of 40 Mililowed by refreshments, dancing. tants at the bi-weekly longshore 8 South Howard St., 2nd floor. meetings. They are also going to CHICAGO. - Youth meeting begin selling pamphlets again-Fridays at 8 p.m. Discussion on in the past they have sold hunpamphlet Socialism On Trial. Games and refreshments. 777 W. Last Saturday evening, the Adams, 2nd floor. Bedford-Stuyvesant branch of

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Diary of a Steel Worker -----

The Truth Will Out

- By Theodore Kovalesky-

"Truth will out," they say. And they say, "You can't keep a good man down." It sounds good, doesn't it, the idea that "good"



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must triumph over "evil"? It sounds good, and, believe it or not, it is good. We kind of get the idea that just the opposite is true as we go along seeing all sorts of crooks in politics and in the union movement getting life's gravy while the work-

er gets the dirty end of the stick. We get the idea that "evil" must win out over "good," and that that is the way of the world

But look at the case of Rocky Bellotti. He's only one man, and only a few hundred, maybe a thousand, other people in the world have ever heard of him. But he's an example and worth talking about.

Rocky works in a small steel fabrication plant. He's a union man; he's been a union man ever since the USA-CIO was born. He was a strong union man in the days when it was dangerous to be one, and he's a strong union man today.

But the trouble with Rocky was that he was too honest, too courageous, and too blunt. He didn't know how to make deals. He couldn't lie or keep his mouth shut when he figured it was time to sound off about what he deeply felt was good or bad for the union. He couldn't be scared off, and he couldn't be bought off with what is known in the rarified atmosphere of Washington or Tammany Hall as a "political plum.'

So Rocky didn't get along any too well in the union movement locally. Of course he was on the organizing committee from the beginning, where he did a wonderful job; and of course he's been a steward for years (and the boys in his department swear by him). But that was about as far, it seemed, as Rocky would ever get. He There's a lesson in it.

wasn't tactful enough, conciliatory enough. He lacked the qualities of a "labor statesman."

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"Why," people said, some people, that is, "that guy don't recognize the company's rights. You gotta fight for the workers, but you gotta remember the company's got rights too, and you can't call the boss a liar or things like that when you go in on a grievance. You got to take it easy." Rocky never took it easy.

As far as I'm concerned, there is a little to what they say about Rocky . . . just a little. He could be a little more careful. Instead of jumping up on the union floor and launching an all-out fight on the spur of the moment whenever anything comes up that he disagrees with, he could hesitate a little and organize the fight so he'd get more support. He could win more, and take a few less beatings. But Rocky's a man who can and does learn, and he'll learn that too

But what I wanted to say was this: You can't keep a good man, down, and the truth will get out sooner or later. And some proof for that is that Rocky has just been elected financial secretary of his local.

There was a man named Green, who beat Rocky in the last election for that post, just as a lot of other men had been nosing him out pretty consistently in previous elections. Green was his opposite. He could get along with people. and he could make deals and keep quiet about a lot of things in the union. But the boys found out about one of his deals that "earned" him \$300 out of the union treasury . . . and Green was tossed out of office. And Rocky won the post.

But the reason he won is that the truth finally got out. It took time, but his union brothers finally recognized him as a good man, one they wanted as a leader.

This isn't much of a story, but remember it.

THE MILITANT SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 1947 NEW YORK, N. Y. **Seven Out On Bail After**

Capitalist Monopoly Grows Bigger



This chart from Consumers Reports, May 1947, shows the growing trend toward monopolistic control of American industry by Big Business. As this monopoly stranglehold grows, the workers and their families face the danger of higher prices-and restricted production to keep them high. Federated Pictures

Anger Is Not Enough - By William E. Bohannan -

Mr. Truman and Mr. Marshall are mad. They claim that the Russians have made a coup in Hungary, that their action isn't democratic,

The Negro Struggle -



and they aim to do something about it. I'm angry too. I don't hold any brief for the bureaucratic policies of the Stalinists in Hungary or anywhere else, but I'm angry about something else. I'm angry about things that are happening right here in the USA. Lynch mobs running

wild again. Lily white juries turning self-confessed lynchers scot-free. Shotgun blasts, sadistic knifing and hanging of innocent young Negroes make a mockery out of democracy for 14 million American Negroes. And they make a hypocrite out of Truman or anybody else who yaps about democracy in Europe and doesn't lift a finger to halt lynch murder in the USA.

