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# On Marshall Plan **No Hope Offered**

# **Push For Western Bloc** Breaks Up Secret Parley Ruined Europe

By Joseph Hansen Dy Joseph Hansen The break-up of the Paris conference of the Foreign Ministers In Kremlin Line of Britain, France and the Soviet Union July 3 marked another ster. in the formation of the Western Bloc and the alignment of camps for World War III.

In the reactionary tradition of This was fully confirmed by ar imperialist diplomacy, the parley important editorial in the June 22 was held behind closed doors. The London Observer, which clearly reofficial hand-outs to the press gave | flects the British government's views little indication of the real issues at on the Marshall Plan: "People will stake and revealed nothing of the off-the-record haggling where these not resign themselves quietly to power politicians made their genu- starvation. Economic collapse in ine bids and offers.

subject under discussion-the Marshall Plan-has likewise been kept wrapped in enigmatic vagueness. The capitalist newspapers assure their readers that the Marshall Plan all Plan is to attempt to stave off is a most generous philanthropic offer to spend tens of billions of dollars to revive European economy and save the famine-stricken vic- American goods can continue to be tims of the war from further hor-

### CAREFULLY CONCEALED

But the specific details of this plan have been carefully kept out of sight like the explosive part of a booby trap. Thus what Bevin, Bidault and Molotov really discussed cannot easily be determined. Enough information is available, however, to characterize the Marshall Plan. It is reactionary to the core. Just as the loans to the Greek monarchy and Turkish dictatorship implemented the Truman Doctrine in the militarily strategic area of the Dardanelles, so the Marshall Plan mplements that same doctrine in Europe as a whole.

Its first aim is to mobilize American dollars against the trend of the European masses toward socialism One of the general objectives of the Truman Doctrine was to "contain communism." The Marshall Plan is designed to advance this general

objective in a specific way.

Europe would, therefore, lead to In addition to this secrecy, the political upheavals of incalculable magnitude."

## THE BIG AIM

the depression in America by pump-(Continued on Page 3)

# The second big aim of the Marsh-

ing dollars into Europe with which

By John G. Wright The Kremlin sent Molotov with in entourage of 89 specialists to participate in the Paris meeting. The reasons for this step were not lisclosed publicly but they are revertheless apparent.

Stalin is anxious and ready to strike another bargain with Washngton. He seeks with might and nain to keep the avenue of agreenent open. By participating in the Paris meeting, he once again reiterated his willingness to work hand in glove with the American plutocrats, provided they pay a

satisfactory price for his services. Wall Street, for its part no longer places the same premium as in he past on the Kremlin's services. Moscow has to offer only two items of first-rate interest to the powerdrunk American overlords: (1)

continued aid in putting down the European revolution and (2) opening up the Soviet Union to American capitalism. The Kremlin bureaucracy is vitally interested in combatting and preventing the socialist revolution,

whose mortal enemy they are. Aware of this, Wall Street is able to coolly calculate that if and when the need again arises to curb the European masses, the Kremlin will render its services gratis, just as it did in the days of Hitler's rise to power and all the years following. IN THE WANE

Moreover, the Stalinist influence over the European masses is clearly on the wane, as evidenced by the heads of the native Stalinist bureaucrats.

ners" of Wall Street.

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Operators also agreed to raise the

five to ten cents per ton, with spe-

cific provisions for control and use

The contract can be terminated

on 30-day notice. Previous clauses

"wild-cat" strikes are made "null

The miners' struggle began in

May, 1946, when Truman tried to

and void." To limit the possibility

of civil suits under the Taft-Hartley

providing penalties for so-called

In any case, at the present juncture Wall Street is far more inter-MOLOTOV

# Paris Conference MINE VICTORY SPURS PromotesWarAims FIGHT ON SLAVE LAW

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# **Mass Resistance Grows** Against 15% Rent Gouge

As greedy landlords pressed of Rent Control last week, com- tional Association for the Advance- pattern for contract demands by The Steelworkers board also antheir organized drive to intimi- plaining of landlord threats to ini- ment of Colored People calling on which tended to sweep over the date tenants into signing "volun- tiate eviction proceedings if they its 1,100 local affiliates to form tendate tenants into signing voluti-tary" leases for 15% rent boosts, 15% rent-steal. The Chicago Real and to resist evictions. No tenants

mass resistance of tenants, largely Estate Board threatened "arbitrary are under greater pressure for rent advising against use of the new that use of the facilities of the new spontaneous, began to erect a road increases" after March 1 if tenants increases than the Negro people,

# **Unions Bar No-Strike** Pacts, NLRB Procedure

UNION LABEL 9

## **By Art Preis**

America's soft coal miners have again set an example of militant struggle for all labor and have chalked up their greatest wage victory in the face of the new Taft-Hartley Slave Labor Law.

Refusing to be intimidated by this infamous law, the miners showed their readiness to close down the pits by their preliminary 10-day strike prior to July 1. A full-scale walkout was averted on July 8 only when the leading coal magnates capitulated to the full wage demands of the AFL United Mine Workers. This victory will hearten and en-

courage organized labor generally and will inspire the workers everywhere to stiffer resistance to the anti-union law. Of special significance is the contract clause wrested from the operators to protect the UMW rom employers' damage suits for alleged violation of contracts, par-

ticularly in case of strikes. This clause, designed to sidestep certain restrictions of the Taft-Hartley

as such persons (employes) are able and willing to work." SET A PATTERN

able" clause will undoubtedly set a by harassing law salts.

other unions.

What Miners Won

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Act, provides that the contract is affiliates not to sign "no-strike" operative only "during such time pacts as a means of avoiding breach-of-contract suits. Similarly, the Executive Board of

The miners' contract is the first the CIO United Steelworkers, headimplementation of the latest moves ed by Philip Murray, has barred all of the AFL and CIO to by-pass future no-strike contracts because some of the worst features of the the union "will not commit itsilf Slave Tabor Law. This "willing and to no-strike obligations enforceable

nounced that it "has determined Both the AFL and CIO last week not to use the facilities of the new announced their opposition to the labor board." The USWA body NLRB machinery in negotiations labor board would provide any pro-



# Trotskyists In Bolivia **Face Hertzog Terror**

The Hertzog government is trying to stamp out Trotskyism in Bolivia, according to news just received by The Militant. Lucha force. This was underscored by where state rent control laws go July 2.) Obrera (Workers' Struggle), organ of the Partido Obrero Revolu- Molotov's departure empty-handed into effect for another three months cionario (Revolutionary Workers + mands.

lice have broken into the homes of slate run by the miners and the the conference to which its own the landlords. deading members of the party. A POR succeeded in electing eight can- presence had lent added weight. thrown in jail.

Nelson Capelino, a leader of the working class began pressing for leg- vantage. POR at Oruro, was clubbed by the islation favorable to the poor people police and his house wrecked. who put them in office. Guillermo

leading Trotskyist, was singled out among those elected, introduced a for attack. He is famed among the bill recently to make the sliding miners for his exposure of the scale of wages compulsory throughdemagogy of Mendizabal, a govern- out Bolivia. ment Minister, at the Colquiri

Miners' Congress. The persecution of the Trotsky-

ists is part of a systematic campaign of terror against the Bolivian masses. The Trotskyists only have been marked as the most militant and class-conscious political leaders of the Bolivian working class.

The Trotskyists were not caught which took office last January, set the AFL soft coal miners, who en- pay and a half-hour lunch period. out on a most ominous course within gaged in four industry-wide strikes the first few weeks. On January 28 the first few weeks. On January 28 since May, 1946 to force the coal ing a 15-minute lunch period. some 150 miners were massacred at operators to sign a just contract, Potosi when a demonstration was ended this week with a smashing health and welfare royalty from triumph for the men who risk their staged to protest the arrest of various labor figures. lives digging the coal.

Three days later the Central Com-Faced with the certainty of a of the fund written to avoid direct mittee of the POR declared that the prolonged and stubborn strike while violation of the Taft-Hartley Act. Potosi officials and the Ministry of profits are at a peak, the northern the Interior were seeking "to create operators, headed by steel industry a favorable atmosphere for initiat- owners of the "captive" mines, at ing systematic repression of the the last moment "signed on the POR.'

dotted line." Jubilant miners headed back for Since then, the government campaign against the masses has con- the pits on the afternoon of July Act, the contract is operative only tinued. Leaders of the field labor- 8 with a 441/2-cent hourly wage when the miners are "willing and ers have been beaten savagely by the boost; a 10-cent per ton royalty for able" to work. This does not elimpolice and deported to remote areas. the union health and welfare fund; inate criminal penalties under the The terror waged by the Hertzog and the first contract ever signed by Act. regime is an indication of the alarm private operators incorporating the of the big tin interests over the swift Federal Mine Safety Code.

spread of Trotskyism since the re- Within a day, the hard-bitten break the strike by seizing the mines. bellion last July that overthrew the Southern coal operators, who had The government was forced to sign Villaroel government. The Trotsky- insisted on separate negotiations in a contract granting a union welist program has gained great popu- hopes of taking advantage of the fare fund and safety measures, larity especially among the men who impending Slave Labor Act, were which the operators continued to slave in the tin mines They have signing up individually.

reject. A second strike, to enforce included such items as the sliding The new daily wage will be \$13.05 the contract, was called last Noscale of wages in their union de- for an eight-hour May, including vember. This was broken by a fed-

ested in building up counter-revolutionary forces under its own imgougers. mediate control.

As for opening up the USSR to In major cities from coast to is banking here more and more not formed, urged renters not to subon voluntary agreement but on mit to the pressure of the real eswhat it can extort through the un- | tate interests and to refuse to sign restricted exercise of its over-leases for higher hand-outs to the whelming preponderance, up to and rent-sharks.

In some states, like New York, including the resort to military after the end of federal rent confrom the Paris conference.

Failing a deal, it was obviously trol next March 1, tenants general-Party), has been suppressed. Po- In the last election a common the Kremlin's intention to discredit ly are bucking the 15% demands of

Landlord pressure is effective in number of Trotskyists have been didates to the Bolivian parliament. In this respect too, the Kremlin most states where there are no mand being 48%. These political representatives of the found itself completely at a disad- state rent-control laws and where

eviction proceedings can be stayed The grounds on which Moletov only a maximum of 30 days since rejected the Marshall Plan are not elimination of the 6-month federal York City Council was forced this Miguel Alandia Pantoja, another Lora, a leader of the POR who was a whit less reactionary than the eviction stay with the new Rent Hi-jacking Act. proposals submitted by the "plan-

BESEIGED OFFICE American imperialism has don-

As many as 5,000 tenants a day were beseiging the Chicago office

vidual rents where "equity" requires

THE BIG GOUGE racket fails to work, will be the

area rent decontrol commissions. complete rent decontrol, general

New Publishing Date And Copy Deadline Beginning with this issue, the publication date of The Militant is advanced from Saturday to Monday. Hereafter the paper will be deposited in the Post Office every Friday evening. In most cases, subscribers will receive their copies one or two days later in the week than under the previous publication date.

The paper's new deadline for copy and ads is the Wednesday before the date of publication. Every effort, however, should be made to submit copy and ads before the deadline. Only lastminute emergency copy will be accepted for publication on Thursday morning.

block in the path of the rent did not accept the 15% boost now. whose housing problem is made Detroit tenants, mainly CIO auto doubly-acute by segregation and

workers, face the threat of 4,000 race-restricting covenants. American imperialism, Wall Street coast tenant groups, many newly evictions weekly. In New York The chief problem facing tenants City, with 2,000,000 of the country's is to turn their mainly spontane-15,000,000 residential tenants, rent ous and disorganized resistance inofficials predicted "that municipal to organized form. Neighborhood talist government agencies as the bership of any union that takes a courts here soon would be flooded groups must be welded into com- NLRB.

with eviction cases." (N. Y. Times, munity-wide bodies and these tenant leagues must join with the un-

250,000 New York City residents ions, Negro and veterans groups on the Taft-Hartley Act last week in apartment-hotels and rooming to carry out a mass action program. advised all international and local

houses were confronted with threat of mass eviction or the immediate payment of rent increases ranging from 15 to 150%, the average de-

these tenants as well as hundreds "We are going to organize politically to defeat every member of Congress who voted for this law (Taft-Hartley Act)," said AFL President William Green. The CIO will "work unceasingly in the political field," said CIO President Philip Murray, "to ensure the po-

litical repudiation of those reactionaries who The big gouge, where the 15% are responsible for the Taft-Hartley Bill." Every American worker and unionist will

These are empowered to approve say "Amen!" to these sentiments. But how is this crucial task to be done? The union leaders answer with the same fallacious and treacherous program they have traditionally espoused: Put some more Democrats and Republicans in office to replace the discredited representatives of the two Wall-

> We have seen this policy in practice over the decades. We have observed its results from one election to the next.

After the Republican debacle in the early thirties, the union leaders turned to the Democrats and their promises of a "New Deal." This "New Deal" wound up in a few years with imperialist war, the wartime crippling tenants into paying higher rents in of labor's rights, high prices, staggering taxes, government strike-breaking and the Labor Party are demanding a local threat of a new depression and war.

rent-freeze ordinance. The Phila-Only a year ago the union leaders were delphia CIO has demanded that the calling the Democratic-controlled 79th Concity administration declare a sixgress the "most reactionary in decades." Murmonth moratorium on all evictions. One of the major developments ray complained that Congress, under Demoin the fight against rent-gouging cratic domination, had not passed "a single and mass evictions is the decision of the recent convention of the Na- piece of progressive legislation in nine years."

Yet he and the other union tops called for the election of "friends of labor" who in seven months were voting for the Slave Labor Law.

What will the workers gain if they kick out last year's capitalistic "friends of labor" and vote for a new gang of Democrats and Republicans? We don't need to guess. Look at the record of Congress over the years. Look at the Taft-Hartley Act passed by majority of BOTH capitalist parties.

There's only one way to clean the Wall Street rascals out of government and that's by replacing them with men and women labor can really trust-tried and tested union people. But for that we need a labor party, based on the unions and fighting for a workingman's program all the way through.

When Murray now says "I am not thinking in terms of a third party," and Green repeats the empty formula "Reward your friends and punish your enemies," they are only advocating a continuation of Wall Street's political monopoly exercised through its two-party system.

This system must be smashed. The way to begin is by convening a National United Labor Conference to launch the labor party before 1948. Start right in in your own home town by building local labor parties and running a local labor slate in the next election.

Break down the top union leaders' inertia and resistance. Proclaim from every union floor and meeting the slogans of the hour A Labor Slate in '48! Put Labor in the White House! No one in Congress not controlled by Labor!

these boards will be packed with

are named by the reactionary state governors, generally tied in with realty interests. It is expected that

friends of the landlords. The AFL and CIO are urging

their affiliates to demand a majority of labor and tenant representatives on these boards.

