

Price Rises Continue As **Profits Soar**

Truman's Report Reveals Fear of Worse Inflation

Despite his boasts about "unprecedented prosperity," padded support of "independent candidates statistics and invocations to "free enterprise," Truman's Midyear to run for all offices" and to "work Economic report, issued July 21, is laced with a red thread of fear for the eventual establishment" of and concern about the future of American capitalism.

been in progress.

The careful reader of his re-propped up by his claim that by port, especially of the statistical July 1, 1947, civilian production and point program to combat the Tafttables, will find proof positive that services "have surpassed previous Hartley Slave Labor Law. It voted U. S. economy is far from healthy. high records," achieving a rate of to "shun any use" of the NLRB ma-

Elect Union Men, Says State AFL

SEATTLE, July 17-The Washington State AFL convention. being held here this week, has gone on record in favor of taking the lead "in organizing and mobilizing the state's labor forces for united and effective political action to elect members of Organized Labor to Congress and to other public offices (both national and state) in 1948." The resolution was presented by Boxmakers Local 2635, of the

Lumber and Sawmill Workers

UPWA Parley **Renews Stand on Political Action**

Packing Workers Urge Independent Candidates CHICAGO, July 19 -- Three

hundred delegates at the National Conference of the CIO United Packinghouse Workers of America, held here this week, reaffirmed the policy of their recent international convention that called for

a party representing the interests of the working people.

The conference adopted a six-\$225,000,000,000 annually. He claims chinery set up under this law and

that "month by month recession has failed to materialize." But his figures on production their determination to defeat the are puffed up by inflation - they Republican and Democratic Parties do not show the incipient decline responsible for the infamous Taftin actual output. And his employ- Hartley Act.

ment figures are belied by the evi-Although the statement approved dences of growing unemployment by the conference did not speak exand what Truman himself refers plicitly of a third party or a labor to as the "soft spots" in industry party, it was clear from the sentiwhere lay-offs and shut-downs have ments expressed by the delegates Dominant in Truman's picture of party of its own.

the state of the economy is the (Continued on Page 2)

that they want labor to build a

Chicago Tenants Resist

ganization. The remainder is to be ries.

pendent political candidates.

CHICAGO, July 25-Thousands of tenants are organizing here and defeat of the congressmen and ended, Washington, London and to step up German coal produc- gled over the Ruhr, German industo resist rent gouging, extortion of "bonuses," evictions and loss of senators who voted for it; a cam- Paris were baring their teeth at tion, but solely for the benefit of try continued to stagnate. The to resist rent gouging, extortion of "bonuses," evictions and loss of services. Encouraged by the Rent Decontrol Bill, landlords through-ity events are services in the industrial heart of Europe. The industrial heart of Europe.

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Applying the "Atlantic Charter"

Dutch Imperialists Launch Blitzkrieg **On Young Republic**

By Joseph Hansen

At midnight on Sunday, July 20, Dutch troops with fixed bayonets burst without warning into the Batavia radio station of the Indonesian Republic. They barked orders for everyone to remain

motionless. A Dutch ma-jor appeared presently, a Dutch division trained at the U.S. gun in hand, and ordered Marine Base at Quantico. In steel helmets and American-type camouthe Indonesians taken out at flage uniforms, they successfully rifle point. While this raid ocseized a beachhead in Hastern Java curred, similar raids were under after Dutch warships had pounded way throughout the city on the the shore positions of the ill-armed Indonesian fighters for freedom. many Indonesian government build-

With this midnight blitzkrieg at- bombs, artillery shells and machine tack in the style perfected by the gun slugs made in America could Nazi and Japanese militarists, the not be compiled by the Indonesian Netherlands imperialist government independence forces as they staglaunched its long-planned war of gered back from the murderous annihilation on the Republic that dared to challenge the centuries-old rule of the Dutch colonial despots. Dawn revealed thousands of troops fanning into the countryside from lost their Far Eastern colonial emthe port cities seized by the Dutch. Almost two years after V-J Day full By the end of the war, the resistscale war was raging throughout ance movement in Java had grown Java.

The blood soaking the soil of hands of the Truman Administragotiations in Paris could be greatly the Dutch Generals were not only mitting this fabulously wealthy cothe fruit of a sneak attack. They lonial area to slip through their were also the fruit of destructive fingers.

sweeps on scores of defenseless Indonesian towns and cities by Mustang fighters (P-51s) and Mitchell Indonesia and the first bloody fight Bombers (B-26s) which the United ing broke out as this Allied army, States government handed the Dutch, imperialists in preparation States, pounded the port cities. The for this colonial war. The first amphibious landing

blow of the Dutch imperialists. The all-out war launched by the Dutch is the climax of two years' calculations. During the war they pire to the Japanese imperialists. so strong the Indonesians were able to set up a government of their own this colonial prize also stained the choice. But the Allied proclaimers of the Atlantic Charter and "Four

The casualties from rockets,

The Allied Command in Washington sent British armed forces into equipped and supplied by the United first stage of the fighting ended (Continued on Page 3)

Socialist Workers Party Protests Use of U. S. Planes, Guns, in Indonesia NEW YORK July 25-James P. Cannon, National Secretar

Truman's optimism is chiefly further that employment has reach- to bar any "no strike" clauses in ed 60,000,000, and cheerfully notes future contracts. A militant mood permeated the conference. The delegates expressed

Western Bloc Squabbles **Over Prize Ruhr Area**

When the 16 capitalist powers the job" of bringing up production dor Henri Bonnet told the press: The conference implemented its of the Western Bloc adjourned Wall Street demands that Ameri- "If France is confronted with dedecisive factor of prices — the re-political action policy by voting to their Paris Conference July 15 can managers replace the British cisions it cannot approve, the ne-current fears expressed throughout current fears expressed throughout recommend that each UPWA mem-the report about further inflation, ber voluntarily contribute one day's they hailed the Marshall Plan with The British The British complain that this endangered.'

holiday pay, of the eight paid by the one voice as the only salvation of means the "revival of former ene-The State Department conceded companies, to the CIO Political Ac- Europe. For the sake of a common mies and a certain depreciation of for the time being. Although the tion Committee. Only 50¢ of this front against the Soviet Union, they wartime friends." However, Wall British had signed an agreement amount is to go to the national or- appeared to have buried their rival- Street has the British where the to step up production in the British financial hair is short. The British and American zones, it was quietly retained in the local treasuries and But as Washington revealed some are expected to concede, possibly pigeon-holed; and Marshall assured

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to be used for the support of inde- of the concrete proposals in the holding out for a face-saving in- Paris no decisions would be an-Marshall Plan sharp differences terim arrangement of "dual" con- nounced without "prior consulta-The conference program called broke into the open. A few short trol.

for repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act days after the Paris Conference The French capitalists are eager As the three Allied powers wran-

tion" with the French.

increases.

Most successful of the tenant oralready organized, committees are ganizations is the North Side Ten- being formed in five other buildants League launched last week at ings. Ten thousand copies of a leafa conference where tenants of five let: "Cin Guard, Tenants!" have large apartment buildings were been issued informing tenants of represented. This organization is their rights and advising them not spearhead d by the Sterling Apart- to pay any 15% increases. In rements Association, which recently sponse there came hundreds of telewon a complete victory against the phone calls and visits from tenants

Profiteering Landlords

landlord, Samuel zerver. in scores of buildings. They asked He was compelled to refund \$4,- assistance and applied for mem-450 in retroactive rent for having bership in the North Side Tenants eliminated services and \$720 ob- League.

tained in bonus payments. He was The League has just issued analso forced to redecorate all the other leaflet: "Tenants! The Ceil-100 apartments and to restore all ings Are Cracking—Keep the Roof eliminated services. This victory over your Heads - Organize!" A inspired tenants throughout the mass meeting has been called for "in the mad rush for profits." The Northside to organize. July 30, 7:30 p.m., at Clarendor

The next building organized was House, Clarendon and Sunnyside. the Sherlore Apartments, where The speakers include Misha Rubin. five veterans won repayment of \$1,- CIO Community Services Commit- are attempting to take advantage of 550 bonus they had paid.

The Chicago Area Tenants Union Education Committee of the AFL speed-ups, violating long-standing

on the West Side won a victory for Chicago Federation of Labor, At- practices of labor procedure, and the 40 tenants in the building at torney Edward Kane and Edith maintaining a general attitude of 2639-43 W. Adams Street by forc- Zaslow. arrogance.

out the city are using intimidation ing the Rent Control Office of the ing crisis; intensification of the and eviction notices to extort rent OPA to order a rent reduction of fight against racial discrimination; one-third, retroactive to March 1. and independent political action. In addition to the five buildings The conference statement de-

opoly to destroy the living standestablish government control by big business."

It linked the skyrocketing prices to this big business program and declared the objective of the Taft-Hartley Act is to silence the labor movement, "the voice that has been raised most consistently and strong-**Auto Union Calls**

ly in opposition to the NAM's program."

The statement noted that the For United Labor meat packers are in the forefront very workers who produce the meat Conference cannot afford to buy it.

Meanwhile, the packing profiteers Automobile Workers, largest tee, Ed Aherns, chairman of the the Slave Labor Law by instituting union in the country, has renewed its appeal to all labor unions to

All-White Georgia Jury OKs Massacre of Eight Negroes

A Georgia prison-camp warder prisoners. The jury's presentment | if an escape had been contemplated whitewashed Worthy by lauding him it would have been more feasible and seven guards who murdered for "acting in order to maintain or "acting in order to instant with only two guards of a preeight Negro prisoners and wounded five others at the Anguila the prisoners were shot "while at-Stockade two weeks ago, were de- tempting to escape" and also when "one convict ran toward the warden clared "justified in their action" by and the guards." an all-white 23-man Glynn County

grand jury in Brunswick last week According to the NAACP investi-Brunswick representatives of the rators, "there had been no sit-down National Association for the Adtrike of prisoners as originally revancement of Colored People, who ported. The men had simply reinvestigated on the spot shortly fused to go into the rattle-snake inafter the killings, have revealed evifested swamp waters without boots. dence that the wholesale slaying They demanded a meeting with the warden where they could explain prisoner, Willie Bell, to step out, with sub-machine gun, shot guns and their objections but this demand was shouting: "I'm going to kill you." rifles was a deliberate massacre. The national office of the NAACP, refused by armed guards who were

in its July 18 press release, reports in charge of the work gang. "When the men refused to enter that its Brunswick investigators "had uncovered several details of a the swamp they were told to sit in derson, who drove away and later city levels. rather sensational nature which the road while one of the guards revaried considerably from reports al- | turned to the camp to report the ready published on the nation's lat- situation to the warden. Only two made no attempts to escape. When problems that confront us, we can est anti-Negro outrage." These findings belie the testimony were perfectly aware of the fact that machine gun, the warden reeled into tion for organic unity in the Ameri-

of Warden W. G. Worthy, who fired there were fifteen heavily armed the packed prisoners "holding his can labor movement. the first shot, and his guards who guards back at the camp. fired a blistering fusilade into the

statement: "The Congress of Industrial Organizations, the American Federation of Labor, the Railroad Brotherwith only two guards over them unions must join together in united turned to camp in trucks, under the action because we hold the Ameriguns of seventeen guards."

can future in common. At the stockade, the prisoners "We must join forces immediately were lined up in front of the barin a NATIONAL UNITED LABOR racks where the warden ordered CONFERENCE (original emphasis) five prisoners to step out. "This the to plan common action on the legal men refused to do when it was obeconomic and political fronts... vious to the tightly packed group. "A national conference of labor that the warden was reeling drunk." could work out the broad frame-The warden then ordered one work for united action. "To implement the program worked out thereby and to mobilize When Bell refused, the warden sent behind it the millions of American for some pick handles. He then union members, similar conferences spoke to County Police Chief Hen- must be held at state, county and "Working together in this fashion returned with a sub-machine gun.

"During all this time the prisoners to meet effectively the immediate guards remained with the men who the police chief returned with the lay the practical and solid founda-"The time to perfect practical

pistol with both hands' to get Bell. "It was pointed out to the investi- A few moments later the shooting working labor unity is right now" huddled and helpless group of 27 gators by one of the prisoners, that | began," says the NAACP report.

The cornerstone of the Marshall German steel mills and handed is affected. Only the genuine uni-Plan is the strengthening of Ger- over to the French steel barons as fication of European economy and man capitalism. But Wall Street reparations. The French have the integration of industry on a is not acting out of charity. Wall visions of taking over Germany's continental scale can provide a scribed the Taft-Hartley Act "as Street's aim is to bolster up the former iron and steel markets. icting as chauffeur.

ish, declaring they have "botched

DETROIT - The CIO United

convene a National United Labor

mulating a program of joint action

In the current issue of the United

Automobile Worker, the UAW's of-

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to fight the Taft-Hartley Act.

Conference for the purpose of for- ers.

foundation firm enough for recovpart of the overall program of montalism in the back seat of the German steel industry to produce Second World War. ards of the American people and to mousine and German capitalism will constitute a threat to France's That unification, however, resecurity. The French even went mains as distant as ever. The capi-

The British, however, happen to so far as to threaten to blow up talists are incapable of organizing be in control of the Ruhr, Ger- the "Cooperation Committee" set a United States of Europe. That many's key coal and steel region. up by the Paris Conference. A can be accomplished only by the Consequently Wall Street has open- formal protest was lodged with European workers under the baned up a barrage against the Brit- Washington and French Ambassa- ner of revolutionary socialism.

> **GOODRICH STRIKE VOTE BACKS** NATIONAL CONTRACT DEMAND AKRON, O., July 21-The drive to win a uniform nation-wide

> contract for workers organized under the CIO United Rubber Workers in the plants of the B. F. Goodrich Company shifted into high

gear last week when members of "These are the issues! When you Goodrich Local 5 here voted six- say there are no issues, you lie in teen to one to support union de- your false teeth!" This was the mands with a strike if necessary. music the big shots on Goodrich The Akron plant of Goodrich em- mahogany row had to take from a ploys over 15,000 production work- union sound truck parked in front

The grand total of 10,131 votes building. cast in the all-day election on July In addition to conducting strike 18 clearly indicates that the rubber votes in all Goodrich plants orworkers are aroused and alive to ganized in the URW-CIO, all Goodicial organ, President Walter the issues confronting the union. rich locals have given the company Reuther declares in a featured Only 620 votes were cast against thirty-day notice to cancel their strike action.

individual contracts. This action Goodrich executives availed them- will put the unions in a position selves of their newly-gotten "rights to conduct a legal strike by August of employers," provided for in the 15, a week before all the restrictions hoods and all bona fide independent | Taft-Hartley Act, to propagandize of the Taft-Hartley Act are effecthe workers against strike action. tive.

