Troops Will Aid Dictators In Greece, U. S. Threatens

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SWP Flays Truman Indonesian Policy State Dept. Undertakes Defense Of U.S. Aid to Dutch Imperialists

Of U.S. Aid to Dutch Imperialists

Cannon Hits Evasions By Asst. Secretary Of State, Armour

NEW YORK, Aug. 13-James P. Cannon, National Secretary of the Socialist Workers Party, today released to the press his reply to Norman Armour, Assistant Secretary of State, who in a letter to the SWP had undertaken an official defense of the Truman administration's refusal to recall lend-lease equipment used by the Dutch imperialists in their total war against the Indonesian Republic

Armour's letter of Aug. 6 was in answer to a protest, addressed to President Truman, that denounced U.S. aid to the Dutch rulers.

In his letter, Armour officially acknowledges that the Dutch have actually used lend-lease material against the Indonesians and furthermore that the lend-lease agreement does provide for recapture of such material by the U.S. In view of these admissions, Cannon in his reply (see text below) emphatically repeats the demand

that the Truman administration exercise its right of lend-lease re-Editorial

"STATE DEPT. INDICTS ITSELF" - See Page 4 -

capture and thereby prevent further use of American tanks, artillery and planes to slaughter the fighters for Indonesian independence.

Truman's refusal to do so, Cannon points out, is a confirmation of the fact that the Atlantic Charter

TEXT OF PROTEST MADE BY SWP July 24, 1947

President Harry S. Truman White House

Washington, D. C. 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.

> James P. Cannon National Secretary Socialist Workers Party

TEXT OF REPLY BY STATE DEPT. DEPARTMENT OF STATE WASHINGTON

August 6, 1947 Mr. James P. Cannon, National Secretary, Socialist Workers Party, 116 University Place, New York, N. Y. My dear Mr. Cannon ·

I have received by reference from the White House your telegram of July 24, 1947, addressed to the President, in which you protest the use of American planes and other American military equipment by the Netherlands forces in Indonesia and request the President to demand the immediate return of this lend-lease materiel.

Your assumption that this materiel was originally supplied to the Dutch to assist in the prosecution of the war is correct. is equally true that the Lend-Lease Settlement Agreement between the United States and Netherlands Govrnments reserves the right to each government to recapture any arms, ammunition and implements of war supplied under lend-lease. However, the agreement also contains a provision to the effect that each government has indicated that it does not intend to exercise generally its right of recapture of such articles. The attitude of the U.S. Government to the situation in Indonesia is and has been to render all proper assistance both to the Republic of Indonesia and the Netherlands Government to reach a settlement of the points at issue between them on the basis of the Linggadjati Agreement which was signed on March 25, 1947. This Government has on several occasions urged both sides to reach a negotiated settlement in a spirit of good faith and compromise, and on July 21, 1947 publicly expressed profound regret that negotiation had been discarded as the means of achieving the voluntary association between the Netherlands and Indonesian peoples contemplated by the Linggadjata Agreement. As you are undoubtedly aware, the Netherlands-Indonesian matter has been brought to the attention of the Security Council by the Governments of Australia and India, and the Council has called on both parties to cease nostilities and settle their disputes by arbitration or other peaceful means. Also, the United States Government has offered its good offices with a view to assisting the Indonesians and the Netherlands Government to compose their differences. This offer is in line with this Government's firmly announced policy of promoting a peaceful and equitable solution of the problem on the basis of a voluntary agreement between both parties, and with the action of the Security Council. Sincerely yours. For the Secretary of State: (Signed) NORMAN ARMOUR **Assistant Secretary**

Detroit SWP Runs Lerner For Mayor

NEW YORK, N. Y., MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 1947.

THE

DETROIT, Aug. 13-Howard Lerner, chairman of the Detroit Socialist Workers Party, yesterday filed as mayoralty candidate in the coming municipal election. Lerner was formerly a member of the UAW Ford Local 600 Executive Board, a chief steward in UAW Local 208 and a delegate to the Wayne County CIO Council.

In a statement to the press, the SWP candidate declared that if the labor movement had fulfilled its obligation to run a labor slate, he and his party would not now be in the field. If labor would yet run an active unionist for Mayor, Lerner said he would gladly withdraw his candidacy.

"Above all," he stated, "recent history shows that those who are not from labor's ranks cannot be relied on to fight seriously against squalid housing conditions, rising prices, racial discrimination and anti-labor legislation.

"The need of the hour is independent political action by labor. The greatest stress of our campaign will be on the need for an independent labor party."

HITS THE NEEDY

the rich," he said.

homeless."

Lerner struck sharply at taxation which hits the needy but not the greedy. The new three cents per pack cigarette tax and the three cents on the donar 1000 tax were

tion to improve the situation.



Workers of the World, Unite!

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PUBLISHED WEEKLY IN THE INTERESTS OF THE WORKING PEOPLE

UNION LARED 9



Could Rally 37 Million **To Its Fold**

PRICE: FIVE CENTS

A labor party, based on a unified trade union movement, could sweep the country. It could mobilize into its ranks a possible 37,000,000 members.

This is the frank admission of Daniel J. Tobin, president of the 900,000-member AFL Teamsters union, made Aug. 12 to the union's San Francisco convention. His assertion carries all the more weight because Tobin is one of the most conservative union officials, a loyal servant of the Democratic Party and a bitter opponent of any third party movement. He boasted to the convention that he has fought the labor party idea for 41 years.

Tobin's statement is a striking confirmation, from the lips of a capitalist-minded labor leader, of what the Socialist Workers Party and union militants have claimed for many years. A labor party, based on the unions, would rally to its fold the greatest and most powerful political mass movement this country has ever known. GROWING SENTIMENT

Such an admission from a union leader like Tobin, one of the most

under which this lend-lease was extended is "just another scrap of paper no more seriously intended than innumerable other diplomatic pronouncements in wartime."

The conduct of the State Depart ment is all the more reprehensible in view of its "unilateral intervention" in Indonesian affairs, says Cannon. This includes the huge loan of \$195,000,000 just granted the Netherlands government by the World Bank.

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Most flagrant is the contrast between the Truman administration's vigorous actions to allegedly safeguard the "independence" of such autocratic governments as Greece and Turkey and its refusal to lift a finger in safeguarding the independence of the Indonesian Republic. No loans have been offered the Indonesians, and none are envisaged "Why not," asks Cannon.

The State Department has been most sensitive to charges of imperialism, yet how else are its policies to be construed? "So long as the actions of the State Department continue to run directly counter to its public avowals, it will stand condemned in the judgment of the American people and of world public opinion," Cannon concludes.

singled out as the kind of taxes the SWP fights to repeal. "Place **Of Price Conspirators** the burden where it belongs - on Action on the acute housing crisis

is also required from the city ad-In a move to head off any | doesn't-it could double the prison giant corporations." But fifty years ministration. The shortage of homes, population in 24 hours. new union wage drive inspired forcing 40% of the veterans to That's about all the time it should Democratic and Republican adminisdouble up, is the direct responsi- by rampaging prices, the Tru- take to round up most of the govern- trations alike has not changed the where near the size envisaged by bility of the real estate sharks and man administration has made banks who rake in high rents and

therefore oppose any effective accost, low-rent housing program of living. without delay," Lerner said. "Divert Attorney General Tom Clark an-

the money poured into war preparanounced on Aug. 12 that the Departtions! The city must house the ment of Justice will now "investigate" whether any "ccinspiracies'

Lerner's statement also included exist to maintain and raise present a bitter attack on restrictive coven- high prices in food, clothing and ant provisions which serve to divide housing.

white and Negro workers and pit Truman pretends the cause of them against each other. Wiping booming inflation is something unout these provisions, he pointed out, known, requiring "study" and "inis a necessary step in the united vestigation" before effective action fight for decent homes for all. can be taken. Then, if any "con-Besides having a long and honor- spiracies" are detected by the Jusable record in the labor movement, tice Department, it will get tough-Howard Lerner is an Army veteran. it may even demand jail penalties. He served through six major cam- But the compirators are ulready paigns and holds a silver and two known! And if the Justice Department meant business—which it bronze stars.

ment officials and Congressmen, the trend an iota, as Clark himself leaders of the Republican and Dem- states. another gesture to convince the ocratic parties, the officers and Despite this latest "investigation," workers it is "doing some- members of the National Associa- the workers can expect this capital-"Detroit must embark on a low- thing" to halt the soaring cost tion of Manufacturers, the owners ist government to do nothing but

and executives of all the big cor- whitewash the profiteers, protect porations and all the Wall Street the monopolists and sabotage any financiers. To begin with, a nice effective action against the capitallittle cell could be reserved for the ist marauders. U. S. Steel-Trust,

First of all, the inflation is being

fueled by the titanic war debt of

nearly 260 billion dollars, the still-

to-be-paid price of American im-

perialist participation in World War

II and the hundred billion dollars of

war loot grabbed by the big corpor-

ations. It is being accelerated by

the Truman Doctrine and its near-

lv 40 billion dollar annual federal

budget, mostly for preparation of

This inflation is being monstrously

aggravated by the insatiable profit

lust of the capitalists, aided and

abetted by their government and all

its departments, agencies and

branches. Corporation profits are now running at a rate four and a

the Third Imperialist World War.

WAR COSTS FIRST

powerful figures in the AFL, reflects the enormous growth of rankand-file labor sentiment for a party of their own to smash the twoparty political monopoly of Wall Street and wipe out the Taft-Hartof talk about "trust-busting" by ley Slave Labor Law.

If labor could build a party any-Tobin — and it can — it could roll up a greater national vote than any party has ever done before. It could wreck Wall Street's Democratic Party of big city bosses and Southern Bourbons overnight and overwhelm Wall Street's Republican Party of avowed capitalist reaction.

With such prospects and with the repeatedly demonstrated anti-labor character of both major parties, why is no labor party immediately. launched? The responsibility for this indefensible failure lies square-If Attorney General Clark ly and entirely on the shoulders of vestigation" of high-price-fixing the top trade union leaders. AFL and CIO.

They would rather cling to their conspiracy, exclusive of the main utterly bankrupt policy of supporting the Democratic and Republican These are the capitals of the parties - a policy that has led di-46 states whose legislatures have rectly to the era of the Slave Labor passed laws prohibiting retailers Law - than to lead labor to pofrom reducing certain prices! We refer to the so-called "Fair Praclitical power in Washington and smash the rule of the billionaires. tices" statutes that forbid, un-Let labor's ranks rise up in their der penalty, the retail sale of wrath and repudiate such craven certain commodities below prices and treacherous leaders. The labor party must be built - NOW!

P. CANNON'S ANSWER TO ARMOUR Norman Armour.

Assistant Secretary of State, Washington, D. C. Dear Sir:

My telegram of July 24, 1947 regust 6 cannot be construed otherquested President Truman to demand the immediate return by the wise than as a flat refusal by Presi-Netherlands government of lenddent Truman and the State Départment to invoke the recapture prolease equipment which is being employed in a war of conquest against visions under lend-lease.

the Indonesian people. Your reply of August 6, 1947 impels me to argument that these provisions are repeat this justifiable request. In the name of the State De-

clause in the agreement to the efpartment you have acknowledged fect that the United States is the following basic facts: (1) that pledged "not to exercise generally Netherlands forces have actually its right of recapture of such artemployed, as they still do, lend- icles."

I cannot accept this argument. lease equipment against the Indonesian Republic; (2) that this Involved here are not any "general" equipment was originally supplied propositions, but a specific instance to the Dutch, under restrictive pro- of a specific and glaring violation visions, prohibiting its use in viola- of the terms of lend-lease and the tion of the Atlantic Charter; and avowed aims of the Atlantic Char-(3) that the lend-lease agreement ter under which it was extended.

provides, as you say, for the recap- If the recapture provisions do not ture of "any arms, ammunition and apply in the case of this flagrant implements of war supplied under violation of the rights of the Indolend-lease nesian people to independence, of

They are inescapable conclusions from both your own official assertions and the avowed policy of the State Department.

Yet your communication of Au-

You base this refusal on the rendered inoperative by another

JAMES P. CANNON

rule, freedom from fear, and so on - then just when do these provisions apply? Surely the State Department is

seriously intended than innumerable other diplomatic pronouncesolemn commitments further confirms this opinion.

reestablish their colonial rule there. foreign policy. Only the other day the World

tacit agreement of the State Department. The Indonesian people would surely be justified in view

These cannot be considered as their claims to freedom from co- not unaware that there is a grow- ing this loan as strengthening the mere "assumptions" on my part. lonialism and all other tyrannical ing body of public opinion that hands of those who seek to enslave

tion is plainly unilateral - it gives

half times greater than in 1939 and views the Atlantic Charter and its them. I know of no plans whatever 70% higher than in the peak war oft-proclaimed lofty goals, as just to extend any loans to the Indo. profits year of 1943. another scrap of paper, no more nesian Republic. Why not?

and of world public opinion.