DEMANDING PROTECTION In most areas, tenant groups and labor organizations are demanding

state and local laws to protect tenants. These include rent-freeze. laws without loopholes, moratoriums on evictions and heavy penalties on landlords who try to coerce

violation of existing laws. The New York CIO and American

Street parties.

This is a sharp reversal of policy ganize unions and exercise their threat of the Slave Labor Law. gaining."

forced on the union leaders by the rights to engage in collective bar-Previously the union leaders had The CIO United Electrical Workencouraged no-strike clauses and ers urged a boycott of the NLRB

had urged the workers to place because "nothing but injury can heavy dependence upon such capi- result to the interests of the memseat in this crooked game, where

The legal department of the the rules are rigged and the dice AFL in its official Bulletin No. 1 are loaded against them." All other CIO unions are expected

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of thousands of others, the New week to pass a local ordinance freezing rents for permanent residents in federally-decontrolled hotels and rooming houses. The measure, however, sets up a commission empowered to raise indi-

Faced with a mighty clamor from



The 13-month bitter struggle of one hour of portal-to-portal travel eral injunction and huge fine, later upheld by the Supreme Court. In rent boosts or "hardship" increases April, the miners again walked out in their areas. These commissions for two weeks as a protest following the Centralia mine disaster. After the Taft-Hartley Act was signed, 250,000 miners downed tools once more.





Hardly a week goes by that the Stalinist Daily Worker doesn't warded for services rendered and explode some gigantic "conspiracy" against the Communist Party by is being given the typical buildup by the Stalinist machine. "right and left opportunists, Trotskyists, Socialists, Social Demo-Not having anything very favorable to say about their own candicrats, etc.

7, 8 and 9, the *Daily Worker* un-covers a diabolical plot by expelled tional Maritime Union to rid the union of Stalinist control.

Employing the classic tabloid technique, the very first sentence of the most recent chiller-diller is calcuand down the spine of every gullible Stalinist. 'The Daily Worker today reveals the story of a conspiracy,' screams labor editor George Morris, by a group of turncoats expelled from the Communist Party to turn the CIO National Maritime Union the Curran group a four to two ma-(NMU) into a base for attacks upon the Party. .

A special free distribution of the issues containing the series was made to NMU members. Stalinist hawkers shouted the scare headlines. But a careful reading of the TYPICAL BUILDUP series failed to disclose what all the shouting was about.

### DOCUMENTS ON SALE

'The "secret documents" quoted by Morris have been circulated openly and publicly to all who were interested. In fact, one of the "documents" was on sale at the NMU bockstand. They had been in existence for many months. There was nothing "secret" or "conspiratorial" about them. Why then this fiction of "plots" and "conspiracies?"

It happens that there is in progress at the moment in the NMU a special election for vice-president to fill the vacancy created by the

## Coal Co. Penalized \$1000 for 111 Dead

Because of the failure of profitgreedy coal operators to take care of the most elementary safety precautions, 111 miners died last March in the Illinois Centralia coal mine explosion. The evidence of the coal company's "willful negligence" was so overwhelming that rather than have this evidence aired in the court-room, the company pleaded nolo contendere (no contest). In addition by this device the

coal owners threw themselves upon "the mercy of the court." The court was obviously inclined in this case to season its justice with mercy. It sentenced these murderers for profit to pay a fine of \$1,000, or some 9 cdd dollars per each dead miner What could be more "merciful?" But is this justice? Of course, it is. It is class justice, the only kind of justice the judges know and dispense under the rule of Wall Street

In three consecutive issues, July removal of Joseph Stack. Stack, date, the Stalinists have launched a chief Stalinist spokesman in the vicious smear campaign in an effort to discredit Keith. Until his ship on charges brought by Presiexpulsion for "left opportunism," Keith was a recognized leader of and slanderer. The stake in this the CP. Along with William Dunne, election is control of the National Sam Darcy, Verne Smith and a

Office of the NMU. score of others, Keith was expelled The Curran group is running for opposing the more flagrant sell-Charles Keith to fill the vacancy. lated to send shivers tingling up There are six national officers who out policies of the American Communist Party. While they broke function between meetings of the with the American CP, they remain National Council as the executive loval to the Stalinist gang in the body of the union. The present Kremlin ard in other countries. division is three for the Curran group and two for the Stalinists. gone out of their way to attack the The election of Keith would give Trotskyists, exaggerating and embellishing the anti-Trotskyist slanjority. His defeat would deadlock der of the official Stalinist frame-up the National Office at three and machine. This hasn't brought them the immunity they hoped to achieve.

three with the final decision left to the National Council which the Stalinists control.

# With control of the union at stake,

hatchetmen. The recent "expose" in the Daily the election campaign is bitterly Worker is only a foretaste of what contested. The Stalinist candidate, the Stalinists have in store for the Chester Young, is a questionable "loyal" opposition in the NMU. They character with an obscure record in the union. He first came into will learn through bitter experience prominence as chairman of the trial that those who keep one foot in the committee which tried to whitewash Stalinist camp cannot carry on an Stack but was over-ruled by the effective struggle to rid the labor membership. He is now being re- movement of this cancerous growth.

To prove their "loyalty" they have

On the contrary, they have been

made the object of the frame-up

method perfected by the Stalinist

Mine Agreement

President John L. Lewis of the AFL United Mine Workers, Vice-President John O'Leary and U.S. Labor Conciliator James Dewey leave union headquarters after agreement had been reached with northern coal operators and representatives of the steel companies "captive mines." The pact was immediately ratified by the union policy committee.

Federated Picture

# It Worked



Impersonating Barbara Hutton, Woolworth neuress, and a coupie of ner counts 65. CIO Wholesale & Warehouse Workers, "picket" their union's picketline with signs reading: "My Counts Only Get \$100,000 A Year, I Can't Afford A Raise For These Workers." The demonstration took place after the company had refused to offer any wage boosts and demanded abolition of the closed shop. Right after the protest, Woolworth offered a \$2 weekly wage increase.

Federated Picture

# **Miners Victory Spurs Fight Against Slave Law**

(Continued from Page 1) to take a șimilar stand.

forced on the top union leaders solely by fear of the effects of the new law rather than by their understanding of the harm of such policies in themselves. No-strike pacts have usually been incorporated into contracts by conservative union leaders in collusion with employers to "discipline". militant

on so-called "wild-cat" strikes. Each new, move to side-step or defy various sections of the Taft-

No stone must be left unturned in combatting the application of any workers. This is nourishing a very and every feature of the Act. But there must be no illusion in

the workers' minds about the effectiveness of the steps so far tak- ernment are prepared to explode in en by the union leaders. Neither labor's face when they think i the "willing and able" clause of the most opportune and effective. miners' contract, nor the rejection

Labor Law.

st" and to smash the strike with mid-air.

Under this law, the employers are and permanently eliminate the free to attack and undermine un- threat of this law except by ripions through open-shop methods, ping it from the statute books and The new policy with respect to with the backing of the govern- Republican and Democratic agents of Wall Street who passed this law

> of the bill and the employers are more vicious anti-labor legislation. putting on a propaganda campaign A POLITICAL FIGHT in an effort to lull labor into a The fight against the Taft-Hartfalse sense of security regarding ley Act is a political fight first and the new law. They are pointing to foremost. It is a fight to destroy the miners' contract and the fact Wall Street's political monopoly that no penalties have been in- that enables it to push through favorable comment in local union costs." voked against the mine strikers as laws like the Taft-Hartley Act. It papers about the need for a labor proof that "this is no slave labor is the fight to put Labor in power party. For instance, the Voice of law."

Some union leaders are contribu- all, American workers face as their Auto Workers Briggs local in De- pealed to all waterfront unions to ting to this deception by encour- most decisive task the building of troit, states editorially aging the belief that the latest their own labor party. moves to side-step some features of the law and plans for court con- combatted militantly on every in the next few weeks of repre- "Program to Defeat the Taft-Har tests will suffice to protect the front. But it will be utterly de- sentatives from every labor organi- ley Act." stroyed only by labor's victory on dangerous illusion. the political front.

This law is loaded with dynamite that the employers and their gov-Wallace Program

This law calls not for "amendof no-strike pacts and the boycott ment but for repeal," as John L of the NLRB, will serve to nullify Lewis stated after signing the mine the main provisions of the Slave contract. It is a Damocles Sword suspended over the head of labor-

injunctions and criminal penalties.<sup>1</sup> There is no way to effectively "The only way to change things alty candidate of the Chicago Local.

**TRADE UNIO** NOTES **By Art Preis** Almost every union publication in zation in existence, solely for the

the country, local and national, has purpose of discussing joint action openly defied the provisions of the to defeat the attempts of the NAM, Taft-Hartley Slave Labor Act that could conceivably result in political prohibit political free speech to action on the scale that all unionunion-financed papers. Numerous the way toward a THIRD PARTY union organs have published the with labor as the base and extend voting records of all Congressmen open arms to the farmers and the on the Slave Labor Bill and called small business men to join with the for defeat of those who supported workers of the country to take the National Association of Manufac-Most of the labor press, however, put the heat on the Repub- turers out of Washington, D. C.! !" licans, but failed to report the big-The Seafarers Log, organ of the

gest political fact of all: That AFL Scafarers International' Union, nearly 60% of the Democrats in says editorially in its June 27 is-Congress also voted against Trusue: "Not only have strikes followed man's veto. the passage of the bill, with a threat

The most frequently used phrase of more to come, but labor is lookin union papers characterizing the ing piercingly at both political par-Taft-Hartley Act is "the first big ties, and responsible labor leaders are talking seriously of a 'New step down the rond to Fascism." Party,' controlled by labor and sup-

It is strange to read in the July porting only tried and true friends United Mine Workers Journal a of the labor movement . . . The men bitter attack on the Republicans who produce the wealth of this in Congress and "20 renegade Demo- country have too long been forced crats" in the Senate. It is doubly to exist on crumbs. Politicians have strange to read praise of Trumanconspired to steal away the freedom the man who led the government of the working man, but there is a anti-labor drive in 1946 and initiated wind rising—a wind that threatens the strike-breaking injunction to blow the traitors out of office and against the miners last November. out of public life." John L. Lewis correctly scored the

The sentiments of the workers in anti-labor role of the Democrats seven years ago; but his advice the great Northwest about the Slave then was for the workers to support Labor Law were expressed by John the openly reactionary Republicans M. Christenson, president of the Party. Now the actions of the Re- Northwest Council of AFL Lumber publican - controlled Congress have and Sawmill Workers, a union with made support of the Republicans a a very militant record. Christenson risky business for union leaders. So said: "The new law is unjust and -Lewis is buttering up the Demo- contrary to the American tradition. cratic administration once more. of democracy. We do not intend to Right now, the political sponsors and are plotting to put over still For all his aggressiveness on the let this law deprive us of strong economic field, Lewis is just as organization or take away any of bankrupt as the other union leaders the conditions we have won. In my opinion, we should ignore the unon the political field.

democratic restrictions and proceed Since passage of the Taft-Hartley as usual. We must maintain our Act there's a growing amount of union and our standards at all

CIO National Maritime Union in Washington. That means, above Local 212, organ of the CIO United President Joseph Curran has apattend a special joint maritime con-"A" Nitional Confederation of ference in New York on July 14. The Taft-Hartley Act must be Labor convened in Washington with- with but one point on the agenda

**Our Program:** 

- I. 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-reduce the hours of work with no reduction in pay to prevent layoffs and unemployment!

workers and

Government operation of all idle plants under workers' control! Unemployment insurance equal to trade union wages for



workers and local unions that went

Hartley Act is useful and necessary.

Under this law, the government a sword that will descend with has all the legal powers necessary deadly effect whenever Wall Street to intervene against any strike un- determines to cut the thread of der the pretext of "national inter- caution that now still holds it in

# SOCIAL DEMOCRATS WHITEWASH TRUMAN, OPPOSE NEW PARTY

products of the Taft-Hartley Act, has frightened not only the capitalist of course, are the real villains of court injunctions and fines, as he mass of independent progressives program did not deserve the confiparty politicians but also that section of the labor bureaucracy which this strictly fictional drama.) is trying to keep the workers tied to the Democratic Party. Among party is in the field in 1948? It strike. the most vociferous opponents of gusting whitewashes of the Demo- "would introduce confusion and re-1 new party based on the labor cratic Party in recent months - a crimination within the progressive movement are the Social Demo-Truman toe-licking job that must political ranks," wails the editorial. erats, whose paper, The New Leader, have left the paid propagandists of "Republican victory would be the are nothing but dirty communist I do say it is the only thing that ment for a fighting Labor Party generally reflects the thinking of the Democratic National Commit- inevitable result. The men who are nothing but dirty communist such top labor lieutenants of capital- tee gasping in admiration and envy. fashioned the Taft-Hartley bill ism as Reuther and Dubinsky. "When President Truman vetoed would be in charge for four years.

The leading editorial in the June the Taft-Hartley bill, it was not an It would be a defeat for labor. This, 28 issue of the New Leader (five irresponsible or merely personal deed. of course, is just what the Comdays after the passage of the Tart- He was acting as President of the munists want . . . The responsible Hartley Act) is devoted to an at- United States and head of the leaders of the AFL and CIO can tack not on the Slave Labor Act, Democratic party. He was com- prevent it now if they assert themsuch as some naive workers might pletely conscious of the fact that he selves with sufficient energy." expect from a self-styled labor was laying down the lines for the DOESN'T COUNT paper, but on "the present frantic 1948 campaign. He was declaring to In short, Saint Harry and his

agitation for a new party." the country that the Democratic ward-heelers must be re-elected in At a moment when every serious Party is the party of the progres- 1948 at all costs! When a majority union member is deeply concerned sives and, particularly, of the great of Republicans vote for the Taftabout the sinister threat which the masses of organized labor. The cam- Hartley Act, that's bad; but when new bi-partisan anti-labor law pre- paign will be fought along these a majority of Democrats does the sents to the workers, the editors lines — with the Republicans in same thing, that doesn't count, be- as favoring a new party when acof The New Leader found it timely favor of pushing things backward cause they are only trying to push to declare: "This whole movement and the Democrats in favor of push- things forward. Bear in mind that the labor party movement all along. (for a new party) is a sinister threat ing forward. The stage is set for while the Republicans want to push to the progressive forces of this a hot campaign and one which can the workers backward, Truman SPREAD ILLUSION country

DISGUSTING WHITEWASH

become intellectually one of the most wants to push them forward - for-

productive in our history. Then follows one of the most dis- "Upon this stage now enter the during last year's rail strike - or a new party. But in practice they



What would happen if a new showed during last year's mine

And if any workers get the notion they should form their own party to fight the twin political so-and-so's on whom Green and Murray should crack down "with sufficient energy."