Every Goodrich worker received a company letter through the mails Washington Concedes 'Why a Strike Vote Now?" The Rise of Unemployment letter stated "there are no issues" between the company and the ord employment in the U.S. with union and, "A strike is nothing 60,000,000 employed in June, there but a vacation without pay." This impudent attempt of the ton's economists. According to a re-

Goodrich bosses to interfere in a cent report from the U.S. Departunion election aroused the anger ment of Labor, layoffs are on the much to swelling the "ycs" vote to April a "sharp rise" began in the ts huge total. President George R. Bess and manufacturing, furniture plants,

gions, severance pay.

nembers of the Local 5 Publicity textile mills and other industries. Committee toured the factory area President Truman's mid-year re-

n sound trucks to answer the lies port to Congress reveals there has in the company letter. They scored been a weakening of demand for Goodrich's refusal to bargain on labor especially in textiles, clothing, corporation-wide basis. They leather and electrical machinery. isted the outstanding issues such The President's Economic Council as a corporation-wide six-hour day, is nervously "watching soft spots" no relief for years to come. One it most."

uniform piece-work rates in all re- for any further signs of spreading said 'no chance of relief until the unemployment. next depression'."

of the Socialist Workers Party, today sent the following telegram. to President Truman:

"According to official Dutch Army communiques as reported on July 22 from Batavia, Java, by the Associated Press, American munitions and planes-P-51 Mustangs and Mitchell reconnaissance planes as well as other fighter and bomber types-together with other U.S. military equipment are being employed to shoot down the Indonesian people who are fighting for their independence.

"All this materiel was originally supplied to the Dutch government in the name of defending democracy against fascism. The Socialist Workers Party vigorously protests the use of this same materiel and equipment for the purposes of colonial enslavement.

"We request that you, Mr. President, publicly demand of the Dutch authorities that they cease and desist from diverting American munitions, guns and planes to such evil ends against the Indonesian Republic; and further that you demand the immediate return of all this 'lend-lease' materiel."

Housing, Evictions **Crisis Intensifies**

Since the real estate lobby pushed through the Rent Decontrol Act the housing shortage has become worse and evictions are booming, according to a survey of 20 major cities made by the National

Here are examples of the housing

New York City: 13.9% rise in

built in 1929; built this year so far.

4,880; dwellings shortage, 150,000.

Detroit: 11.9% rise in birth-rate:

Cleveland: birth-rate up "almost

17 percent"; 1929 home construction.

27,187; this year so far, 1,341; short-

age, 10,000. "Evictions over 300." .

Health Institute in Washington and reported by the United Press of the Goodrich General Office. and eviction situation in major on July 21. 1 H 1 cities:

In 14 of these cities, the survey birth-rate: 58,320 dwelling units showed, there was an outright shortage of 477,233 dwellings, not including tens of thousands of families "Evictions over the 500 mark and now living in hovels, makeshift increasing."

homes and reconverted Army barracks. 1929 construction, 12,149; construc-

So far this year, according to the | tion today, 5,110; shortage, 20,000; survey, housing construction is far below prewar figures. It is sufficient to satisfy only 15% of the shortage. The situation is particularly acute, Despite all the ballyhoo about recthe National Health Institute points out, in relation to the growing national birth rate. This is now 9.5% is great uneasiness among Washinghigher than in 1939. During the first half of this year,

were completed, slightly less than when the population was much number of workers dropped in radio isted.

Simultaneous with the worsening housing shortage, the UP reports, "the nationwide survey showed that evictions were running into the thousands, and that the number appeared on the increase. Authorities in many cities said they saw

readily solved for "those who need See "Who is Right About the Housing Shortage" on Page '4.

Chicago: 4% rise in birth-rate; 1929 construction, 18,837; this 3 so far, 2,436. Shortage, 100,000. "No relief seen for five years." In his latest economic report 362,800 permanent housing units Truman admits that the housing construction program is "encount of the workers and contributed upswing in manufacturing. In the rate of construction in 1928 ering difficulty" and that " prices are preventing the bulk smaller and no housing crisis ex- new housing construction from sor ing those who need it most."

If the tens of billions of dollars Truman demands for his milita budget and for his war-mongening Truman Doctrine were used to build 'ow-rent government-financed housing, the housing shortage could be

"evictions, 2,000."

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isting society. The Transitional Frogram, one of the great documents of the Marxist tradition, gives us a sharp example of it.

Trotsky is writing of the proletariat on a world scale in 1938. He says that for years the workers have tive part in the formation of the an article that appeared in Colliers been taking the road to the revolution, but every time they begin, their treacherous leaders push them back and maintain them under the domination of capital. He then takes men were determined to put an end days when the struggle for the CIO three examples: the workers of to the remorseless speed-up, to gain was a sacred cause are gone. The Spain where the great revolution of 1931-1938 was still raging; the workers of France who had staged the stormy stav-in strikes of 1936, and the workers of the United States. talist production machine. The exact wording is as follows:

"The unprecedented wave of sit- therefore became more than a battle who was just a cog in a machine down strikes and the amazingly for the right to collective bargain- became a citizen with a voice, a rapid growth of industrial unionism ing. It was for recognition of the chance to be heard, and a chance in the United States (the CIO) is right of the workers to protect and for rapid promotion to respected ofthe most indisputable expression of express themselves as a social force fices."

the instinctive strivings of the against capitalism. And to use Trot-American workers to raise them- sky's phrases in another place, "the cannot see everything. But he has selves to the level of the tasks im- rapidity and the power" of "the exposed upon them by history. But plosion" which was the CIO, testi- is only the expression of that trehere, too, the leading political or- fied to the accumulated resentments, mendous urge to reconstruct society Club. ganizations, including the newly- hatreds, and need for doing some- which permeates the great masses of created CIO, do everything possible thing else beside working for profits, the American workers. It is supto keep in check and paralyze the which smoldered in the American pressed and corrupted and betrayed revolutionary pressure of the proletariat before 1936. masses."

Here it is again. "The instinctive going insurmountable urge to tear penetrate into the workers' milieu, striving" not merely to form a union, themselves from the bloody capi- are constantly amazed, overwhelmed not merely to do what Roosevelt had talist chaos is now receiving ample and inspired by the clear indications legally given them permission to do confirmation in a significant place- of the mighty, socialistic instincts in the NRA. No. They were try- the nervous anxiety of American which simmer just below the suring to raise themselves to the level capitalism over the great series of face of American capitalism today.

---It is impossible to overestimate of the tasks imposed upon them by strikes. Over and over again we the importance all the great Marx- history. They were showing a "rev- meet the flat pronouncement: "It is olutionary pressure." And these not mere wages." And often enough ists have given to the instinctive, striking phrases occur not in an "Wages is the least part of their elemental drive of the workers to article but in a programmatic docu- discontent." On another occasion I Frevolution, to reconstruct the ex- ment written by Trotsky who tol- shall give more detailed information erated no looseness of expression of the vast amount of material issued by the capitalist class, all sayand least of all in a program. The basis of the thought is the ing unmistakably that behind the firm, bold, conscious expression by very real struggle over wages and Marxism of the unconscious instinct prices lies a vast surging desire to put an end to the exploitation among the workers to change the

and degradation of capitalist pro- very conditions of their existence. duction itself. Many who took ac- Perhaps the most remarkable is CIO in those tumultous days of 1936 of Jan. 18, 1947 by Peter F. Drucker, affirm that in the formation of the that devoted servant of capital. UAW, for instance, the struggle for Probing into the unrest he came to wages played the smallest role. The the following conclusion. The old some control over the way in which formative days of the CIO gave a tion of their own to resist the tre- promises of equal bargaining power, mendous organization of the capi- job security and higher wages.

-Leon Trotsky, 1940

"They gave him a cause, a commun-The battle for union recognition ity, a sphere of action. The worker

> This petty-bourgeois intellectual seen much. But what he is seeing

by, above all, the labor leadership. The creative force of this deep- But those who, armed with Marxism,

anti-labor drive.

Warning to All Labor--Tobin Is on the Loose

Every time the bosses strike a heavy blow at labor, you will leaders like himself who have given bers have been concertizing in the find craven union bureaucrats blaming it on the workers themselves. and thus emboldened them in the

should attach to the union lead- Hartley." He adds: "Surely they God forbid that any blame ers whose cowardly policies led to According to Tobin, if the workdefeat! No-it's all the fault of ers had just bowed their necks doesn't revolt, the master won't ventions in New York State, hit completely for "30 or 60 days." the workers

The labor fakers - or "labor have passed. statesmen" as they love to call themselves - have one particular and what his whole record proves, alibi to cover their own mislead- is that he is always against labor and the Republican - Democratic MOANED LOW militancy and strikes. ership and treachery. They accuse the workers of having been "too fighting the militants in his own The workers "antagon- union with club and gun and hired militant resistance to anti-labor He moaned low that "many in labor 'militant." ized"" their enemies and "invited" gangsters. He has used the \$14,- laws, that Congress dared to push

·reprisals. through the Taft-Hartley Act. he was a progressive." 000,000 in his international treaswhich revive some fears of another readied by the Department of Com-There has been a chorus of such ury not only to line his own pock-Meany gave out with a sad num-While Tobin berates the workers For the 6-hour day, 30-hour week! A sliding scale of hours-reduce merce, reports the July 20 N. Y. upswing of inflation." accusations since enactment of the ets - which goes without saying for "inviting" the Taft-Hartley Act ber about how Ives had AFL support the hours of work with no reduction in pay to prevent layoffs That "upswing" is already in full Times, when price factors are taken Taft-Hartley Slave Labor Law. but to finance savage warfare by defending themselves against because of his "experience in the and unemployment! And it's not surprising that the against any opposition group inside the employers, he is silent about field of labor relations." But, alas, swing and none of Truman's pleas into account, production, national income everything excent PROF. Government operation of all idle plants under workers' control! to the better nature of the capital- income, everything except PROFthe Teamsters that has dared to a major phase of his own activity fyes used this "experience" to help nemployment insurance equal to trac union wages for ITS, have registered a sharp degrease through the Taft-Hartley ists will avert it by an iota. veterans during the entire period of unemployment! Tobin, Czar-President of the AFL fight for its rights either against in this past period. cline since the 1944 peak. Teamsters. "Soaring grain prices build a new the bosses or Tobin's totalitarian He says nothing about his no- Act. 3. Against all anti-labor laws and government strike-Based on the 1935-39 values, the Where other union bureaucrats rule. boost for tomorrow's grocery bill," torious racketeering, his \$30,000 sal- Green and Meany now want Ives boasted 1946 national income of dare to slander the workers only by Today, Tobin's union is honey- ary plus "expenses," his bleeding to be voted out. They didn't name proclaims the July 22 Wall Street breaking! \$178,200,000,000 was actually only hint and indirection, the arrogant combed with revolt. That is the of heavy dues and fees from the a successor, but it is understood to Journal. No restrictions on the right to strike and picket! \$115.000.000.000, "Gross national Tobin, sifting on his \$14,000,000 real inspiration for his slanderous membership, his gangster violence be another "friend of labor" from No injunctions! No compulsory arbitration! "Steaks, chops, butter, milk, poultry — they are all 'manufactured' product" — figured in terms of union treasury and surrounded by charge that the Teamsters' mili- against them, his bloody jurisdic- the Wall Street political camp. 4. Build an independent labor party! goods and not inflated dollars his hired gangsters bluntly and tants "played into the hands" of tional raids against other unions. Across the continent, in Califor- from grain. Wheat-product bran, crudely slurs militant labor, and the Taft-Hartley gang. registered instead of a rise, a sharp Tobin called on the bosses to fire nia, C. J. Haggerty, secretary of the a prime feed for chickens and dairy 5. Tax the rich, not the poor! specifically his own union members. The extent of that revolt is workers trying to get a nickel more California State Federation of cattle, has jumped \$20 a ton, or decline from 1944 to 1946. Repeal the payroll tax! No sales taxes! In his personal organ, The Inter- shown by the fact that forty per in pay, but he didn't mind "an- Labor, publicly struck from the about 35%, in three weeks. Corn The charts buried in Truman's national Teamster for July, Tobin cent of the IBT locals are ruled by tagonizing the labor situation" by "friends of labor" list the man the is at a new peak above \$2.20 a own report show that the monthly No taxes on incomes under \$5,000 a year! proclaims in headlines: "Unions dictator-receivers appointed by To- sending his armed thugs into a Federation had supported for re- bushel; it sold as low as 40 cents output index that stood at 239 in 6. An 18 billion dollar appropriation for government Invited Taft-Hartley Bill-Epidemic bin after he ruthlessly expelled the score of cities to try and coerce election last year-Governor Earl a bushel in 1939. Long Island's 1943, fell to 159 in May, 1946, rose big duck farms, growing millions of to 190 last March, and dropped by low-rent housing! of Strikes Played into Hands of local officers elected by the mem- CIO brewery drivers and ware- Warren. Now the California AFL leaders birds for U.S. dinner tables, now June to 183. In the durable goods Enemies." bers. housemen into paying dues to Tobin's main reef is against the These expulsions have followed a Tobin. 7. Full equality for Negroes and national minorities! are moaning, "He done us wrong," pay \$100 a ton for feed which cost industry - the key to U. S. ecoonly \$75 a bare two months ago. nomic stability — output fell from truckdrivers themselves, who have series of so-called "wild-cat" strikes These were the activities of since he signed California's major End Jim Crow! End anti-Semitism! been rocking Tobin's throne no throughout the country. The IBT Tobin that gave the bosses the pre- anti-labor bill, barring so-called Dairymen say the price of milk 360 in 1943 to 220 last month. 8. For a veterans' organization sponsored by the little. He complains that "we (the has had more strikes than any texts for some of the most vicious "jurisdictional" strikes. Profits - and here is the founwill have to be boosted. . . ." Teamsters) had more strikes and other union in the past year. Vir- Taft - Hartley Act restrictions NOT "IMPARTIAL" dation of the soaring price structrade unions! HIKES ON EVERYTHING requests for strike endorsements tually all of them were opposed by against the unions. And it is no "As a result of Governor Warren's ture — are reaching toward the than in the 12 months preceding" Tobin. Legislation which the sugar trust stratosphere. Auto profits, at their 9. A working class answer to capitalist militarism accident that the only section of signing this bill," Haggerty wrote, hopes to push through Congress wartime peak in 1945, were \$243 the period of Congressional discus- Tobin's claim that the Taft- this Act that Tobin saw fit to at- "labor can no longer consider his and war. soon, estimates the Wall Street million. For the first half of 1947, sion of the Taft-Hartley Act. Hartley Act was "invited" by an tack directly was the section barr- judgment impartial, as he always Take the war-making powers away from Congress! Let the people Journal, "could cost consumers \$150 they ran at an annual rate of \$396 "We appealed to our people to "epidemic" of strikes is an attempt ing so-called "jurisdictional" strikes. wanted us to believe and for which vote on the question of war or peace! million on baked goods alone," by million. The food, beverage and hold off and not to antagonize the to justify his wholesale strikebreak- In his "Notebook of an Agitator" we gave him support." Against capitalist conscription! labor situation by strikes and shut- ing, gangster terrorism and brutal column (The Militant, May 17), J. boosting sugar prices three cents a tobacco industries rose from \$148 How a Republican machine-man, Abolish the officer caste system! downs until this legislation was de- expulsions. million in 1940. to \$356 million in pound. Full democratic rights in the armed forces! P. C. wrote that Tobin had out- the darling of the California indus-"New shoes will likely carry 1946, to an annual rate of \$412 cided," Tobin confesses. But it is more than that. It is stripped all other labor bureaucrats trialists and shipping interests, Trade Union wages for the armed forces! Military training of workers, financed by the government, but under control of the trade unions! He hurls unrestrained slander at an attempt to ingratiate himself in earning the title of "The Mad could ever have been considered imhigher price tags in the months million this year. Iron and steel ahead," with prices of hides for raked in a juicy \$283 million last the recent strikes of seamen and with the employers by hiding the Dog of the Labor Movement." His partial in the first place, Haggerty longshoremen and the streetcar fact that their greed and vicious- latest attack on militant labor shoes jumping 25% since June 1, year; this year, the rate is \$496 10. Solidarity with the revolutionary struggles of the men in St. Louis and Oakland. ness, their mortal enmity to or- shows Tobin didn't earn the title million. and going up daily. "They could do no more to injure ganized labor dictated the Taft- by default; he's ready and able to workers in all lands! Basic steel prices - which are The corporations have advanced MARITIME the cause of labor if they were Hartley Act. And it is an attempt defend it against all claimants and For the complete independence of the colonial peoples! reflected in every other field of thier record wartime profits after down there working with Taft and to whitewash the role of union contenders. production — hit an "all-time high" taxes of \$10 billion in 1943, to the Withdraw all American troops from foreign soil By Frederick J. Lang this week, Iron Age reported on peacetime total of \$12 billion in 11. For a Workers' and Farmers' Government! July 23. In the past two months- 1946 and an estimated \$17 billion that is, before the coal wage set- this year, tlement — scrap iron and steel SLURRED OVER Mail This Coupon With 50c For A 6-Month Subscription to orices rose \$10.50 a ton above the These facts about profits Truditional iron and steel price boosts man slurred over in his report, as previous high of last March. Ad-Join the Socialist Workers Party! THE MILITANT he concealed all the basic factors are in the offing. for the raging inflation that is SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY Manufacturers of clothing, furnisweeping like a conflagration ture, and all types of household through the American capitalist 116 University Place A WEEKLY NEWSPAPER necessities bluntly announce their system. New York 3, New York 116 University Place, New York 3, N. Y. A comprehensive study of prices are going to continue to That conflagration is being fed march steeply upward — and none with the gasoline of Truman's basic I would like: labor relations in the mari-Published in the interests of the working people. of Truman's flabby appeals for program of titanic foderal expendi-To join the Socialist Workers Party. The only newspaper in this country that tells the time industry and a mili-'voluntary cooperation" and "pertures for war preparation. It is sonal restraint" will deflect them fanned by the gargantuan war debt truth about labor's struggles for a better world. To obtain further information about your ortant program for the solufrom their profits-grabbing course. of \$260 billion. ganization. You may start my subscription to The Militant for 6 months. I enclose 50 cents (coin or stamps) \square Even Truman cannot find too For every dollar the people spend, tion of seamen's problems. To attend meetings and forums of the Socialis' Send me The Militant at your regular rate of \$1 for 12 months. I enclose \$1 (coin, stamps or Money Order) $\hfill\square$ much consolation in his highly- 50 cents of it is going to govern-182 pages \$1.00 Workers Party in my city. tinted picture of \$225 billion of pro- ment - federal, state and local duction to offset the bleak vista of through direct and hidden taxes. Order from this inflation and its effects on And the load becomes heavier as Name NAME (Please Print) (Please Print) the economy. inflation eats away the declining PIONEER He warns that the present "pros- incomes of the low-wage earners. STREET Apt..... PUBLISHERS perity" rests on what he calls "tem- What Truman warns against as porary props" - reconversion in- merely the symptoms of a mild Postal Zone... 116 University Place vestments of businessmen, a huge case of measles, are in reality the POSTAL ZONE STATE New York 3, N.Y. increase in credit buying and spend- signs of an all-pervading malignant ing out of declining savings, a vast cancer in the capitalist economy. 743