Remember-in July, 1946, a Demo-In the name of defending the cratic Congress passed and Truman "independence" of such notoriously ments in wartime. The State De- despotic regimes as those in Greece signed a price decontrol bill giving a partment's failure in the case of and Turkey, neither the President green light to the price-gougers. Truman followed up in September Indonesia to live up to its own nor the State Department hesitated by lifting virtually all remaining long before asking Congress for price controls, and particularly on hundreds of millions of dollars. By meat.

passed a whole series of special

produce than in 1946. General workers of the Tuscaloosa (Ala.) negotiations on Monday, Aug. 18, Bank released a loan of \$195,000,000 State Department continue to run Motors has lifted its prices againto the Netherlands government. directly counter to its public avow- for cars that have the same insides striking Tuesday, 48-hours before gotiations on a company-wide col-This action could hardly have been als, it will stand condemned in the as those of 1941. There is no men- the national strike deadline. taken without the knowledge and judgment of the American people tion of "investigating" these price thieves.

Yours truly, Clark admits, in his statement, movement, was all set to meet the policy committee. James P. Cannon, that the "gravest threat" lies in the company's arrogant challenge in its The Goodrich agreement should National Secretary, "increasing concentration of power traditionally fighting fashion. It strengthen the union against the Socialist Workers Party in the hands of a small number of was scheduled to strike Friday mid- last "Big Four" holdout, Firestone.

walkout. The company's surrender was anone of the "Big Four" of the rubber Gocdrich Company has today adindustry, capitulated. Some 900 vised me of its willingness to start URWA Local 351 beat the gun by and proceed promptly with such nelective bargaining agreement." The

The 15,000-member Gocdrich Lo- final decision to postpone the strike cal 5 here, spark-plug of the strike is to be made by the union locals'

today made a last-minute about-face and accepted the CIO United Rubber Workers demand for the negotiation of a company-wide contract instead of thin in a progressively spreading separate plant agreements. Militant rubber workers in scven widely-scattered plants of the com- nounced today by URWA President Just two weeks ago, the steel trust pany were already moving into L. S. Buckmaster, who stated: " boosted steel prices, with U.S. Steel strike formation when Goodrich, am pleased to announce that the

Akron Rubber Bows

Before Strike Threat

AKRON, Aug. 13-Confronted with a national tie-up of

Attention, Mr. Clark!

means business about his "in-

conspiracies, we can direct him

to 46 centers of such criminal

center, Washington, D.C.

fixed by manufacturers.

Your assurances that the State what logic are the Indonesian Department is not standing aside people, fighting to preserve their with folded arms, but intervening independence, excluded from all actively in the Indonesian situation, such aid, while substantial loans

are not enough. For this interven- | are being extended the Dutch? This striking contrast, too, canaid and assistance not to the em- | not fail to strengthen the mistrust battled Indonesian people but to in many circles, especially in the the Dutch who seek by bayonet to ranks of labor, of the government's

So long as the actions of the

charging \$5 to \$10 a ton more for steel that costs \$18 a tone less to

price-boosting measures, signed by Truman, such as the Rent Decontrol Bill, the Sugar Quota Bill, etc.

its plants by Saturday, the B. F. Goodrich rubber corporation This year a bi-partisan Congress, with a Republican majority, has

PAGE TWO

The Elemental Urge

and the discipline of the party are itself its own grave-digger.

the constantly growing proletariat. centralization which represents so-

But at the same time it socializes cialized labor. It takes organized

this critic used betrayed the men- shevik Party aim at giving this ele-

tual "familiar with neither the ganized, centralized character, based

TWO KINDS

– By J. R. Johnson -

tion of the means of production. It

takes organized political form as

In that famous chapter, Chapter

XXXII of Capital, Volume I, The

Historical Tendency of Capitalist

Accumulation, Marx writes that:

Centralization of the means of pro-

duction and socialization of labor

at last reach a point where they

become incompatible with their

capitalist integument, i.e., the capi-

talist society which encloses them.

the organic psychology of the work-

cialization of labor. The discipline

mental drive its own politically or-

cated by heavy industry, once he is

attracted to Bolshevism, has no

difficulty in grasping this, either in

practice or in theory. Very different

is the revolutionary intellectual.

Watch his conception of a prole-

tarian party and you will see that

it is the result of a middle-class

reaction against the capitalistic as-

pect of the factory and a substi-

tution for this of parliamentary-

democratic conceptions, perpetual

talking, perpetual reconsidering, in-

dividualistic anarchy. Lenin knew

this type well. Listen to him an-

alyzing one of them:

on cooperative collective work.

ers is emplanted there by the so- scious.

political form as Bolshevism.

There is a proletarian

To Socialism

rooted in the nature of capitalist

Capitalist production as it de-

velops, creates the most ruthless

centralization of productive forces

labor, brings more and more thous-

ands of workers into one conscious

collective cooperative process for

the production of commodities. This

collective, cooperative social process

is proletarian. Bolshevism is its

In the early days of Bolshevism,

one of its enemies hurled against

Lenin the accusation that he wanted

to build a party which would be

nothing else but "an immense fac-

tality of a petty-bourgeois intellec-

theory nor the practice of prole-

tarian organization." The factory

is a form of capitalist cooperation.

But it contains within it socialist

cooperation as well. Continued

"It is precisely Marxism as the

ideology of the proletariat trained

by capitalism, that has been teach-

ing unstable intellectuals to distin-

guish between the factory as an

instrument of exploitation (disci-

pline based on the fear of starva-

tion) and as a factor in organiza-

tion (discipline based on collective

work, united under conditions of

technically highly developed pro-

duction). The discipline and or-

ganization which it is so difficult

for the bourgeois intellectual to ac-

quire are easily acquired by the

proletariat precisely because of the

This is the theory of the Bolshe-

vik Party. Like every serious as-

pect of Bolshevism, it is built upon

American Labor After

Fourth International, now on

sale. There is no glossing over the fact that the labor move-

ment was dealt a severe body blow in this legislative action,

and that "the industrialists have

in the class war.

Taft-Hartley Act

factory 'school' he goes through."

in order to discipline and exploit faseism.

production itself.

political expression.

LENIN'S REPLY

tory."

Lenin:

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- MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 1947

Return to Death Mine



A miner returns to the recently reopened pit at Centralia, III., where 111 died in an explosion due to the owners' greed and negligence. Survivors of the dead miners were mulcted by undertakers who moved in after the tragedy like vultures. (See story in adjeining column.)

Federated Picture

Stalinists Capture Posts In NMU Port Elections

the union's leading body. By Art Sharon

represent always in the last analy-

sis the inability of the conscious

historical process to make any sort

ment of the proletariat.

organized Stalinist machine in the The Stalinists are waging an all-"He thinks of the Party organiof a center evokes from him tragic- Curran.

transformation is considered to be were elected to Port Agent and Port

An appraisal of the state of contributor). . . ." Any theory of party building or Council. The election of the four luctant to marshal the rank and file NMU internal struggle. This is true. party organization which is not merely confirms Stalinist control of opposition forces. Except for Cur-But it is only by default.

A proletarian, especially one of contact, either theoretical or

trained and disciplined and edu- practical, with the developing move-

democracy inside the NMU.

seats on the important National up to now have been extremely re- regained the upper hand in the

charge. ran's weekly column in The Pilot This second Stalinist victory and an occasional leaflet during the NEW YORK, Aug. 12—In a comes on the eve of the NMU Na- election campaigns nothing has been nation-wide by-election to fill tional Convention, which convenes done to counteract the extensive members opened and closed the 20 vacant union posts, the well- September 22 in New York City. Stalinist slander campaign.

This has led to considerable confusion and disorientation in the sion of labor under the leadership campaign against President Joseph have it repudiate Curran and the to become clouded over with false opposition generally. The Stalinist issues. Naturally, the Stalinist ma-

> In a recent issue of the Stalinist magazine, Political Affairs, Al Lannon, maritime director of the Com-

- as a survey of all the | tainment and "gifts" to government of that than I did." Elliott Roose-| mad. riotous scramble for war

Unions.

32 pages

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disclosures bears out. It is true that officials, military advisers, etc. This, velt accused the Senate committee wealth. Corporation dollar-a-year

graves without charge. 6 Disappointed **GIs Kill Selves** Eight American soldiers, while held in a Japanese Prison camp,

formed a pact to commit suicide if they failed to find happiness after World War II. Six have already taken their own lives. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., reported Aug. 14, according to the Associated Press. No. 6 was Vanderbilt's secretary

spread their beneficence right and

Greed Trails

To Graves

Mine Victims

One ghoulish aspect of the

tragic Centralia, Ill., mine dis-

aster that snuffed out 111

miners' lives, was brought to

Workers Journal, in an article: "Fu-

neral Costs of Centralia Victims Proves That Burying Dead Is 'Spe-

The Journal charges that "uncon-

Comparable funeral services by a

eading Washington, D. C., under-

taking establishment is one half the

ees charged the Centralia victims'

families, the Journal reveals. It

cites the testimony of W. W. Cham-

bers, a millionaire Washington mor-

tician, to demonstrate the profiteer-

ing from the grief-stricken, dis-

Chambers recently told a special

Labor costs of the funerals were

tracted Centralia families.

than \$900. The top fee was \$1,178.- five years."

about half the actual average to represent the workers.

Western New York.

cialized Racket'.'

hey received."



For the first time in seven years, | increase, retroactive until May 9, is AFL Teamster's Czar - President scheduled under the contract to be-Daniel J. Tobin has called a con- gin Aug. 21. light in the Aug. 1 United Mine vention of his union. It began Au-

gust 11 in San Francisco. Tobin The Aug. 1 Wage Earner, Detroit has a lot of head-aches; the ranks organ of the Association of Catholic are seething with revolt against his Trade Unionists, writes with great machine-rule and strikebreaking glee about the Wayne County CIO The death of these miners because policies. He has answered this re- Council, under Stalinist leadership, of the greed of the operators also volt with wholesale expulsions, preparing to throw CIO support in opened up a lucrative business for gangster terrorism and replacement the next election for anti-labor Maythe undertakers." They took the of locally-elected officers by dicta- or Jeffries whom the CIO fought surviving kin of the dead miners for tor-receivers in 40% of the locals. bitterly in the election two years funeral charges averaging \$732.78 In a letter to local unions urging ago. But the ACTU organ isn't per body. Only six of the ten buri- them to send delegates to the con- condemning Stalinist treachery. It als cost less than \$500. 24 burials vention, Tobin reminded them, "Our claims "there never was any good cost the victims' poor families more next convention may not be held in reason for the CIO to embark upon its costly crusades against Jeffries in the first place." Jeffries, in his As a result of the Taft-Hartley last campaign, had the support of

scionable greed literally followed the Slave Labor Law and their realiza- the Ku Klux Klan, Christian Frontrictims to the grave and muleted tion of the need for labor unity, CIO ers and G. L. K. Smith's America the surviving dependents of sizable and AFL steelworkers unions in the First. sums from the Welfare Fund death Buffalo, N. Y., area have signed a

gratuity and state compensation pact to outlaw jurisdictional disputes U. S. Representative Ramey from and have set up joint machinery to Toledo, Ohio, has been expelled from iron out any conflicts. The agree- the American Federation of State, ment, between CIO United Steel-County and Municipal Employes, workers District 4 and Local 576, AFL, by the international union, AFL International Association of after he voted for the Taft-Hartley Bridge, Structural and Ornamental Act. He is another "friend of labor" Iron Workers, covers 125 plants in from the Democratic Party who voted for the Slave Labor Law. However, the expulsion was based on The Glenn L. Martin Company a union provision excluding elected has cancelled its contract with the public officials from membership. * * *

CIO United Automobile Workers at the Baltimore Martin plant, largest The Communist Party (Stalinist) congressional sub-committee that single aircraft factory in the world. has instructed its members in the the profiteering in burying the dead An NLRB collective bargaining elec- CIO to cling to Philip Murray's coat-"the most highly specialized tion will be held Aug. 20. between tails no matter how reactionary racket in the world." He was con- the UAW and the independent In- Murray's policies. Eugene Dennis, sulted by the Journal and told the ternational Association of Machin- GP national secretary, in his report miners' paper that the typical Cen- ists. The company has fought unquoted in a recent Daily Worker, tralia funeral "should not have ionism bitterly." It stated that stated: "Much more serious discuscost more than \$350 to \$400, or "neither organization has the right" sion must be given to the difficult problem of maintaining and improving cooperative relations with

The seven-billion-dollar American the Murray forces in the CIO." almost zero. Hod Carriers Union Telephone and Telegraph Co. re- Dennis complains that Murray has

cently withdrew recognition of the "capitulated on a number of key American Union of Telephone Work- questions to reactionary pressure," ers (long lines) after the AUTW has "not broken with the Truman joined the CIO. AT&T, which was Administration" and has "directly, forced to sign a contract after a sev- participated" in the anti-red drive, en-week strike in May, now claims We don't think the Stalinists will the AUTW doesn't represent a ma- discontinue bootlicking Murray even jority and is demanding a new now that he has endorsed the Tru-NLRB election under the Taft- man Doctrine of imperialist war Hartley Act. The telephone trust's preparation against the Soviet Unaction comes as a \$4.40 weekly pay ion.