The above political scabbery sounds particularly crude and nauseating, coming so soon after the part of the process." Democrats helped the Republicans to enact the Slave Labor Law.' Yet precisely this line is what the labor misleaders are preparing to try to

Meanwhile the Stalinists, whom the Social Democrats are trying to ist party. discredit in this way, are being built up in the eyes of militant workers If the American workers succeed in tually they have been sabotaging

Occasionally, it is true, the Stalinward into the Army as he demanded ists pay lip-service to the need for Social Democrats.

> are steadfastly opposed to breaking with the capitalist parties. They not only voted for Truman in 1944 (like the Social Democrats) but also supported most of the Democratic candidates just last year, including many who voted for the Taft-Hartlev Act (again like the Social Democrats). And even today they keep spreading the illusion that the Democratic Party can be reformed. This was shown most recently when the New York Post, which is strongly influenced by the Social Democrats, followed it in denouncing any third party movement as a communist plot to create chaos by enabling the Republicans to win the 1948 elections. The Post was "answered" by the

Stalinist hack, Max Gordon, in the July 7 Daily Worker. It wasn't an easy assignment because the Stalinists for several years have been teaching their members and supporters that they had to vote for the Democrats or else the Republicans would win. But Gordon does the best he can under the circumstances:

in the Democratic Party is through Seventy-five workers attended the the actual building of a third party. meeting, despite the handicap of a The mere threat of a third party is drenching downpour in the middle not enough. A threat does not get of the afternoon.

Analyzed at

**Detroit Meeting** 

DETROIT, July 5 - The De-

troit Local of the Socialist Work-

ers Party held a public meeting

on the role of Henry Wallace last

Sunday at the Party Headquarters,

6108 Linwood. The speaker was

Mike Bartell, organizer and Mayor-

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on the ballot. The machinery needs | Bartell made a careful analysis to be set up and the movement or- of Wallace and his middle-class The growing Labor Party sentiment, which is one of the by- Communists. . . " (The Stalinists, forward into bankruptcy through ganized to make it go, if the great platform, demonstrating that his are to make their influence felt in dence of organized labor because Democratic ranks. Wallace banked on "enlightened "I do not say the actual organi- businessmen" and the continuation zation of a third party will neces- of capitalism. He stirred the audisarily force the Democrats to put ence with a vivid picture of what would call forth in the United can make it happen. "Active organization by progres- States, particularly since the passsive Democrats inside their party age of the Taft-Hartley Slave Labor in time for the 1948 national con- Law.

vention of course, is a necessary , Chairman Esther Turner made an appeal for financial aid to support In short, the kind of "third party" party activites, and the audience the Stalinists want is not one to responded generously. A spirited disdefeat the Democratic as well as the cussion period followed. The domi-Republican Party - but to help nant keynote here was confidence in "change" the Democratic Party, the forward march of American sell the workers just a year from that is, pressure it into donning a labor, particularly as expressed by new "progressive" mask; or at most, a pioneer Ford unionist. The meetto take its place as a liberal capitaling concluded with refreshments and an opportunity to get better acquainted.

Which is another way of saying: building a Labor Party capable of defeating and destroying the power of the capitalist parties, it will not be with the help of the Stalinists any more than with the help of the



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veterans during the entire period of unemployment! 3. Against all anti-labor laws and government strikebreaking!

No restrictions on the right to strike and picket! No injunctions! No compulsory arbitration!

4. Build an independent labor party!

- 5. Tax the rich, not the poor! Repeal the payroll tax! No sales taxes! No taxes on incomes under \$5,000 a year!
- 6. An 18 billion dollar appropriation for government low-rent housing!
- 7. Full equality for Negroes and national minorities! End Jim Crowl End anti-Semitism!
- 8. For a veterans' organization sponsored by the trade unions!

9. A working class answer to capitalist militarism and war.

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

Full democratic rights in the armed forces!

- Trade Union wages for the armed forces!
- Military training of workers, financed by the government, but under control of the trade unions!
- 10. Solidarity with the revolutionary struggles of the workers in all lands! For the complete independence of the colonial peoples! Withdraw all American troops from foreign soil!
- 11. For a Workers' and Farmers' Government!



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Germany 1947

# First Steps On The Workers Road To Action

#### By Ernest Germain-

For two years Germany has been a huge laboratory in which a The workers in Hamburg, disregarding the trade union big shots, Marxist could follow step by step the molecular processes leading were the first to advance the slogan the proletariat from complete prostration to the revolution. We are "No work without bread." In Kiel, still a long way from such transformation of quantity into quality, Berlin and other places strikes broke out against the dismantling of fac-

and the process has hardly reached its first rounded expression. But so far as we have been able to follow it, it is a brilliant confirmation, and under the most excep- their mouths shut on this subject, stration against the food adminisof development of the working class from it! Frequently the political movement.

At the very moment of the military collapse, groups of advanced workers went into action. Dresden was in the hands of a workers' committee: a committee of workers and deserters freed Aix-la-Chapelle from the Nazis before the arrival of the Allied troops. In the chaos which followed immediately upon the arrival of these troops, the factories were almost everywhere taken over by the workers, who drove out the personnel of the Nazi administration.

These occurrences were isolated one from another, without common organizational ties, and without being the expression of a genuine movement of the masses. Most of the committees were immediately dissolved by the "conquerors;" only in the Russian zone were the factory committees generally maintained, only to be bureaucratized one after another—a development which, however, is far from having reached its end.

After this there followed a long period of complete passivity, which was an expression of the total disorientation of the masses; they were waiting to see the "conquerors" take of the masses to the hunger, the action. Poliiical parties and trade unions were laboriously reconstituted the imperialist oppression. as the economy revived ever so slightly. And then the necessity of petitions; but this elementary form, 'evoting all one's time to hunting which showed the impression the or food absorbed what remained of masses still had of the all-powerthe mastes' energy to struggle.

AROUSED TO ACTION

Up to the end of 1946, the provocations had to be enormous before scale resistance. This was the case, lies in order to provide lodging for | food ration. the families of soldiers.

It was also the case in Nuremberg instatement of plant directors and the last century. Here is an exam- tariat alone is capable of organiz-

tories. The Eighth In A The first action on a broader scale Series Of Articles was launched in October: the Ruhr miners organized a protest demon-

tional conditions, of Marxist theory which does not mean that their tration and refused, as a group, to on the origin and the internal logic opinions aren't clearly formed-far work additional hours. The cold wave in December temparties were violently denounced. porarily paralyzed this growing will

FORMS OF PROTEST As part of this "fluesterpropa- vain did the British authorities try ganda" we can also include the wide to corrupt the miners by granting

circulation of popular ballads and them supplementary rations of tosongs, in which the disillusionment bacco and alcohol (sic!). The of the masses finds a striking means miners demanded increased rations of expression. A prayer which for their wives and children. They spread rapidly throughout Germany wanted no favors over their fellow runs as follows: "Dear God, please workers.

give us quickly the Fifth Reich, for DESPERATE STRENGTH the Fourth is too much like the The second cold wave and the un-

movement.

effort.

to resistance of the masses. But in

Third." precedented food crisis it precipi-And the Swiss weekly newspaper tated-distributed rations had fallen

Die Weltwoche cites the following as low as 900 calories a day by the paraphrase of the Nazi, "Horst end of February!---now gave the Wessel" song: masses the strength of desperation, "Prices are high and the zones thanks to the potient preparatory

shut tight. work of the trade union vanguard. Our calories sink down and down.

We Germans are hungry day and night, The rest go hungry in spirit

alone.' As the small groups of trade unionists grew in strength and came to understand the necessity for expressing the discontent of their fellow workers, there developed the first organized form of resistance cold, the inflation, the misery and

It generally took the form of fulness of the military apparatus,

was very often filled with a highly advanced content. There were huge numbers of these petitions, hundreds and thousands, they unloosed, any sort of wide- beginning in the autumn of 1946. Most frequently their objective was for example, in Hamburg, 80% of the demand for workers' control which had been destroyed. In over the distribution of food stuffs, that city 25,000 people went into hiring and firing in the factories, the streets when the British etc. Another of the most frequent wanted to evict thousands of fami- demands was for an increase in the

The text of these petitions, writ-

# Wall Street Western Bloc Plan Hailed By European Capitalists

Worse Off Than Before

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Now that President Truman has signed the phony rent bill that was pressured through Congress by the real estate lobbvisty, tenants. like the Weisman family will have even more trouble trying to keep a roof over their heads. After having been evicted, reinstated and then evicted again, they decided to camp on the doorstep of New York's Mayor William O'Dwyer until they found some place to live. Federated Picture

## **By Jean Paul Martin**

PARIS, June 27-The Marshall Plan, which constitutes the point their present economic organization tries she controls unless they modify of departure for American intervention in the economic and political and open their doors to American evolution of Europe, has found a most enthusiastic response on the atthough of source of the same question exists, although of course on a different part of the Western European governments and capitalist press who plane, for the other countries of believe that American aid is their nomic aid, political conditions would Europe as well.

and financial catastrophe. part of Europe.

In effect, in spite of the economic revival and in spite of previous CONDITIONS ATTACHED loans from America, the dependence According to the New York Herald ports from the U.S.-but the alignof all these countries on the latter Tribune (Paris edition), the U.S.

is such that only American aid extending over a period of years will be able to save them from complete disaster.

Here are some figures which illustrate the dependence of these countries on America: Italy, which imported 11% from the U.S. in 1937, now imports 58%; Poland imports 44% (against 14% in 1937); France 38% (against 10%); Czechoslovakia 35% (against 10%); Holland 25% (against 8%); Belgium 18% (against 9%); England 18% (against 11%). The commercial balance of most of these countries being in deficit. and the first American loans nearing their exhaustion, it is absolutely necessary for them to obtain new American credits to continue the inportation of food and materials for

### HAUNTED BY CRISIS

their industries.

At the same time America itself crisis. Truman is attempting simulis haunted by the specter of the taneously to delay this crisis in the U. S. and to avoid the complete bankruptcy of the economy of Western Europe.

It is true that the Marshall Plan does not, in principle, exclude Russia and these parts of Europe within quired, explains the London Obher orbit. But it is evident that as a counterpart for American eco-

only hope in avoiding economic be imposed which would signify the end of Russian influence in this

Stalin Amends

His Criminal Code Russian newspapers are now engaged in a campaign to "popularize" the Kremlin's new decrees which step up savagely the penalties for petty thefts. Long term hard labor sentences are now meted out for thefts whose widespread prevalence arises from the increasing want and misery of the workers, whose living standards have been slashed below subsistence

levels. For stealing a few loaves of bread a truck-driver was sentenced to seven years hard labor. Theft of fish from a warehouse brought with it a 15-year slave labor term for a "previous offender.'

A railroad electrician pilfered some furs from a freight car penalty, 10 years. 'Two peasants convicted of stealing oats from a collective farm, were sent up for eight years apiece. Such long term sentences to the slave labor camps, where conditions are indescribable and

mortality rates very high, are

in many cases equivalent to

Western Europe, the Marshall Plan has several obstacles to overcame in the U.S. itself before it can become a realty. Among these are the slow Congressional procedure and the nearness of the 1948 presidential election which makes Congressmen hesitate about voting the credits necessary for the plan and thus increasing taxes. It is difficult, therefore, to see just what offer will be made to the

will not aid Russia and the coun-

What the U.S. looks for, econo-

mically, is not an autonomous de-

velopment of Europe's productive

forces so that they can compete with

American industry and cut down im-

ment of European economy to

American needs, with the aim of

maintaining and extending Ameri-

Besides Russian hostility and the

difficulty of coordinating the needs

of the different capitalist rivals of

can commerce.

SEVERAL OBSTACLES

Page Three

Europeans. But time is short and the perspectives for next winter are dark. In spite of the risks involved the British, French and Italian capitalist governments have no choice but to make haste in grabbing hold of the Marshall offer and trying to get some concrete results quickly. Meanwhile, the workers see that the "revival" and "reconstruction" of Europe take place at their expense, and under the pressure of inflation they have begun a new wave of strike struggles in France, Belgium and other countries. These strikes complicate even more disagreeably the status of decrepit European gapitalism.

# **Kremlin Offers No Hope To Devastated Europe**

death sentences.

(Continued from Page 1)

ned the cloak of international phil- ty (reprinted without comment by anthropy. Confronted with this the Daily Worker, July 7). masquerade, Molotov found no PAVES ROAD TO WAR other weapon in his diplomatic ar- An appeal to nationalism and a senal than an appeal to unbridled demand to safeguard reparations- They find themselves today amid nationalism.

The Kremlin despots, who in the program that the Kremlin is now the prospect of atomic destruction country after country have tram- counterposing to Wall Street's im- in the next world slaughter. pled upon the peoples' right to self- placable drive to line up Europe in The only way out for them today,

into "sovereign" national bodies and the perpetuation of the private ownership of the means of production have already plunged the European proples into two world wars. that is the sum and substance of economic and cultural decay, with

eparation for war against the as in the days of the Communist

International under Lenin and

For the masses of Europe only

United States of Europe offers sal-

The workers went into the streets by the thousands, in Kehl, Duisburg, Dusseldorf, Essen, Wuppertahl, Remscheid, Bochum-throughout the entire Ruhr region. Altogether, 750,000 workers and house-wives took part in the demonstrations of that decisive week in March. **Promotes War Drive** As we know, the movement culminated in the general strike of the Ruhr miners, perfectly organized and a clear proof that a vanguard (Continued from Page 1) exists in Germany which has lost

none of the high organizational abil- bought. This project has the addi-| "special tariffs" would be wholly tional advantage of offering Ameri- under Wall Street's control. A "cenity of the old German working class can capitalists profitable investments trai development agency" will be re-

in Europe. But we must have 'no illusions: Here is how Anthony Eden put server, "to elaborate and carry out we are still at the beginning, only at the very beginning. The rela- it in a speech before the British the programs, insuring proper use tionship of forces remains heavily Parliament on June 19: "The im- of the credits provided." The judges weighted against the masses. In the portance to a creditor nation; and as to "proper use" would be Wal especially a creditor nation on the Street's diplomatic, military, and Eastern zone the GPU still often manages to crush the resistance, scale of the United States, of restor- business representatives. which most frequently takes shape ing the prosperity of Europe hardly HASTE IMPERATIVE in the factory committees, by simneeds any argument. . . If the United How does, Wall Street, expect to ply deporting the oppositionists. States is to continue as a great ex<sup>2</sup> put this reactionary scheme over on Physical exhaustion renders the porting nation, then clearly it is of the American people? They plan to masses of the Western zone momen- the first importance to her to try rush it through The London Opto build up European prosperity." server declares that haste is of the tarily incapable of any prolonged In describing the danger of essence. First, because of the ex-

"chaos" in Europe unless dollars are treme physical urgency of Europe's But it is clear that henceforth rushed across the Atlantic, Sir Ar- dollar needs," And second, because Germany will not follow any "speten by thousands of obscure work- cial" development; that the work- thur Salter added in this same dis- "1948, is Presidential election year in where demonstration of 10,000 work- era representing the very best in the ing class movement is taking on new cussion by Parliament that "a great the United States" and "no favorers was rapidly organized as a re- German proletariat, often reaches life there according to its own laws economic depression" looms in MARSHALL PLAN MEANING action against a bombing attack on an emotional level characteristic of and with its own methods of action; America if that dollar gap "is not able decision can be expected from the denazification center. The re- the first writings of the workers in that the proletariat and the prole- bridged and bridged quickly." What the Marshall Plan will do leaves us with only about 3 months.

brief strikes in all four zones.