Strikebreaking Attempt Fails

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Attempts by the Remington-Rand. Co. to revive the infamous strikebreaking trick used in 1936 proved they worked, to have an organiza- great deal more to the worker than a dud at Ilion, N.Y., when 2,000 pickets of the CIO United Electrical Radio & Machine Workers turned away a company-sponsored "back-to-work movement." Federated Picture

Union Leaders Now Sing the Blues About Some Old "Friends of Labor

the He-Done-Us-Wrong Choral does not say. Suffice to state, that after all and that his last-minute not even the most politically blind and fruitless veto of the Taft-Hart-

we hasten to explain that the He-Done-Us-Wrong Choral Club is ments of the past week, however, composed of union leaders who was the initiation of a rival oraded so passionately last year.

vote for this or that "friend of bership in the "He-Done-Us-Wrong" Choral Club.

Some of the club's leading memaid and comfort to the employers past few weeks.

AFL President William Green and AFL Secretary George Meany gave

Tobin's is the counsel of submis- quite a rendition last week. sion and slavery. If the slave Green and Meany, at union conlash him. If the slave submits High C when they sang, "he done us then the Taft-Inartiey Act wouldn't willingly to the slave-owner's dic- wrong" in connection with Senator tates, then he won't be thrown into Irving Ives, the Republican whom the reiterated pleas to the hard-But what Tobin really means, irons. He'll also remain a slave. AFL leaders backed last November It was because the corporations as a "friend of labor."

Green warbled keen "disappointagents of Wall Street could count. He has an unbroken record of on the Tobins in the labor move- ment" in Ives who helped put over ment to sabotage any effective, the Taft-Hartley Slave Labor Law. voted for him because they thought

can claim that today. Hence, the ley Bill "vindicated him in the eyes For the unenlightened reader, refrain, "Warren is not impartial. of labor." Truman, according to Whitney, is "more acceptable" than He done us wrong."

any Republican. Some people pre-One of the strangest developfer hanging to drowning. sing the blues this year about ganization to the He-Done-US- the CIO leaders on the candidates Wrong Choral Club. This is the they supported last November who capitalist politicians they seren-He's - Not - Such - A - Bad - Egg - have since "done us wrong." That's part of the record they appear shy After - All Club. It's chief sponsor

about disclosing. If you're a union leader who told is A. F. Whitney, President of the Yes, the air is full of political the workers in November, 1946, to Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. blues-singing. These moaners seem A year ago, when Truman broke to be working overtime. We suggest labor" on Republican or Democratic the railroad strike and called for a they might be able to sing more tickets and you are now forced to bill to draft strikers into the Army, cheerful tunes if they stopped plugsing "he done us wrong"-you pass Whitney publicly threatened to raise ging for candidates of the Big Busievery qualification for charter mem- a \$2,500,000 union fund to defeat ness parties and called for real in-Truman in November, 1948. dependent labor political action by

On July 20, Whitney discovered building a labor party and running that Truman isn't such a bad egg labor candidates.

Prices and Profits Continue to Climb

excess of exports over imports, based largely on government loans to foreign countries.

But what is the real production picture, what is the real extent of profiteering and what can the masses really buy with their in-

PROFITS GO UP

According to an analysis being speaking of "recent aevelopments



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A motion to erase the 70-year

age limit for president of the

Brotherhood of Railroad Firemen

with the CIO Telephone Workers

The Taft-Hartley Act has struck, alleged "disruptive acts" during the an immediate blow at unionization recent strike, including all officers of foremen. Following passage of of UAW Local 248.

the Act, Ford Motor Company foremen were forced to call off their At the recent CIO American seven-week strike without gaining Newspaper Guild convention, the recognition. Company promises to rehire all strikers "without discrim- Stalinist delegates failed to oppose ination" were violated last week, a resolution which said "we resent when 32 foremen were fired for and reject the efforts of the Comalleged "violence and terrorism" munist and other political parties" during the strike. The United Mine Workers has discontinued efforts to to interfere in ANG affairs. The get recognition for its AFL United red-baiting resolution passed unani-Clerical, Technical and Supervisory mously.

Employes Union, affiliated with its District 50. The UCTSE will be liquidated July 31. A new independent union will be formed. * * *

and Enginemen was defeated at the A committee appointed by CIO BRF & E Convention last week. A President Philip Murray has rec- motion affirming the age limit was ommended that Maurice Travis, made from the floor and passed. who succeeded Reid Robinson as The hand-picked constitution compresident of the Mine, Mill and mittee had tried to get the constitu-Smelter Workers, be removed from tion amended to leave out the age office and that Murray appoint an limit, since David E. Robertson, administrator for the union. The who has ruled the union for 25 committee, composed of Amalga- years, is now 71 years old. Robertmated Clothing Workers President son's lieutenants threatened to seek Jacob Potofsky, United Steelworkers again later in the convention to Vice-President Van A. Bittner, and erase the age limit. We have noth-United Rubber Workers President ing against Robertson being dropped L. S. Buckmaster, claimed the in- for senility; but we'd sure like to ternational officers of the investi- see him kicked out for ordering his gated union "have allowed the in- members to work during the nafluence of the Communist Party to tional railroad strike last year. interfere with the internal affairs The American Union of Tele-

of the international union." This is based on the anti-democratic phone Workers has announced that red-baiting resolution adopted at its 22,000 members, mainly long the CIO convention last November, lines operators, have voted five to All we need now is a song from which was supported by the Stalin- three, in a referendum, to affiliate ist delegates.

Organizing Committee.

The CIO United Automobile Among those conspiciously miss-Workers Union came within 92 votes of an outright majority of ing from the newly re-organized all votes cast in the Allis-Chalmers National Board of the Communist NLRB election last week, but out- Party is Louis Weinstock, accordcome will be decided on the basis ing to the list published in last of 247 challenged votes. UAW-CIO Sunday's Worker, CP newspaper. polled 3,640 votes; the "independ- Weinstock was dropped from the ent" company union got 1,913; the Stalinist National Board within two AFL, 1,581. Only 81 voted "no weeks of his defeat for re-election union." UAW officials expressed for secretary-treasurer of New York

confidence that enough of the 247 District 9, AFL Painters Union. challenged votes will be allowed the Weinstock's successful opponent, UAW to ensure its victory. 91 of Martin Rarback, was also elected the votes challenged by the com- last week as fifth vice-president of pany were UAW members fired for the New York State AFL.

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!

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bitten capitalists to please curb their appetites just a little and "refrain" from pushing prices up

higher and higher. But even in his warnings about comes? he dangers of 'further inflation,

Truman is cautious and indirect,

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Germany 1947 **IT CAN HAPPEN TO YOU TOO**

By Ernest Germain

We have tried in the preceding articles to give a faithful picture | you - in your factory, in your of what is going on in Germany today. We have described the situa. trade union, in your neighborhood. tion, and also pointed out the potentialities in it. The reader may in your house, in your family, among your friends. have been affected at times by the atmosphere of an inferno lying

heavy upon this picture. Now wet want to speak to the reader's reason, to his imagination, in order to make him understand what this picture involves for himself.

The terrible catastrophe, which and electricity cut off for three has hurled the most advanced country of Europe decades back, which up in flames, water infested with below that of Belgium and its average level of consumption below out. . .

that of India - this catastrophe - PICTURE OF NEXT WAR struck the country which most re- This isn't a vision of the apocosembles yours, American worker. lypse. It is a very mild picture The men and women who are liv- of what the next war will be like. prices, think of the German working today in this horrible misery It is a picture of only a small frac- ers who go down into the mines are men and women like you, ac- tion of the disasters your own capi- after "breakfasting" on a few carcustomed to a standard of living talists will bring upon you if you rots. like yours.

The immense natural resources of the land, the high cultural level of Do you remember how the capitalthe people, the technical and or- ists burned millions of tons of food ganizational skills of the workers- after 1929, while millions of unemall these remain intact. These people ployed and their families went hunthey have been trying in vain to children tomorrow just as rutnlessclean up the rubble in their cities |1y as the sharks of the German | forget: with only shovel and pick! These black market are starving the German children today? people who see their children dying and can't do anything about it were yesterday producing the most complex medicines in the world-and you think the mcn who use these are capable of doing it again tomorrow.

NOT SOMETHING SPECIAL

The cataclysm that has struck these men and women is not due te something special in their nature, something national or racial or "criminal," something different from that of other pcoples.

These German people have conducted scores and hundreds of ters just like the strikes you have today?

against the rapacious American the famine and the oppression of trusts. They and their fathers and Germany are your own generals STRATEGIC AIM their grandfathers have carried on and your own capitalist pofiticians, greater struggle for socialism and who tomorrow will unhesitatingly perialism was to smash the Indothe fraternity of all, than the people use the same methods against you nesian Republic and re-establish the of any other country. of any other country. class.

Every family has a son or nephew activity.

These men and women are simply men and women of the people, with the same qualities and the same faults of the workers and their

the hunger that strikes at their with rickets.

The Last In A Series Of Articles atom bombing. Imagine the gas ants.

months, food and goods all gone has driven its industrial production deadly bacteria dropped from strat- your masters are committing in ospheric planes, epidemics breaking Germany today is to expose all of

tomorrow.

don't wrest the power from them.

Look around you, observe, reflect. want of an overcoat.

When with fond pride you watch are technicians; engineers, highly gry? Don't you think these hyenas ing, think of the millions of little skilled workers-and for two years are capable of starving your own martyrs living in cellars or in rotting wooden shelters — and never

It depends on you to see that Remember the photographs and

barbaric methods against the Negroes could use them tomorrow against you — as they are being

workers? Look at the strect cars and buses and trains in the South of your country. Aren't there special sections set apart for the Negroes, like the special sections for the Jews

strikes against their capitalist mas- military dictatorship of the Allies ditionary force of some 120,000 troops

who went through Hitler's concen- MUST LIVE BY DESTRUCTION tration camps for his anti-fascist Having become a constant ob- In carrying out this aim the Dutch activity, or who, during and after stacle to progress, the capitalists followed the traditional tactics of the first war, was in prison or a can no longer maintain themselves imperialist rulers. They promised "penal regiment" for his anti-war in power except by steadily destroy- anything to gain time while they ing all that human civilization has

talism out of the way. wives in the United States, and this can happen in America as well, 1949, and to arbitrate disputes on

The ruins that cover their land, hausted wives and their children armies were sufficiently strong, the the Dutch war of conquest.