Our Program:

I. Defend labor's standard of living!

- A sliding scale of wages an escalator wage clause in all union contracts to provide automatic wage increases to meet the rising cost of living!
- Organize mass consumers committees for independent action against profiteering and price-gouging! Expropriate the food trusts! Operate them under workers control!
- 2. Full employment and job security for all workers
- and veterans! For the 6-hour day, 30-hour week! A sliding scale of hours-reduce
 - the hours of work with no reduction in pay to prevent layoffs and unemployment!





the American labor movement after the passage of the Taft-Hartley Act appears in the leading editorial of the July-August

The capitalist press is trying the investigation was started by the as Meyer testified, was strictly "in of suppressing data about "millions men, appointed by the Roosevelt adto hocus-pocus the American Republican-dominated committee as the line of business," to make "use- and millions of gifts" to Army of- ministration to the chief war posts,

What Hughes Scandal Revealed

By Art Preis

won an important engagement" The editorial points out that only a year and a half ago "2 people about the Senate inves- a smear. It is equally true that ful contacts." The monies thus ficials from war contractors.

zation as a monstrous 'factory' and CIO National Maritime Union scored out smear drive against Curran in of the subordination of the part to another victory. Just previously, their campaign to elect delegates ranks of the union. The failure of the whole and of the minority to they had won the key post of Vice- to this convention. Their objective the opposition to present a clear the majority as 'serfdom' ... divi- President, after a bitterly fought is to control the convention and program has permitted the struggle machine would then be in a posi- chine welcomes that.

million workers manned the picket lines, shut down the country's main industries, halted the union-busting efforts of the industrialists, forced through wage concessions, and had the plutocracy stunned by its exhibition of sheer power." Yet today, this same militant union movement permitted the vicious Taft-Hartley bill to become law. The reason for this sharp change in the relationship of forces, the editorial explains lies in the lag of the political thinking of the American working class. The time is past when strikes can be conducted on a narrow trade union basis alone In the absence of a political

program-serving the interests of labor in the absence of a cours. geous, uncorrupted union leadership; the capitalist class opened up its counter-offensive in the present legislative assault upon labor.

The time is more than ripe for labor to "challenge the capitalist masters on the decisive political front" through the building of a Labor Party, the editorial demonstrates.

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tigation into the Hughes-Kaiser wartime plane contracts. According to them, it was just slinging between the Democrats cliques and their political agents dignified display of Senatorial in- leak out. This case is no excep-

eptitude. tion. Indeed, the press paints up the accused, two of the richest capi- formers in this "three-ring circus" talists, as high-minded, patriotic, and the admitted facts: hard-working industrial geniuses. who rose in heroic wrath and put herited a million-dollar factory, the the Senatorial inquisitors in their place! The Democratic press dismisses \$150,000,000 fortune. He received a

"smear" to drag the name of Roose- war contracts and doubled his trevelt in the dirt.

NOT "EDIFYING" The N. Y. Times, Aug. 9, con- wangled \$41,000,000 in war plane

cedes only that when Elliott Roose- contracts through the direct intervelt "accepted lavish hospitality, cession of Franklin D. Roosevelt however innocently" from a war and on the recommendation of contractor; that when such hos- Roosevelt's son over the objection

pitality becomes "something of an of War Department experts. accepted system;" and that when The contracts called, among other the Senator heading the investigat- things, for three super-cargo planes ing committee "has had even one to meet a "desperate" war situafree ride from persons interested in tion. Four years later, and two government contracts" — the net | years after the war, the contract is

result is merely "unseemly" and discovered to have been changed "not edifying." for one experimental super-cargo But, the Times hastens to assure plane - yet to be delivered. its readers, there was "no evidence Hughes and his "public relations" whatever of corruption." man Meyer admitted spending \$164.-

Nothing could be farther from 000, at least, for luxurious enter-

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there was plenty of fact behind the spent, moreover, were largely taxsmear. It is also true that the ac- deductible. The public treasury cusers came with unclean hands. | paid for the imported liquor, female | of the press applauded them for ---But it is precisely when thieves | "entertainers," costly banquets, nya hot-weather carnival of mud- fall out, when contending capitalist lon stockings, etc.

SENATOR BREWSTER: As head and Republicans that revealed noth- start knifing each other, that some of the Senate War Investigating ing more damaging than an un- of the details of capitalist crimes Committee, this Maine Republican hasn't shown the slightest interest generally in uncovering war frauds Let us examine the chief per-

Republican political capital by go-HOWARD HUGHES: Hughes ining after some Democrats.

Brewster's misfortune was that and pleasure, Hughes Tool Company in Texas, Senators don't dare bullyrag imwhich he has parlayed up to a mensely wealthy plutocrats as they do ordinary folks at Senate hearthe sordid spectacle as a mere total of \$200,000,000 in government ings. Moreover, the capitalist press doesn't like capitalists shown up in a bad light. Added to that, like mendous pre-war profits. most Democratic and Republican Together with Henry Kaiser, he

politicians, Brewster doesn't have such clean hands himself. In fact, Hughes was able to charge

that Brewster was working for a rival air-line concern, Pan-American Airways and fostering a bill to give that concern a complete monopoly in trans-Atlantic traffic.

JUST FOR "FRIENDSHIP"

Brewster admitted that he had been "a few times" the "guest" of the head of Pan-American in Florida and elsewhere, that he received free luxury plane trips from Hughes and his competitors. But this was all in the line of "sociability" and 'personal friendship!"

ELLIOTT ROOSEVELT: The son of the late President put on quite a show as the noble defender of his father from evil traducers. He did admit receiving lavish entertainment, a round of expensive night-club flings and a free wedding trip on the Hughes' expense account. The height of these merry-makings - listed at over \$5.000 - occurred in August 1943 when young Roosevelt was recommending i juicy \$41,000,000 contract for Hughes.

Elliott Roosevelt's main defense was that this was nothing but coincidence; his wife happened to move in Hughes' "social circles." Besides he "picked up his fair share" of the bills. Anyway it was all a Republican smear.

One further fact, of general nature, was brought out in the testimony. Hughes indignantly replied to charges about his lavish tax-deductible "entertainment" of "useful contacts" in the government, that "all the other corporations did more

What Hughes and Elliott Rooseleft among all the big and little gov velt tried to show - and what most ernment officials.

The Hughes investigation has was that there was "nothing wrong" been abruptly "recessed," on the with what they did. grounds that one of the chief wit-What they really showed was that nesses, Meyer, has suddenly vanduring the war, when workers were ished. The truth is, the whole busiforced to "pull in their belts," when ness has gone too far for capitalist hundreds of thousands of American taste and comfort.

boys were dying in agony, the whole of America's giant monopolies. But American capitalist class, together and corrupt period in all history with its political and military will never be known so long 2s the agents, was indulging in an unparalleled orgy of luxurious living capitalists and their political parties, Republican and Democratic,

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In Japan To'day

By Robert L. Birchman-

The majority of all non-agricultural workers in Japan are members of trade unions. By June 30, 1946 the total union membership represented 58% Di of the 8,282,400 paid non-farm St workers employed. Coal miners were the most highly organized Sic group, with 85% belonging to un- Lo In the transportation and P ions. communications industry, 82% were Co unionized. For all manufacturing 47% of the workers were union T members

The figures would be much higher today since for almost a year now union membership has been increasing at the rate of over 100,000 a month

During the first three months of this year, there were 2.718 new unons organized and union memberthin was increased by 337,640, according to statistics of the Japanese Ministry of Welfare recently received here.

On March 31 of this year there were a total of 19,983 unions with a nembership of 5,226,969. This figtre does not include the membership of the All Japan Seamen's Union which had 74,185 members on Feb-'uary 1.

The total union membership on

MORE THAN HALF

The conclusion of a number of organized miners, seamen, port and harbor tatives on April 25. workers. Occupation Force workers. tovernment railway and communiations workers and teachers. All of these master contracts in-

lude specific provision for supplementary local agreements. All the contracts include accepance by the employer of the princi-

ple that the worker should be guaranteed a minimum livelihood, althe coal miners' agreement. There is an increasing acceptance

of the principle of the sliding scale of wages as a necessary implementation of a guaranteed minimum livelihood. On April 18 workers of the Oriental Economist concluded or a "minimum sliding scale basis

salary.' Workers Unions, representing the

		Labor Di	sputes in	Japan		
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Type of Dispute 1	No. of Disputes	Workers Involved	No. of Disputes	Workers Involved	No. of Disputes	Workers Involved
Strikes	52	60,954	30	17,491	52	28,101
Slowdowns	14	8,734	9	2,316	14	1,462
Lockouts Production	. 6	464	10	717	6	260
Control	19	4,988	26	6,243	24	5,037
Total Not accompani	91 ed	75,140	75	26,767	96	34,860
by act of disput	e 10	1,433,770	16	1,436,780	22	1,444,381
Grand Total	101	1,508,910	91	1,463,547	118	1,479,241

Bank Clerks Union was organized, funds, publicity and other means. on April 11, consolidating 54 unions Over a million workers in Japan with a membership of about 100,000. were involved in labor disputes in Workers representing 148 plants each month during December, Janof the Nissan, Toyota and Daihatsa uary and February. The picture is Automobile Companies met in Toyko summarized in the 'table printed on April 11 and established a prep- above.

aratory committee for the organiza-, OVER A MILLION ion of an Auto Workers Union. The The most interesting item in this

meeting decided to launch an or- table is the one marked "Production ganizing drive and work for a master agreement covering union recog- control, while not the most widenition, closed shop and regional wage minimums.

(76%) and 1,252,870 women (24%). tions last spring. Of the 32 non- field of industrial relations and the apart from the All-India Party. political organizations registered by entire institution of private prop-

April 6 under the Imperial Ordi- erty. Finnce No. 101 to engage in political Soon after the occupation of Jamajor collective bargaining agree- campaign activities during the elec- pan by the Allies, when a series of Mountbatten Award and with their nents during February, March and tions, 18 were labor unions. Nation- industrial disputes occurred, the decision to break from the Stalin-April brought more than half of all al and prefectural trade union offi- workers, instead of striking and workers under recent cials won 23 of the 250 seats in the stopping production, locked out their greements. During this period in- House of Councillors on April 20. employers and took over the operalustry-wide collective bargaining Sixteen union leaders won seats in tion of the plant.

greements were completed for coal the 466-member House of Represen- While negotiations were going on

the workers continued production, The General Federation of Jap- bought raw materials and sold the anese Trade Unions, the National manufactured articles without al-Congress of Industrial Unions and lowing the company officials either the All-Japan' Council of Labor a voice in the enterprise or access Unions issued a joint statement in to the premises. After the settle-April defining the relationship be- ment, which usually resulted in a tween labor unions and the workers complete victory for the workers, cooperative movement. Cooperatives, the plant was returned to manageit was decided, should be inde- ment.

pendent, self-financed organizations In another article for The Militant though a wijge system based on a but should be organized by trade we will present an analysis of the sliding scale was provided only in union leaders and should actively tactic of "Production control," support unions in disputes with used by the Japanese workers.

Washington Wants Ruhr an agreement with the management, whose president is also Minister of Finance, which included a provision Secret negotiations began last week in Washington con-

The National Council of Coal Mine cerning the final disposition of the Ruhr. British representa- sponsored by Washington in prep- on the condition that Washington tina is favored over any other countives are the only ones participating thus far, but the French

The Labor Movement German Trotskyists Hold First **Post-War National Conference**

Socialist Party Has Major Split In Southern India By M. Usman

THE MILITANT

BOMBAY, July 21-A major split has occurred in the ranks of the Kerala (South India) Unit of the All-India Socialist Party. Entire branches in Cochin and Malabar have dropped out of he organization, and many prominent SP members in Travancore have resigned from the party. Among them is the treasurer of the Kerala Unit, who financed practically all of the SP's activities in the south from his own pocket.

He is now in touch with the Bolshevik Leninist Party of India (Trotskyists) and states that a number of these disillusioned SPers are eager to form a branch of the

Fourth International party. The Malayalam daily, Mathrubcontrol." The tactic of production hum, reports that the split was occasioned by a speech by the spread method used by the labor leader of the South Kerala movement in Japan, is by far the Socialist Party, Dr. K. B. Menon, The trade unions were active on most significant because it chal- in which he denied that the Kerala March 31 included 3,557,501 men the political field during the elec- lenges all traditional ideas in the SP had or could have any existence

> It is further stated, however, that the splitters disagree with the SF leaders' "neutral" attitude to the ist-controlled All-India Trade Union Congress and from separate unions under SP control.



After bus and street car fares were raised in San Paulo, Brazil, workers protested. Then these mounted police were ordered to open fire on the crowd. When the smoke lifted, two persons were killed, many injured.