For the rest, the resistance of the to the British Prime Minister: nasses was passive and took the search of supplementary food supplies in the countryside.

travel 'permits, etc.

It was not often directed against out as early as September and Octothe occupation as such. People keep ber, 1946.

technicians who were known to the ple, the opening sentences of a peti- ing on any sort of serious scale the Munich-Gladbach in the Rhineland occupation.

"We till the land and we are tions between the masses and the inevitable depression a little longer, this can be done "relatively" easily Jim of "whisper propaganda" wasting away. We weave the wool fascist rowdies who yell at the ("fluesterpropaganda"), which was and are clothed in tatters. We dig "Quisling" professors in the uni- Plan is to prepare for World War deficit in the European balance of swiftly spread throughout the coun- the coal and are dying of cold. Pale versities or who throw bombs and III. As the London Observer edi- payments, which is much the same try by the thousands of men and and thin, our children roam the organize sabotage. The mass move- torial admits, "A reconstruction thing as the actual surplus in the women perpetually on the move in streets of our destroyed civies ... " ment of resistance is not taking the race between Russia plus eastern American balance of payments." It was in the course of thousands latter road, and it would be a crime Europe on the one hand, and westof these elementary actions that the for revolutionists to seek a common ern Europe backed by America on Economic Advisors will draw up a and "sovercign" states, that is to This "fluesterpropaganda" was di- advanced workers regathered their ground of struggle between those the other, must almost inevitably parallel plan to prove that the rected against the black market, strength, became aware of their who in the past have shown them- turn into an armament race." against the speculators, against the numbers, exchanged ideas, and were selves to be the worst enemies of innumerable administrative injus- increasingly faced with the necessity the working class, and those who up a Western Bloc of capitalist pow- port will likewise be ready by Septices in the allotment of dwellings, of moving on to broader actions, will be the working class leaders of Significant strike movements broke tomorrow.

(Next Week: The Strategy of the Fourth International.)

# **Big Wave of Strikes Sweeps** Through Island of Ceylon

## By Gamani Salgado

COLOMBO, CEYLON-Ceylon is at present in the throes of the biggest strike wave since the general strike of October, 1946.

ployees Union, who struck work, putting forward 19 demands, one of "retrenchment" since the end of from the General Clerical Services Union. The government workers of which was the immediate withdrawal of the threat of disciplinary

action against the union secretary. They were at once joined by their leadership of the Ceylon Federation Galle Municipalities, while the Co- headed by Dr. Perera. A police of these strikers. A general strike lombo Municipality daily-paid workers struck three days later.

The monthly-paid workers, who workers sustaining severe injuries. persisted in united strike action desdividual members of the Lanka Sa- ment's clerical employes, resulting the legislature of the island. masamaja Party, Ceylon Unit of the in the paralysis of almost the entire This fascistic act, which was this strike.

The daily-paid employes, organ- General Clerical Services Union, for to stop meetings and demonstra-Government Workers Union, which cluding the right to strike, etc., at crophones and even phonographs. group of split-away Trotskyists, torious Public Service Regulations. this repressive bill was addressed went back to work on a promise that their grievances would be looked into and on a guarantee of tempted to palm off an emasculated to stifle the voice of the workers, strike pay.

#### OTHERS ON STRIKE

Also on strike are the workers of litical rights demanded by the gov- perialist slave-drivers and their he Stalinist-controlled Ceylon Fed-

ration of Labor. The main griev- workers answered with a mass rally 31 general elections. For the worknce of these workers was the inse- on the evening of May 28, attended ers of Ceylon it is a historic and de- OFFICIAL EXCUSE

urity of employment as a result of by over 10,000 and addressed among cisive step against all form of requent dismissals on the ground others by Colvin R. de Silva of the tyranny, exploitation 12

then, is to build up purchasing The tactic is for the powers parworkers as notorious Nazis provoked tion addressed by the workers of the struggle against the misery and the power in Europe to keep up the licipating in the Western Bloc to present high rate of exports from draw up a plan on their needs by

America during that year....This

Nowhere have there been joint ac- the U.S. and thereby stave off the September. Sir Arthur Safter thinks The third aim of the Marshall "by taking as its basis the actual Meanwhile Truman's Council of United States can afford to shovel The Marshall Plan therefore sets out the necessary billions. This reers. This coalition will apply an tember. Then these schemes, ac-

economic blockade on the Soviet cording to Sir Arthur Salter, will be Union and the countries under presented to Congress "by the end, Kremlin domination. It will suborand if possible by the autumn, of dinate the particular interests of the year."

participating countries to the gen-The July 8 World Report says eral aim of eventual attack on the Truman may call a special session Soviet Union. It will unite the of Congress to get approval before capitalist classes of Europe in an winter. And Drew Pearson, the alliance against the degenerated Washington columnist, predicted workers' state and against the Eur- this year." opean socialist revolution. "By mid-October President Tru-

No genuine unification of Eur- man will summon an extraordinary Trotskyists, Dr. N. M. Perera and ope is contemplated. As the London session of Congress and request that

the Stalinist, Pieter Keuneman. Observer admits, even a currency it approve peacetime lend-lease to The Chief Secretary took notice of and customs union could not be Europe, totalling five billion dollars this expression of workers' solidarachieved within "10 years." Mean- a year for the next four years. Conity with an order interdicting the while, what is actually contemplated gress, realizing the need for prevent-The action commended in the ranks of the monthly-paid Colombo office-bearers of the 19 government is an "intermediate period of ad- ing chaos and communism, will ap-Municipality workers, organized under the Colombo Municipal Em- associations which convened the justment by preferences and special prove of the Marshall Plan by a rally and withdrawing recognition tariffs." These "preferences" and wide margin."

Union. The government workers The Kolonnawa Oil Installation Union. The government workers gave this act of bureaucratic high-

(Shell), the island's main gasoline handedness the reply it deserved by reserve, has also struck under the walking out on May 31. More and wider sections of the fellow-workers in the Kandy and of Labor, controlled by the group working class are coming to the aid

> baton-charge on a strike dimon- may well be the next phase of the stration resulted in several oil struggle.

Background music to this impres-The latest phase of the struggle, sive drama of the toilers' struggle is pite dismissal threats, returned com- and perhaps the most important, is provided by one of the most infam-

(Trotskyist), took an active part in lowed agitation by the clerical serv- the State Council in the record time ice, organized chiefly under the of 90 minutes, gives the police power

In reply, the Governor issued a among others by Colvin R. de Silva. minute in which he not only at- But no gag act is powerful enough

brand of "Whitleyism" as a substi- which grows ever more loud and tute for the full trade union and po- more insistent. For the white imapprove.

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etermination, now don the cloak | of nationalism in order to cover up USSR. . their real demand, namely, that It goes without saying that this Trotsky, is the genuine economic Wall Street abide by its previous plays right into the hards of U.S. unification of Europe on socialist

agreement to leave Eastern Europe imperialism, making it all the easi- foundations. er for the latter to pose as humaniunder the Kremlin's domination. Srtipped of its verbiage, Molo- tarian, altruistic and progressive by the establishment of the Socialist toy's statement explaining the comparison. Stalin is today helping pave the vation. For the achievement of break up of the Paris conference. boils down to a proposal to build road for World War III just as in this alternative they must engage the days of Hitler's rise, Stalin's in an irreconcilable struggle against in Europe a series of "independent"

say, a system of isolated and self- pave the way for World War II. and the reaction that stems from sufficient economies. This was the avowed aim of the imperialist arch-

itects of Europe under the Vcr-

sailles Treaty. Today this same arch-reactionary utopia is being advanced by the Kremlin especially for small counries such as Poland, Czechoslovakia

and Norway which Molotov took special pains to single out. Let the peoples of Europe remain

caged within their respective national and tariff walls-that is the polls in the July 6 referendum and Kremlin's alternative to Wall Street's project of "unifying" of succession" which confirms fused to implement the Labor Party spective to offer.

#### SECOND REASON

the lexicon of darkest reaction. were to be burned after being count-In so many words the Kremlin ed by Franco's men.

spokesmen declared that the U S. plan would "exempt" the dereated countries, above all -Germany, from the payment of reparations to the conquerors.



Germany and other vanguished countries.

ment for the Kremlin's propaganda various industries and trades. These against the Marshall plan both at are neither maximum nor minimum home and abroad.

The French Stalinists have already begun to denounce Bidault will be maximum wages. They one understands that in fact they for having delivered "a mortal blow range from a high of 2,441 yen a to our (that is, France's) right to German reparations and gravely for girls engaged in silk reeling. month for sailors down to 1,124 yen compromised our security." This The maximum figure comes to \$48 was the keynote of the July 6 leada month on the basis of the phony ing editorial in l'Humanite, central 50 yen to the dollar conversion rate organ of the French Stalinist Parset by the occupation forces. The

Prominent among the victims of tion by offering to make a "compromise" with the regime.

The official excuse concocted by made a public display of their eager- by British bayonets and is today

**International Notes** 

As was expected, Franco an-|sheim staged a one-hour protest nounced an overwhelming majority strike against the starvation rations of Spain's voters had gone to the last month.

voted in favor of ratifying the "law

The division of the old continent Moscow,

Conference decision demanding warned that if they did not go to equal pay for equal work by women. the polls they would be punished Just as at the Labor Party Confer-Molotov's second reason for re- by ration cuts, loss of jobs, etc. The ence, so now in Parliament they jecting Wall Street's "aid" to Catholic Church applied pressure to piously announce that they accept Europe is likewise borrowed from bring out a big vote. The ballots the "broad principle" of equal pay, but "it cannot be applied now" because of the "inflationary" conse-

quences. They even refuse to indicate when, if ever, they will be ence Bill," which has been approved from the carry out this mandate from the overwhelming majority of their own party.

> Thou ands of Germans are, illegmines and the Russian army, according to reports from Frankfurt. An average of 1,000 daily is said to be crossing the border near Bielefeld

alone. The French National Assembly

gave Premier Ramadier a vote of confidence by 331 to 247 on July 4. Most of the opposition came from the Stalinists and the reactionary Republican Liberty Party. The Stalinists repeated their demand to be readmitted to the coalition cabinet.

Ramadier announced his full support of the Marshall Plan; deactual basis is around 117 yen to the nounced the wave of strikes, for dollar, which would make about \$17 which he blamed "Trotskyists or others"; and promised in vague terms to continue the main features of the present wage-price policy. He also got a "vote of confidence" fromfrom his own party. But neither A total of 200,000 German workers vote could help Ramadied to the in Hanover, Brunswick and Hilde- problems of strikes and inflation.

# 2,800 IN "RED" RAIDS Between 3 and 5 o'clock in the morning of July 9 the Greek

monarchy moved in on its political opponents. Some 2,800 people on the government blacklist were rounded out of their beds and

hearded into police stations. Before the day was over, the first the raid was the alleged discovery of contingents of these victims were a "communist" plot. Napoleon Zerpletely victorious after six days. In- the strike of the Ceylon Govern- ous gag-acts ever to be written into on their way to the concentration vas, Minister of Public Order, an-

camps and prison islands that nounced he had in his "possession" gained world-wide notoriety under nothing less than a "copy" of an Bolshevik Leninist Party of India government service. This strike fol- rushed through three readings of the brutal Metaxas dictatorship and "order" of a guerrilla chieftain in the mountains calling on "communthe Nazi occupation forces. The simultaneous nation - wide ists" to seize some government

raids were carried off with precision buildings in Athens and assassinate ized under the All-Ceylon Local civil liberties, trade union rights, in- tions and to prevent the use of mi- timing in the pattern of the fascists some government officials. in Italy and the Nazis in Germany. Napoleon Zervas, it is sufficient ts controlled by Dr. N. M. Perera's present denied them under the no- A mass meeting protesting against The monarchy officially informed to observe, was a military bandit British and American diplomats of supplied arms by the Churchill the "results"; and Greek Foreign regime for use against the Greek Minister Constantin Tsaldaris, who people during the recent civil war. came to the United States for con- He was routed and his forces disinsultation, cabled at once that the tegrated. This former bandit enjoys Truman Administration did not dis- his present position only because

of his record as a Quisling. he tea-and rubber-packing indus- ernment servants, but threatened brown stool pigeons, all out to smash surprise. The raids were obviously the raid were leaders of the Com-This lack of disapproval is no ries, mainly under the leadership of instant dismissal of all who struck. the workers' struggle, this is the designed to carry out the objectives munist (Stalinist) Party, including The white - collar government final showdown before the August of the reactionary Truman Doc- the editor of the CP paper Rizopas-

tis. Ironically enough, the Stalinists at all the opponents of the hated

This predatory demand for rep- Economic Stabilization Board has arations provides the central argu- set certain "standard" wages for the

wages in a formal sense, but every-

a month for the highest standard The raids, however, were not conwage. Before the war skilled workfined to the Stalinists. They struck ers earned about \$50 a month.

only the day before had once again Glucksberg regime that was installed the Greek puppet government for ness to get along with Greek reac- maintained by American dollars.

Franco as head of the fascist government. Voters were publicly

> \* \* \* The so-called "Indian Independ-

by both the Congress Party and The Kremlin has long ago filed Moslem League leaders in India and

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gain proclaim that he would re- poor fellow will only be King of the fort to escape threat of recruitment





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

Leon Trotsky

# **UN By-Passed Again**

When the Truman Doctrine was announced March 12, a storm arose over the way the White House had by-passed the United Nations. The Truman doctrine obviously was a long step toward another war since it publicly avowed the intention of Washington to intervene on a world scale in the internal affairs of other nations.