Those 28 men on trial in Greenville. South Carolina confessed that they took Willie Earle out of jail and into the wods, cut slices of his flesh away with knives, smashed in his head with blow after blow from gun butts. When they had finally vented their sadistic fury, they shot him three times and left his mutilated body lying as a bloody warning to all other Negroes.

When these murdering swine were placed on trial and their confessions made public, a lot of "liberal" editors and professional spouters of "democracy" (Truman-style) began to sound off about the "progress" in the fight against lynching. The South was learning its lesson, you see. The trial was going to stop lynching.

murderers free to strike again. And a few days later, obviously as a direct result of the South Carolina verdict, another mob tried to lynch Godwin Bush in North Carolina.

What did all the professional "democracylovers" have to say about the acquittal of the Earle lynch mob and the new outbreak of lynching? Where is their much-touted "progress"? Their great liberal expectations are bankrupted by events, their present shameful silence is pierced only by the sinister laugh of old Judge Lynch.

The more I read about that trial, the angrier get. Listen to one of the defense attorneys: "Willie Earle is dead and I wish more like him were dead. If a mad dog were loose in my community, I would shoot the dog, and let them prosecute me . . . Not a soul in South Carolina would criticize you if you turn these boys loose.' That's plain talk. Plain lynch talk. "Shoot the mad dogs." That is the real voice of the Southern ruling class. And none of the "friends of democracy" and believers in "progress" can or will find an effective answer to these lynchinciters.

What do the 14 million Negroes think-what does any decent white worker think-when they hear these Southern mobsters say "Shoot the mad dogs"? They get just as angry as I am.

But anger is not enough. We've got to figh for a real anti-lynch law with the death penalty for lynchers. And more than that we've got to forge a fighting alliance with the labor movement, and learn how to defend ourselves from these lynchers, how to deal back blow for blow, and how to put an end to lynching by ending the profit system that incites and

Secretary Of War Reveals Real Aim Of UMT Program

By Joseph Hansen

What is the real purpose of the "Universal Military Training" program advocated by the Truman Administration? An official answer has been given by Robert P. efit of basic military training." arrested men to the press. Fin-Patterson, Secretary of War (Congressional Record, May 26)

Patterson's statement is a re- | First of all, the War Departply to Hanson W. Baldwin, mil- ment considers a "push-button" itary writer for the N. Y. Times, war nothing "but a promise." who sounded off against univer- "No possible enemies have now, sal military training on May 4. or in the near future will have, attack." Baldwin held that in the coming any guided missiles with which "push-button" war, UMT is of to attack us from the Eurasian 'doubtful military worth." After land mass." war starts, he maintained, need-

cordance with the demands of the War Department is conthe military emphasis-if there atomic-powered weapons. is to be any degree of security

must be on regular forces, tinued, "we must be prepared

gram.

him to comment in detail of air-transportable troops, to of ablebodied men in every com-

flatly states the opening sent-

for a military emergency."

"Universal military training." try."

It is the detailed "comment" seize bases close enough to the munity." Apparently UMT would

The UMT program is designed to give this manpower "the ben- to reveal the names of the seven

Now comes a most sinister This is an obvious reference to proposition is that UMT does not out of town before dark." He ed forces can be trained in ac- the Soviet Union. It shows that point to civil defense, now be- quoted the chief of police de-

of the whole UMT plan as en-"Meanwhile," Patterson con- visaged by the War Department." These carefully couched words Senator Henry Cabot Lodge of naval forces, large an tyrow, hy organization of the brought to trial. He said that in the posse. Jr., (R., Mass.) sent Baldwin's complex logistical forces, and but it is an essential first step, getting indictments from the Two Negroes who happened to

Lynch Attempt In N. C. The lynch spirit rules Rich Square, N. C. The men who kidnapped Godwin Bush, 24-year old Negro, from the local jail and tried to lynch him, are walking the streets free. They are confident that like the Greenville, S. C. lynchers they will never

be punished. Bush, whose cial state prosecutor for the trial. courage and agility saved This means that the local prosecutor, Solicitor Ernest Tyler, will him from the mob, is in try the case. This Tyler is a prison. Moreover, there is a close friend of several of the acstrong danger that he will spend cused. most of his life in prison on

The flimsiness of the charges completely phony charges. for which young Bush was nearly Seven white men have been lynched has been further recharged with the lynch attempt vealed. Mrs. Margaret Bryant on Bush. More arrests are poswas walking along a dark street sible since it is well known that past a tobacco warehouse. When more participated in the lynch a figure stepped out of a doormob. All seven were arrested way, she started screaming. She with great reluctance on the claims the figure was a Negro. part of local police authorities The man made no attempt to and were immediately freed on touch her or speak to her, but fled the instant she started screaming.

to take out and murder.