Rio Conference Forges U. S. Imperialist Links

An inter-American confer- | ing to limit the Rio de Janeiro con- able to attain a higher degree of ence opened near Rio de Ja-ference to military questions, some development than in any other Latin American governments are South American country, will most neiro on August 15. Ostensibly insisting that, other problems be likely again play its traditional called to establish "mutual placed on the agenda. It is quite semi-independent role. But it will nemispheric defense," the confer- likely that questions of an economic, do so under different circumstances ence is designed, in reality, to forge political and social nature will be and within the framework of a difanother link in the Wall Street discussed either formally or in- ferent relationship of forces.

chain to bind the Latin American formally. Argentina's position has not yet people to the Vankee Imperialist Economic problems, especially in been clarified; it depends largely war machine. Just as the Eighth view of the deep crisis that has al- on the degree to which Peron is Pan American Conference, held in ready struck some Latin American prepared to establish a modus vi- first national congress here.+ Lima in 1938, was organized for the countries and that menaces others, vendi with American imperialism. purpose of mobilizing the natural will play an important role in the However, everything seems to inand human resources of Latin deliberations, despite Washington's dicate that Argentina will agree to America in preparation for World objections. There are indications a "mutual hemispheric defense the imperialist countries, especially they won considerable influence. War II, so the Rio conference is that Cuba consented to attend only plan" on the condition that Argenrevolution. agree to take up the economic prob- try — especially Brazil. American imperialists are think- lem. Some observers say that Brazil other hand, reports are current that These negotiations center Retention of private ownership ing not in terms of defensive meas- will insist on discussing the ques- Brazil has demanded that Washing-ton guarantee her parity of arms ton guarantee her parity of arms with Argentina. UNDER OTHER CONDITIONS The Latin American people have Social contradictions are accumuno interests in common with Wall lating very rapidly in Latin Amer-Revolution. Street, no matter how the latter ica. The southern part of the Western Hemisphere isn't what it used dresses up its designs in terms of However, the "mutual defense." to be. A mounting revolutionary Latin American feudal - bourgeois and nationalist tide is sweeping through the countries. Because of rulers, who maintain themselves in As far as the people of Latin this native Quislings of the feudal- power through undisguised dictaunder the false pretext of preservtorship or semi-dictatorial means. ing national unity with the bourbourgeoisie are finding it increasingly difficult to "explain" their are profoundly interested in Wall Street's armament plan. It will an impossible peaceful cohabitation with the interests of American im- deals with American imperialism. perialism. Wall Street is trying In a number of Latin American reinforce their position of authoriwith imperialism. tarian domination over the masses through all kinds of maneuvers, one countries popular movements directof which is the present conference, ed against Yankee imperialism are who are daily becoming more and more restive, more and more conto subject the countries of Latin growing stronger day by day. scious of the need to fight against Argentina, where due to particular economic and geographic the prevailing system of social relationships. Although Washington is attempt- conditions native capitalism was It is hard to foresee to what extent Wall Street will be successful at the Rio conference in its at-**International Notes** tempts to mobilize the resources of Latin America for the war it is planning to direct against the Soviet Union. ANTI-SEMITISM: | Partg. representation for factory But even if Washington doesn't Anti-Semitic terrorism in England councils is reported from Austria. accomplish all of its objectives durappears to be under the organized According to the Graz Chamber of ing this conference, Yankee im-The transformation of a fascist center. This Labor, the Socialist Party won 65% perialism will continue to pres became obvious when anti-Semitic of the total factory council posts through every diplomatic, economic bands attacked not only Jewish- in some 25 different industrial en- and political channel at its comowned buildings but also Labor terprises, while the CP received mand for victory in future hemisonly 14%, "United Lists" (CP, etc.) pheric meetings. Washington ex-11%, the People's Party 3%, and pects to deal with the broader 'non-politicals" 5%. aspects of the Latin American ques-In the Elin Works in Vienna, tion at the Ninth Pan American italist system in England. ment in England is directly linked for instance, the new factory coun- Conference scheduled for January cil consists of five SP, representa- of next year in Bogota. The shabbiest role of all was played by the self-styled Laborite Of one thing we can be certain: similar to that observed in Italy before it consisted of three from in the end Wall Street's schemes Left Wing, under the leadership of will fail. Sooner or later the masses Minister of Health Aneurin Bevan A joint meeting of the SP Execu- of Latin America will learn how to Food Minister John Strachey and tive Committee and SP union lead- break the chains of oppression and Minister of Fuel Emmanuel Shiners has decided to reject "United suppression with which Wall Street well. Seeking for a fig leaf to cover Lists" with the CP everywhere and in collaboration with the native up this stark betrayal of labor, to put up their own candidates for feudal-bourgeoisie has bound them. these "left-wingers" have been all posts.

BERLIN, Aug. 6 — The first national conference of German Trotskyists since 1933 met "somewhere in Western Germany" last month. Delegates representing local groups in many parts of the country took part in the discussions which aimed at the reorganization and+

the press

in Germany.

centralization of the forces of the Fourth International in Germany.

The conference met after months of intensive preparations and despite unimaginable difficulties and obstacles. The first steps toward the establishment of a unified organization acting under the centralized direction of an elected leadership were successfully carried out. The agenda consisted of four

points: an international report, a report on German perspectives and tasks, a discussion of the Russian question, and an organizational report. For the first time, the German

Trotskyists received a comprehensive report of the developments in the Fourth Internationalist movement since 1933 and of the situation today.

On the question of perspectives and tasks, a thorough discussion took place, in which the difficulties as well as the opportunities facing the Trotskyists in present-day Germany were gone into. A platform to guide the action of the German ection of the Fourth International s in preparation and will be sub-

mitted to further discussion, -both Weg. An editorial board of three was elected to publish the paper. national and international, before Other measures to extend the oradoption. ganization, to tighten contacts and The Russian question was dis-

cussed in the light of the expeto penetrate the mass movement, riences with the Soviet occupation were adopted. forces. Great interest centered on this question, but the shortness of the reorganized section of the time did not permit the delegates Fourth International in Germany is Federated Picture to conclude the discussion, and it an achievement of which the en-

The first national conference of was decided to continue it within tire International can be proud. In the local groups for further elab- spite of the greatest difficulties and oration before a definitive position hardships, Trotskyism has once again taken its place as an organ-

The conference adopted the old ized force in the great industrial pre-1933 name of the organization, heart of Europe after the long years "International Communists of Ger- of fascist reaction, war and foreign many, Section of the Fourth Inter- occupation.

Indo-Chinese Trotskyists Discuss Tasks in France

PARIS, Aug. 7-During the second anniversary of the August 1945 Viet Namese revolution, the Indo-Chinese Trotskyists in France-workers, soldiers and students-held their

Since 1942 the Trotskyist mili-For several days they dis- tants have played an important cussed the problems facing revolu- role in the large Indo-Chinese emitionaries of both the colonies and gration in France, among whom the prolems of the Viet Namese But the fruits of their political activity were limited by failure to



is adopted.

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F. I. Analyzes Crisis

Of British Imperialism

A timely and informative ar-

ticle on "The Crisis of British

Imperialism,'' by Doric De Souza,

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ture of the struggle of British

imperialism for its very existence

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omy, its military and political

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be delayed a while longer, but

cannot be indefinitely staved off.

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national." A provisional National

Executive Committee was elected.

representative of the main regions

The conference also decided to

publish an official organ. Unser

field for exploitation.



verwhelming majority of miners, and the Japan Coal Mine Operators Association, representing all mine perators, signed an industry wide April 12. The contract covered all workers in the coal mining industry -203.316 underground workers. 210. 24 surface workers and 44,310 office

LIDING SCALE OF WAGES

The contract provided for a sliding cale of wages based on the "cost o mmodities" effective April 1. A committee was set up to administer he formula and effect wage adjustnents accordingly. The agreement ilso provided for retroactive wage djustments covering the first three nonths of the year.

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More and more unions in Japan re organizing their forces on an ndustry wide basis. The All Japar of the top-grade coal in the Ruhr.

TROTSKY MEMORIAL MEETINGS

have been likewise invited. around the ownership of the as legal owner. officitive bargaining agreement on Ruhr coal mines, and therewith the But who owns this trust? Here dustries, for whoever controls the question. For, while it is not gen-

saddle in the Ruhr, is committed Business Week, this ownership dates America but on a world scale. to a program of nationalization for back to 1924, when shortly after NOTHING IN COMMON these coal mines. Washington is the death of Hugo Stinnes "his determined to retain private-own- widow formed a Maryland holding ership. A great deal more is in- company, Hugo Stinnes Corporavolved here than appears on the tion. The latter raised U. S. capital terests have nothing in common surface. by floating debentures and selling

WHO OWNS THE TRUST Major holdings in the Ruhr coal are formally in the hands of the German equity was turned over to he weekly Business Week, Aug. 9, controls "something close to 85% UNDER WASHINGTON'S THUMB

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ation for World War III. of imperialist aggression and mili-

tary offensive. Broadly speaking, ownership of the entire Ruhr in- indeed is the nub of the whole this is Washington's main aim. The conference is calculated to further coal controls the whole Ruhr. The erally known, this trust is actually Wall Street's policy of domination English government, now in the American owned. According to and imposition — not only in Latin

America are concerned, their in-

not quite half its common stock, which is still traded on the N.Y. America to its exclusive economic. the corporation.' political and military control.

American monopolies.

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World Socialism'

'The Struggle for

The German 54% interest in this Maryland holding company is now likewise in American hands inasmuch as the Alien Property Custodian seized it at the outbreak of World War II. And if the past

conduct of the Alien Property Cus-BRITISH odian is any indication, it means that these holdings will presently be "sold" to private corporations, and the proceeds of this sale reckoned as part of German reparations to the United States. In any case, as matters now Party and Communist Party headstand, the Stinnes corporation is quarters in the Bethnal Green discompletely owned by the U.S. and trict in London.

under Washington's thumb. The rise of the new fascist move-These "large U.S. holdings in the Ruhr coal industry," Business Week to the growing crisis in the ecoargues, may be used "at least as nomic situation, a phenomenon tives and one from the CP, whereas a bargaining point" in the current and Germany after the first World each. negotiations with London.

War. One aspect of the Marshall Plan The labor movement is beginning is thus made crystal clear: It means to apperciate this danger. handing over the Ruhr coal to A resolution condemning the at-

tacks and calling for action to com-

bat it has been adopted by 20,000 workers in the big Metro-Vickers works at Manchester.

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participation in a so-called com- leaders, just as last winter. These bureaucrats have made sevmunist plot to overthrow the govon the island, and thousands more

are held elsewhere. Those released were not even asked about the "communist plot," are receiving strike benefits. indicating what a frameup the whole charge was.

* * * A substantial decline of Communist will mean a sharp price rise.

dores and 14,000 shipyard workers- growing in intensity. It is becom- for the fall session of Parliament. When the "showdown" came on fanfare the Greek government an- at arbitration have failed. The masses. Here lies the hope of Latin Aug. 11 at a session of the Laborite would never have passed, as it did, nounces the release of 1,100 people stevedores' strike broke out against America and not in conferences nor Parliamentary fraction, this oppodeported to the island of Icaria for the will of their bureaucratic union in pacts between American imper-sition wilted. A motion to defer 63 in the House of Lords, where decision on this question until the the Tories are completely in the ialists and the native Quislings. The security and hope of the next parliamentary session was saddle.

crnment. But 8,900 are still left eral attempts to break the strike Latin American people lies in the carried by 4 votes, 81 to 77, with Meanwhile it is equally certain by means of cooked-up referen- building of a socialist society in almost 100 abstentions. that England's economic crisis will dums. but with no success. The the Western Hemisphere. This fact This shabby maneuver could have not be resolved by any measures shipyard workers, however, got their is being recognized by an increasing been easily thwarted had any one short of the complete abelition of strike recognized by the union and number of Latin Americans. This or all three of these leading "leftist" capitalism. The economic crists trend will be augmented by the lights thereupon resigned from the must worsen in the next period. In the rest of the country there economic crisis which is rapidly ap-Cabinet (as they reportedly had Concurrently, the political crisis threatened to do). now convulsing the Labor Party has

is a smoldering, agitation because proaching. A new society will arise the government has stopped subsi- based upon the Socialist United Instead all three of these "so- not been averted but postponed, AUSTRIAN CP LOSES GROUND: dies for rationed products, which States of Latin America, a part of cialists" retain their ministerial only to recur in a far more virulent posts and will actively assist in form in the near future. the world socialist society.

After several reports on the consolidate this work into a strong group's past activity and on the in- revolutionary organization.

ternational situation, the confer- The Indo-Chinese events show ence made a careful study of the im- the need of a strong revolutionary portant theses: Balance Sheet and party, without which victory is im-Perspectives of the Indo-Chinese possible. The conference decided the Viet Namese emigres in France

This document analyzes the de- must not postpone fulfillment of velopment of the revolution in this need until their return to Indo-Viet Nam, and the role of Stalinism China; they must begin to fill the which, by use of the Viet Minh, role of a party within the framedammed up the revolutionary flood work of the emigration now.

Furthermore, the Indo-Chinese emigration in France is not a small geoisie and sought within Viet Nam closed circle but a mass emigration comprising militant proletarian elements. This emigration has its own

The conference also adopted sev- important problems and tasks reeral resolutions on the group's tasks, quiring a revolutionary leadership press, education and organization. operating not as the inspiration of It was greeted by delegates from a the moment but according to a denumber of sections and the Inter- veloped internationalist program.

national Secretariat of the Fourth The complete success of the con-International. The conference sent ference gives promise of an ena message to the Trotskyists in couraging development along these Indo-China and to Natalia Trotsky. lines.

Laborite 'Lefts' Wilt; **Retain Cabinet Posts**

Prime Minister Attlee succeeded last week in jamming through Parliament his program of labor conscription in peacetime and of enforced poverty and hunger for the masses in order to save the bankrupt cap-+ grinding down the workers' living standards for the benefit of the monopolists.

The arch-reactionaries, led by Churchill, are meanwhile making political capital. They are now palming off as the fruits of "socialism" Atlee's "emergency measures" which have been adopted under the dictation of England's capitalist class. The Tories are, of course, delighted by Attlee's entire course.