Wall Street's Helping Hand You must demand that they join

with you in the fight to have your American boys recalled from Germany and to prevent them from becoming cxpert hangmen's assist-

You must warn your comrades, all the American workers and their wives, that to tolerate the crimes you, collectively, to the same danger

When you eat your breakfast which is still ample despite the high

When you try on your new outfit, think of the German workers who go around wrapped in a blanket for

your children playing, singing, read-

this never happens in America! (This series was translated from

preparation for the bloody show-

They even went so far as to rec-

ognize the Indonesian Republic, to

public. Every demand was aimed at

the stories of the lynchings. Don't the French by Duncan Ferguson.)

used today against the German

with the British entrenched in key

places under Hitler, and like the special sections for the Germans under the

launched during the past year The ones who are responsible for

keep the Indonesian people bled white generation after generation.

consolidated their armed forces in

won in the past decades. This will happen in your country, just as in down. Germany, if you don't sweep capi-When you have understood that agree to its freedom by January 1,

work for a better life and society you will understand better than be-than we now have. fore what your duty is toward the German workers and their poor ex-Finally, when they thought their the Dutch was of consulect You will understand Dutch began serving

Dutch capitalists organized an expe-P. Cannon, National Secretary of the Socialist Workers Party, equipped from the arsenals of Amertoday sent the following telegram to Dr. E. N. van Kleffens, Ambassador to the United States The strategic aim of Dutch imfrom the Netherlands: "By unleashing its war of conquest against the Indonesian

ist despots.

and national independence."

arms any time it wishes. By refusing to demand the return of these all-out war, the financial section of

the State Department called on the Indonesians to agree to the Dutch terms for an interim government. Wall Street has a big stake in Indonesia. The Indonesians in strivwells, sugar fields, rubber-producing

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tels, but these cartels are bound body and soul to Wall Street. BIG FINANCIAL INTERESTS

dik, manager of the Netherlands

Among Royalist Terror Victims By Jean Paul Martin

The monster raid which took place on the night of July 9 has each other and maneuver against been extended over practically the entire territory of Greece con-

trolled by the reactionary monarchist government of Maximos Tsaldaris. It has entailed the arrest of thousands of militants, fighting in the mountains or lan-

democratic, bourgeois opposition. For days on end the gendarmerie

and police in the service of the Athens government has continued its reign of terror, unequalled in the past, in practically every town and village in the country. (By July 22 the number of arrested was reported as 16.000-Ed.)

Heroic Greek Trotskyists Listed

Information received from Trotskyist militants in Athens, who suffered numerous losses, gives evidence of an unprecedented brutality with which the government, maddened by the rapidly spreading evolt among the pcople, is proeeding with arrests and its campaign of terror. According to these reports, all the crimes committed by the Metaxas dictatorship and vent it. the Italo-German occupation pale beside the barbarism unleashed by the proteges of Truman and Mar-

100 EXECUTED

shall

Those arrested are packed by the thousands into overcrowded prisons, awaiting deportation to the punitive islands in the Aegean Sca. At the same time, court martials are functioning incessantly, meting out one death sentence after another. In the month of June alone, 100 executions took place. Among them was the eighth woman to be executed this year by the military courts of the Athens government.

This new wave of terror arises from both internal as well as international causes. In the first place, far from having been broken by the repeated "offensives" of the government, the activity of the paring for independence took control of tisans has been amplified. The Dutch holdings-the plantations; oil regions controlled by the Greek "Andartes" at present comprise approximately cne-third of the counreas, and so on. The legal title to try. Based on this fact, the Greek these holdings before the war were Stalinists had undertaken negotiamainly in the hands of Butch car- tions with the "Democratic" Center, with a view to replacing the present government by a new combination headed by the latter's leader,

Sophoulis, in which the EAM would American companies with heavy also be included. In return for interests in Indonesia include Gen- such a deal, the Stalinists promised eral Motors, the Goodyear Tire and to get the partisans to lay down Rubber, Standard Oil of New Jer- their arms. Such a solution was

bacco, Colgate Palmolive-Peet, Na-tional Carbon, and International Call for Unity of

guishing in the jails of the reaction have aspirations entirely their own and are genuinely out to win proletariat, in active solidarity with

where the USSR and the USA face

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the Greek proletariat, owcs support to the latter in its present struggle. Thereby alone, can it be shown the ference of the "Big Three" in Paris only practical perspective - the European and world socialist revo-

In the press, in the unions, in the factories - everywhere - the bloodbath into which Greck reaction is attempting to drown the people must be denounced and castigated. A storm of protests must arise from the workers' organizations addressed to the Greek and

ence in Greece and will not shrink in the country. back from any measures to pre-

The real tragedy of Grecce is the workers' organizations, to susthat in the present international tain the Greek partisans.

Athens Dictators Spread Brazen Lies As Cover for Their Reign of Terror

The American people are being fed on a steady diet of lies so far as Greece is concerned.

To begin with, as a cover for the reign of terror it has unleashed at home, the Athens government has raised a hue and cry about an alleged invasion of the country by "an international brigade," descending from the mountains of Albania and operating in the Epirus region around the town of Yannina.

The news of this "invasion" was first released by General Napoleon Zervas, Minister of Public Order, who while touring the Epirus region phoned Premier Maximos to report that "many of the guerrillas wore red jackets, others red armbands, with the hammer and sickle, and yet others the Soviet star."

This hoax was almost immediately exploded by the UN investigation committee which happened to be on the spot and which found itself obliged to announce that it had received "little first hand evidence" to substantiate the charges of "foreign invasion." A spokesman of the Greek General Staff went even further. He corroborated that there were no indications whatever of an international brigade.

On July 22, the UN Balkan subcommission likewise found "no evidence that an international brigade took part."

Although cognizant from the outset that the invasion report was a brazen falsehood, the metropolitan press in this country played it up sensationally. In the Senate it was used as one of the pretexts for the passage of the \$300,000,000 loan to the despots and liars in Athens.

Supplementing the invasion hoax, these same gentlemen have dished up another hoary old standby-an "imminent communist revolution.

The mass arrests still in progress have been based on an alleged uncovering of a plot-"Plan F and Order Gamma for the arming of the reserve ELAS and a rising in the urban centers." Thousands of those arrested had no connection whatsoever with any mythical "rising" in the cities or with the Greek Communist party.

This is confirmed by a July 22 dispatch of the N.Y. Times correspondent in Athens: "Evidence has accumulated that a large number of persons arrested has nothing to do with the Communist party."

Meanwhile British troops still remain in Greece. A British squadron is reported heading for Greek waters. And Washington

U.S. Arms Used in War On Indonesian Republic (Continued from Page 1)

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SWP Pledges Support Of Indonesia Republic The British then withdrew as the NEW YORK, July 24 - James

people, the Dutch government stands branded before world public opinion as a government of colonial enslavers and imperial-

"The cause of the young Indonesian Republic is just cause. The Socialist Workers Party will. exert all its efforts to rally the support of American workers behind these fighters for freedom

sey, Shell Oil, British-American To-

General Electric. The day before the Dutch launched Jews and Arabs

each other. But the Greek people, the peasants and the workers who are

workers of every political ten-possible only within the framework dency-Stalinists, socialists, trade- of a lessening of the international unionists, Trotskyists - as well as tension between the United States their own struggle. The world of some elements belonging to the and the USSR, i.e., if the USSR yielded to the Marshall Plan. U.S. SHOW OF FORCE

> However, the failure of the conand the continued opposition of the USSR to the American proposals lution. in the Security Council at Lake Success, which aim at establishing

permanent control of the Northern frontiers of Greece, has incited the United States to persist in its policy of a show of force in Greece and even to accentuate it. The Athens government acts

merely on orders from Washington. American authorities. This is im-The latter are determined to demonstrate by such actions that they will not tolerate any Soviet influ-

cratic rights are to be reestablished Moral and material aid must he organized systematically among all

perative if the arrests and death sentences are to cease, if demo-

children, the degradation that casts that to defend your German broth- ultimatums on the Indonesian Rethem into the abyss — these arc ers today is to defend yourself. the result of the prolongation of WHEN YOU FIGHT AGAINST undermining the Indonesian governthe capitalist regime beyond its le- THE CONTINUING MISERY AND ment and depriving it of sovereignty. gitimate historical limits. Germany OCCUPATION AND OPPRESSION If the Indonesians conceded, it today is a symbol of the barbarism IN GERMANY, YOU ARE FIGHT- meant a big gain for the Dutch. If to which capitalism will reduce ING TO PREVENT THE SAME the Indonesians refused, the Dutch every country - unless the prole- MISERY AND THE SAME OP- construed the refusal as a pretext tariat succeeds in destroying capi- PRESSION STRIKING DOWN THE for launching war. talism first. Your country, too, AMERICAN WORKERS ON THE The Indonesian officials made American workers!

last year will not be alleviated this confiscated outright.

year. Among the greatest suffer-

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age.

ers are the colonial peoples of the

International Notes

The world food shortage so acute state supervision and 30 have been

concession after concession. But as MORROW. Do you think this could never That is why you must tirelessly soon as agreement had been reached, happen in America? Imagine New cell the truth of what is happening the Dutch made fresh ultimatums. York or San Francisco after an in Germany, to everyone around The final ones were as follows:

FINAL ULTIMATUMS (1) The Indonesian Government

must cease all propaganda unfavorable to the Dutch. This was a demand to relinquish freedom of

speech. The Dutch, naturally, said nothing about stopping their lying public remains to be seen. The conpropaganda against the Indonesians. (2) The Indonesian Government

All sorts of maneuvers are now must order its armed forces to with-East. To the millions that have afoot in the French trade union draw six miles from present posidied so recently from famine in movement in order to exploit the tions. This was a demand to give India, other millions are about to discontent aroused by the Stalinist up without fighting while the invader moved forward. be add(d. Abhayankar, Indian policies for the profit of reactionary

(3) The Indonesian Government delegate to the World Food Coun- tendencies. cil, has stated that India faces this Among the postal workers, who must order its armed forces to cease year an unprecedented food-short- last year conducted a strike with firing. The Dutch, meanwhile, would an elect d committee against the continue firing on the poorly-armed Indian government officials have strikebreaking efforts of the Stal- Indonesian people who were trying

been advising the masses to tighten inists, a reformist group linked to defend their homes. The Indonesian Government their belts still another notch. The with the extreme right-wing Soalready meager rations in Madras cialists has set up an autonomous found itself unable to comply with federation. Their conference was these three demands. And when the and Bombay have been slashed. attended by representatives of a deadline passed, the Dutch im-

The government of Nicaragua is group which is organizing a split perialists struck. Their plan now, apparently, is to resorting to naked terror in order from the railroad unions and by to maintain itself. A July 13 de- representatives of the "Democratic slice up Indonesia into at lenst three cree announces that "all commun- Union" which has been set up in- segments, and then move in and ists or persons suspected of acts of dependently by some of the ele- digest these segments at their terrorism will be summarily shot." ments who took part in launching leisure.

the April strike at the Renault NOTE OF "REGRET" The Russian propaganda machine Plant. The Truman Administration re-

has resumed its campaign to glorify | The militants of the Front Ouv- acted to the outbreak of this major Stalin as a "universal genius." Ac- rier (Workers Front) tendency that war by a note of "regret" to the cording to the Moscow radio, the fights inside the French Confedera- Netherlands Government. There is Generalissimo has turned architect tion of Labor (CGT) has denounced no doubt that Wall Street would and has "personally" drawn up a these splitting efforts as "only prefer to avoid the unfavorable pubplan to rebuild Moscow as a "har-playing into the hands of the en-plicity falling on it for its share in monious architectual creation ex- emies of the working class." the bloody attempt to suppress the pressing the noble ideas of Com-Indonesian Republic. Wall Street The London Trades Council has no doubt finds the great risks inmunism.

passed a resolution condemning the volved distasteful; for a successful

Food rationing is becoming ex- projected visit of Eva Peron, wife struggle by the-Indonesians can set tremely difficult in the Eastern zone of Argentinian dictator, as an "in- the entire colonial world on flame of Germany. According to the lat- sult to the British working class." and give a mighty impetus to the est reports from Berlin, an especi- The resolution goes on to state: struggle of the working class for ally tense situation exists in Thur- "This Trades Council representing socialism.

ingia. The Food Minister of that more than 650,000 London trade | But the record shows that the province has announced in the unionists emphatically protests at Truman Administration has con-Landtag that the grain collection the proposed visit of Eva Peron to sistently backed the Dutch capiservice has arrested 373 farmers for Great Britain." According to latest talists. The arms the Dutch are the non-fulfillment of their quotas. reports, the visit to England has using are Lend-Lease. Under Lend-Heavy fines have been improsed; been deleted from Mme Peron's it- Lease provisions the Truman Ad-270 farms have been placed under inerary. ministration can "recapture" these

Dutch imperialists. rope.

Throughout the prolonged nego-Administration consistently took the Jogkarta, the Republican capital, to

side of the invaders. As recently as prevent the Indonesians from rea month ago when the Dutch an- vealing what is happening.

Labor Must Aid Freedom Fighters! How successful the Dutch will be

in their attempt to smash the Re- ing class is wholeheartedly on the

enabled the invaders to become strongly entrenched. Each concession, however, aroused great indignation among the Indonesian people. Recently Premier Sighrir was

ular wrath over his kowtowing to the Dutch imperialists. The Siahrir group, representing the feeble Indonesian capitalist class, has followed the line of shouting, "Peace, Peace," when there was no peace, and the

ward for the fatal thrust. Now the fate of the Republic is at stake and even these nationalists who would have preferred a com-

promise deal at the expense of the neither by the Dutch armies nor by fic to Indonesia.

the Indonesian capitalists but by the have already heroically demonstrat- demonstrate their solidarity with the ed their will to achieve freedom from struggle of the Indonesian people the imperialist voke. for their freedom.

When the Indonesian Republic Trading Society. He held out the JERUSALEM — Recalling the appealed for help to Washington hope of seizing the sugar crop grown successful united struggle of Arab in an earlier stage of the struggle, in the past two years by the Indo- and Jewish workers in the last Truman remained silent. Then he nesians, and added: "If peace and vear's strike of government emsecurity is restored, Indonesia proslapped the Indonesians in the face vides a good risk for the United ployes, the Revolutionary Comby granting a huge loan to the States better perhaps than Euthe Fourth International, has issued

The Dutch have clamped down a leaflet in Arabic and Hebrew tiations staged by the Dutch in their tight censorship on all dispatches engaged in military camp labor, passing through their hands. They engaged in military camp labor, tight censorship on all dispatches calling for joint action of workers attempt to gain time, the Truman are jamming the radio station at against mass dismissals and for higher wages.