The lynchers of Rich Square

were frustrated in their attempt

on Godwin Bush. But the lynch

spirit still cries for blood. Five

miles away a young white girl

claims she was grabbed by a

man when she answered a knock

on her door. The man fled when

she screamed. The local sheriff

told the United Press that the

girl said she "thought" the man

Solicitor Tyler, who will prose-

cute the attempted lynchers of

Bush, told the Associated Press

that the girl had identified the

was a Negro.

As in the Greenville case, the identities of the men were es-Her screams gathered some tablished by the confession of white youths who combed the one member of the mob. The neighborhood and seized young FBI participated in the question-Bush as the "culprit." Bush ing that led to the confession claims he was waiting for his but it is now out of the case sweetheart. a domestic servant in Washington announced that the a nearby house, to finish work. FBI investigation had revealed It was his custom, as white witno violations of federal law. Left nesses have since verified, t in the hands of the local authorwalk his girl home from work. ities, there is no doubt that the Yet Bush was accused of atwould-be lynchers will go free. tempted rape and put in the lo-Local officials tried hard not cal jail for a white lynch mob

In addition "UMT will allow ally the names were made public, decisive offensive to be assumed but a campaign of threats much earlier" than would other- against reporters has hindered wise be possible. "... The whole full coverage of the story. One philosophy of UMT is to speed official advised reporters to leave up the time it takes to shift to town because he was afraid one the aggressive decisive counter- of them "might get killed." When a British reporter went to the town of Rich Square to cover point in the War Department the story for a London paper. document: "Mr. Baldwin's fourth he was told by officials to "get

\$2,500 bail apiece.

coming extremely vital in case scribing the seven arrested men the technology then developed. vinced a good many years will of war. This is exactly con- as follows: "Why, they're from Meanwhile "in this atomic age, pass before the Soviet Union has trary to the fundamental basis our highest type of family."

man as a Negro. A local committee supporting On the basis of this "identithe seven accused is headed by fication," a posse of over a must be on regular lorces, tinued, we must be propared hint at the role of UMT in put-highly trained, instantly ready; for the immediate future-not hint at the role of UMT in put-Square. The Director of the scoured the countryside looking highly trained, instantly ready; for the immediate lutite-lut ting down any widespread re-may be ready many months af-with balanced armed forces. The unreculate interval of another state bureau of Investigation, a for some Negro who fitted the ittle FBI, indicated that the "identification." This same Tyr M-day." Senator Henry Cabot Lodge of naval forces, large air forces, no organization for civil defense, be brought to trial. He said that in the posse. lynch mobsters might not even ler personally took a leading part

grand jury "isn't going to be be within two miles of the girl's house were promptly arrested.

which exposes the real purpose enemy to permit the rapid em- try to indoctrinate these men to that he mill do ne was charged with rape, the of the proposed training pro- ployment of our maximum power form the core of shock forces that he will not appoint a spe- other with aiding him to escape.

But a lily-white jury turned these self-confessed breeds it.

The Not-So-Happy Barefoot Boy By Grace Carlson-

This is the season of the year when newspaper editors, at a loss for material to fill the editorial columns, knock off a piece about the Happy

Barefoot Boy. A few lines from Whittier's poem are quoted to prove that the 'blessings" which fall on "the barefoot boy" fill him with outward sunshine and inward But the barefoot boys and



that area, thousands of barefoot children and their parents are victims of hookworm disease. In North Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee and Kentucky, the lack of an adequate sewage disposal system means that the soil is infested with the hookworm parasite.

Under the favorable conditions provided by Southern states, the hookworm parasites thrive, and infest not only the soil, but those who walk barefoot across the soil. In the highly authoritative textbook, Preventive Medicine and Hygiene, Dr. Milton Rosenau writes:

"The prevention of hookworm disease is based on three principles: (1) sanitation, i.e. the prevention of soil pollution; (2) treatment of cases so as to diminish the amount of infestation; (3) mechanical protection, as the wearing of shoes. Sanitation is fundamental and enduring, but slow; treatment is quick, but temporary; shoes are effective, but not always economically practicable."