They alone stand to profit. If their rule was in the slightest. endangered, the new legislation by a whopping majority of 178 to

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pleading for a promise that the Labor Party would at least not abandon the nationalization of the iron and steel industry scheduled



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"Entered as second class matter March 7, 1944, at the post office at New York, N. Y., under the act of March 3, 1879." "Capitalism will not



disappear from the scene automatically. Only the working class can seize the forces of production from the stranglehold of the exploiters. History places this task squarely before us."

Leon Trotsky

State Dept. Indicts Itself

On Page 1 of this issue we publish the exchange of correspondence between James P. Cannon, National Secretary of the Socialist Workers Party, and the State Department in connection with the war in Indonesia. This correspondence is highly instructive.

It is not often that capitalist politicians feel obliged to reply publicly to the charges of minority parties, especially those of the working class.

If the State Department decided in this case to take official cognizance of Cannon's protest of July 24 about its conduct in the Indonesian events, it was least of all a result of Washington's devotion to "democratic procedure" where vital questions of public policy are involved.

As the imperialist character of Washington's world role becomes more and more apparent, these statesmen who serve Wall Street feel more and more in need of covering up their tracks and allaying the growing mistrust of their foreign policy generally, and their role in Indonesia in particular.

The issue in Indonesia stands squarely posed. On the one side are the Indonesian people determined to preserve their independence, under a government of their own choosing. Arrayed against them are the Dutch capitalists who seek to restore colonial rule by bayonet.

If any people are entitled to aid, including arms, it is these fighters against colonial enslavement. If any are to be condemned - and disarmed-it is the Dutch enslavers. This is the gist of Cannon's telegram to Truman and his reply to Assistant Secretary of State, Norman

What goes on in Eastern Europe may differ from this in form, but not in essence. The result in both cases is the "election" of governments and officials who do not represent the people any more than Hitler represented Germany.

The Democratic Administration works itself up into a lather over the suppression of democratic elections in Europe, but when it comes to the crimes in its own backyard, it remains as calm as an actor posing for a man-of-distinction whiskey advertisement. And the Republican Party, which lines up again and again with the Southern Democrats and cynically plays politics with legislation demanded by the Negro people, is no better.

Beware the man or the party that can denounce tyranny only when it is a long way off! Look closer and you will generally find that they themselves retain power only by the most undemocratic methods. It is time to put an end to both hypocrisy and the suppression of democracy in this country-and a labor party is needed to do the job.

Fight Against Rent Sharks

Every day America's housing shortage becomes more acute. Every day hundreds of families are being evicted by ruthless, rent-gouging landlords backed by the law. Reports from all major cities reveal how omi-

nous the situation has become.... So far in the month of August, evictions in New York City have leaped 25% over last month's, which were 10% higher than a year ago. There were 6,709 residential evictions just in July.

At the same time, only 5,805 new dwelling units were completed in the first six months of this year, while 23,496 were demolished in 1946.

In Philadelphia, some 8,700 evictions are pending within three weeks, and new cases are piling up at the rate of 1,500 a month. Detroit workers face several thousand evictions. And so it goes everywhere in the land.

Millions of low-income tenants are being caught in a merciless squeeze. Private real estate and construction interests, aided by a government dedicated solely to profit interests, have blocked low-cost, low-rent government housing. They have deliberately maintained housing scarcity in order to boost housing costs and extort unconscionable rents from helpless people in decrepit hovels and tenements.

The situation for tenants is desperately bad and will rapidly become worse. Protection from the real estate sharks can come only from the organized mass action of the tenants themselves. In every city, the tenants must be mobilized and organized for action. This is a job that can be done above all, and best of all, by the organized labor movement.

Here and there, local politicians are making gestures of "doing something" to protect tenants from being hi-jacked by landlords or thrown on the streets. Most of the measures they propose are full of loop-holes for landlords.

What is needed are airtight laws and ordinances, backed by the enforcement power of mass organization. The only kind of ordinances that will fully protect the tenant are those providing complete prohibitions against ALL evictions and ALL rent increases, with jail penalties for landlords who attempt to evade such laws.





"They ought to be ashamed. Always asking for higher wages. With a little initiative they could grow their own food."

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AMERICA'S NEEDS & RE- | shows, American civilian consumers | er is a minor element in the pro-SOURCES by J. Frederic the highest pre-war levels ever most energetic shoemaker, working Dewhurst & Associates, achieved." Some major goods such long hours with the hand tools of Twentieth Century Fund, as autos and sugar were scarce a century ago, could not remotely or unobtainable. But these dislo- approach the productivity of to-811 pp., 1947, \$5. This volume is a comprehensive cations did not alter the picture day's semi-skilled operative, worksurvey of the present human and of great productivity. ing with the aid of automatic industrial capacity of the United The reader cannot fail to be power-driven machinery. "Over the States as well as an estimate of its struck by what this immense pro- past century we have achieved a future potential. It is a valuable ductive capacity could have yielded fabulous increase in output per fact book of the American economic for this country and the world in man-hour, not by working harder system and is illustrated with an the form of food, clothes, housing, or more skillfully, but by constantly abundance of charts and statistical automobiles, etc. had it not been devising new and better machinery diverted into the imperialist war to augment human effort by the tables. The project was directed by Dr. for profits. use of vast amounts of inanimate energy.

Dewhurst, economist for the Twen-The survey shows that net outtieth Century Fund, a privately en- put of U.S. economy was 27 times The authors themselves are faced dowed foundation . The Fund pro- greater in 1944 than in 1850. Yet with the contradictions of capitalist fesses utter impartiality. It "takes it was turned out by a labor force economy, although they approach no stand on survey findings and only 8½ times larger, working only them from a negative standpoint. has no platform or program to pro- 47 hours a week as against 70, and They admit that the improvement mote." The forward to the book utilizing 343 times as much me- and increased introduction of mareiterates this claim: "The authors chanical energy. Because of the chinery means "technological unof this survey have confined them- vast machinery and the high tech- employment" — a vast amount of selves to facts and to projections niques possessed by this country, human suffering. But they cannot of fact. They have left the im- an American worker today pro- advise a policy of destroying the duces more in an hour than a machinery by which man proplications strictly to the reader." But even accepting these facts at worker anywhere else on earth or gresses, thus advising that society their face value, there are implica- at any other time in history. Yet be hurled backward. And they dare tions of staggering proportions. even this impressive record, the sur- not advise that the private owner-They are a damning indictment of vey states, may well be increased ship of the means of production by 18% or more during the decade be abolished, for that is socialism. the capitalist system. The major theme of the book is of 1950-1960. And this does not Thus they are forced to conclude: the stupendous productivity of take into account the incalculable "It is only through technological

American labor. The authors take leap in productivity that could be disemployment that material progthe year 1944 as the base for their achieved through the use of atomic ress is possible." calculations. In that year the gross energy. This is the most obvious falsifi-

output of nearly 200 billion dollars Employers constantly harp about cation in the book. Material progin goods and services was achieved the need for longer hours, speedup, ress is not possible without taking more than twice the 1940 dollar increased "efficiency," etc. But this into account the greatest of all provolume. In this peak "war effort" | sweating of labor has nothing to do | ductive forces - man. The truth year the U, S. accounted for nearly with economic progress; its sole is the world can no longer progress 45% of the armament output of all purpose is to wrest more profits under the capitalist system, as is warring nations. One-fourth of from the labor of the working man amply demonstrated in the facts America's total productive power and woman. presented in this book. The auwent into the manufacture of com-Although the authors try hard thor's real theme is to try to dembat armaments, more than 40% to not to collide with these capitalist onstrate factually that there is a meeting total war needs and about propaganda lies, the evidence they great future ahead for American half to supplying total government present does so despite their wishes. capitalism. Their facts, however, requirements. The survey establishes that the prove just the opposite. Even with all this, the survey "efficiency" of the individual work--Evelyn Atwood

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Ruark's Expose of Army Life in Mediterranean

In a series of articles from Italy, Robert C: Ruark, Scripps-Howard staff writer, has pulled aside the curtain covering the facts about the shocking condition under which U.S. enlisted soldiers live in the Arm Mediterranean Theater of Operations.

In this command, lorded over by Lt. Gen. John-C. H. Lee who won ill fame as boss of the service and supply forces in Western Europe during the war, Ruark found abuses "that make any of the wartime castesystem howls mighty puny."

"There has been and continues to be a lavish waste of tax money.

"There is a really frightful misuse of the privileges of rank.

"There is brutality and consistent degradation and humiliation of the men. . .

"Many of the men are ill-housed and badly fed. "Many are employed as flunkeys, servants and helpless targets for officer conceit." And the officers, who

never had it so good, live like feudal princes. All in all, Ruark doubts "if the German army was rougher on its personnel" than Lee on his.

BACKED UP WITH FACTS

And Ruark backs up this statement with facts, plenty of facts and plenty of details. These facts will strike home particularly to former servicemen but they ought to be made known also to anybody who has fallen for the Army's bunk that abuses of GIs are a strictly wartime phenomenon, never under any circumstances to be discovered in the peacetime army under the command of the professional brass hats.

Ruark's expose is shrewd journalism, especially while bitter memories of the Army are still vivid for millions of veterans. But Ruark claims another and more altruistic purpose. He says he is writing the articles in the hope that Eisenhower will do something about these "outrageous violations of personal integrity" which can "wreck all we're trying to do to build a strong, competent Army." At bottom, therefore, Ruark contends it is not the Army caste system which is at fault, but "abuses" of that system.

This contention is fraudulent from beginning to end. Everybody in the Army in Western Europe knew what kind of general Lee was during the war, and that in-Gudes Eisenhower, who appointed him to his present post. What, therefore, can or will Eisenhower do about Lee?

CRUDITY EMPHASIZES SYSTEM

Lee is only carrying out to its logical conclusion the basic concept on which the Army is built - namely. that there are two classes in the Army, the officers and gentlemen on top, and at the bottom the enlisted men whose duty is to obey orders and who have no demo cratic rights officers are compelled to respect.

Lee acts crudely, but his crudity only serves to emphasize the fact that enlisted men are nothing but flunkeys under the caste system. But are they anything but flunkeys and nursemaids, to use Ruark's own terms, in other sections of the Army, where the generals behave more "moderately?"

Veterans and the labor movement - who unlike Lee's GI slaves are at least able to voice their opinions - should let loose such a roar of protest against conditions in the Mediterranean Theater (and elsewhere) that Eisenhower will be forced in self-defense to remove Lee (and his less notorious counterparts in Germany, Japan, Korea, etc.)

But an even more powerful demand must be raised against the caste system itself - the system which enables men like Lee to commit such outrages against the most elementary democratic rights of men in the armed forces.

Bank Boosts Loan Rates: Credit Structure Shaky

Last week the metropolitan press carried an obscure item that caused a considerable flurry in the "financial community." It was the action of the National City Bank hiking interest rates on various broker and dealers loans. The N. Y, Times referred to it as "a surprise move." Other large banks reserved comments, permitting the press to draw the rather unlikely conclusion that "they had no immediate plans for any revision in the rates of their securities loans."

Armour.

On the other hand, the public explanation offered by Armour for the State Department is in reality a self-indictment. No amount of diplomatic double-talk can cover up the fact that the State Department has aligned itself with the Netherlands government, aiding and abetting the latter for reasons that it dares not make public.

Clearest of all from this correspondence emerges the fact that not alone the Dutch but the State Department have trampled underfoot all the war-time promises to "defend democracy," to guarantee the "independence of small countries," and so forth and so on.

The conduct of the State Department in the Far East is only a counterpart of the so-called Truman Doctrine and the Marshall, Plan in Europe. In both cases we see the same results: blows at the masses, aid to the forces of reaction.

Democracy and Hypocrisy

The next time the State Department starts beating its breast about undemocratic elections in Eastern Europe, remember what happened in the Democratic primaries in Mississippi this month and you'll see that their indignation is as phoney as a \$4 bill. Examine their tears over Europe in the light of their indifference about Mississippi, and you'll see that their tears are strictly crocodile.

In Mississippi, as in some of the Stalinistcontrolled countries, you cannot vote if the ruling party does not want you to. The dominant Democratic Party has ruled that no one can vote in the primary elections without first expressing opposition to federal anti-lynch, anti-poll tax and Fair Employment Practices Commission legislation. The following story, reported by the NAACP, was typical of what transpired when Negroes tried to vote.

Two Negro war veterans living in Pass Christian, Miss., went to the City Hall to vote. They were told they would have to answer a few questions first. The questions, asked by white officials, and the answers given by the two veterans were as follows:

Q. "How do you intend to vote, Democratic or Republican?"

A. "Democratic."

Q. "Do you believe in communism or fascism?"

A. "No."

Q. "Are you in favor of FEPC?"

A. "Yes."

Q. "You boys are disqualified."

Political Bankruptcy

The political bankruptcy of the American trade union leaders is sharply illustrated by recent actions of New York State CIO officials.

When Republican Gov. Dewey issued a Labor Day proclamation claiming great concern for labor's rights, President Louis Hollander of the New York State CIO heatedly denounced Dewey for "the greatest hypocrisy ever issued by any responsible government official."

Then, in the words of the CIO Union News Service, Hollander "pointedly ignored" Dewey when issuing invitations to the forthcoming state CIO convention. He as pointedly invited New York City's Democratic Mayor as chief speaker, lauding O'Dwyer as "the outstanding political figure in New York State."