The leaflet of the Palestine Trotskyists points out that the policy of mass dismissals is pursued by the

British in order to sow dissension among the two nationalities and divert them from the struggle for eco-

nomic demands which has been developing.

December, 1946, and February, 1947,

For effective action against mass the Dutch generals and their colnesian people. At Brisbane and dismissals, the leaflet calls for a leagues killed more than 40,000 Indonesians. This mass murder of Adelaide they immediately stopped general strike, condemning "demonloading all Dutch ships. Last year stration" strikes of brief duration innocent people, although unpleas-they carried out a similar action, as ineffective. It winds up with a ant in the eyes of the capitalists **Backs Trotsky s** completely bottling up huge supplies call for united trade union action and their agents, says De Tribune, is considered necessary to preserve

> For five years the Dutch Trotskyists fought in the underground **Stalinist Minister**

LEUNE, Germany - When he al slavery and exploitation are now attempted to address a plant meet- slaughtered like beasts because they discussion, the conference rejected ing in this one-industry city, Act. dare to try to live like free human all resolutions attempting to revise ing Premier Siewert, leader of the beings.

SED (Stalinist "Socialist Unity rests first of all on the coupon The resolution "The USSR - A Party") was howled down by thousclippers of the Netherlands, says New Exploiters' Society" presenter ands of workers in the audience De Tribune - the oil, rubber, tin, by Chaulieu received seven votes. and had to leave without finishing sugar and merchant tycoons who The resolution "The USSR - State his speech. live off the sweat of 70,000,000 peo- Capitalism," presented by Guerin Siewert had come in order to ple in Indonesia. But the "socialists" of Holland presented by P. Frank, reaffirming urge greater production efforts. A shout from the floor "we are hun- are guilty too, for they sold out the class character of the Sovie gry and you have come through the to the colonial bandits and took Union as a degenerated worker winter round-bellied and healthy," posts in the government. unleashed tumultuous applause. The Stalinists too are guilty. De conception of the defense of the Siewert accused the interrupters Tribune scores the latest attempt USSR against imperialist attack. of being Nazis. He was met with of the Stalinists to avoid taking a was adopted with 22 votes. cat-calls which did not cease until clear stand against the Dutch imhe left the hall. He told two reportperialists.

presented by Bruno and Geoffroy The Dutch Trotkyists, organized were rejected. A joint motion by ers that he had run up against similar scenes in Bieterfeld and at the in the Revolutionary Communist Guerin-Chaulieu in favor of a de-Buna Works, and that "measures Party, Dutch section of the Fourth featist position towards the USSR would be taken." International, call for the solidarity was rejected by a vote of 23 to 11. 1. 36 m

against the Nazi occupying forces in Holland. They therefore know how people feel seeking to throw off a foreign yoke, declares De Tribune. They declare their sympathy conference here on the "Russian with the Indonesians who after hundreds of years of the most brut-

PARIS-On July 13 and 14 the Parti Communists Internationaliste (French Section of the Fourth International) held a national

mothers! Prevent your husbands

and sons from being forced to help

in the murder of their class broth-

ers. Down with colonial warfare!

nesia! Complete freedom and self-

determination for Indonesia!"

PCI Conference

Following two days of thorough the position of the Fourth Inter-The guilt for this colonial orgy national on this issue.

received four votes. The resolution

state and setting forth Trotsky'

Amendments to this resolution

Question."

Views on USSR

is rushing military supplies along with the military mission it delegated to "advise the Greek army."

INDONESIAN PEOPLE'S CAUSE

The Trotskyists in Holland stand in the forefront of the works ing class struggle against Dutch imperialism. The June 21 issue of their paper De Tribune carries a front-page defense of the Indonesian Republic and an exposure of the capitalists and their agents who are

trying to crush it. of the workers in Holland with the "Starvation, fire and mass murder Indonesian masses. "Halt all cargoes for Indonesia!"

is the bloody wake that the colonial robbers leave behind them as they demands De Tribune. "Wives and penetrate freedom-loving Indon-

The demands raised are for a esia," declares De Tribune. "Inminimum wage for unskilled labor, trigue, lies and treachery are the a general wage increase to meet tools 'our' pious, Christian generals rising costs, the recognition of free- employ in the service of the sugar Withdraw all troops from Indoly elected job committees and con- and oil magnates."

De Tribune reports that between

'law and order." A July 22. dispatch from Holland Heckle and Boo

side of the Indonesian people. The cessions given the Dutch despots by achievement of their freedom is in officials of the Indonesian Republic the interests of the working class since it helps weaken world capitalism. Wall Street in particular. The Australian dock workers took trol of hiring and firing by the action on the same day they learned elected job committees.

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of Dutch armaments in Australia, and organization. Only after the Dutch formally acknowledged the independence of Indonesia did the Australian longshoremen agree to handle this cargo.

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reported that the Waterfront and people are now forced to fight or Transport Workers Union in Amsubmit. The final word will be said sterdam will boycott all war traf-

The American workers too should teeming masses of Indonesia who do everything in their power to



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a question, as was the case in the nineteenth century, of simply assuring a more rapid and more healthy development of economic life; today it is a question of saving mankind from suicide.

Leon Trotsky

"There Is No Peace!"

The second anniversary of V-J Day is barely a month away, yet the world is still torn by war.

The Dutch imperialists have launched an all-out attack on the Republic of Indonesia. The dispatches telling about the thrusts of the Dutch army read like the early dispatches of the Nazis, except for the use of American arms.

But the attack on Indonesia is only the latest spectacular outbreak. Indo-China still writhes under the hobnails of the French imperialists who launched a war of annihilation on the Viet Nam Republic.

And in China civil war rages as the hated regime of dictator Chiang Kai-shek, bolstered by American dollars and American arms, seeks to maintain itself by butchering the masses.

India smolders while the British, in agreement with the native capitalists, attempt to carve up that sub-continent into a welter of weak rival states.

In Palestine, British armed forces maintain concentration camps where Hitler's former victims are held under the Union Jack and the imperialist oppressor cold-bloodedly continues the traditional policy of ruling by dividing, trying to set Jews against Arabs and Arabs against Jews.

In Greece, ex-bandits in charge of royalist armies, generously supplied with arms and dollars from America, hunt down political opponents in a nationwide witch-hunt; and recklessly toss the blazing torch of war in the Balkans.

Throughout the rest of Europe an uneasy truce holds. How long it will last no one knows. Allied troops still occupy the strategic areas of the continent. Under the war-mongering Truman Doctrine, Wall Street is lining up the capitalists of western Europe in a reactionary bloc in preparation for World War III.

Far from achieving peace, the Allied powers have brought only conflict and bloodshed. Two years after imperialist war to "end ware e second

vestigates, tries, convicts and hears his appeal from its decisions, if he cares to appeal.

The board does not disclose its evidence. It does not reveal the identity of witnesses who may have testified against the victim. Thus a victim of the witch-hunt cannot even cross-examine his unknown accusers. He may be condemned on hearsay, rumors, or a frame-up. He has no redress in any court.

Furthermore, according to an analysis prepared by the National Lawyers' Guild, "the employees of any large industry in the United States which under one or another of the powers of the Government could come under Government control or operation, would come within the provisions of this bill."

Why did the House pass such a fascist-like law? The reason is not difficult to find. The current redbaiting drive is part of Wall Street's assault on the labor movement and its preparations for World War III.

I. In behalf of the Democratic Party, Truman took the lead in this red-baiting drive with his March 21 Executive Order for a purge of "disloyal" government workers.

That left the Republicans behind in the red-baiting competition. The House "Loyalty" Act is designed to close the gap. It's their way of showing Wall Street they're just as good as the Democrats any day of the week when it comes to a witch hunt.

Lots of Talk--But No Action

It is to the credit of the CIO United Automobile Workers that it has been the union to call most consistently for the convening of a National United Labor Conference to combat the Taft-Hartley Act.

The proposal for such a conference was first raised in the UAW during the General Motors strike. The latest issue of the United Automobile Worker again puts it forward, in a statement signed by UAW President Walter Reuther. (See Page 1)

Unfortunately, Reuther is more adept in giving verbal endorsement to progressive proposals than he is in pushing them forward into realization. He has picked up not a few good ideas which he has used as propaganda and to make a name for himself, but on which he took no real action.

The proposal for the National United Labor Conference is a case in point. Reuther talks about it occasionally, and writes a statement on it in the UAW paper, but that's as far as he goes.

If Reuther meant business he could do a great deal toward bringing a united labor conference about. He is the head of the largest and most dynamic union in the country. He can swing a lot of weight in the CIO and can gain the ears of millions of workers in the AFL and Railroad Brotherhoods.

He could get the ball rolling \rightarrow if he wanted to. He could take the initiative, through the UAW, in calling such a conference or pressuring the CIO into calling it. He could set the UAW locals into motion throughout the country to call joint action conferences on a local scale as a build-up for a national conference.

But Reuther, despite his pretensions as a progressive labor leader, does not dare to make a move on anything without the nod from CIO President Philip Murray. Murray's good-will seems more important to Reuther, the opportunist union politician, than the crying needs of the workers.







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Who is Right About **The Housing Shortage?**

"The best news for veterans and home seekers in eral years," according to the National Association Home Builders, was Frank R. Creedon's announcement July 19 that housing construction has "vaulted" to a new 20-year-high. Creedon is the Federal Housing pediter, so he ought to know.

Crowing over this announcement, a vice-president of the National Association of Home Builders said: "Those who are crying disaster and claiming we are not building-who claim the government must take over-simply don't know what they are talking about."

Before we stop crying disaster and toss the towellin to this spokesman of the real estate interests, let's check the facts.

According to Creedon, 362,800 dwelling units were completed in the first six months of 1947, making the largest number since the middle 1920's. "In addition," 358,000 new units were started in the same period, another record-breaker.

If the 362,800 completed units were begun last year; and only 358,000 were begun this year, then we would have to conclude that the rate of construction is dropping. That's what the figures in the publicity release of the real estate interests obviously add up to.

UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION

But let's probe further. According to Dr. Isadore Lubin, Commissioner of Labor Statistics, in 1939-8 years ago-at least 4,000,000 occupied houses in America were unfit for human habitation and should be demolished in the interest of health and decency. The 1940 census listed about 7,000,000 houses in the USA in need of major repairs. A dwelling in need of "major" repairs is a building that can collapse at any time

The National Housing Agency recently estimated that the number of houses unfit for human habitation had risen during the war to 8,000,000 while another 4,600,000 could be made habitable only if they received major repairs. By 1955, says this same agency, a total of 16,-000,000 units must be built.

These figures are staggering enough, but we are still far from an adequate picture of the housing shortage that has led to the widespread demand for an adequate government housing program. At the end of the war, according to the May 17 Nation, "18,000,000 people were living doubled up."

How far will the 358,000 new units started by priva industry this year go to relieve the pressure on bulging houses, tenements, trailers, shacks, tents, garages and chicken coops stretching from coast to coast?

Not very far, especially if you stop to think that si 1940, statistics show more than 1,500,000 new familie adding themselves each year to the population. At the snail-like rate private industry is building, only half the number of homes are going up each year required for the new families constantly forming. So about 750,000 new families a year are forced to squeeze into the already sardine-packed homes of America.

In brief, far from showing that the construction undertaken by the real estate monopoly is alleviating the housing shortage, Creedon's figures show that the housing crisis is growing disastrously worse.

Who said that the people suffering from lack of homes don't know what they're talking about?



A housewife in the United States may think that she has little in common with an ill-paid, Spanish-speaking worker swinging a machete in the cane fields of the Caribbean or the distant Philippines. But if she is planning on using any sugar for cooking, baking, jelly-making, fruit-canning or on the table, she has a whole lot in common with that worker. Here's the reason:



"It's such a problem to find something to invest all my tax refunds in!"

The Specter Haunting Congress

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will likewise decline. "The red line

showing the national debt proves to

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result will be the repudiation of the

debt. If the bonds which have been

issued to the banks, the insurance

companies and the people of the

United States are repudiated, if they

cannot be paid, that will put an end

to the system of private property.

There is the story. We cannot en-

Senator Claude Pepper (D., Fla.)

able to find a satisfactory market

Likewise with wheat. If the pur-

chasing power abroad for American

wheat declines "the price of wheat

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is a foolish hope and not a fact."

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Congressmen At Work -

Few have less confidence in the

future of the capitalist system than

some of Wall Street's outstanding

political representatives. They feel

themselves tossed in a wild sea of

troubles. This was brought out with

crystal clarity in the Senate on

Joseph C. Mahoney (D., Wyo.)

took the floor that day to oppose

the tax-reduction bill. Since he en-

joys considerable authority in the

Senate as an economist, an unusual

number of Senators came in from

the cloak rooms and committee bull

July 12.

"I think we are dealing with a through the greatest trial in histhen took the floor to describe the fundamental question of the pres- tory." danger of another depression. "As ervation of the system of private Unfortunately for Wall Street, the has been so well said by the Senaproperty," said the Senator; "and American bulwark of world capi- tor from Wyoming, the privatethat many persons in Congress, and talism is itself far from healthy. "I enterprise system in the world tremmany persons throughout the coun- have here what I call the 'fever bles today upon the very kind of try, in editorial sanctums, and even chart' of the capitalistic system." destruction and collapse. The truth in bank offices have failed to under- This charts the Senator explained, is that we do not yet know whether stand how grave the danger is that contains three lines. we are going to save the privateconfronts us." One line shows Federal receipts enterprise in the world or not."

O'Mahoney underlined the necesyear by year since 1910. They never In Pepper's opinion "the condisity of seeing the danger to capi- reached \$50,000,000,000. tion of the world is getting worse talism clearly because "There is no The second line shows the national instead of better. Today it is worse duty before the Congress of the income for the same period. It than it was at the end of the war. United States greater than the duty dropped as low as \$38,000,000,000 in There are more people hungry toof preserving this system." 1932. "Outside this continent," said The third line shows the national ended. There are fewer dollars in day than there were when the war O'Mahoney, "the whole world has debt-a debt that has "reached a the world with which to buy Amer-



still shakes to the tread of marching boots.

What happened to the Atlantic Charter? What happened to the Four Freedoms? Of what purpose is the United Nations? Where is the shining post-war world the capitalists promised if only victory was won?

When the war with Japan came to a close, The Militant declared, "There is no peace!" There can be no enduring peace, we said, until the workers and farmers put their own government in power and set out on the road to world socialism. The crackle of machine guns and the explosion of bombs half way round the earth today give terrible confirmation to that warning.

A Law Against Thinking

On July 15 the House of Representatives considered a bill bearing the attractive title "Loyalty" Act. Some Congressmen, however, objected to its passage. Sabath of Illinois called it "the most drastic and far-reaching bill affecting the rights of Federal employees ever to reach the floor in my 41 years of service."