People who had fallen for the propaganda about the United Nations being the hope of the world were greatly disturbed. Hadn't the UN been set up as the instrument that would achieve enduring peace? How then could the White House take it upon itself to deliver what might be a death blow to this great hope?

Truman hastened to proclaim that no by-pass was intended. In the future his Administration would faithfully work through United Nations channels.

The Militant held that Truman's by-passing the UN again confirmed the Trotskyist analysis of that body as nothing but a fraud, an instrument designed by the imperialists only to delude the masses and divert them from following the road to socialism. We called attention once more to our prognosis that the fate of the UN would be as dismal as that of the League of Nations.

On June 5-not even three months after Truman had by-passed the UN with his infamous doctrinethe Truman administration once again by passed the United Nations. On that day Secretary of State Marshall announced his "Plan" for a Western Bloc. He announced it not before the UN but before the graduating class of Harvard University.

Representatives of France and England did not

nearly 60% of the Democrats in Congress voted against sustaining the veto. They center all their fire on the Republicans and pull an iron curtain over the reactionary Democratic majority.

They are ready to forget and forgive, because, after all, the Democrats did leave a note of apology by way of Truman's last-minute and unsustained veto. That's enough for these union leaders to still find a possibility in the Democratic Party for doing the "decent thing." Cartille & Areland

What will be the result of continuing a policy of returning either Democrats or Republicans to Congress?, It will mean further entrenchment of Big Business political rule, the emboldenment of reaction, more drastic anti-labor laws, the progressive undermining and final destruction of the labor movement.

Across the political skies in letters of fire, the Taft-Hartley Act has written this warning to labor: "Act now to build your own political weapon, your own party!"

The union bureaucrats have demonstrated that they do not intend to heed this warning. But the union ranks dare not ignore it. Their freedom and security, the welfare of their families are at stake. And hundreds of thousands of workers have already signified by resolution their understanding of the crucial need for a labor party now.

# An Alarming Health Report

One of the proud boasts of apologists of the capitalist system is the improvement in sanitation since medieval days. Sewage in the cities of that time ran down open gutters and the water supply was a source of filth-borne diseases that periodically decimated the population.

But even in America, it appears that we are much closer to the medieval level than is generally known. According to a survey made public July 5 by the Sanitary Engineering Division of the United States Public Health Service a total of 108,000,000 Americans lack an adequate water supply.

The figures-are shocking. "More than 6,000,000 persons in towns and cities need new sewerage systems; over 79,000,000 need improved systems and only about 6,500,000 are served by adequate systems at present." This indicates how dangerously inadequate sanitation facilities are at present; but it still does not give the complete picture. Besides the cities "over 33,000,000 rural people have unsatisfactory sewerage disposal systems and only 6,000,000 are reasonably well provided for in this respect."

In rural areas "more than 27,000,000 need new or improved water supplies." But even a city as large as Philadelphia has "highly polluted" sources of water supply. In fact, more than "2,000,000 persons, living in communities of over 200 population, have no community water supply systems and 79,000,000 have systems needing improvements."

The Health Service estimates that \$7,834,581,000 would be sufficient to remove this threat to the health of the people.

But can the capitalist politicians in Congress be expected to devote such a sum of money to this useful purpose? Not while they are preparing to plunge the country into a Third World War. How can the Treasury afford to pay out almost eight billion dollars for water works and sanitation facilities when the bill for war preparations for this year alone amounts to some \$11,500,000,000? And if you first spent the money needed to safeguard the health of the people, then what would you have left to build up an efficient slaughter machine?



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Miller.

"Should I Unload My Oil Shares and Invest In Flying Saucers?"

of the private lives of the Nazi | pact because he shows that men END AS A MAN leaders. Facts and fancy are in- are not "good" or "bad" for moral .by Calder Willingham terwoven to magnify all their evils reasons or by accident. De-humanlike huge, menacing shadows, over- ization requires just as deliberate powering in their effect. One un- and systematic training as does the 1947, 350 pp., \$2.75 forgettable scene, for example, civilizing process. In these Brass THE END IS NOT YET shows a young Jewish girl tossed Hat academies, the youngster is into a cage with an ape while Hit- guaranteed to "End As A Man." by Fritz Von Unruh ler and his satellites watch the Storm Publishers proceedings as though at a show. | service not only in exposing the 1947, 540 pp.: \$3.00

There are other scenes equally diseased insides of the military acabestial These two novels, quite different Unruh makes no attempt to an- demolishing the lie that Nazi in most respects, have a significant alyze the roots of this evil. Trans- bestiality is something strange and feature in common. Both authors, fixed with horror himself, he peculiar only to German's and other one a German and the other an

American, examine some of their pleads for men to hang on to what "foreigners." The American men fellowmen shaped into inhuman remains of sanity and human at- in his book are indistinguishable, tributes in a chaotic world, but so far as their manhood goes, from monsters by the capitalist system does not explain how or by what the "foreign totalitarian" monsters. in its decline and death agony. Unruh shows the behavior of the means.

Willingham, a young and prom- of social and political degeneration finished product in the notorious ising new American author, is of the countries involved. In Eu-Nazis, while Willingham demonstrates how military academies are more concrete. He directs his sa- rope the Nazis were able to exertirical fire against the American cise their fiendishness upon millions laboratories in which human raw brass hats and their schools where of working men and women, when material is processed into the same the moral fibre of young men is sys- German capitalism took the fascist inhuman type in this country. Unruh, son of a family of Prus- tematically undermined until it is road to save its crumbling rule. sian soldiers, served in the First destroyed. In Willingham's book American capitalism, wealthier and more powerful, has not yet taken World War. Liberal minded and we find that the normal daily acthat road. Thus Willingham deals poetical, he entered the organized tivities of the Nazi beasts, includwith his brute-men within the conresistance against the Nazis until ing torture, robbery, double-crosshe was forced to flee Germany ing, perversion, dope-taking, etc.,

fines of the Academy But they are products also of the when Hitler came to power. Through become normal activitics of "cleancapitalist ruling class, conditioned the intervention of Albert Einstein cut" elite American youth. These to serve them in similar fashion if and Thomas Mann, he found refuge smartly drilled young men are impeccably dressed from the tip of and when the time becomes ripe. Unruh's book is vague and mys- their heads down to spotless white In both instances, these propontical in the main. His vagueness gloves. But inside, they are rotted ents of the "Master Race" are derecedes, however, when he gives to the core. signed to serve the master class. rein to his imaginative portrayal His book is powerful in its im--Evelyn Atwood

# What Happened To **The Building Boom?**

MONDAY, JULY 14, 14,

It was confidently predicted by government officials and private experts that the year 1947 would be a rec-ord year of construction. Not less than 1,000,000 new homes were promised.

Yet not only have the hopes for a construction boom in 1947 gone aglimmering, but it is virtually certain that construction this year will fall sharply below last year's poor levels. Thus the number of new non-farm dwelling units started in January-April of this year fell several thousand units below the same period in-1946. May and June have brought no improvement. Even Washington's reduced goal of 750,000 new homes appears to be out of reach. This is obviously a condition of serious slump in a key branch of industry which is bound to have grave repercussions in the country's economy as a whole

Capitalist spokesmen, both government and private, console themselves with the hope that this condition of the construction industry is purely temporary. To account for the building slump, they cite the high prices, although under capitalism high prices are as a rule a spur and not a deterrent to production. Once the prices level off, they expect construction to revive rapidly,

UNDERLYING CONDITIONS CHRONIC

Declining prices may indeed, under favorable conditions, bring about a certain improvement in the field of construction. But underlying the current slump are conditions that are chronic rather than temporary., Plant expansion and construction have been reduced by many industries in the recent period not on account of high prices but rather because the existing productive facilities are adequate to take care of any and all foreseeable markets.

In the field of home building, the existing shortages are nullified by the fact that the mass of the population, pinched by these shortages, lack the purchasing power for new homes.

The previously existing purchasing power for new homes has been rapidly drained by the real estate profiteers. The housing shortage has compelled veterans and other homeless people to pay through the nose for whatever housing was available. Millions of families have thus gone deeply into debt.

### EXTENT OF GROWING INDEBTEDNESS

The extent of this growing indeptedness may be estimated from the figures released in June by the Federal Reserve Bulletin. According to these figures, the outstanding mortgage debts on houses have increased since the end of the war by 61/2 billion dollars, or one-third. This sharp increase has come about not because of purchases of new homes but "chiefly as a result of a large amount of financing accompanying active trading in old houses," acknowledges the Federal Reserve Bulletin.

Millions of others who might have purchased new homes last year are no longer in a position to do so, because soaring prices have already wiped out their meage savings. A survey of consumer prospects for 1947 spt sored by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, whose results for 1946 proved quite accurate, concludes that "many consumer units, and more partieularly those in lower-income brackets, have disappeared from the list of prospective purchasers of houses."

This tendency for home purchasers "to disappear will not be reversed in the next period. It has "limited" the market for new houses up to now and it will continue to confront the building industry as an insuperable obstacle.

# **German Paper Charges Deliberate Starvation** By Eugene Shays

In the following extracts from an article which an ceared in the Bielefeld (Germany) Freie Presse, the de-

meet in the UN to consider the plan; they met in secret outside the UN, although the Marshall proposal will vitally affect all the nations in Europe. A representative of the Kremlin joined in the secret consultation, thus showing how little Moscow expects from the UN despite its efforts to sell this institution to the masses as a good thing.

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When the secret parley broke up, it was clear to everyone that the lines had drawn sharper in preparation for World War III, yet not a single member of the United Nations lifted a finger in protest or made the slightest move to place this grave matter on the UN agenda.

This latest deliberate by-passing of the UN by the powers that set it up has aroused virtually no protest whatever. The entire public seems to have accepted the fact that the UN is utterly incapable of halting the drive toward World War III. It's not even worth wasting breath on. Is any more evidence needed to show that it's time to bury this corpse?

# "Forgive and Forget"

There is a story about a scoundrel who stole his neighbor's money, burned down his house and ran off with his wife, but left a note: "Awfully sorry to have to do this to you, old man." On reading the apologetic note, the wronged husband said magnanimously: "It shows he really meant to do the decent thing."

We are reminded of this story by the top union leaders' continued support of Wall Street's two-party rule in spite of the blows the Democratic and Republican machines have struck labor, climaxed by the bi-partisan Taft-Hartley Slave Labor Law.

Only, unlike the unfortunate husband, these union leaders could foresee each blow in advance. They were forewarned every time. Indeed, they even threatened: "One more dirty trick, and we're through with you for good."

That threat was widely uttered by union officials to the Democratic Party chiefs just prior to enactment of the Slave Labor Law. CIO President Philip Murray wired Democratic National Chairman Robert Hannegan that the vote of the Democrats in Congress would be a "test whether the Democratic Party can be an instrument for the protection of the American people against those who would destroy our democracy." United Auto Workers Vice-President Richard T. Leonard told Hannegan that failure of the Democrats to sustain Truman's veto "will result in organized labor looking elsewhere in 1948."

That's how some leading union officers were talking before the law was passed. Now they don't have the decency even to report or refer to the fact that



Any headline in the capitalist press about prices coming down exercises a magnetic attraction on us. Maybe it's the relief from reading headlines about price boosts on meat, price boosts on groceries, price boosts on clothing, not to mention the 15% rent boost that the landlord is now trying to extort.

The latest item about prices dropping was flashed over Associated Press wires July 9. That headline "Food Price Decline Predicted" really looked good to us. We could stand a decline in prices.

But the lift, we must sadly report, didn't last long. In the first place, the decline won't occur before harvest time. That's not very encouraging. A lot of things can happen between now and harvest. That wasn't all. The prophet didn't mean harvest this year, he was speaking about harvest next year-1948, some time before snow flies.

How high will prices go between now and Thanksgiving after next? "He made no specific forecast," said the dispatch. Maybe before that 15% drop comes into effect, prices will have shot so high that a piddling little dip like 15% won't make much difference. It'll be a clear-cut case of too little and too late.

But what guarantee is there that we'll really get even this promised 15%? Who is the prophet? How reliable is he? The name is Clarence Francis and he's Chairman of the Board of General Foods Corporation. Considering how the capitalist press played up his prediction and recalling how the food trust has been raking in the biggest profits in all history, we got to wondering, can you really trust this forecaster?

Somehow our memory clicked. All at once we remembered a prediction Senator Wherry of Nebraska made June 12, 1946, to wit: "Mr. Bowles has said that if price controls were eliminated, the price of meat would go up 50%. Mr. Bowles is trying to scare us. My prediction is that without price control meat will cost less than today."

And the National Association of Manufacturers ran advertisements that same month, predicting that if controls were lifted, "Supply will quickly catch up with demand. Prices will be fair and reasonable to all."



Are there some things that not even the worst of men would stoop to? The conduct of Rep. William J. Miller (R., Conn.) indicates that Miller is a political hatchetman who takes his cues from the private power interests. Recently he sponsored two bills in behalf of his backers. His collaborators in the power trust lobby apparently decided that the best strategy to ensure passage was to lay low and let the legislation roll through Congress in the general torrent of measures favoring the monopolies, with-

out calling special attention to Mil- make outrageous write-ups, water stocks and operate with the pirate person."

This well-financed lobby which freedom they enjoyed in the days can fill the capitalist newspapers of Samuel Insull and his breed. No scoundrel feeling ashamed over his with editorials, features, and skill- comment by Miller.

Charge No. 5: The proposed legisfully slanted "news" stories when it opposes something progressive like lation would mean stiff boosts in of the House subcommittee of the flood control projects, now exerted power rates and a further increase Committee on Expenditures in the itself to keep news about the items in the cost of living. No comment Executive Departments to Investisponsored by Miller out of the press. by Miller.

The legislation moved quietly ahead in committee. But someone tipped off certain Washington col- shocking legislation through "from powers to investigate these propaumnists on what was up and on the rear by stealth." This is where Miller drew the July 1 and 2, three of them ran

exposes that were almost identical. Here is how Miller reacted: He read, the columns containing the about a sneak attack to get legisla- want, but don't say he pulled a charges against him into the Congressional Record. Charge No. 1: He would re-define tack" at all. The bills "were intro- some things.



duced on the 7th of April this year,' the interested departments of the government were notified and open nearings were held June 22 and 23. How can you call that a "sneak attack"?

Willingham's book performs a

demy and its inhabitants, but in

The difference lies in the tempo

What aroused Miller most of all was the low moral level of the person who tipped off the three columnists. It is a "clear-cut illustration," he said, "of how the federal bureaucrat peddles his propaganda." He denounced the scurrilous way in which this bureaucrat had led all three columnists to believe a "sneak attack" was plotted. "I hope he feels ashamed, for he is a shameful

Then, since you can't count on a misdeeds, Miler announced he was "calling this matter to the attention gate Publicity and Propaganda in Charge No. 6: The power com- the Executive Agencies with the sugpanies are attempting to run this gestion that it use its widespread ganda activities.