Here's the record of this "outstanding political figure":

He doubled the city sales tax, borne mainly by the workers.

He tried to smash the AFL tugboat workers' strike and shut the city down for 16 hours.

He sent huge police forces against the CIO Western Union strikers and ran scabs through their lines.

During the past month, his police have brutally assaulted CIO pickets in the strike at the Brooklyn Trust Company, whose president is a leading Democratic campaign contributor.

He "outlawed" the Queens bus strike, mobilized scabs and used his police to escort scabdriven busses.

He has called for higher subway fares in the interests of Wall Street bondholders.

This strikebreaking Tammany politician and bankers' stooge is the best the CIO leaders can offer as an "outstanding political leader." Why? They are determined to keep labor tied under the two-party political monopoly of the capitalists. They are aligned with Wall Street's Democratic political wing. Thus, they must paint up a rotten capitalist politician like O'Dwyer as a "friend of labor."

This policy of supporting either Democrats or Republicans has always meant, and will always mean, deception and treachery by the union leaders and political subservience for labor.

Experts Hide Real Views On Coming Depression

Washington's top-notch eco-| that this hazy "recession," when short affair, or that if it grows into nomic experts have been con-be anything serious, signifying of it."

ducting themselves in a de- be anything serious, signifying of it. While Dr. Clark, presumably tovious manner of late. There which the economy would enter a gether with his colleagues on the are ample grounds for conclud- protracted period of prosperity. Bull- Advisory Board, is thus pleading in ing that they are hiding their ish items, such as repeated releases private for "government action," the of "record employment" of above very "folly" he inveighs against conreal views, while permitting of "record employment of above very total total to be the guiding policy of 60 million jobs, have featured Wash- tinues to be the guiding policy of highly misleading information ington dispatches since May. the capitalists and of their governto circulate for public con- DIFFERENT VIEW IN PRIVATE ment in Washington. They are de-Yet it appears that an entirely course," that is, to rake in as huge termined to "let matters take their sumption.

It will be recalled that they had different set of views is making the profits as they are able, regardless persistently warned against the disrounds in private. Columnist Drew of the terrible price the mass of Pearson on Aug. 2 released the text the people will have to pay in the astrous effects of further price rises. On their advice, President Truman of a communication to Sen. Taft by end for their profiteering.

has submitted official reports, Dr. John Clark, member of Tru-If Dr. Clark and his fellow experts transmitting these warnings public- man's Economic Advisory Board, had at heart the welfare of this ly on several occasions this year. warning against any anticipation of country, as they pretend, they would "a brief and moderate recession." NOTHING TO SAY not lose a moment in making their

According to Pearson, Clark flat- real views public. But they serve Yet when the Steel Trust, ignorly warned Taft that a future de- loyally only their real paymasters ing these warnings and Truman's cline will be "anything but 'brief in Wall Street, and therefore they pleas, boosted steel prices, thereby and moderate." making another general price rise

unavoidable. these experts had Clark is further reported to have nothing whatever to say. When apinformed Taft that it is erroneous proached by reporters, Edward G, to compare the present situation with that following World War I. Nourse, Chairman of Truman's Advisory Economic Board, announced After pointing out some of the that there would be no comment by major changes that have occurred since 1920-21, Clark goes on to conthe board. Meanwhile, however, optimistic clude:

"The danger in easy optimism forecasts from Washington were permitted to appear unchallenged about a 'moderate recession' lies in in the press. These have been dis- its tendency to create a reluctance seminated most assiduously by Wall on the part of the people and their Streets foremost organs. Thus on representatives to institute public Aug. 6 The Journal of Commerce policies which are uncomforable, but featured on its front page, a dis- are needed to forestall forces which patch to the effect that these eco- threaten our continued prosperity. nomic experts had shifted their We know they will accept - nay, former views. The weekly Business even they will demand - Govern-Week, July 26, summed up the gist ment action of far more serious imof Truman's mid-year report as a port if we suffer a depression. "But it would be folly to let matpostponement of "the recession . . . ters take their course in the expecinto a rather indefinite future." tation that if business turns down-

At the same time, it is reiterated ward it will be only a mild and

The National City Bank's increases are not large. amounting from 1/8 to 1/4 %. But what is important here is not so much the immediate increase the future implications. If other banks follow suit, as they most likely will, this will mark the beginning of the long-awaited and much feared - tightening of credit, which would in turn have the profoundest repercussions in the economy as a whole.

Underlying the post-war boom has been an unparalleled expansion of credit. The inflation of credit has outpaced even the inflation of prices. Commercial and agricultural loans now stand at 12 billion dollars, an increase of 3 billions over a year ago, and almost double the 1941 average. In recent weeks business loans in the New York area have spurted again.

In the field of consumer credit the same conditions prevail. In June consumer credits rose close to 11 billion dollars, climbing at an annual rate of 2 billion over last year. This swift rise has occurred despite the restrictions on installment buying, which will be discarded on Nov. 1 and thus add impetus to the inflationary credit spiral.

Despite these huge injections of credit, retail sales are sagging. So are the sales of manufacturers, whose shipments have been dipping steadily since March, but who have taken up this slack by building up their inventories-borrowing from the banks to do so.

The wholesalers, who have trimmed their inventories, report their sales unchanged but add the telltale news that the credits they must extend have likewise been sharply increased, almost 40% more in "accounts receivable" than last year. This, too, is being sustained by bank loans.

Moreover, the credit structure is showing signs of strain even in a sector that has hitherto appeared almost invulnerable, to wit; agriculture. Since 1929 the trend in farm mortgages has been steadily downward, especially so during the war years. A sudden reversal has taken place. In 1946 the number of farm mortgages soared 26% above 1945. The first part of this vear has witnessed a further rise, spurred by unbridled speculation which has sent land prices to within 5% of the inflationary peaks recorded in the frenzied land speculation of 1920. Farm prices have already almost doubled since pre-war days. The threat here is obvious: When the agricultural price structure starts to crumble, the land prices will fall even more precipitately.

At every key point we thus find the existing credit structure top-heavy, with the strains becoming more and more intolerable. Meanwhile the rate of bankruptcies continues to leap, increasing fourfold since last year.

Credit curbs of sizable proportions would entail distress liquidation of huge inventories and cutbacks in production which is at present dipping downward at the rate of 2% a month. Continuation of easy credits, on the other hand, threatens an even greater disaster in the end.

Faced with this dilemma the big bankers have apparently decided that their self-interests are best protected by beginning to clamp down on "easy money." They have thereby raised another dark cloud on the already ominously overcast economic skies.

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

est, so was Hitler.

Of More Movies

How Much Longer Will We Take It?

What with so many things on my The way prices have gone up the mind, I just did not realize that my same thing will hold true for those sub had run out.

This sure is a wonderful town we their bonds for a full ten years. self. We received an eviction notice the real value of the money they and we have to vacate our apart- get for the bonds will be less than ment by Sept. 4. I guess we'll be it was when they bought them. sitting out on the street somewhere, If that kind of advertising is honfurniture and all.

We have been living at this present address for almost three years. My greedy landlord is using the excuse that he wants to move his son Wants Reviews in here with his dry-cleaning business.

The very alderman that served us Editor: with our notice is also running for I am only 17 years old, which is serve them.

den to practice in Pottstown or school to go, but I don't learn one- agents for the Japanese." with the racketeering real estate this paper. interests and landlords, you can get away with most anything.

if I have any.

workers of this country and other their real problems? countries are going to take the housing shortage and the rising cost of living without doing something about it. If every worker was as The Rights of tired of it as I am, something would have been done long ago.

Mrs. P. Schlicher Editor: Allentown, Pa.

High Prices Shrink Value of War Bonds

Editor the name of U.S. Savings Bonds donesia. \$3 you invest, where can you get flag and sounding off about how higher interest, and so on.

Technically speaking, I don't sup- have to apologize and pay an inpose you can sue the Treasury De- demnity on top of it too. Neither partment for misleading and un- Huck nor Jim understand what an ethical advertising. But in fact that indemnity is, so Tom has to exis what their ads are.

I had to sell most of the bonds I the story, continues: was pressured into buying before and after going into the Navy. Na- and I asked Tom if countries alturally, I didn't get the benefit of ways apologize when they had done the interest as I would if I had held wrong, and he says: them for ten years. But what burned me up was that as a result of inflation the money I got for

Purpose of Marshall Plan Explained in Fourth International

"The Marshall Plan represents the most finished and thoughtout scheme of American imperialism to bend ruined and prostrate Europe to its needs, to exert further economic and political pressure

turning in my bonds was worth only The State Department about HALF AS MUCH as when And Standard Oil bought them-in terms of what I could get with that money. Editor:

An editorial in The Militant, Aug. 4, tells how the State Department people who are able to hold onto sent a note to the Republic of Indoare living in, my husband and my- Even with that wonderful interest, nesia before the Dutch started their latest hostilities expressing "grave concern" over possible destruction of American property there, particularly the oil fields where Standard Oil flies its house flag. N. J.

Buffalo, N. Y. This is not the first time the State Department has indicated its paternal interest in Standard Oil's Indonesian holdings.

Almost 7 years ago, on Nov. 13 1940, Associated Press reported: "Japan's oil supplies from the City Council in this town. The probably a lot younger than most of Netherlands Indies will rise from other Allentown aldermen refuse to your readers, but I want you to 494,000 tons a year to 1,800,000 tons know how much I enjoy The Mili- under an agreement announced to-I was told that this same alder- tant and how much I learn from it. day. United States and British man, named Shockcor, was forbid- I still have one more year of high companies will act as importing

Pottsville, Pa., because of his dirty tenth there of what I have learned Tokyo was at that time stockwork, but in this town if you're in in the last eight months by reading piling war materials in preparation for entry into World War II. This There is one thing I would like to now forgotten deal with the Mikado ask. Why don't you print more "was worked out between Nether-Enclosed you will find a dollar to movie reviews-not only of the ex- land colonial and oil company offirenew my sub for another year. I ceptional movies, but of all the pop- cials and Tadaharu Mukai, chairmar will let you know my new address, ular ones which do so much to of the Japanese Mitsui interests and

spread capitalistic propaganda and representatives of Japanese oil com-I wonder how much longer the to get the minds of the people off panies. However, the Standard Vacuum Oil Company and the Ris-

Washington, D. C. subsidiary of British Shell, will

Small Nations

The other day when I was readment would stop this deal. But, ing one of the later adventures of if you care to check back in the Tom Sawyer, Huck Finn and their N. Y. Times files to Nov. 16, 1940, Negro friend Jim (Tom Sawyer you will find evidence that the State Abroad), I came across a section Department took just the opposite which seems to me pertinent now course. Summer Welles, acting Sec-I see from the ads that they are that everybody is again hailing the retary of State, on that day, destill selling those war bonds, under United Nations for its role on In- clared that this deal had "no direct

relation to any policy that the now, and touting them as a big Tom is talking about a fancied United States Government has carbargain. You get \$4 back for every insult in Egypt to the American ried out."

The final paragraph of the Times those guilty of such an act would dispatch shows what close ties existed between the State Department and the oil monopolists: "Mr. Welles in response to a further question implied that before the agreement plain. Then Huck, who is tellifig was initiated the companies had consulted with the State Depart-

"It was a new business to me, ment ... So you see that the State Department's "grave concern" over Standard Oil's interest in Indonesia is not "'Yes; the little ones does.'" something new, but simply a con-P. L. tinuation of an imperialist govern-Chicago, Ill. ment's natural interest in the wel-

fare of one of America's biggest monopolies.

R. H. New York Like Castor Oil the rehabilitation of European

Mine Operators Incite Race Hate In Move to Put Over Speed-Up

Workers, and race-hatred fostered

on the one hand and the coal min-

again to speed up the work by in-

timidation and break the UMW

with non-union men, just as they

The speed-up must be stopped.

miners. To the latter it will mean

did in 1922 in Scotts Run.

Coal production in the Mo-1 in the ears of more than one old Slave Labor Act, the speed-up, the nongahela Valley returned to timer as he toiled at his labor. coming depression, the government's drive to break the United Mine

normal following the miners' TO AID SPEED-UP holiday which had begun with To aid the speed-up new ma- by the bosses. They know that it wildcat walkouts protesting the chines are being introduced. Whole is all part of a bitter battle that Taft-Hartley' Slave Labor Law. sections of mines and whole mines has been going on between the Within two weeks two events, not are getting new equipment. Shuttle- capitalist class and its government

buggeys are being introduced at of importseveral mines as it is believed that ers on the other for five years now ance in they can speed up the work of the They have been tense for month them selves. men and dispense with the labor after month, uneasy, waiting for but of great of the track men. Naturally, the the showdown. significance larger the mine, the more money as indications of can be spent for the mechanized

what is to speed-up. That is why the larger companies, follow, occurred in and especially the captive pits, signed the new contract with so the Scotts little reluctance, showed in fact, a Run area of readiness which surprised the min-Northern ers and embarrassed some of their West Virfellow operators. They realized that the five-day week with their super The first

took place speed-up put them in a position It can only make more profit for to drive their small competitors out the bosses at the expense of the in a notorof business. iously Jim Just now all of the operators are that the old timers will lose their Crow mine. using every old trick they know to jobs, the work will be even harder, The forespeed up the crews. Everything the labor force will be cut down. man had from prizes of a package of cig- and there will be less pay. been calling arettes to each man of the high for more

production crew, from the instigaproduction, tion of competition (unremunerated pired in June, the foremen were speeding up this time) between crews or between trying to speed the men up, but the workshifts, to the greatest weapon that with little success. As one veteran the bosses have learned to rely on- miner expressed it, "Every time he

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comes around trying to jog us up Many of the miners realize that we just slowed down all the more this is all part of the boss offensive There are more ways to kill a dog against labor. Many see the rela- than by choking him to death on tionship between the Taft-Hartley fat meat."