This stalwart of the Democratic Party went even further in his denunciation of the measure: "In the palmiest days of the Czar of Russia or in the heyday of Hitler there were no worse restrictions on the right of Government employees to express their thoughts --- aye, to think."

Nevertheless, Democrats and Republicans joined to pass this police-state measure by a resounding majority of 319 to 61.

The purpose of the bill, according to its backers, is to weed out "disloyal" persons among the 2,000,000 people on the Federal payroll. What it actually does is tear up that part of the Constitution guaranteeing the basic civil rights won in the American Revolution.

It empowers the Attorney General to designate any organization or group of people he chooses as "totalitarian, Fascist, Communist, or subversive."

Then any Federal employe having so much as "sympathetic association" with a group on the proscribed list can be summarily dismissed as "disloyal." A person attending certain public meetings, reading certain books or publications, or expressing views opposed by the Committee on Un-American Activities could be described as having "sympathetic association."

The victim is presumed guilty — it is up to him to try to prove his innocence to the board that in-

The UAW can do a mighty job in achieving a National United Labor Conference if the UAW leaders would transform their words into action. Let them launch a big campaign on the issue in the labor movement. Let them send resolutions on it to every other union. Let them organize joint conferences wherever immediately possible on a local and regional scale. Certainly it can be done in Michigan, the auto center.

An ounce of action is worth tons of talk!

Wall St's Aid To Greece

The Greek monarchy is today adding the bloodiest chapter to the annals of its dictatorial misrule of that unfortunate land. It is clear that the Athens regime enjoys even less popular support than in the days of the notorious Metaxas dictatorship before the

Mass resistance to this hated regime is growing. Partisan activity far from being suppressed is spreading. This is proved by the government's recently publicized project to greatly increase the size of its armed forces. This is proved by the unbridled reign or terror it has unleashed throughout the country and by the flood of lies now emanating from Athens.

There is no other way for this completely discredited and arch-reactionary regime to maintain itself . But all its bestial repressions would avail nothing if the support on which it really rests was removed.

This support comes from abroad. It used to be supplied by the British imperialists. It is now supplied by none other than Washington.

The \$300,000,000 loan, the U.S. military mission, the U. S. "advisory" commissions, the promise of more millions and more munitions — this is what maintains the Greek despots.

American dollars pay for the upkeep of Athenian jails, concentration camps and exile islands in the Aegean Sea, now crammed with thousands of victims. Each new lie broadcast from Athens is sped on its way with American dollars. And so is each bullet fired by the Athenian execution squads.

This suits perfectly the plan of American capitalists. By bolstering reaction abroad they pave the way for extending the sway of reaction at home.

The American workers, too, have a great stake in what is happening in Greece. They must demand the withdrawal of all "aid" from the Athenian butchers and jailers. 部長地球自由

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been devastated by the most terrible pinnacle that is beyond the imagi- ican goods. There is a greater tenwar in all history. We know . . | nation of man to describe, a na- dency to economic and political colthat the productive capacity of most tional debt which could easily have lapse."

of the people of the world has been the effect of being a time bomb Only the other day, said Pepper, under the capitalistic system. This a group of Sepators from the citrus-But "people cannot live without national debt, greater than anyone growing states conferred with Asproduction." In face of capitalist in the United States ever dreamed sistant Secretary of War Petersen. destruction, people will turn to com- possible 5 years ago, can easily de- "We were trying to find a market munism. In fact communism can stroy the whole system of private for our surplus processed citrus "sweep over Europe and over the property . . . fruits and foodstuffs . . . that are The interest alone on the debt, already hanging as a great threat world . .

The United States is the only said O'Mahoney, in 1947 was \$4,500,great bulwark of the capitalist sys- 000,000. But in 1939 "the total re- far away." upon the new harvests which are not tem now left in the world. If capi- ceipts of the Government of the

"The Senators from California," talism is overturned in the United United States from income and continued Pepper, "could tell Sena-States then it is finished throughout profit taxes . . . were \$2,188,757,289. tors what they told us in that meetthe globe. "This is the issue, Mr. In other words, the interest upon President. It is not whether there the national debt last year was aling, that millions of boxes of California oranges were allowed to rot shall be a Republican elected in most twice as much as the total and ruin, because there was not a 1948 to the Presidency of the United | receipts of the Federal Government market for the juice or for the States. Oh, Mr. President, that is from income and excess-profits taxes product, and they did not want to pettiness. That is the language of in 1939." the lilliputian who does not under- Now suppose a depression occurs put any more money into the crop, because there was no hope of being

The Rich Grow Richer As The Poor Buy Less

bankrupt many of the wheat-grow-The rich get richer and the poor | middle families, 30% of all families. ing farmers of America . . ." get poorer, while the gap between get 25% of all income and hold about 20% of all savings. them keeps widening. A study Business men "have a bitter shock" Total families in the U.S. repre-

made early this year by the Sur- sent 46,000,000 spending units. The vey Research Center of the Uni- survey shows that despite income versity of Michigan reveals that changes from 1945 to 1946, the perbuying power is concentrated in The top 4,600,000 families still got the hands of a small number of more income among them than the people. Only 10% of U.S. families get al-

most one-third, of all personal in- ness and professional men as comcome and own almost 40% of all pared with labor. This big gap was personal savings or liquid assets. These high-income families, with \$5,000 or more a year, command the bulk of all buying power.

In contrast, low-income families, scale. those with less than \$2,000 a year,

Between these two groups are come is already insufficient to buy somehow that all this nightmarish the middle families. Those in the the bare necessities of life. The picture that is presented to us from upper-middle grouping, with in- mounting cost of living is compell¹ abroad may pass away like a bad comes from \$3,000 to \$5,000 also savings for ordinary living expenses. be a new quiet dawn, and we will. have more than a proportionate They cannot possibly buy the auto- not be troubled by the fears and by share of the buying power. These mobiles, household appliances, and by the horrible shapes and forms comprise 20% of all families and other manufactured products, that that reach out toward us. We canget 27% of all personal income, and today are keeping the factories run- not depend on that. We know that own 24% of all savings. The lower- ning.

The sugar trust is afraid sugar prices will sag when the shortage is over. If all the sugar-producing areas grew all they could, such limitless amounts of the key sweet would pour out of the refineries that sugar bowls could be kept filled for an unbelievably low price.

Consequently the profit-gouging sugar trust has decided that if prices are to be kept up, then production of sugar must be kept down. Their political representatives have lined up Congress to OK legislation that will dam up the sugar-producing areas, cutting down stream of sugar to a trickle.

This law will not only slash the quotas of places outside the United States like Cuba and the Philippines but it will reduce the production of areas inside the USA like Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

In its provisions the proposed law follows the New Deal legislation that plowed under crops and slaughtered excess pigs and cattle. It will allot acreages and pay benefits to growers who do not exceed their assigned quotas.

CLEAR IN THE CASE OF CUBA

How the law will affect the workers in the sugargrowing areas is especially clear in the case of Cuba, one of the world's main sugar-producing areas. In 1947, Cuba exported to the United States 5,700,000 tons. Under the new provisions Cuba will be limited to 3,200,000 tons.

That's quite a cut; but it's not all. When the Philippines have recovered from the war's devastation sufficiently to fill a limited quota of 900,000 tons, Cuba's quota will be slashed to 2,300,000 tons, about 40% of what it shipped to the United States during the war.

A representative of the Cuban Sugar Workers Federation, Jesus Menendez, told the press July 17 that "It takes very little imagination to figure the rest. More than 60% of Cuba's working population is engaged in the production of sugar. If this production is reduced to fit the specifications of the bill passed by your House of Representatives Friday, Cuba faces unemployment and deterioration of living standards. This will create an explosive situation similar to that which brought about the downfall of the Machado government."

The legislation will have similar consequences, of course, in the other sugar-producing arcas. The increased price American workers will have to pay for sugar hits their class brothers in the cane fields in the form of mass unemployment.

SUGAR BARONS ENTHUSIASTIC

As in previous legislation, the new law is designed to prevent the manufacture of sugar for "direct consumption" in Cuba, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Is lands and the Philippines. The total quota of refined O sugar for all these areas amounts to only 586,000 tons. The balance of the quotas must be made up in raw sugar to be processed in mainland refineries .

This provision in the "industry-drafted law," according to the July 18 Wall Street Journal, "enlisted the enthusiastic support of the refining industry." Following the ruthless tradition of imperialism, the sugar barons want the backward areas preserved as sources of raw materials at the expense of their industrial development, for the effect of such a measure is to prevent lands like Puerto Rico from building plants that could compete with those on the mainland.

Thus the proposed law means high profits for the sugar trust; mass unemployment for workers in the sugar fields; and a heavy drain on the budget of the American housewife,

centage share remained the same.

Total savings held by the top 'indignation against that legislation." 4,600,000 families are larger than the total savings held by 32,200,000 families at the lower end of the

ing them to dip heavily into these dream in the night, that there will

Taft-Hartley Law has aroused the lowest 27,600,000. But these income working class. "Indications have shifts placed a 50% bigger gap become to me from all over the countween the average income of busitry of how the working people feel. I have never seen the working people, organized and unorganized, as duplicated in savings. deeply stirred as they are today in

What the economists are worried Wall Street's monopoly of govern-23,000,000 families with incomes un- appeared to be the prevailing mood

amounting to 40% of all families, about is the fate of the savings held ment is threatened. get only 15% of all income and hold by the low-income groups. The only a tiny fraction of all personal der \$2,000 hold less than a fourth of Wall Street's Congressmen: of all personal savings. Current in- "Many of our people . . . still hope

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

Predicts Re-Grouping Of Auto Union Ranks rival."

Editor: Only chains and more chains are being forged for labor. On every front an attack has been launched: on a national scale - the Taft-Hartley Law; on a state scale - the Callahan Law. And in the shops

and undermine the unions. The top leadership of the UAW-

CIO, like the heads of the rest of the unions, have been pussy-footing. In spite of militant rumblings among the ranks, they have failed to take concrete action, have sabotaged breaking clean with both Big

Business political parties. This leadership should take heed In their failure to unite labor's forces for independent political ac-

tion: in their failure to launch a Labor Party, they will find themselves opposed by the ranks. Militent workers will regroup their forces. A new caucus will arise in the auto union - a third group, a left-wing group. Though unorganized now, it is in process of crystallization.

> Auto Worker Detroit, Mich.

Words of Douglass Still Hold True **Editor:**

July 4, I recalled some of Frederick posed candidates voted for them-Douglass' writings. He wrote in the days of slavery; but let's see

of it holds true today: July. What have I, or those I represent, to do with your national lin-occupied zone). independence? Are the great prin-Declaration of Independence, ex- lems are being discussed in intense tended to us? And am I, therefore, gatherings. called upon to bring our humble offering to the national altar, and to confess the benefits and express

resulting from your independence to us?

"What, to the American slave, is Editor your Fourth of July? I answer: a

day that reveals to him more than is the constant victim. To him your for a better world for my child, that I must accept the ultimatum celebration is a sham; your boasted I don't want his life crippled with and sign my name under a declarational greatness, swelling vanity; ciety. He is healthy and intelligent

revolting barbarity and shameless, "Moralist" Eastman hypocrisy, America reigns without a AndLenin's Testament Iv recovered its optimism. After Those are the words of Frederick Editor:

Douglass in his day. To me it I read in an article by Max Eastdoesn't seem as if much change had man that when he revealed the occurred. existence of Lenin's Testament for

J. A. B., the first time in the United States, - drives to speed up production Trotskyist in Germany ment. Is this true?

Reports on Conditions Editor:

The end of the war and the military defeat of fascism have enabled us to take up the struggle for the

revival of the labor movement. In were ready to march in this direc-Stalin. tion; but today we witness the spread of great discouragement because the existing political parties, in the first instance, the working class parties, refuse to carry out their historic mission. Unless we succeed in providing

the masses with the economic foundation, that is, economic security, their desperation will make them prey again of a new nationalist philosophy.

The recent Berlin elections for question were written in 1940 when delegates to the Free German it was raised once more by a new Union demonstrate that the great crop of moralists: mass of the trade union members While sitting listening to the did not participate and stayed false radio programs on this date, away; so that in effect the pro-

> selves. especially in the East (the Krem-

But we are no longer as isolated ciples of political freedom and of as before; friends have grouped natural justice, embodied in that themselves around us and the prob-

I am the mother of a seven year

liberty, an unholy license; your na- the restrictions of the present so- tion written by the Politbure.



Wall Street Dons Rosy Spectacles;

immediate disaster followed. Since | life has been neither reversed nor their worst expectations had not halted. Production today is from been fulfilled, they then proceeded six to eight points below the levels to jump to the other extreme. June of the first quarter. The sagging and July have witnessed an up- soft-goods sector, especially textiles

swing in the stock-market, and op- and shoes, far from recovering fortimism now appears to be as un- mer levels is, at this stage, headed are confidently predicting that in- bridled as was yesterday's pessim- for further declines. The durable goods sector is tending to "soften" Analyzing the situation in June more and more. 1947 Fourth International we The "record" employment figures

pointed out that there were no for May and June have been argrounds whatever to expect a sim- rived at by arbitrarily adding alple repetition of the 1920-21 ex- most three million persons to seaof (the economy's) decline in the ployment has continued to drop in immediate period ahead." many industries. By autumn it will In this connection, the subjective be impossible to cover up this "hidactors are decisive, and in partic- den unemployment" by means of ular the policy followed by the capi- such statistics. talist class who while powerless to MAIN OUTLETS

ths shape of credits to Europe under the Marshall Plan. This will

halt or reverse the basic economic The main avenue of outlets for optimism arises from the previous processes are nevertheless in a posiindustrial surpluses has been invention, by manipulating all the gov- tory accumulation. The retailers (Zinoview-Kamenev-Stalin) wished and their forecasters as to what ernmental and economic levers have drastically cut down their to utilize Eastman's publication in is actually happening. Capable of which they control, to either re- buying. Meanwhile, the wholesalorder to provoke a kind of opposi- thinking only in mechanical terms, tard or accelerate the decline. ers have actually reduced their in-On the surface it appears as if ventories. The reduction is slight, ultimatum: Either I must sign the vious post-war developments. In the capitalists and their govern- but it is nonetheless significant. declaration written by the Troika 1920-21 the bottom fell out of the ment in Washington have very Manufacturers' inventories continue in my name or they will imme- economy in the space of a few wisely done everything in their to go on, but at greatly reduced diately open the fight on the mat- months. May 1920 marked the power to check the downward cycle, rates. Inventory accumulation has breaking point. whose opening phases became ap- been proceeding over-all at a rate May 1947 has come and gone, parent in April. But this is not at of a billion a month; a suspension

all other days in the year the gross old boy and I am an avid reader unanimously that this issue at this and although a definite decline in all the case. injustice and cruelty to which he of The Militant because it speaks moment is absolutely unfavorable, production had set in by April, no The downward cycle of economic the months ahead must cause a furor retardation of this process in ther sag in production.