All of which goes to show that line. He hit the floor of the House you can accuse a political footpad with blood in his eye. "They talk of the power trust of anything you tion through a committee," he sneak attack. That ain't fair. Even stormed. But this is no "sneak at- the power trust draws the line on

spair of the German masses finds expression of rare eloquence. At the same time the author of the article has let out, in the subdued and cautious manner of one watched by military censors, some facts on the German food situation which are not generally known in t U.S. In their full implications these facts mean; Deliberate destruction of at least part of the German people by the Allied imperialists, comparable-in every way but the form it takes-to the destruction by German imperialism of the Jews and parts of other European peoples. "The starving people must be fed-this, and this alone.

is the task confronting those in positions of responsibility. That means first and foremost the occupation authorities, and secondly the German agencies. What is at stake is not to 'form governments' or to make 'coalition agreements' but to get people fed.

#### STAND AT EDGE OF ABYSS

"To belittle this situation would be utterly irresponsible. People stand at the edge of a horrible abyss and live in fear of being plunged into it. They have survived the terrors of war. As far as their tired hearts permitted it, they had looked with hope und confidence towards the occupation powers. They were bitterly disappointed. Starvation, immeasurable misery, an endless winter have exhausted them. Is the end to come now?

"Can it be that beyond the German borders there are vegetables, grains and fats, notwithstanding the assertions of the occupation powers that nothing is obtainable? Holland offered vegetables-to be, delivered free of charge, except for freight expenses. The Dutch may have reasons of their own for doing this-they may hope that they will thereby create or preserve a market for themselves. Other nations may fear this since they themselves wish to control the market. It is a matter of indifference to us. It should be a matter of indifference- to all those who are responsible for human lives in Germany, for human lives in general. What has been offered to us should be accepted!

"Denmark offered fats and meats. In return, German industrial products were requested-not to be delivered immediately, but later, when industry would be going again. This is a way out! Why is it not chosen?

"Why are German crews not permitted to man the Liberty ships that are laid up on the other side of the ocean? Lack of space for grain shipments-isn't that the constant refrain? Why can't German seamen go whaling? There can be no conceivable reason to prohibit this. We could noticeably improve our fat rations or, rather, would at least be in a position to distribute such rations.

#### NOT EVERYTHING POSSIBLE IS DONE

"It is just this which is so completely incomprehensible in the situation in Germany: None of us knows, no one tells us why such reasonable proposals are not accepted and immediately carried out. We know that not everything that is possible is being done ....

'We have never been able to understand why ships were destroyed only because at one time they were equipped with cannons-although they could have been put to immediate use to carry food from overseas to starving people.

"We have never been able to understand why people must vegetate in cellars and dungeons in which tuberculosis becomes absolutely inevitable, while tens of thousands of only slightly damaged houses could easily be repaired, but cannot be because a hard-headed 'No' prohibits cement production, shuts down brick works or compels other factories to close . .

"The number of our children's graves in the cemeteries grows terribly fast . . ." - ALL WAREAL

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

# From Serious Illness Editor:

I have noticed, as I am sure other readers have, that your front page cartoons are not being drawn by Vallin Reply Explains Laura Gray any longer. What has Situation in Palestine happened — is she on a long vacation, or what? On the whole, I Editor: would like to compliment you on not garbling quotations. The "exyour cartoons. They always have tracts" of the article in question a real punch. And Laura Gray is which he uses, contain two substituone of the best in the field.

New York City Editorial Note: Laura Gray has been ill and hay undergone a number of serious operations in recent hand and the terrorists on the other. this year.

## 'Shocked Amazement' **Over Vallin Article** Editor:

der Hitler" by H. Vallin, with and like it! Mr. Merlin set the fol- 1944.) shocked amazement. Previously I lowing aims for his organization and felt that your journalistic integrity for the Jewish "resistance" movewas above reproach, but after reading this article I ain not so surebut let me give you some samples: brew government in Palestine. Palestine population and wish to impose on Palestine a dictatorship Palestine. to deprive the Arab of his political sovereignty." What sort of a So- AFTER all these Jews have had the draw these unfortunates into Paleclalist is Mr. Vallin who speaks of opportunity to enter Palestine. political sovereignty of the Arabs when he knows that they live in imposition upon the Arabs of an ex- hatred of the Arabs that threatens

feudal misery and have no voice clusively Jewish government for a to break out on the morrow into a of their own politically, economically, or otherwise. strikebreaking organization" against but that is the case also for milgana has always championed the cause of labor and even paid lip thousands in Abyssinia-the right of

service to Socialism, and even self-determination from imperialthough they may be nothing more ism. than a "bourgeois outfit," they are still a long, long way from being struggle against feudal and other utilized by imperialism in order to "clandestine directors." On the was the violent opponent of the As a result of the present emerstrikebreakers. Mr. Vallin says, "Each new im-

migrant is one more soldier and imperceptibly tends to change the relationship of forces between Arabs and Jews to the advantage of the latter.'

Mr. Vallin neglects to mention that many of these people now coming into Palestine are women and children and could not possibly be a military asset for Zionism. The

Laura Gray Recovering can we build something fine and this question must be decided in a decent in the future if we lay the foundation on a sandlot of lies? Jerry Spiegelman, Los Angeles, Calif.

Mr. Splegelman ought to begin by tions of the words "the Jews" and L. N. "the Hagana" for the word "terrorists," although we were very careful

to draw a distinction between the Jews and the Hagana on the one ists do? Let him acquaint himself

Mr. Samuel Merlin, at a press con- tation of Zionism, which aims at es-

ment in Palestine: 1. To establish a provisional He- the displaced persons. It is indeed

3. To hold general elections only What does this mean if not the there awaits them the growing

whole period? It is quite true that thousands the Arabs. etc. I would like to see lions of colonial slaves. But this sons, and to demand the opening of fuel distribution, etc. some documentary evidence of this, fact never deterred the Marxists the doors of Australia, Canada, -including actual slaves such as a few hundred thousand human be- strikes, but one can surely count perialism.

In fact, Marxists hold that the vestiges in the colonial countries, proceeds above all through the struggle for independence, self-deereignty of these respective countries.

jaws of death for the Displaced policy is anti-democratic which problem in this manner.

sovereign and democratic manner with the struggle against their effendis.

shomer Hatzair. We may add, at the risk of incurring the ire of Mr. Spiegelman who unfortunately seems to be igweeks. Her friends will be glad to Doesn't Mr. Spiegelman believe norant of the facts, that the His- program. know that she is now convalescing that "the terrorists and their spokes- tadrut, the Jewish trade union upon sume her cartoon work sometime Arab masses of their political sov- hesitate to act as scabs or strikeereignty just as the British imperial- breakers when it was a question of taking advantage of Arab workers' with the declaration issued by the movements in order to replace them general secretary of the Hebrew in industry by Jewish workers. This Committee' of National Liberation, is a fundamental part of the orien-

ference held in the Hotel Lutetia in tablishing a closed Jewish economy I read your article, "British Ter- Paris, on Dec. 23, 1946. That was in Palestine. (Actions of this kind ror in Palestine Recalls Scenes Un- only one declaration out of a thous- took place, for example, at Acre in

For Mr. Spiegelman "the crucial and only important issue at stake in Palestine" is to save the lives of

very important to save the lives of "The Jews constitute 25% of the 2. To provide all the Jews in the these suffering people-that is why world with the opportunity to enter we consider as criminals the Zionist propagandists who, with false promises and shameless lies seek to stine where far from being saved

gigantic pogrom!

ings would not create any additional them in the hundreds of thousands difficulties either in economic prob- and probably millions.

lems or in the mentality of the divide the oppressed masses. As for the "crucial issue at stake ous sum of revolutionary energy bccame overwhelming. in Palestine," it seems to us that which has accumulated since the termination, and the political sov- this issue is the cause of the antiimperialist struggle of the oppressed

masses in that country against Brit-This is why Marxists demand for ish imperialism. This struggle for the Arab masses the right to deter- the immediate independence of Palemine IN A SOVEREIGN MANNER stine is obstructed by the national--without interference either from ist struggle of the Zionists for a the UN or from British imperialism Jewish state. Taking an objective enucial and only important issue at or from world Zionism—the fate of attitude and applying an internastake in Palestine today is how their country, including the question tionalist approach to this question, many lives can be saved from the of Jewish immigration. Any other every worker will understand the

seeks to impose upon the Arab But I am afraid that the mental-

# Workers' Forum Torkers' Forum columns are open to the opinions of the readers of "The Milliant." Letters are many subject of interest to the workers. Keep them short and includes your name and address. Hives, Land, Food Destroyed As Profiteers Block Flood Control

land use and water power develop-

By Evelyn Atwood

Rampaging floods in the Mississippi and Missouri River basins, ment and "to make the best possible by the Palestinian masses. He will the most destructive in 100 years, have swept through some 3,000,000 use of water resources for naviga strive to tie up the struggle of the acres of fertile land, killed 26 people, driven almost 40,000 from tion, flood control, irrigation, mu-Arab masses for self-determination their homes, wrecked the livelihood of thousands of farmers and other public benefits." Even the destroyed mountains of food in a falls on a hill-top and harnessing it limited manner in which this fed-

all the way down to the sea.

promptly buried by Congress. Such

a comprehensive plan would mean

But "selfish private interests,"

Stokes declares, above all the util-

starving world.

R. H. Musser of Milwaukee, World Telegram points out that a The article did not say that the Hagana is a "strikebreaking organization." It merely stated that the Regional Conservator of the Soil program submitted three years ago Hagana at the beginning utilized Conservation Service, estimated the to build TVAs in these flood-enfor its own ends the terrorists who damage in Iowa, Illinois and North- dangered areas through a Missouri ern Missouri at-half a billion dol- Valley Authority (MVA), was are anti-working class elements (and strikebreakers), as was clearly lars. Valuable top soil loss acshown by the recent attack they launched against the locals of Ha- counted for more than half. Land not only flood control, but make

and crop losses, estimated at \$850,- possible power development, im-000,000, are more than twice the proved irrigation, soil conservation federal government's foreign relief and navigation.

Who is responsible for this ter- ity interests, are ruthlessly obstructand is expected to be able to re- men abroad" wish to deprive the which the Hagana rests, did not rible toll in American lives and na- ing the building of the MVA. The tural resources? Not even the cap- erection of such a system of storitalist press dares to claim it was age dams means that cheap elecunavoidable. For the stench of tric power can be produced, and monopoly greed and ruthless drive power monopolists prefer to destroy for profits rose as high as the flood lives and natural resources to yieldwaters.

Everyone knows that today floods profits. can be controlled. There are no In fact, the power trust is becomfloods in the Tennessee River ba- ing more aggressive in its determisin where the TVA, with its sys- nation to remove even the present

tem of storage dams and integrated mild restraints upon its destructive control, starting with the rain that policy. The Federal Power Com-



PARIS, July 4-The Renault strike, which began April 25, has been a decisive stage for the French labor movement. In two months workers from the following industries have taken part in the strike movement: Parisian metal indus-take and repressed by Stalinism.

The elementary duty of American try, textile in the north, flour In fact, the extended character Another sample: Mr. Vallin refers upon thousands of the Arabs still workers and democrats is to struggle mills, gas and electrical utilities, of the strike movement and the Chio, Columbia, Tennessee and to the Hagana as being used as "a live under semi-feudal conditions- to throw open the doors of their railroads, bakeries, banks, depart- combativity of the workers have most optimistic predictions. These It is not yet possible to list the things express the crisis and fund- and Mississippi are handled most-

There was a first phase, very losses-that floods cannot be con-

A movement of such amplitude when the Communist Party, which higher and higher in the form of masses, and where they will not be could not be the work of some was then part of the government, levees. contrary, it manifests the enorm-strike. The strike movement then

"liberation" and had been held in which the Stalinists strove to ported the Army's obsolete program,

policy under the mask of the par- the basin! liamentary opposition. This is the balance sheet of

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them and put a brake on them; Upper Mississippi basins, restricted its use to build only

eral agency carries out its functions, In Chicago Campaign Thomas Stokes in the July 8 gags the greedy utilities magnates. Today they are trying to railroad two new bills through Congress, sponsored by Republican Repre-The champ in Chicago's subscrip- | W. M. S., Solway, Minn. sentative William Miller. (See Contion campaign is Comrade Dave L. H., San Leandro, Cal. gressmen At Work, Page 4 of this with 64 subs to his credit. He will E. H., Bronx, N. Y. issue.) Fassage of these bills, enjoy a well-earned prize-a week

Hoot

North

Stokes states, would "well-nigh deat Mid-West Vacation Camp. Final stroy the regulatory authority of campaign scores are: the long-established FPC" and Winner: Dave C. "practically nullify any effective Runners-up: Frank F. control over stream development for Frank B.

conservation purposes." Funds to provide even the pres-Teams: ent inadequate protective measures have been slashed by Wall Street's government. Flood control appropriations for Missouri Basin were cut The Chicago comrades obtained from \$35,400,000 to \$20,000,000.

344 subs-44 over the goal. This is Funds to help farmers fertilize the a big job well done. soil, reclaim desert land, reforest the land, develop drainage systems

ing any portion of their exorbitant plow by contours and in other ways keep the rains from washing away the top soil and help mitigate the destructive effects of floods, were slashed from the \$300,000,000 originally promised for this year to \$165,000,000.

> The importance of this auxiliary aid was revealed by Soil Conservator Musser, who reported that it was "amazing how well land treated with modern conservation methods held up" in the Missouri Valley one-half hour to an hour discussing by branch. basin even under the heavy rains

the Socialist Workers Party proand floods. He estimated that untreated land accounted for 75% of gram. We feel that we made some very good friends and are going to the agricultural loss. follow up on them."