Scene at West Coast Camp



West Coast Camp-School in the industry. Ninety per cent of the exported coal went to Europe, and coal operators realize that with Opens 3d Season Sept. 6



Youngstown, Pittsburgh and New one or two enthusiastic readers can All these things point to the need for the miners to stick together Castle readers of The Militant held do when they set themselves to it. and defend their union. Jim Crow a joint picnic near New Castle late

at the mines must be destroyed or in July, realizing proceeds of \$27.06 From Portland, Oregon, S. M. the operators will use it time and which were sent to The Militant to sent four new subs besides a renewal help keep the paper in publication. of his own, all for a year each. He "The picnic was enjoyed by all further comments: "Grace Carlson's the comrades who were able to at- articles, on various topics are of tend," wrote M. Jones, Youngstown great interest. More power to her literature agent. "In fact, some and to those who aid her in her comrades think we should have dis- struggles for publishing the Truth.

Here's to a bigger and utmost suctrict picnics more often. "The New Castle comrades con- cessful Militant paper and thanks to tributed all the refreshments, the all of its direct cooperators and all Youngstown and Pittsburgh com- those who aid in its works." rades brought the food. Pittsburgh Public libraries are more and more

also donated a bottle of French perfume and a silk babushka as prizes." The men know how to fight this speed-up. Before the contract ex-Youngstown also sent an addition-

> al dollar donated by a reader, along with a batch of new and renewed subs.

While summer vacations slow down the organized sub-getting work branches, individual readers throughout America and abroad continue their enthusiastic local plugging of "the only newspaper in this country that tells the truth are also supported by public taxaworld." Members of the Socialist

Workers Party use their vacation The Militant, supported only by the outings to make new friends and interest them in our paper. Readers not only renew their own that could pay for them if they so subscriptions but send in new subs decided. These tax-supported infor their friends and fellow workers. stitutions must be forced by public The last week's mail includes subs demand to provide the papers and from Washington, Oregon, Califor- other literature the workers want to nia, North Dakota, Illinois, Massa- read. chusetts and India, besides most of the large cities where the SWP has branches.

Among the foreign subscriptions that came last week, the most distant one arrived from S. K. S. of

feeling the public demand for The

Militant and other literature of the

Socialist Workers Party. For a time

The Militant sent free samples to

many libraries throughout the coun-

try. When we had to discontinue

this for lack of funds, some libraries

quickly subscribed. Those which

neglected to subscribe or which al-

lowed subs to lapse are again ask-

ing for the paper. Some expect it

But as poor as many libraries are,

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free again.

Militant Booster J. D. of Kewanee, Cawnpore, India. "I shall be glad Ill., sent in three new subs. The if you will please enroll my name as Kewanee list grows very encourag- a subscriber to your paper," he ingly week after week, proving what wrote, enclosing a draft for \$3,

One Week Remains for Fun at Mid-West Camp

LITTLE PLEASANT LAKE, Aug. 10 - Enthusiastic Genora Dollinger of Flint sends in the following highlights of life at Mid-West School and Camp where she has been lolling the past few weeks.

"How would you like to Last week, in place of the regular course on the history of the Amerilisten to a lecture on American course on the fistory of the filter-



he claimed that his work had been speeded up so much that he couldn't take it any longer. It was generally feared that the bosses were making it tougher on the whites than on the Negroes. Good union men, both white and colored, are watching this strategy fearfully, remembering the days when the operators used first one group and then the

other to scab against each other. These events were unrelated but strikingly similar. It was no mere coincidence that they were so similar and took place so soon after the passage of the Taft-Hartley Behind them is the whole Act. story of the class struggle of 1947: a struggle which at this period in the decay of capitalism is being fought most bitterly at the point of production itself.

COMPETITION LOOMS

Fierce competition among the coal operators is in the offing. Last year 613,000,000 tons of coal were dug in the United States, the sec-

ond highest tonnage in history, and this in spite of two major strikes in the industry. Ninety per cent of

to hem in Russia, and to realize hegemony of the continent," be-	hildhood mines, a great part of this marke		history while lying in the cool shade
gins an editorial in the July-August Fourth International, just off	will be eliminated. This fact, plus	LOS ANGELES, Aug. 8 — West Coast comrades and	history while lying in the cool shade of a leafy tree with a breeze from the lake caressing your brow? That's
- Buitor.	the approaching American depres-	bob mitalifies, mag. o - west coust commands and	the lake caressing your brow? That's from activists in the auto, steel,
	ring to last week's toungs-	friends of the Socialist Workers Party greeted with anticipa-	the kind of algorithment in a smaritime, painters and electrical
The article points out that the Marshall Plan represents the town Vin			Wild Workers unions.
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Potsdam Agreement, Everything went wrong with the imperialist	ex-presidents by putting to the operator the 20's and 30's	s section is raining the west coast vacation benedit for	store for you at Mid-West. Do you
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from Business Manager, 116 University Fixed, feet 19	Youngstown, O. Older men hired during the way	modern facilities, the Camp Com- field of work.	and, as we sing Solidarity Forever with full hearts and voices the
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-By Theodore Kovalesky

When you were a kid probably somebody read to ing the day. That's all they had, just three men you about giants and witches, about spells that were for their speedup; but those three men held in their



cast over people. Well, one time I saw a spell that hands not whips, not guns, but something far more was broken. A thing happened, deadly: the power to say, "You're fired!" And when

and everything was suddenly they said, "Hurry up," or "You gotta do more work changed all around, everything than this," we hurried up and did more work. So that's the way it was every day. The pulley was different. Here's how it was: It was a machine shop, not a belts flapped and flapped with a strange dull slapvery big place as shops go, one ping sound that is like nothing else than pulley that hired about a hundred men belts. And all day long we worked steadily, worked including clerks and bosses. It fast, and felt Harry and Louie, and sometimes felt was an old shop. In the morn- the terrible presence of Mr. Wicker at our backs. ing Harry, the foreman, would All day it was that way, and every day.

But one day there was a thunder storm so loud pull a switch turning on the shop's power, and all the pulley belts would start flapping. It was a noise and furious that we could hear the thunderclaps even that I'll always remember. All day long we'd hear over the roar of the machines and the flapping of the belts. There was a main drive shaft coming the belts. And suddenly, early in the afternoon, the from a huge motor up near the ceiling at the rear motor at the rear of the shop moaned down to a of the shop. From that line belts looped down to stop. The belts flapped more slowly, more faintly, the machines along the middle of the shop; and and then were still.

from it other belts reached out to turn other lines of pulleys that ran parallel to it, and from these day, but a magical thing had happened. Something lines the belts looped down to the machines under had broken the spell and set us free. For a moment them And all day long all these belts flapped as the

the switch again, and the motor moaned slowly down. The belts flapped more slowly, more weakly, and in gour machines. finally were still, drooping down to the quiet machines as though they, like us, were exhausted after he day's labor.

They say the speedup is a comparatively new thing in industry . . . and that is true in the scien-go back to work even when Harry came and blustered tific sense. Newer and newer ways are ever being at them. developed to make the workers produce more and to lay off more and more workers to produce the sound of the belts. same amount of work.

It didn't work as well as the one at Ford or G.M. the belts began to flap as they always did. We stopped today, but it worked. It was simple. There were no talking and laughing. We stopped smiling and went elaborate time and motion studies. There were no back to work without even a word from Harry or charts and tables. There were just Harry, Louie, the Louie. straw-boss, and Mr. Wicker, the superintendent, That was the first time such a thing had hapwhom we saw only at certain terrible intervals dur- pened, and I don't think it ever happened again.

There we were in the shop in the middle of the there was a heavy, dead, all-pervading silence. We stood at our machines and looked up at the quiet pulley wheels whirled. At quitting time Harry pulled belts. We stared with our eyes a little out of focus, for we had been looking steadily at the work held

> Then we realized what had happened. We had been set free. We began to talk, to laugh, to shout jokes from one end of the shon to the other. Even the bench hands who needed no pulley belts for their work stopped with the rest of us and wouldn't

For ten minutes it lasted. For ten free minutes more in less and less time. Ways are being found we substituted our own happy noise for the dead

But then, like a siren with a hoarse bass voice, But in those old days we had our own speedup. the sound of the motor went spiraling up again and

THE MILITANT

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TROOPS WILL AID DICTATORS IN GREECE, U.S. THREATENS

How Prices Have Kept On Soaring



This chart from the August issue of AFL Monthly Survey shows statistically what every housewife already knows too well-that prices are far above what they were in 1939. Federated Picture

By John G. Wright

'Simultaneously with the arrival of the American "aid" mission in Athens, the Truman administration propelled this country closer to the "shooting phase" of the next world war by voicing openly the threat to send U. S. troops into Greece.

This threat was contained in+ a speech made on Aug. 12 by Herschel V. Johnson, deputy U. S. representative on the Security Council. Johnson's "very strong speech" was interpreted by the N. Y. Times as the beginning of a "series of drastic steps" which might "culminate in the use of armed forces by the United States and other countries. Preliminary steps are already on

the way. A dispatch from Washington, Aug. 14, reports "discussions between the State and War Departments" with a view to expediting the departure of "U. S. troops (which) may ultimately have to be dispatched to Greece." This means that the stage for action has al-

ready been set, pending the final orders. WAR SPECULATION

There is speculation in the metropolitan press that American soldiers may be fighting in Greece by the end of this year.

A Reuters dispatch from London discloses that Washington is moving in prior agreement with the Attlee government.

It is an open secret that discussions of American armed intervention in the Balkans have been going on for weeks, with the Greek monarchy pressing for such "aid." On Aug. 5 Athens sent out an "urgent plea" for a "symbolic force" of

American troops and planes. No official request has been forthcoming because, as the N. Y. Times explained on Aug. 7, "Greece cannot, formally and officially ask for American troops until all efforts to obtain security through the United Nations have failed."

This flimsy obstacle has now been removed by Washington's expressed determination to by-pass the UN. It is already accepted as an accomplished fact in Athens, from which Aug. 13 dispatches carry the news that Johnson's speech "was hailed almost universally as an American

Plan Protest at



oledge |to |defend |Greek |integrity even to the point of sending troops !! The Truman administration is moving so swiftly to tear up its own promises not to send troops to Greece, because no aid short of military intervention can long keep the incumbent Athenian despots in pow-

Despite their reign of terror, Premier Maximos and his cabinet find their position more precarious than before. They are reported to have told the U.S. State Dept. that unless armed assistance is forthcoming they must resign in the face of the 'ever rising tide of guerrilla activi-

ity." (N. Y. Times, Aug. 7.) The international crisis now precipitated reproduces in many of its features the developments that preceded the outbreak of World War II, with Greece today taking the place of Spain, and with the U.S. and England in place of Mussolini's

Italy and Hitler's Germany. By betraying and forcibly opposing the struggle for a Socialist Greece, the monstrous Stalin regime is repeating the same criminal

role there that it played in Spain, in the fateful days preceding the formal outbreak of World War II. By his policies Stalin paves the way for another world slaughter just as he did in Hitler's time. The warmongering character of the Truman Doctrine is now clearly revealed. The steps now envisaged in Greece are its logical outcome.

ONLY THE BEGINNING Greece is only the beginning. Once American troops are installed there, equally "urgent reasons" for send

ing other detachments to countries

in Europe will inescapably follow.

-By Albert Parker-Look far and wide, North and South, in the col- the Indonesians are the overwhelming majority in leges and in the cotton fields, and you will still find their country and the American capitalist class is

Admiration for the Indonesians



The Negro Struggle

nesian cause. for the Indonesian struggle among American Negroes not even Wall Street, will be able to stop them. I think you will also find some envy, certainly among Negro militants.

great obstacles they must overcome, are at least in men and women who can see the distant goal even a position where they can fight effectively and to in the sometimes routine day-to-day work of organizthe finish against their enemies. Because the Indonesians found the opportunity, during the twists and turns of the war, to come to grips with their foes, out in the open, in a dramatic and inspiring struggle which can be prolonged but not defeated.