Auto Union Rejects your sounds of rejoicing are empty and heartless; your denunciation of twrants, brass-fronted impudence; and I want him to stay that way. The schools and other adult lead-ers will teach him many ways of the schools and other adult lead-twrants. brass-fronted impudence; and I want him to stay that way. The schools and other adult lead-ers will teach him many ways of the schools fakers who are ready to the school of t

undoubtedly serve to cushion the DETROIT, July 18-National officers of the CIO United Auto decline. But neither the scope nor hollow mockery; your prayers and hymns, your sermons and thanks- Hindus and Bhuddists and Chris- live justice!) but who have a far workers today announced here that the proposed merger of the and solemnity, are to him mere and Frenchmen these people imagine that they are referendum of the UAW members. And referendum of the UAW members these people imagine that they are referendum of the UAW members.

THE MILITANT ARMY

Branches Report Plans On Annual Celebration

Advance reports show that plans | rade who gets most of the subs are under way in many branches from his friends." Unit A of Southfor the Annual Militant Anniversary side Branch sent in nine of the total subs. Celebration. This nation-wide celebration to be held by all Socialist "Am enclosing 8 subs," writes

Workers Party branches during Justine Lang, Literature Agent for November is to raise funds for The Pittsburgh. "This represents the beginning of our drive for 50 new Militant.

and renewal subs within four to Milwaukee Branch is planning a six weeks. We're working it on a dance with entertainment, possibly competitive basis and offering a buffet lunch, maybe a raffle. The prize to the comrade who brings comrades suggest that "perhaps the in the most subs. In the lead so best Militant salesgirl of the year far is Mildred Ford with 6 subs. could be Queen of the Militant Mili never misses an oportunity to Ball." * * *

sell subs to her friends and neighbors. She even sold one to her em-

picking up speed. Patrick O'Con-

"The contest is getting hotter.

Fred Martin, Milwaukee's Militant

Manager, sent this brief comment

was a delegate to the American

where we sold him a sub. He is

connected with a radical campus

J. G. W., a devoted Militant

booster in Kewanee, Ill., sent in

Comrade Andrews is being pressed

The Twin Cities aren't able to ployer." make definite plans, but if Minne-Akron's subscription campaign is

apolis and St. Paul have a joint affair, the tentative plan is a dinner or banquet followed by a movie nor sent this note with four subs: and social evening.

Boston is planning an "Annual but still retains the lead." Militant Benefit Affair" in the headquarters.

San Diego's Annual Militant Cele- about a new sub: "This subscriber bration will be "probably a dance." The specific plans will be discussed Veterans Committee convention at the next branch executive committee meeting.

tabloid published in Kansas. We San Francisco will hold a cabaret- sold 35 copies of The Militant style social at its headquarters. Bar- at the AVC convention and could bara Jay explains: "We are plan- have sold many more - if we'd ning a very good affair and I hope had them." the rest of the branches are follow-

ing up the same way." The Los Angeles Local campaign two more subs for friends.

brought in 39 new subscriptions to The Militant this week. Westside T. C. of New York City sent a Branch, San Pedro, and Los Ancontribution to The Militant Fund.

geles proper account for ten subs We know this is a big sacrifice each. Pauline Lodge of Westside because this friend has just gone Branch tells us that one of their back to work after being on the best sub-getters "is an Indian com- picket line for months.

Record Attendance At Mid-West Camp

LITTLE PLEASANT LAKE, MICH., July 12 - Tonight the campers will mark the close of the second week of Mid-West Camp The next most important outlet and School with another edition of the "Mid-West Follies." In this for industry has been foreign trade. impromptu amateur entertainment the various cities vie with each Here the capitalists are obviously other in presenting the best skit, prepared to "prime the pump" in

song or dance. The biggest hit of School here-last week. Michael

last week's show was the parody Bartell, Chicago, organizer of the of "Old MacDonald Had A Farm" Socialist Workers Party, presented the nature of these credits are clear rendered by the barber-shop quar- a series of talks on the building of

the revolutionary working class

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party in the United States.

Germany.

devout gratitude for the blessings What a Mother Finds In "The Militant"

A Trotskvist

time.

"The Opposition center decided

"The transforming of this politi-

your sounds of rejoicing are empty and I want him to stay that way. cal necessity into an abstract moral your shouts of liberty and equality, dividing the world . . . into Chris- proclaim: Pereat mundus, fiat jushollow mockery; your prayers and tians and Jews and Muslims and ticia! (The world can perish, long



and before the Chinese Revolution, tem. They have learned nothing;

tion abortion. They presented an they expected a repetition of pre-

New York Trotsky disavowed both the article obviously hoping to reach last and the existence of Lenin's Testayear's record levels. Truman's economic advisors, who Eastman is, I understand, a morhave thus far been distinctly pessialist and I would be of the opinion that Trotsky was lacking in ele- mistic, are reported to have revised mentary political honesty were I their estimates of a 1947 "recession,"

By John G. Wright

to believe that he did this. seeing now rose petals where yes-Alexander Szostak, terday they were able to discern New York only sharpest thorns.

Editorial Note: Shortly before his At all events, the stress from the 1945 all the conditions for such a death, Lenin wrote a letter which official agencies in the last period course were at hand and the masses among other things warned the has been almost exclusively on the Communist Party to beware of brightest colors in the economic This letter came to be picture. Where before they sought known as "Lenin's Testament." to minimize the depth of an un-Eastman published this Testa- avoidable economic "readjustment," ment without permission of the the trend today is to deny that Left Opposition. The timing in- any such developments are in prosjured the struggle against the Stalin pect.

faction. Trotsky signed a document The newspapers and business forced upon him by the majority periodicals have by and large folof the Political Bureau, which while lowed suit, playing up heavily all saying nothing about a letter did "record" statistics - record emplcyment, record dollar volume of redeny an "official" Testament existtail sales, "revival" of the slumping Trotsky's final words on this textile industry, and so on.

More and more capitalist experts stead of a previously encouraged "The new moralists quote, I "readjustment," this country's econheard, my terrible crime concerning omy will keep merrily rolling along

Eastman and Lenin's Testament. at current levels. What despicable hypocrites! Individual branches of industry,

they concede, may slump, but this "Eastman published the document At some of the meetings less than on his own initiative in a moment will take place without seriously af- perience. Furthermore, we pointed sonal jobs in agriculture, summer what he had to say and how much 2% participated in the elections. when our faction decided to inter- feeting the over-all situation. It is out that it was impossible to de- resort trade and other non-produc-The working masses feel that their rupt all public activity in order to as if these gentlemen were deter- termine in advance "the exact rate tive fields. In reality, factory em-"Fellow citizens; pardon me, allow interests are not being furthered avoid a premature split. Don't for mined to prove that they are orme to ask why I am called upon to by the unions and that they have get it was before the famous Anglo- ganically incapable of understandspeak here today, the Fourth of nothing to say about their fate, Russian Trade Union Committee ing the operations of their own sys-

even before the appearance of the they have forgotten nothing. Zinoview opposition. We were **PREVIOUS MISCONCEPTIONS**

obliged to maneuver in order to win For the most part the current "On the contrary, the Troika misconceptions of the capitalists



Diary of a Steel Worker

An Accordion and Life in General – By Theodore Kovalesky-

There are a million irritating or painful things But here's the thing that made me think of all bout being poor. Some are tragic, like not being this: It's a little thing, something that doesn't really ble to give your kids the right kind of food or the matter at all. I knew a man who went into a pawn

fore calling a doctor.



kind of education that you'd like shop one day about fifteen years ago and picked up them to have; or like waiting and an accordion for a few bucks. He was a friend of waiting until the last moment be- mine, and sometimes at his house I used to take

the accordion and squeeze a couple of songs out But most things about our lives of it. It wasn't hard to pick out a melody, aren't tragic; our lives rise to a Now, all my life, for some reason or other, climax of tragedy only at inter- I've wanted to own an accordion. It's fun to sit vals, and the time between them down and play some instrument when you've got is a long gray plain of monotony a few minutes to spare. I like to think of Joe Hill and irritation, a long succession sitting outside a bunkhouse playing an accordion

of little things that annoy and bother and worry. while the workers sang "Pie in the Sky" or "Casey It's no tragedy not to own an automobile. It Jones, the Union Scab" or some of his other rebel ould be one if you had to make an emergency songs. I don't know if Joe Hill ever had an accorrun to the hospital, but in general it's just an an- dion, but I like the picture.

noyance. It means you can't save money by shopping Only, I'll never have an accordion. If there are places where the prices are cheaper. It means a few dollars that don't have to go to the grocer that you can't escape the sultry Sunday afternoon or the butcher (both of them in the same chain after heat of the steel town and ride out into the country. nowadays) or the landlord, then they have to be An ice box doesn't bring tragedy to your house. set aside, because the landlord or the store or the It means that you can't store your food very long, doctor or someone else will be wanting them somethat you can't keep it as cold as you could in a time in the near future. And I don't NEED an' reirigerator, that you have to keep emptying the accordion the way I need a house or a meal or a pan of water beneath it so it won't get all over the suit. So I won't get the damn thing, although I kitchen floor. But that's certainly no trag(dy. guess I'll always have a yen for one.

It would be nice to wear good clothing, to be And isn't it the same with you? Isn't there dressed like the pictures in the magazines. We're something you've always had a desire for, that you not. We don't look anything like them; but we know you'll never have?

get along all right with our ready-made suits that That's one of the irritations of being poor, and we keep year after year until it's impossible to wear it's an irritation that's always with you, like a nail in your shoe that digs in every step you take. I

in times like these we don't go hungry. Day never heard of anybody dying from a nail in his after day in the plant we eat sandwiches. We get shoe, but I never heard of anybody who liked it. sick of them; sometimes in the hot weather we And I won't die if I don't get an accordion, and you throw them out or take them back home again un- won't die if you don't get whatever it is that you uched, but in general we eat them. There's no feel that way about . . . but damn it, it does make you sore, doesn't it!

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PAGE SIX MONDAY, JULY 28, 1947 **ROBERT WILLIAMS SCORES** O'DWYER'S STRIKE BREAKING

CIO Bank Clerks On Picket Line Battle Police



NEW YORK, July 24-"Every trade unionist in the city will cheer the determined stand of the Queens bus drivers who defied Mayor O'Dwyer and William Green and forced the resignation of Judge Wasservogel, the anti-union arbitrator, Robert Williams, Social,

ist Workers Party candidate for+ State Senate declared in a statement today.

"At the same time." William'r continued. "this situation must impress for all time in the mind of every worker the strike-breaking role of O'Dwyer. His present concession to the bus drivers was forced out of him by the strike and must not be permitted to obscure the mayor's strike-breaking.

"All the facts in the case prove this point. When the drivers struck to force Wasservogel out, O'Dwyer pulled every dirty trick in the book to break the strike and force them back on the job. He denounced the strike in a series of lying and frenzied statements. At the time he heaped bouquets of praise on Wasservogel, who had become the main obstacle to the wage increase the drivers were demanding.

"O'Dwyer wired Bill Green and Spradling, international president

ing has caused the rat hordes to the housing situation in the city's his mouth shut when the arbitrator tion. Mrs. Irene LeCompte, the

a golden harvest and are right now from the 7th District, will present sire. He cracked up on the stub- publican Party and take steps to



Striking members of the CIO United Office & Professional Workers outside the Brooklyn Trust Company defend themselves against the police who tried to break up a mass picket line. At right is Hurvey

Federated Picture of the union, demanding they break the strike.

I real-estate sharks the green light cycle and in patrol cars gave the sponsibility for O'Dwyer's strike-

"Let every trade unionist ask was such a crime for the bus driv- who supported O'Dwyer for office

breaking move not for lack of de-

number of scabs and on the sympathy of the majority of the work-

cards.



ROBERT WILLIAMS "Once again we get the true

measure of O'Dwyer's so-called pro-Then he stood hand in glove with labor attitude. His actions in the the bus companies while they Queens bus strike, like his actions moved against the strikers, threat- in the bank strike in Brooklyn ened to fire the drivers if they did where his cops continue to club the not return at once, and attempted strikers speak a thousand times to run the buses with scabs. louder than his cheap declarations O'Dwyer's cops on foot, on motor- against the Taft-Hartley law. Rebreaking rests heavily on the leaders of the CIO and AFL, on the

"Our party has warned in the

past that the workers of New York "O'Dwyer failed in his strike- est dangers until they break clean with Tammany Hall and the Redo the same in the State Capitol.

ing class public who refused to ride 3,200 Signatures FLAYS JIM CROW For R. Williams AT ROCKAWAY BEACH Top Legal Quota NEW YORK, July 24 -- "I NEW YORK, July 19 - The heartily endorse the actions plancampaign to place Robert Wilned to wipe out discrimination in Rockaway Beach bathhouses and liams, Socialist Workers Party urge every Negro and white worker | candidate for State Senate, on the

warm reception among workers in

fight against discriminaiton.

to give it full support," ballot went over the top

Robert Williams, Socialist Workers lition, connectors canvassing the

Party candidate for State Senate area brought in 1,450 signatures,

declared in a statement today. making a total of 3,200 signatures.

ed, "began with a test case in which natures for an independent candi-

the management of the Park Inn date to qualify for State Senate.

bathhouse admitted white persons The campaign committee for Robert

seeking entry, but refused admis- Williams is shooting for a quota of

sions to Negroes in the same group. 4,500 signatures in order to be on

The manager gave the phony ex- the safe side. By the time this

cuse that the Negroes were refused article appears it is confidently ex-

because they were not "members" pected that another rally will see

group also lacked membership Petition collectors reported a

CIO Railroad Union

An event of major significance for American railroad labor is

the recent collective bargaining election victory of the CIO United

Wins PRR Election

although the white persons in the the quota filled.

"This action," Williams continu- The election law requires 3,000 sig-

A great many protessional and amateur book re- rected against the Negro people; he also shows his viewers jumped on Sinclair Lewis with both feet hero fighting back against it. By implication, therefor his latest book, Kingsblood Royal. For the most fore, Lewis approves of the Negro's resistance to part these people did not like the violence. That is what people like Poling don't book because it spoke some plain like; that is what they call "stirring up our most

Jim Crow and "Melodrama"

-By Albert Parker-



tragedy there.

them on the streets any longer.

The Negro Struggle

tionalism."

mob violence in his last chapter."

truths about race prejudice and evil social passions." If they had written the book, Jim Crow. For them such truths they would have ended it with some pap about the were "melodrama" and "sensa- brotherhood of God as the answer to "good race relationships."