Why the provision of shoes for all of the citizens of these poverty-stricken areas could eliminate the menace of hookworm disease is easily understood from the mode of the transmission of the disease. The hookworm parasite is about half an inch long in its adult stage From the soil, where they have been deposited in human waste, these parasites enter the body through the skin of the foot. After passing through the blood stream, the lungs and the stomach, the worms finally reach the small intestines of the victim. There they attach themselves by means of hooks to the lining of the intestine and suck the blood. If hundreds of worms are present, the amount of blood lost will be considerable and a severe anemia will

develop. A vivid characterization of the havoc wrought in the South by hookworm disease has been given by Dr. Victor Heiser, a former member of the Rockefeller Sanitary Commission, which the mild climate and moist sandy soil of these . made an intensive study of the problem. In An American Doctor's Odyssey, Dr. Heiser says:

"Any people who have to feed a collection of intestinal worms as well as themselves are bound to lose the race against those not so handicapped. By dwarfing their bodies, inhibiting the development of their minds and rendering them more susceptible to other diseases, the hookworm has caused incalculable damage. It has slaughtered members of the human family by the thousands and rendered them ill by the millions."

And it wouldn't have to be that way at all if there weren't so many poverty-stricken Barefoot Boys in the South!

bill that would drive many foreign born sea-

of war for an atomic age." a standing peacetime establish- of all those forces." **Pendergast Machine Scored** In Kansas City Vote Fraud

The Kansas City vote fraud scandal, involving the notorious Pendergast machine and President Truman, pose of the military training over Station WBEN, the largreached new heights last week. A state grand jury, after program. It is part and parcel est radio station in the city. a two-month investigation, indicted 81 for false election of Wall Street's preparations for Despite the attempts of Coun-

returns, miscounting of ballots. illegal marking of ballots, vote publicity, limited itself to a per- The document adds new weight the sales tax, to sidetrack the dum on a petition circulated by buying and bribery in a Demogratic congressional primary last people in Kansas City and then August. A few hours after the dropped out of the case. Repubindictments had been brought in, licans charge that the FBI stayexpert safe-crackers broke into ed out of the investigation on ation of no confidence in the voters of Erie County. the vault of the Kansas City orders from Truman. In return-Board of Elections and stole the ling its indictments, the grand that military training be placed heavily on the shoulders of postponement of the enactment ballots, poll books and tally jury called for the FBI to aid in the case. sheets to be used as evidence Now that the evidence has been

against those indicted. stolen, it is doubtful that there This election and safe-crackwill be any convictions. ng scandal reaches to the White Truman's connections with the House door because of Truman's Pendergast machine go back to role in the August primary and his earliest days in politics. Conhis connections with the corrupt sidered Tom Pendergast's pro-Pendergast machine. Truman tege, he never deserted his politihad personally called for the decal godfather. Even after investifeat of Representative Slaughter gations revealed rampant corrupin the primary. The Pendergast tion in Kansas City and Missouri gang went all out to achieve their politics and after mass convicchief's wishes. When the ballots tions sent Pendergast machine were "counted." it was announcworkers to prison in 1936, Trued to the jubilation of the Truman stuck by his boss. man supporters that Slaughter When Federal District Attor-

ney Milligan secured a convic-Although Slaughter was a tion and the imprisonment of Democrat, the Republicans push-Tom Pendergast himself, Trued an investigation. Among man became Milligan's sworn those indicted were important enemy. One of Truman's first members of the Pendergast maacts upon becoming president chine, including Dexter Perry, was to purge Milligan from fedintimate crony of the President eral office. and member of his poker-play-

ing club. Truman has loyally supported Although those bent on ex- the boss's successor, nephew is an open invitation to all the need is for labor to form an inposing the election frauds had James Pendergast. Under Tru- Klan, vigilante and other fascist called for assistance from the man's protection the notorious elements in the country to ter-FBI, it was never forthcoming. Kansas City machine seems to rorize at will the workers and The FBI, usually as eager as a be prospering almost as well as racial and religious minorities the passage of a federal antibeaver to get in on cases and it did in its palmiest days.

against the enemy's home coun- for use against labor.

ence, "is a military program. Its before the development of the ing to the possibility of war will be needed. "Certainly," the Navy and Air Force as well To answer Baldwin's dispar- says the War Department anal- as the ground Army and the agement of the role of UMT in ysis, "the numbers involved will civil - defense structure quickly this "emergency," the document be far greater than we will be effective in the event of war. It

> UMT as an adjunct of the regular armed forces, now the largest in peace-time history. Without UMT, "A much larger Army will be required"

an attack on the Soviet Union. ty-Attorney Lehr, instigator of functory questioning of a few to our proposal that the trade discussion to the issue of pracunion movement answer Wall ticality in collecting the tax. brass hat scheme and a demand