It sifficult to discover a Negro in the United States far more powerful and resourceful than the Dutch. who is not passionately sympa- Here not only the Negroes must be aroused and orthetic to the struggle of the Indo- ganized - that isn't so hard - but also their allies nesian people for independence. among the white workers, many of whom are still The reason is simple. Oppressed drugged and duped by Jim Crow propaganda.

and exploited themselves, the Ne- But let's not exaggerate the picture, or we will gro people understand how the end up by discouraging ourselves at a time when we Indonesians feel about imperialist have every right to be confident and optimistic. oppression and exploitation. Segre- Millions of Negroes who today seem apathetic or regated, discriminated against, denied the full benefits signed to their fate are just waiting for the time of citizenship themselves, the Negroes in this coun- when they too can come to grips with the enemy, try feel in their very bones the justice of the Indo- When that day comes, they will show the same spirit of heroism and self-sacrifice and audacity as their If you probe deeper, however, I think you will Indonesian brothers and sisters. And once the white thid something more than sympathy and admiration workers are awakened politically, no power on earth,

Meanwhile, the task is to prepare for that day. Yes, envy, because the Indonesians, despite the struggle will be. It takes the farsighted ones, the This preparatory work is less inspiring than the final ing and selling pamphlets and holding meetings, the people who are patient and stubborn and have confidence in the future they are preparing for,

We have the right to envy the Indonesian heroes In many ways the Negro struggle for equality is battling for a better world half-way round the globe. and difficult and disheartening than the struggle And we have the duty to follow their example and

Labor and Negro Groups in Chicago Rally to Defense of James Hickman

CHICAGO, Aug. 13-The trial of James Hickman has been set for Sept. 29, after his indictment by the Grand Jury on charges of murdering his former landlord, David Coleman, and of assaulting Percy Brown, Coleman's half-brother, with intent to kill. Simultaneously the fight to save Hickman's life moved

fense.

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inent individuals this week sent out burned to death. a call for a meeting tomorrow to sponsor the establishment of a city- children and resentful of his houswide defense committee. Their let- ing conditions, Mr. Hickman shot ter presents the following summary of the Hickman case: ORDERED OUT OF ATTIC

into high gear as labor, Negro shortage, and blocked by the reand community leaders and or- strictlye covenants which preventganizations rallied to his de- ed the Hickmans, a Negro family, from moving into many Chicago A West Side Hickman Defense neighborhoods, they were unable to Committee has been functioning move. A short while later a fire since July. Now the defense move- swept through the attic flat and four ment is broadening out. Five prom- of Mr. Hickman's children were

> "Dazed by the loss of his four Coleman. (Coleman's half-brother, who was with him at the time. claims Hickman shot at him too.)

THE REAL CRIMINALS



in Indonesia. The Negroes here are a minority, while prepare for the coming struggle here.

Health for All

-By Grace Carlson-

Most promising of all of the recent developments Bill proposes to broaden the Social Security Act to in public health have been the labor-sponsored health include compulsory health insurance. Those eligible programs. In the past few years, scores of trade for care would include all employed or self-employed



Medical Association.

unions have won the fight to persons, recipients of old-age or survivor benefits, have the employers finance and those on relief — if the premiums are paid by health programs for union mem- the relief agency. Provision is to be made to have bers. By means of health and 3% of earnings to be paid into a national insurance security clauses in their con- fund. Additional funds are authorized to be approtracts, the United Mine Workers, priated from general taxation for hospital constructhe St. Louis CIO Wholesale and tion, etc.

Retail Clerks Union, the New The services, as outlined in the National Health York City AFL Painters Union, Insurance Bill, include diagnostic and therapeutic the Philadelphia International care by a physician of the patient's choice (provided Ladies Garment Workers Union the physician is qualified under state standards). and others have established General practitioners are to be paid according to methods chosen by a majority of physicians in the

But the staggering problem of supplying medical area. Specialists will be paid by a method agreed care to all American workers who need it can be upon by them and the insurance officers. Hospitals met only through federal funds and federal legis- will be paid full cost of service.

lation. That is why the official AFL and CIO move- Despite its many, many inadequacies, the Naments have endorsed the National Health Insurance tional Health Insurance Act is being supported by and Public Health Act of 1947, successor to the trade unions because it represents a forward step Wagner-Murray-Dingell Bill of 1945-46. But even this on the road toward better health for the workers. mild form of socialized medicine has met with violent But organized labor should take the next step and denunciation by the vested interests of private medi- demand that these tremendous health insurance cine — the spokesmen of the bureaucratic American funds be placed under the control of the trade unions. Many trade unions have already demonstrated their Instead, the AMA is supporting an opposition ability to win the support of forward-looking medimeasure — the Taft Health Bill. Introduced by the cal men and to operate impressive health centers. reactionary Taft of Ohio (of Slave Labor Law ill- Other unions could — and would — do as well if they fame) and the equally reactionary Ball of Minne- had the necessary financial resources.

sota, the Taft Bill would "provide hospital services, In a socialist society doctors will be freed from surgical services and medical services for all those the fetters of private profit. They will be able to families and individuals in the State having insuifi- apply the benefits of modern science to all who need cient income to pay the whole cost of such." Trade medical care - and in the measure in which each union spokesmen, representatives of cooperative one needs it. But in the socialist society, health health groups, and members of independent phy- will not be merely a negative thing, i.e., the absence sicians' organizations have attacked the Taft Health of pain or disability. In the Anglo-Saxon origin both because it is based on a charity concept "health" means something positive. It is wholeness. and because it provides for doctor-control of public It means a long, rich and productive life. Socialist medical science will find the way to bring health to

On the other hand, the National Health Insurance all!

Notes from the News

LONG LIFE AND SOUR: Pearl L. Bergoff, who Russia, and if we see Russia is winning we ought made a big business of strikebreaking for Big Busi- to help Germany." (N. Y. Times, June 23, 1941, reness for 35 years, kicked the bucket at the age of 68 printed in W. L. White's new book, Report on the Russians.) Three years later the Communist Party last week.



helped to elect him Vice-President. JIM CROW AT FBI: Negro applicants for clerical jobs are getting THOUGHT CONTROL: The so-called "loyalty" the brush-off from the FBI, the check of all federal employes is expected to swing NAACP declared in a protest into operation full blast this week. Truman asked against that department's "lily- for \$25 million to carry through the purge, and Congress gave him \$11 million to start with. white hiring policy."

WITHOUT BLUSHING: The day after Hitler at- THE DEBS STORY: A biographical novel about tacked the Soviet Union, Senator Harry S. Truman Eugene V. Debs, Adversary in the House by Irving aid. "If Germany is winning we ought to help Stone, will be issued by Doubleday next month.

James Hickman, his wife and their children were tenants in a building managed by David Coleman Mr. Hickman is tried in the fashion lived in a tiny attic room without of a criminal. The real criminals in gas, electricity, running water or fire escapes. They had been living there temporarily after having paid for a flat in a lower floor in the same building.

"The landlord, Coleman, instead of living up to his promise, ordered this family out of the building in order to be able to cut up the building into smaller flats and thereby realize an even greater profit on

ent collections. "Faced by the acute housing

Chicago NAACP **Plans Mass Action On Housing Crisis**

CHICAGO, Aug. 13 - The new Labor Committee of the Chicago NAACP is working on plans for a mass demonstration next month under the joint auspices of the NAACP, the Chicago CIO Council and various AFL locals. The main theme of the demonstration will be a demand for the reconvening of Congress to adopt a genuine public housing program to meet the deepening housing crisis. The demonstration will also demand the repeal of the Taft-Hartley Slave Labor Law and the adoption of effective federal anti-lynch L. I., a decisive victory against Jim a valuable precedent for future batlegislation.

Otis Collins, member of the CIO Machinists Union; chairman of sub- cense.

committee on education - Russell Snodgrass, member of the CIO Anti-Discrimination Committee."

plans to secure representation from bership" or status as "guests" which izations. These delegates will meet management literally grovelled be-The Labor Committee aims to create welcome mat for them. A sign that, NAACP and other Negro organiza- bers" were permitted was hastily tions and the labor movement for removed. joint action on common problems. | The victory was all the more sig- ber. He showed that in the many Equality. On the second weekend cate.

"As you can see from the above. this case are the real estate interests who promote restrictive covenants which drive Negroes into fire traps where they are at the mercy of ruthless landlords. "The greatest criminal of all is

the housing shortage which permits unscrupulous landlords to mercilessly exploit helpless tenants. The case of James Hickman is the cuse of all those who are interested in justice for people of the lower income brackets."

The call was signed by Rev. Jo-

seph Evans; Willoughby Abner, first attorney for several tenant union Youth Council; Dr. James Luther executive board; and William Tem- Colored People, Communist Party,

Adams. ple, prominent Negro criminal law- American Youth for Democracy, Three attorneys have been re- yer and member of the NAACP ex- Socialist Party, Young Peoples So- its mighty voice to demand: "Stop tained for Hickman: M. J. Myer, ¹ecutive board.

Dutch Consulate In Philadelphia

JAMES HICKMAN

perialist policy in Indonesia and by the lie that American interventhe use of American-made arms to enforce Dutch rule, and to support serve Greek independence. It is an the struggle for independence by the Indonesian people.

Invitations to participate in the the right of the Greek people to vice-president of the CIO Council; groups and NAACP branch execu- preparation of the demonstration self-determination; simultaneously Charles Chiakulous, president of twe board member; Leon Despres, were sent to the CIO Council, Amer- it carries with it the threat of UAW-CIO Local 477; Bernis John- civil rights lawyer and member of ican Veterans Committee, National atomic destruction of the whole son, chairman of West Side NAACP the American Civil Liberties Union Association for the Advancement of world.

cialist League and Workers Party. | the warmakers! Hands off Greece."

Rockaway Pickets Score Victory Against Jim Crow at Bath-house

NEW YORK, Aug. 9- | nificant in that this is the first time | days he had participated on the | of picketing it was joined by the After two weeks of intensive in New York's history that a license picket line, white persons were con- Catholic Worker group and the Har-

Crow has been won.

director for the Committee for Ra- to comply with this order, he de- bathhouse. cial Equality (CORE); correspond- clared, would result in the immediing secretary-Ward Rogers of the ate revocation of the bathhouse li-

The NAACP Labor Committee of the trick alibis concerning "mem- bers.

mass picketing to break down mit he had the legal authority to while Negroes were denied admission The picket line, mili discrimination at the Park Inn revoke a license because of racial on the pretext that they were not out, had seriously cut into the busi-Bathhouse at Rockaway Park, discrimination. This admission sets members or guests.

tles against Jim Crow.

Council's Housing Committee, has angry participants at a missioner's office began with the NAACP, representatives of the Com- city police retreated from their origbeen chosen NAACP Labor Commit- hearing on the case, Benjamin presentation of charges by two of the mittee for Racial Equality, the May- inal intention of trying to break up tee chairman, with George Bynum Fielding, Commissioner of Licenses, members of the Coordinating Com- or's Committee for Unity and nu- the line. of AFL Barbers Union Local 939 as ordered the proprietor to immediate- mittee in charge of the picket line, merous participants of the picket co-chairman. Other officers are: ly quit his discriminatory practices Miriam Eversley and George How- line. The aggrieved Negroes who Commissioner's office the commit-Secretary and publicity director- and admit to the bathhouse all ard, who had also instituted legal had been denied admittance were tee in charge had decided to supple-Robert L. Birchman, also publicity persons regardless of color. Failure action against the proprietor of the represented by Attorney Conrad ment its picketing with a monster

Lynn. Answering these charges, the sole PICKET LINE SUPPORTED defense of the proprietor was that The picket line before the bath-

his bathhouse is an incorporated Today, for the first time in many membership club and therefore had the Commissioner's office was offi- line around his office. ted entry into the bathhouse. All except members and guests of mem-

all locals of the CIO, AFL, Railroad had previously been used to keep tured by Herbert Hill, organization and Rockaway branches of the he had aroused by committing himonce a month, beginning Sept. 8. fore Negro customers, laying out the mittee and member of the Harlem gress; the Siloam Presbyterian moval from the County Committee The Labor Committee aims to create welcome mat for them. A sign that out that he personally had been sold UAW-CIO, Local 365; the Harlem cause of his stand on the fare quesa ticket and admitted without be- Social Group of the AFL Painters tion gave him notoriety which he

The picket line, militant throughness of the bathhouse, turning away

Among those who attended the many persons who refused to enter hearing was Ann Little, Secretary the Jim Crow establishment. Seeing Confronted by the protests of The hearing at the License Com- of the Harlem Branch of the the determination of the pickets,

Prior to the hearing at the License rally before the bathhouse and to

institute immediate legal proceedings. In the event of failure by the Commissioner to act, the committee house which climaxed in victory at had decided to place a mass picket

It is generally believed that Field-State Conference of the NAACI' ing yielded to the pressure of the with representatives from the Har- picket line to refurbish his repu-

years, Negroes were readily admit-the right to deny admittance to all cially supported by the New York

This pretext was quickly punc- lem, Brooklyn, Great Neck, Jamaica tation as a "liberal" after the storm

Director of the Coordinating Com- NAACP; the American Jewish Con- self to the 10 cents fare. His re-Branch of the NAACP. Hill pointed Church of Brooklyn; a shop unit of of the American Labor Party be-

ing a member or a guest of a mem- Union and the Committee of Racial was undoubtedly anxious to eradie

Dutch Consulate in Philadelphia to voice opposition to the Dutch im-

Nor will the arena of this series of "unofficial" wars be limited to PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 11 the continent of Europe. It will - The Philadelphia Branch of soaked dictatorial regime of Chiang the Socialist Workers Party has Kai-shek likewise cannot long sur-

proposed that a United labor dem- vive unless propped up by American onstration be held in front of the bayonets. The American workers must not allow themselves to be hoodwinked

imperialist policy that tramples on

For this reason labor must raise