They particularly disliked the In this dispute between the Poling viewpoint and end of the book where the hero, the Lewis viewpoint, the great majority of militant

nortly after discovering he had a remote Negro Negroes, we are sure, will be found on Lewis' side. cestor, is forced to defend his home, gun in hand, It is a fact that the fight against Jim Crow and against a white supremacist mob trying to drive him lynch terror is truly loaded with violence, and you from a "white neighborhood." "The end of the story cannot change facts by agreeing to ignore them or s straight melodrama," said one reviewer. And an- not to speak of them. It is a fact, no matter who ther, an ecclesiastical scoundrel who is now whoop- likes it or is responsible for it, and the only way ing it up for peacetime conscription, Dr. Daniel A. to deal with facts is to recognize them.

Foling, condemned the book as "a threat to good It goes without saying that Negroes aren't responrace relationships in America" because: "A man is sible for it any more than they were for the violence not justified in stirring up our most evil social pas- of the Civil War, and that they would prefer to sions unless he has a better conclusion than the conduct the fight against Jim Crow on the most peaceable and non-violent basis. But the white One of the truths Lewis has stated in this book supremacists won't let them do that. And every is that the "Negro question" is filled with dynamite, Negro with a spark of self-respect knows that it's with violence. Is that "melodramatic" or is it true? either fight or submit - either resist the blows of Every Negro in the country knows it is true. Where Jim Crow or give up all hope of ever winning equal hey cannot keep the Negro down by their laws and rights.

"enstoms," the white supremacists never hesitate to For saying this we will probably be accused of use force. Just two weeks ago The Militant printed "advocating" violence. That won't worry us too dispatch from Chicago telling how white mobs much. We, who are trying to get rid of the capitalwere attacking and stoning the homes of two Negro ist system, are the real opponents of the Jim Crow families because they dared to move into a "white violence which it spawns. The real responsibility neighborhood." Was that a case of melodrama too? for continued violence rests on the Polings who are Lewis not only shows that there is violence di- trying to preserve this barbaric system.



Plague of Rats Menaces

By Max Geldman

Hamelin town in Robert Browning's famous tale has struck Phila- the rat-breeding, disease-spreading himself: If, as O'Dwyer alleged, it Social Democrats and the Stalinists delphia. From residents all over the city complaints about disease- hovels. bearing rats are pouring into the Division of Housing and Sanita-Socialist Workers Party will make ers to walk out on a foul ball arbi-trator, why does the Mayor keep gandists ever since. tion.

Newspapers report huge dam- prosper and to menace the health rat-plagued areas, one of the main resigns to permit a settlement of age to food and property. Scores and lives of workers and their fam- issues in the coming municipal elec- the issues that caused the strike? will expose themselves to the gravof children have been bitten. A ilies.

gunner's mate stationed at Philajacking up rentals. The Republi- an all-sided housing program to born resistance of the drivers, on put a Labor mayor and a Labor delphia Naval Base, had her arm gnawed from hand to the shoulder. can city administration has re- provide decent homes for workers the failure to drum up a sufficient Council in office in New York and A three year old girl on S. 4th fused to pass a municipal rent- and clean out the rat-infested St. had her left cheek bitten control ordinance, thus giving the slums.

through. A five year old boy on N. Howard St. was twice bitten. A two-year old boy on N. 11th St had his face and right arm chewed

Frankel, injured Union man.

savagely that she died.

other cases. The local press has Chicago Local died here suddenly carried heart-rending accounts of

less battles against rats that swarm In the death of Comrade Lewis

Families Phila. Slums PHILA., Pa., July 18—A modern version of the rat plague in evictions, while doing nothing about "Let every trade



two month old girl, daughter of a The landlords continue to reap party candidate for the Council

A few months ago, an infant child on 9th St. was mangled so

Philadelphia hospitals have many

families conducting lone and hope- on July 17.

into their homes.

CROCODILE TEARS

— By Joseph Hansen

An acute affliction has hit Johnson County, Ten- Meanwhile 2,500 laborers are Idle. Some of them nessee: "bean headache" - a disease no amount of were imported from Georgia, Florida and as far away aspirin will cure. Publicized as the leading bcan area ers, guaranteed \$15 a week by the Government until



to 60c a bushel.

in the United States, Johnson County September 1, are reported to be turning the stoppage had a crop of snap beans this year the sudden unemployment is nothing less than disestimated a few short weeks ago at astrous. \$1,500,000. The market opened at ting only \$15 a week and the total is plenty."

folding money to the growers.

"It seems funny," said one grower, "the first of \$3 a bushel. With field hands get- the week we couldn't get sufficient help, now there

cost of production at \$1.35 a bushel To some of the growers, the crash in prices is the lush green fields looked like pure a complete mystery. Others think that high prices induced farmers in other areas to expand produc-

as the Bahamas to harvest the beans. These work-

It was when the growers began tion of snap beans, thus glutting the market. converting the crop into the kind of green you can The Johnson County growers are not taking the add to a bank account that they were suddenly catastrophe lying down. They burned the wires to afflicted with "bean headache." Within a few devas- their political representative in Congress, Dayton tating days the price slumped from \$3 a bushel E. Phillips. And he immediately hit the floor, demanding Government action.

The Commodity Credit Corporation, he said, has You might suppose this drop in prices would benefit consumers who have been paying about 12½ c \$500,000,000 at its disposal out of which it can make and up a pound for snap beans at the corner groc- up the growers' financial losses. Also in Agriculery. Isn't that what the capitalists have been con- tural Fund No. 32 "there is sufficient authority to ending - remove price controls, step up production, help the bean growers." Besides this, the Emergency and consumers will benefit by prices coming down? Appropriation Act of 1948 makes it possible for the But it didn't work out that way. With the cost government "to purchase the beans for the world of production at \$1.35 a bushel it doesn't pay growers market."

to harvest beans that bring only 60c. It's more As for the consumers who will continue to pay profitable to plow them under and try to get in a highway robber prices for beans, and the workers

teday you can see one of those dramatic scenes After all, if they want relief from high prices characteristic of the capitalist system - farmers out and unemployment let them put their own political in the broiling sun frantically plowing under a crop representatives in Congress. The bean growers and Phillips have a different headache to take care of. at the exact time it is ready to be harvested.

different crop by fall. And so in Johnson County thrown out of jobs, Phillips had nothing to say.

Notes from the News

RICH GET RICHER—A recent Washington sur- batch fell after an uptown explosion. A couple weeks vey reports that billion dollar corporations now num- ago a mid-town building crashed into a heap a few ber 45, two more than a year ago and nearly double moments after all occupants had been removed. Last



the number in 1929. Topping the week a four-story tenement on West 11th St. belist are banks and insurance gan to crack up and was evacuated and roped off. companies, with 8-billion-dollar * * * Metropolitan Life leading the EDUCATION IN DEMOCRACY-James T. Far-

pack.

rell's Studs Lonigan, one of the few books which American prisoners in Germany were not allowed to HOW LONG TO LIVE?-Al- read because it was so anti-Nazi, has now been barred bert Einstein and other Atomic scientists expect an by the U.S. Army from publication in Germany, Col-

umnist Drew Pearson reported July 19. * * *

FRIENDS OF POLL TAXERS-Democratic Consmen voted 98 to 73 against an anti-poll tax bill hich Republicans pushed through the House July 21 nerely to embarrass the Democrats. The Republicans know the bill will never go any farther.

* * * The weekly basic wage of 20,000 New York City already at an all-time high of more than \$10,000,000,mployes is less than \$25.

mic war within eight years at the outside.

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* * * HOUSES CRACK UP-While new housing falls serve Board's plea to retain present credit restrictbehind political promises, several New York tene- ions, the House voted July 22 to terminate federal nts have collapsed in recent months. The first control of consumer credit.

One out of every seven U.S. workers is employed in automotive or related industries, says the Automobile Manufacturers Association. The total of 8,200,000 includes 4,750,000 truck drivers and 800,000 on production and parts.

GREASING THE SKIDS-With consumer credit 000, and in the face of President Truman's warnings that credit is dangerously high, and of the Federal Re-

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and debris."

the Socialist Workers Party and the working class have lost a loyal

These tragedies that have befallen comrade, a true friend, and a tireso many workers' families have loss fighter for truth and justice. thus far elicited little more than Homer Lewis devoted his entire crocodile tears from the city auilfe to one purpose - to serve the thorities. The Republican dominated city machine from Mayor Ber- interests of the oppressed and downnard Samuel to the City Council trodden.

have confined themselves to allo-Born in Kings Ferry, Fla., in cating \$75,000 to exterminate the 1910, Homer came to Chicago in rats and to holding a meeting of 1920. He reached adulthood at the the Council of Social Agencies. time when the 1929 crisis of Amer-It is openly admitted by city auican capitalism was condemning thorities that the funds allocated millions to unemployment, hunger and forces mobilized are entirely and homelessness.

inadequate to cope with the rat menace. ents can give only temporary relief joined the Workers Alliance and in the campaign to secure jobs for at best. It is necessary to strike became Grievance Chairman of his Negroes as driver salesmen on the

at their breeding places — the city local. dumps, the over-crowded slums Later, during the war boom, he with their garbage littered streets. went to work in the shipyards. People. It is common knowledge that Here he again threw himself into

Philadelphia has some of the worst the workers' struggles and became slum areas in the country. Its gar- a Steward and Local Grievance bage disposal system has been a Committee Chairman of the CIO people for freedom and equality. Shipbuilders Union. scandal for decades. The worst slum districts are those All his life Homer Lewis sought

Club. where Philadelphia's huge Negro to understand the source of the population of 290,000 lives. The social injustice he saw around him. Philadelphia edition of the Pitts- He came to understand that these burgh Courier has been exposing evils could never be abolished until him for his services as a member Railroad Workers of America on the Pennsylvania Railroad. the inhuman conditions to which the capitalist system had been abol- of the Executive Committee of the the Negroes have been subjected, ished by the oppressed of all races. Peoples Consumers Cooperative. living, as the Courier reporter says, Acting on this inescapable conclu- Just the Sunday before his death, in slums "where homes collapse sion, Homer Lewis joined the So- with great effort he attended the the eight crafts of the Maintenance other non-operating departments because of rot, where babies die in cialist Workers Party in 1946. fire-traps, where rats, roaches and In his party he distinguished

without bathtubs or adequate toilet ty and devotion. He quickly won ganizations despite severe and facilities."

SLUM CLEARANCE NEEDED

ship of his comrades, and was tation of his right arm last year. The real solution is a slum clear- chosen to carry the banner of the Despite this, he was always so ance program that would wipe out party in the first election campaign cheerful and uncomplaining that the infested areas where rats bread, ever conducted by the Socialist few comrades realize how serious

menacing not only the workers but Workers Party in the state of Illin- was his illness. ois. He was the party's candidate The last year of his life, the year The company union won the ma- steel bridge gangs, etc. the entire city.

Philadelphia lags behind other for alderman from the Third Ward. of his worst illness and operation, chinists by a narrow margin of This is the biggest gain for "inmajor cities which are all in crying He thus added an important chap- was the year of Comrade Lewis' 5,365 to 5,162. The carmen are the dustrial unionism on the railroads need of housing. The Committee ter to the history of the party, and richest contribution to the workers' largest single craft, numbering 18,- in modern railway labor history. on Social Education and Action of thereby also of the working class struggle. 979. the Presbytery of Philadelphia esti- and Negro people of Chicago.

mated in a recent survey that the In the South Side of Chicago ers will never forget you, Comrade the CIO union won a majority company unionism in its major city needs immediately 40,000 new Lewis was recognized as one of the Homer. We will all carry on the among the Boilermakers, Moulders stronghold, the PRR, which has dedwelling units. More than one-fifth best fighters against discrimination battle for a socialist world that will and Powerhouse Employes and the fied organization by the 21 sepof Negro-occupied dwellings require and the terrible living conditions end Jim Crow and all exploitation Rail Shop Laborers. The company arate railway unions that have major repairs; more than one- imposed upon the Negro people. As and injustice. We will be inspired union maintained its control over dominated the field up to now. treasurer of the Committee of by your courage and devotion. the Blacksmiths, numbering 1,296. The CIO's victory on the PRR third lack private baths .

The Survey points out an "al- Racial Equality and one of its old- While we mourn your passing, we The AFL ran third in all eight system will attract the attention most complete lack of parks and est members, he was active in many pledge ourselves to continue to or- crafts. playgrounds" in the most congest- struggles against Jim Crow. He ganize and fight for the ideas for However, those who voted for the country. Undoubtedly, this will ed areas, "frequent violations" of was one of the leaders in the battle which you fought. sanitary regulations and the pre- against discrimination at the White We dip the stainless banner of their ballots for the CIO on the volt among the members of the valence of "vacant lots with rubbish City Roller Skating Rink and in the Socialist Workers Party over run-offs to ensure the victory of AFL railway craft unions and the the Conference to Combat Terror- the fresh grave of our fallen com- genuine unionism against company five brotherhoods of operating em-This decay and neglect of hous- ism Against Minorities, organized to rade. unionism. and the start



HOMER LEWIS

"It is a source of encouragement the Harlem area, who expressed indefend the home of Mrs. Grace that the NAACP has thrown its terest and sometimes enthusiasm in Comrade Lewis plunged into the Hardy, when it was bombed by organization of the unemployed. He vigilante terrorists. He was active full support behind the action. It the campaign for Robert Williams. has endorsed the picket line to be Comrade Williams is the only Neheld at the bathhouses Saturday gro candidate in the area who will and Sunday, July 26-27 and will stand on a platform of real workprosecute the case in the courts if ing class struggle and a genuine

member of the National Association necessary. for the Advancement of Colored

He was a keen student of the history of the struggles of the Negro He was an active member and treasurer of the DuSable History

Lewis' many friends in the coopcrative movement will remember The URRWA-CIO defeated the The URRWA-CIO announces it PRR's company union in six of is making a drive to organize all meeting of the Executive Board.

bargaining rights for 37,372 work- handlers, clerks, freight handlers, Homer Lewis carried on the strugers employed by one of the two baggage handlers and station embedbugs swarm, where people live himself, as in everything, by loyal- gle and was active in all these orlargest railway systems in the ployes. It also reports that the country. the respect, confidence and friend- chronic illness that forced an ampu-

ball is rolling among the PRR's Results of a run-off election, re- Maintenance of Way and Miscelported in the Railroad Labor Edi- laneous Employes Department, intion of the July 7 CIO News, show cluding track workers, water treatthe URRWA-CIO the winner in a ing plant operators, ice plant emcontest for the Sheet Metal Work- ployes, timber treating plant op-

ers, Electrical Workers and Carmen. erators, bridge and building gangs,

It gives the CIO a substantial base

Your comrades and fellow-work- In the first election on May 1, in the industry. It undermines

of railroad workers all over the

AFL in the original election cast give an impetus to the growing re-

ployes.