There are some 200 major river basins in the United States, of Ed Smith, Literature Agent for which the main divisions are the Unit A. Southside Branch, Los An-St. Lawrence, Mississippi, Missouri, geles Local, sent in 15 more subs Sacramento. The Tennessee River this week. "These subs as well as own country for these displaced per- ment stores, mines, laundry, milk, surprised the makers of even the has been conquered by the TVA last week's 20 subs," he writes, "are project. But the Missouri, Ohio part of the current sub drive in

which the Local is offering a re because it so happens that the Ha- from demanding for all these peoples South America, where the arrival of number participating in these amental instability of French im- ly by dams and levees. It has been ward to high scorer of a free stay repeatedly proven-and at appailing at the West Coast Camp in Sep-

tember." short, during the Renault strike, trolled by piling the river banks The Akron comrades obtained 11 subs during the week and Patrick O'Conner reports that "Comrade

gency, the governors of ten Mis-Andrews is still leading in the camsouri basin states met to decide paign. Betty (a youth), Chuck and Then there was a second phase what to do. Unanimously they sup- O'Conner tie for second place."

regain the control of the working known in its new form as the Pick-Eight more devoted boosters sacriclass, which is their sole bargain- Sloan Plan, which merely proposes ficed a part of their meager earnings ing card in dealing with the capi- piling up double levees along the to help keep The Militant appearing talists, by leaving the government main course of the Mississippi with regularly. The following contribuand leading a class collaboration 105 reservoirs or dams throughout tions were sent in during the week: Anonymous

And Congress, which recently ap- A Friend In this period they did not op- propriated \$12,000,000 for flood con- G. L., Sinking Springs, Pa. eight years of Franco rule in pose the strikes, but neither did trol emergency, less than half of E. DeA., Long Beach, Cal.



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week? Other boosters are doing their bit by getting their friends to read The Militant regularly. For instance. Mrs. A. C. of Bismarck, N. D., sent in 6-month subs for three of her

friends. Another Militant booster, J. W. C. of Kewanee, Ill., sent in one-year

subs for two friends. San Francisco likewise went over M. G. of New York, N. Y., sent in its goal by 12 subs. F. Lester, Lita one-year sub which she "obtained erature Agent, reports: "We obwhile on train coming to Mid-West tained 112 and we all feel that this Vacation Camp. The subscriber is is quite an accomplishment. South- a man about 50 years of age, a memof-Market team led with 69 subs. ber of the CIO United Auto Work-The Pace-Setter was Comrade Ida ers, who has been working at his

with 16 subs. We covered a housplant for 18 years." ing project which had never been solicited before and an area in which Total subs for June were 844, the we already had a few subs. Every

comrade reported good response. In highest number of subs obtained in a number of cases we had difficulty any month since September, 1946. getting away and had to spend from The subscriptions received are listed 150

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ideals of Socialism itself; for now into Palestine. All we say is that

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THE SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY

At these Local Activities of

masses any preliminary restrictions ity of Mr. Spiegelman is inspired All I can say to Mr. Vallin is on their right to independence (for rather by an adage employed by one Sir, you have a nauseating disre- example, a "bi-national state," the of the characters in the novel by gard for facts-and to you, gentle- right for unrestricted immigration, Arthur Koestler. Thieves in the Night: "A people struggling for its of your high ideals and in the If Mr. Spiegelman would take the survival cannot afford the luxury of they were in 1935. But at the same the policy of not calling for strikes,

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please do not exploit the miseries articles which The Militant devoted adages, Mr. Spiegelman, have led of a persecuted people for political to the Palestinian question (May 10 those who accepted them along the advantage. Take care and re-check through May 31, 1947), he will see Hitlerite road and, not toward Soyour facts. The ideals of your or- that we do not at all reject "the cialism. ganization are at stake-nay, the principle" of Jewish immigration

has gone down 58% since 1935, begone down 53%; production of lead eral strike. has been reduced by 78%; and zinc has gone down 85%.

Spain:

Belgium

the 1935 level.

A full 60% of the budget goes to their re-entry into the government the Army. The police get 390 mil-lion pesetas a year. A large part lion pesetas a year. A large part basis of partial satisfaction of the H. Vallin, of the remainder goes to the Church. masses' demands.

Eight Years Of

**Spanish Fascism** 

Economically, wheat production they

300,000 anti-fascists are in prison and 700,000 others are kept under cause of the diplomatic situation surveillance. In 1946 alone 2,000 created by the Marshall Plan; and opponents of Franco were sentenced in part because they can hope to to death, and a secret circular has return to the government only as been sent out to the police, ordering them hereafter to shoot down not as a result of the stoppage of opponents of the regime on the the strike movement. spot in order to avoid annoying trials

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strikes. In a word, they did every- build those washed away by the fore the civil war began; barley has thing they could to avert a gen- floods. The levee system may be bankrupt so far as lives and natural Now the Stalinists have entered

slow-down

a third phase, beginning with the resources are concerned, but Con-Winges have reached 171% of what coal miners strike. They continue gress and the Army know that it is guaranteed to serve the profiteering of your high ideals and in the interest of four being objective." These and similar time prices have reached 570% of but they now think it is time to interests of the power monopolists. utilize the strike movement to force

They are doing this, in part, be-

Lynn ACEWR Is Successful The newly organized chapter

a result of the social agitation and European Workers Relief in Lynn, In short, the Stalinists, while Mass., raised \$70 at its first affair.

now appearing "favorable" to the Mary Lipman, Lynn Chapter chairman, writes as follows: "An enthusiastic group of young a means of parliamentary blackmail. In this sense, they are depeople attended our first fund raisgrading the movement by "Politiing affair of the year and contribcalizing" it in a typically Stalinist uted generously to the appeal for

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The need for aid to workers over-

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Vacationers Enjoy First Week At Mid-West Camp, Michigan

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By William F. Warde LITTLE PLEASANT LAKE, MICH., July 3-I am writing this brief report of the first days at Mid-West Camp and School on the wide veranda overlooking the blue waters of the lake. It's a warm,

sparkling afternoon with a mild ing the third in a series of talks on

breeze stirring the treetops. "The Coming Socialist Revolution in Before me I can see five campers the United States." Classes are alstretched out on the raft, spending ways held out in the open on sunny a lazy hour acquiring a coat of sun days like this one.

tan. Beyond them are a couple of A soft-ball game has been schedenergetic oarsmen exploring the uled for four o'clock: the campers lake in one of the camp boats. here from Chicago have challenged of the American Committee for Closer to shore I can hear four of the easterners from Reading, Pa, the youngest generation splashing and New York City to a contest. about and shouting unheeded com- This will be the first game on the camp's new ball field. One of the mands to each other.

Nearby there is a knot of trade wits here remarked that the former unionists from Chicago and Detroit field was too much like 1929-1933engaged in animated discussion of just one big depression.

policy in one of the CIO unions. Thanks to the initiative of a They are energetically plying each couple of pioneering spirits, a large other with arguments and counter- level plot of ground more suitable arguments but are evidently far for a field was discovered in the from reaching an area of agreement vicinity. In a voluntary mobilization yesterday, a large number of

A few hundred yards farther on, campers set to work clearing the another and larger group can be land and now it's ready for a full seen under the trees listening in- season's sport. tently to the speaker who is present-

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# Scheduled for July 26-27 to: Labor-Day Weekend,

## **Diary** of a Steel Worker

# Steve's Week End

## By Theodore Kovalesky-

first the days were bright and clear with the sun burning down out of the sky like the gas flames that shot out of the tapping hole at

cast time. Then as the days

ing: there was no longer any air



passed the weather grew muggy. and the sun burned down through a pale yellow haze. Up on the furnaces it seemed as though we had stopped breath-

to breathe. There was only the heat, the constant, nagging, overbearing, monotonous torment of the heat that boiled the life and energy out of us.

Old Steve, the keeper, trudged his way around the furnace floor, pushing wheelbarrows of coal dust to pack the "monkeys," packing clay into the tapping hole, wedging broken brick into the skimmer. Like all the old keepers around the blast furnaces, Steve moved slowly and methodically; but this last week, he moved even more slowly than usual, and with less deliberation . . . for the 25 years of furnace work are growing heavy on his shoulders.

As the week wore on, Steve kept remarking, "Three more days," "Two more days." And each day as he punched out his time card his hand trembled a little more. Each day he plodded a little more slowly, a little more heavily toward the gate at the end of the shift.

As we walked out of the gate on the last day, Jimmy remarked to me, "That old man's sure gonna enjoy this off-day!'

"He's been mentioning it for the last three days," I said.

Well, that's what you'd think, wouldn't you? Here was a little break for Steve. For two whole days there would be no iron to run, no bursts of flame and sparks at the gates of the runner, no filth and sweat and dry sandwiches, no wheelbarrows to struggle with, no shovels, hammers, bars, and best of all no heat. For two days there would be rest and relaxation

Only it didn't turn out that way. It couldn't teach most of us.

It had been a blistering, murderous week. At turn out that way. Maybe you haven't been on the furnaces for 25 years, so I'll explain. When Steve got home he ate supper, sat on the

front steps for a while and then went to bed. The next morning, the first of his two days off, he was up at five-thirty. Why, since there was no work? Well, you don't stay 25 years in the steel plant without forming habits to go with the job. To Steve it was quite simple: he wasn't on the night shift; therefore he got up at half past five.

During the morning he looked around the house for things to fix. But the smaller jobs were all done, and the bigger ones required money. He couldn't afford to buy cement for the front walk, and he couldn't afford wire for the fence around his old shack, so he couldn't get them fixed just yet. That meant there was nothing to do.

He walked out in the back yard to see if old Grobinski was around in the adjoining yard. His neighbor wasn't there, so he went back into the house.

The afternoon dragged terribly. Then, to make matters worse, he remembered that Potter was keeping on the "swipe" gang that would be working on his furnace while he was off. "That fellow." Steve thought with alarm, "he no fix furnace right. Lotta work when I go back!" He went into the kitchen to tell his wife Potter would be on his job

That evening he clambered stiffly into bed before nine, glad the day was over. He grunted and muttered at his wife and went to sleep. The next morning he was up again at five-thirty, worrying about what Potter was doing up on the furnace.

The day after that, old Steve, with his usual faint smell of whiskey, garlic and biliousness, with the same old coffee bottle sticking out of his pocket, trudged grouchily into the plant for the 3 o'clock shift, feeling vaguely relieved to get back.

But how else could it be? In 25 years on the furnaces you don't learn how to relax and enjoy the good things of life. You don't learn the golden value of leisure. You hate the strain and heat of the job ... but what does a man do when he's not working? That is something that only Socialism will



# THE MILITANT

#### NEW YORK, N. Y.

#### MONDAY, JULY 14, 1947

O'Dwyer's main concern in the

Although it was a foregone conclu-

storm Albany and force the Re-

and ended in a fizzle. He and his

high-powered advisors denounced

Dewey, got nothing, and were sil-

And then, banking on the poli-

"recommendation" on subway fares.

The committee has turned in ite

month or so.



## Most of South For Anti-Lynch Law

When Southern Congressmen prevent action on anti-lynching legislation, they are going counter to the wishes not only of the country as a whole, but of the great majority of the people living in the South as

With reference to the crime of lynching, the Gallup Poll asked a cross-section of the population: "Do you think the United States Government should have the right to step in and deal with the crime if the State Government doesn't deal with it justly?"

Nationally, 69% answered Yes; 20% said No; 11% had no orinion. In the South 56% said Yes: 35% said No: 9% had no opinion.

In addition, 62% of the people questioned in the South indicated disapproval of the South Carolina jury which set free the lynchers of Willie Earle. Only 21% felt that they should have been acquitted for the Greenville lynching



### **By Charles Cornell**

NEW YORK, July 9-Less than five months ago, Mayor O'Dwyer. was maintaining the pretense of a "last ditch fight" against the proposal to increase subway fares. Now, a committee appointed by the same "champion" of the five cent fare, has turned in a recommendation to the Board of Estimate<sup>4</sup> By posing as a "last ditch" fight-

advocating an eight cent fare. | er against the proposed increase, What has led O'Dwyer to make explained The Militant, O'Dwyer this apparently abrupt shift? The hoped to fool the workers into bearguments advanced by O'Dwycr lieving he did everything possible against any increase in fare are to keep the five cent fare. But the even more valid today than they ominous fact remained that it was were last February, when O'Dwyer O'Dwyer who opened the campaign stated at the public hearings on for an increased fare and who bethe fare increase, that "The or- came the first New York mayor to ganized real estate owners of the hold hearings on the question city, a small fraction of the popu- "The truth is," said The Militant, lation, seek to shift the add id cost "O'Dwyer leaves the door wide of government to the low-income open for an increase in the future." wage earner and low-rent families. fare hearings last February was to those least able to afford it." People who were "least able to place the onus for the plight of afford" additional living costs four City finances on Governor Dewey

months ago are even less able to and Republican-controlled Albany. afford them today. Since O'Dwycr made that statement the cost of junds from the State Treasury food and clothing has increased, O'Dwyer boasted that he would employment has become less steady. and Washington has paved the way for a 15% rent increase. The fare publicans to part with the necesincrease proposed by O'Dwyer's sary funds. The Mayor's much vaunted storming of the State committee will add another \$30 to \$35 a year to the living costs of Capitol began amid great fanfare

#### New York workers. **DEFICIT REMAINS**

The operating deficit of the sub- ent about subway finances for a ways remains as it was last February when the Mayor opposed the bankers' contention that the sub- tical prestige handed him on a silways should be "self-sustaining." ver platter by the AFL, CIO, ALP, At that time O'Dwyer demonstrated Social Democratic and Stalinist the fallaciousness of the argument leaders during his mock fight that an increased fare would pro- against the bankers, O'Dwyer ap-

He remained suspiciously silent, however, about the real cause of the financial plight of the subways. The principal item in the report to the Board of Estimate budget is debt service. This "serv- which now has it under considera ice" permits the Wall Street banks tion. O'Dwyer has remained sil to drain some 57 million dollars a ent, but Wall Street's press assumes year out of the subways. The ori- that the "recommendation" for an election. Petitions containing the ginal indebtedness was saddled on 8 cent fare meets with his approval. financed lines.

the New York straphangers in a No mention has been made of pubseries of notorious deals that were lic hearings on the proposed fare climaxed . by the city buying the increase. Perhaps - the storm, of franchises it had previously grant- protest at the fare hearings last ed private owners to run the city- February is still fresh in O'Dwyer's mind. O'Dwyer put on an impressive City transportation is a public show telling off the bankers and service just as roads and highways real estate interests who wanted an are a public service. The subways

immediate increase. They in turn have been largely responsible for helped out the grand stand play by the great value of Manhattan real giving the mayor a tonguc-lashing. estate. Without them New York property would sink in value. Bank

# Speeches Are a Dime a Dozen By William E. Bohannan — –

At the mass meeting which closed the NAACP's 38th annual convention in Washington, only 10,000 people showed up to hear President Truman speak over a world-wide radio hook-up,

NAACP officials.

although an attendance of 100,-

000 had freely been predicted by

The attendance at this meet-

ing was overshadowed by a pre-

vious meeting held by the March

On Washington Movement in

June, 1941, at the very same



spot, the Lincoln Memorial. At that time A. Philip Randolph addressed a much bigger audience when he read Executive Order 8802 establishing the machinery of the FEPC, which was slowly strangled

to death by Congress in 1945. Many Negroes stayed away from the meeting addressed by Truman because they expected nothing but a lip-service speech, and that was what it was.