Mass Meeting In L.A. Protests Freeing Of 28 Lynch Murderers

LOS ANGELES, May 28 - of this acquittal two other lynch The Socialist Workers Party attempts were made. The most today gave support to the elementary democratic rights of terials from the sales tax. mass meeting to protest the the American people are in jeoacquittal of 28 confessed pardy. These lynchers will serve plied anti-sales tax resolutions as the storm troopers of Amerlynchers and to demand imican Fascism.' mediate federal anti-lynch

legislation which has been called by the National Association for the Advancement of boss parties in Congress, both anti-fascist organizations in Los Myra Tanner Weiss, organizer of the Los Angeles Local of the

Since Tom Pendergast's death Socialist Workers Party, stated: "A court decision of this kind such brutal lynchings. The great dependent labor party which

would make its first act in office in America. Within three days lynch bill."

Since this war will be fought on the urgency of UMT, point-before the development of the ing to the possibility of war primary purpose is to build up promised "push - button" weap-a reservoir of trained manpower ons, "great numbers of men" viding trained manpower to make for a military emergency." Will be needed. "Certainly," the Navy and Air Force as well

By Libby Jones

BUFFALO, May 28-With mounting enthusiasm and analyzes "the American strategy willing or able to maintain in is essential to a quick build-up energy the Socialist Workers Party branch here is bringing to a climax its county-wide campaign against the impend-The War Department considers ing 1% sales tax—which will be foisted on the working people of Erie County on July 1 unless an aroused labor move-

ment will stop it. Last Saturday evening \$30 a year for the average workingman's family, and will wipe Sam Ballan, chairman of the This revealing document shows SWP Buffalo Branch, gave "La- cently gained by the CIO unout a large part of the raises rehow correct The Militant was in bor's Case Against the Sales ions in this area. Are you afraid warning about the sinsister pur- Tax" at a round-table discussion to let the working people who put you in office voice their opinion in a referendum?" Ballan pointed to the 7,000

the SWP in the last month. The day before the broadcast. Street's demand to give the youth Ballan demanded the matter be Ballan appeared as a represenmilitary training with a declar- brought to a referendum of the tative of the Party at a public

hearing of the Board of Super-"This infamous tax falls most visors, and demanded a 90 day under the strict supervision and those least able to bear it," he of the tax law in order to hold a control of the trade unions. said. "It will amount to at least referendum. This hearing was called for the purpose of allow-

ing certain industries in Erie County to claim exemption from the sales tax.

The Board of Supervisors lost no time in heeding the voice of Big Business, and at the next session immediately passed a law exempting production ma-

Previously the SWP had supand leaflets to every AFL and CIO local union in the Buffalo Speaking of the national as- area.

pects of the struggle against The people of Buffalo showed lynching, Mrs. Weiss said: "The the greatest interest in our petition campaign, when party Colored People for next Sunday. Republicans and Democrats have members and sympathizers car-Urging all labor, minority and repeatedly defeated every at- rying banners bearing the slotempt to outlaw lynching gan "Get Rid of the Sales Tax." Angeles to support this meeting, through federal legislation. The appeared in the shopping disworkers and oppressed minoritricts with leaflets and petitions. Many Buffalo workers were eagties must break with these scoundrels who do nothing to stop er to sign the petitions, and commended the Party for initiating the campaign against the sales tax.

All these public activities finally compelled Station WBEN to grant the SWP free time to present its position over the air.

Notes From The News

CIO Tobacco Workers Union Local 22, on strike against the makers of Camel Cigarettes in North Carolina, has demanded state action



Federal Judge Clark upheld a lower court in ordering four Negro families to vacate homes they had bought in Washington, D. C. because the neighborhood was lily-white by virtue of a real estate owners' covenant.

* * * The National Maritime Union is protesting a

men from American ships. Maritime workers to prevent the use of school . children as scabs. Union officials charged that Reynolds Tobacco officials are appealing to high school principals for children to work in the

who were torpedoed while sailing the ships during the war are in danger of losing their jobs because they have been unable to obtain citizenship papers. * * *

Drunken members of the Michigan State Senate threw that body into an uproar at an evening session last week. Senators staggered around the chamber, waving their hats and shouting for adjournment. After three attempts to start the session, Lieutenant-Governor Keys gave up. It was understood the Senators were pie-eyed from drinking too many cocktails provided by professional lobbyists.

had been slaughtered.