Truman said in part: "We must make the federal government a friendly, vigilant defender of the rights and equalities of all Americans. And again l mean all Americans.'

But the Negro people haven't forgotten that for decades they have been trying to get the federal government-when the administration was controlled by the Democrats and when it was controlled by the Republicans-to pass anti-lynch and antipoll tax laws to secure some of those "rights and equalities." The federal government has shown its capacity for passing slave labor laws like the Taft-Hartley Act, but it has not been either friend-

Truman spoke of the American colonies: "I have asked the Congress to pass legislation extending

basic civil rights to the people of Guam and American Samoa so that these people can share our ideals of freedom and self-government."

But we have reason to be skeptical about Truman's sincerity in this regard, just as we are skeptical about the rest of his lip-service declarations. The people of Guam will probably remain skeptical. too. Their land is controlled like a dictatorship by the U.S. Navy. It keeps the wages of skilled Guam workers down to one-fourth of what it pays to skilled white American workers doing the same job. Last October the Navy issued an order prohibiting any contractor from entering an employment contract with any Guam worker, thus forcing them to work for the Navy and at its wages, or else. That is what life on Guam has been like under the U.S. Navy-and Truman is the commander-in-chief of the Navy.

Truman also patted himself on the back for appointing a 15-member Advisory Committee on Civil Rights last December. Our grandchildren are going to look back on this period and shake their heads in amazement over the great number of national and state committees appointed every year to study the Negro problem. Such committees invariably bring back lengthy reports full of whitewash and mild recommendations rarely acted on, These surveys always turn out to be a success. The only trouble is that they solve nothing.

It isn't investigations or surveys we need, but national and state laws with teeth in them and a government willing and able to enforce them and punish their violators. Speeches are and will re main a dime a dozen until they are accompanied by such action.

# **Robert Williams is SWP Candidate for Senate**

NEW YORK, July 10-Thousands of Negro and white workers the proposed subway fare increase, in the 23rd Senatorial District of New York City will hear the program the 15% rent increase and the prepof the Socialist Workers Party over the radio, on street corners and campaign will place special stress on vide funds for subway improve- pointed a committee to bring in a

in mass meetings this summer and fall when Robert Williams, youth-says' Williams, "but I learned that ful candidate for the State Senate Jim Crow existed in the North, too. Labor Party. resents his platform to the workers I saw it on the job and in the streets in his neighborhood. I saw it on the job and in the streets of New York City. That's why I intensive campaign to collect 4,500

Robert Williams, Tampa-born joined the Socialist Workers Party signatures in the 23rd Senatorial campaigner for Negro equality and -to fight for a program to end ecorevolutionary socialism, is known to nomic exploitation, the basis of all hundreds of Harlem workers as an racial and national discrimination." active member of the NAACP, one When the now-famous Freeport of the founders of the Lenox-Fifth | Case-the cold-blooded murder of Avenue Tenants League and the the Ferguson brothers, Negro veter-Educational Director of the Harlem ans, by a race-hating cop in Free-Branch of the SWP. port, L. I.-happened in February

Young in years but educated and 1946, Robert Williams was one of hardened in the struggle against the most active fighters for justice Jim Crow and poverty, Williams is for the Ferguson family. Thousands well qualified to represent the ex- of Harlem workers heard his voice ploited and oppressed masses of night after night on street corners Harlem. A graduate of Chelsea Vo- and in mass meetings demanding a cational High School in New York public hearing on the facts and urg-

arations for World War III. His the Socialist Workers Party's program for independent political action through the formation of a

District in order to place Williams' signatures must be submitted by Aug. 11.

Friends and sympathizers of the University Pl.

ments.

SWP are urged to assist in collecting these signatures. Petitions can be obtained at the SWP Harlem Branch Headquarters, 103 W. 110th St., or at the SWP City Office, 116

y or vigilant about protecting the rights of the masses. And again, I mean all administrations, both Democratic and Republican.

# **Horse-and-Buggy Medicine**

## - By Grace Carlson

held its centennial session in Atlantic City. Several high-priced doctors, who had arrived at the



lacs, rose to pay tribute to the "horse-and-buggy doctor" of 100 years ago. In fact, the "horseand-buggy doctor" was used as something of a symbol of the system of private medicine, to which the AMA is so devoted. That the doctors of pioneer. days, who travelled through the lonely wilderness by horse and

buggy or on horseback, performed valiant services for their patients is a shining historical fact. But the "horse-and-buggy doctor" practiced at a time when all of a doctor's equipment could be packed into his medical bag, and one man could know all there was to learn about scientific medicine. How different today!

In the laboratory, American medicine rushes ahead at blitzkrieg speed in its onslaught against disease, but in social relations, it still moves at a "horse-and-buggy" pace. Although the crying need is for group practice-specialization and organization into clinics-99% of all medical care in this country is given by individual practitioners.

It is chiefly the workers who are penalized by this "horse-and-buggy" system. The wealthy are able to go to one high-priced specialist after another or to privately-owned clinics. An outstanding exof successful group practice, the Mayo Clinic at Rochester, Minnesota, serves only that tiny section of the population that can afford the expensive

Last month the American Medical Association trip there, the high hotel costs during treatment and the medical fees.

In public, AMA bureaucrats shed many crocodile tears over the supposed plight of the worker who cannot choose his own physician in a cooperative clinic or labor-controlled health institute. This practice tends to break down the sacred relationship between doctor and patient, they wail. The assumption is that workers who do not belong to cooperative health groups have complete freedom of choice. But let a worker ask a high-priced specialist to treat his ailment and he will soon learn that his "free choice" of a physician is a pretty meaningless thing unless he has enough money to pay the doctor of his "choice."

Dr. Elmer Richman, Director of the Labor Health Institute of St. Louis, has some interesting ideas on this matter. In a speech before the National Conference on Cooperative Health Plans at Two Harbors, Minn., last summer, he said:

"In its fight against what it calls 'socialized medicine,' the American Medical Association likes to kick around the phrase 'free choice of physician.' But actually free choice of physician is not always desirable. Many doctors leave much to be desired both from a standpoint of skill and knowledge and from the standpoint of understanding of the problems that confront working people. Too, in case of most serious illness, the old-fashioned family doctor has to send his patient to a specialist anyway so that the patient- has not, after all, chosen the doctor who performs the operation or treats his gall bladder.

(This is the third in a series on Health for the Workers.)

City, he has worked on the docks ing the entire labor movement to oras a longshoreman and later as a ganize a campaign to fight lynch skilled mechanic in a radio factory. law in New York. "I had experienced discrimination" Williams will campaign against

down South in Florida where I was the Taft-Hartley Slave Labor Law.

# White Hoodlums Attack Homes **Belonging to Chicago Negroes**

## By Robert Birchman

CHICAGO, July 5-Violent opposition to Negroes seeking homes flared into the open this week when a mob of about 2,000 whites stoned the newly purchased home of a Negro family at 5620 S. Wells St. for two consecutive nights. Windows were broken and sparklers tossed against the building. These month that mobs have attacked

attacks on Tuesday and Wednes- homes of Negro families bold enough day nights occurred despite the to move into restrictive covenant presence of a police guard. areas.

Cleo Eyrd, Sr., who had recently On the first Thursday in June a purchased the home, accused police mob of 400 stoned the apartment of assigned to guard the house of fail-Andrew Miller at 6841 Wabash Ave. Horsetrade Politics Behind ing to give him adequate protection. The mob gathered as if by a signal Following this accusation, police did at 9:55 p.m. and hurled stones arrest two white men on Wednes- through all the windows of the first Re-Passage of Tax Bill day night as they tossed exploding floor flat, despite police who were fire crackers at the building. The detailed to guard the home. An two arrested men, held on an open hour and a half later, after all the charge were not residents of the windows in the house were broken, neighborhood, but from another sec- reinforced police details dispersed tion of the city.

#### POLICE IDLE

the mob and arrested two men and a boy.

POLICE IDLE a boy. Byrd stated that the police stand In Grand Crossing Court the next 1948, instead of July, 1947— all of The victims of this horse-true. idly by while white hoodlums are day, Judge O'Connell continued the the provisions remain identical allowed to congregate in front of cases against the two men who had with those in the bill vetoed by the building, where they throw been arrested on charges of resisting Truman last month. Truman's veto an officer. He reprimanded them was sustained in the House by two bricks and stones. Many of the mob were restrictive and told them to go back to the votes.

covenant signers of the 17th Ward, community and spread tolerance. The area involved is located just The case against the 16-year-old boy this bill. A worker earning \$2,500 across the line from the teeming was continued for six months in a year will receive a reduction of "Black Ghetto" and only a couple juvenile court.

of blocks from the scene of the arson During the attack Andrew Miller, week to his family's purchasing bombing of the home of Mrs. Grace who is president of Miller Business power, while capitalists with in-Hardy that started a wave of terror College, was besieged inside his comes of \$500,000 will pocket \$58,175, against Negro home seekers a year apartment. During a short lull in or more than \$1,100 a week. ago.

Police Captain Patrick J. Collins with stones, other tenants were al- public treasury for benefit of the debt run into more than 5 billion in the means of subsistence shall of the 15th District reported no vio- lowed to leave. At the same time plutocrats is matched only by the dollars a year; because the repre- rest with the trade unions. lence, but a Negro youth was struck there was loud knocking on his door, cynicism of the maneuver that sentatives of the rich will continue with a bottle by an unidentified at- with the mob shouting, "Bring him made it possible for the Republi- to serve only the interests of the alteration in prices and its verifitacker fleeing from the scene.

The youth, Harold Cantrell, 19, When the restrictive covenant The Republican majority is in a Genuine relief to the small tax companies to raise wages at once was surrounded at 55th and Wells case of the Park Manor Association position to introduce an FEPC bill payers can come only from a tax- in the proportion called for. St. as he was going home. Cantrell vs. Guy Rudd, which involves the and to revive the proposals to reduction program that exempts all was stopped and questioned by a building where Miller lives and six abolish the poll-tax. By confront- incomes up to \$5,000 a year. And detective riding in a black Buick. other parcels in the neighborhood, ing the Southern Democrats with to pass such a bill through Con-He was clubbed by the detective in came to trial in Circuit Court, this threat of "embarrassing them gress it is first necessary to break front of the gang when he tried to Judge Philip Finnegan continued politically," the Republicans were the political monopoly which Wall flee. Cantrell claims that he can the case in status quo, preventing able to switch sufficient support Street exercises through its twoidentify the detective who made no Miller from being legally evicted, behind the tax-grab. effort to hold back his assailants. This action also prevented six other As a result of this horse-trade, labor must have its own party and SECOND ATTEMPT Negro families from moving into the Southern poll-taxers will be place its own representatives in This is the second time within a the area. spared embarrassment while the Congress.

It was perfect team-work. The Stalinists, ALP and Liberal and real estate earnings would deocratic leaders joined in the chorus estate to the statutory limit! "friend of labor" in office. WARNING OF SWP

15 and Feb. 22.)

Only the Socialist Workers Party exposed O'Dwyer's role in the push for a higher fare and warned the New York workers that O'Dwyei Introduced Bill called the hearings for the sole purpose of preparing for the increase." (See The Militant, Fcb.

Party leaders lauded the Mayor as cline with them. During recent a great champion of the people years profits on real estate have for this sham battle against the been the greatest in history. Now Chamber of Commerce, the Citi- Washington has favored the landzens Transit Committee and the lords with higher rents. Let the State Association of Real Estate real estate interests pay their share Boards. CIO, AFL and Social Dem- of the subway deficit! Tax real of praise. The Feb. 14 Daily Work- Instead of taxing the people who er even boasted that the Stalinists ride the subways, the city could were "one of the groups in the pro- tax the money barons. Pay the debt O'Dwyer coalition" that put this on the subways by putting a tax on Wall Street Transactions!

> **Bolivia Deputy On Sliding Scale**

The kind of legislation genuine political representatives of the working class fight for in office is well illustrated by the bill sponsored by a bloc of Trotskyists and The House last week jammed through the tax reduction bill by miners' union candidates elected to a vote of 302-112, or a majority large enough to over-ride a presi- the parliament of Bolivia last Jandential veto by a wide margin. The bill has gone to the Senate, where uary. The bill was introduced by Guillermo Lora, one of the leaders of the Partido Obrero Revolucionario (Revolutionary Workers Party). Here is the text of the measure: Article 1-The Executive Branch shall designate a technical commispoll-tax states and, on the other, sion to determine within 90 days of the passage of this law the basic wage necessary for a decent living. Article 2-The basic wage shall necessarily be complemented by the establishment of a sliding scale of wages, meaning by this, a type of wage that will automatically folmain huge because the military the means of subsistence needed by low the rising index of prices for budget continues to run into tens the working class family.

cation by the bosses shall oblige the





Notes From The News

The defense attorney in the May-Garsson war fraud trial pleaded for their acquittal because enemies of democracy" could say: "Look, there in America is the chairman of the powerful Military Affairs Committee and big munition makers convicted of fraud—of lining their pockets with gold." He asked: "Don't you think that would be a powerful argument against democracy?" His clients were convicted.

\* \* \* Despite the conviction, ex-Rep. May will continue to draw a government pension of \$3,376 annually for the rest of his life-as reward for his "services" in Congress.

Anti-Stalinist pressure has finally got Leon de

publicity director. Profits of the Wesson Oil and Snowdrift Company, Inc., during the nine-month period ending

Caux removed as editor of the CIO News and CIO

The most frequent alibi for current high meat

pro-Marxist, has acquired a wealthy backer and will soon be published as a monthly.

duced into the Senate this month, would make it an unfair wage practice to pay women workers less pay for doing the same work as men workers.

May 31, jumped 392% over the same period last year.

prices is that so much meat is sent abroad. The fact is that only 2% of U.S. meat is now exported.

Partisan Review, which no longer pretends to be

The Pepper-Morse Equal Pay Bill of 1947, intro-

it is sure to be passed. Except for the date on which it Republicans will' receive the politi-

The victims of this horse-trade are, on the one hand, the millions of Negroes and white workers in the the millions of small tax payers. Whether the Democrats or the

**ROBERT WILLIAMS** 

The rich alone stand to gain by Republicans have the majority in Congress, the tax burden will remain where it is now-on the backs of the poor.

the bombardment of the building The rapacity of this raid on the interest charges on the huge war determining the variation of prices cans to repass the measure.

rich.

party system. To pass such a bill

\$29 which will add about 50 cents a

And this tax burden must re-