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Minority Rights Menaced By Stalinist Bureaucrats

By C. Thomas

The sharp internal conflict within the CIO United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America will occupy the center of the stage at the union's annual convention to be held in Boston next week.

The opposition to the Stalin-UE Committee for Democratic Action under the leadership of Harry | principled cliques. Block of Philadelphia and James Carey, Secretary-Treasurer of the CIO and former president of the UE. The Carey-Block group claims to represent over 25% of the membership. They publish a caucus paper, 'The Real UE,'' with a national circulation. A number of locals are controlled by their supporters. They also claim a steady growth in numbers and influence since the last onvention when the Carey-Block slate was defeated by a vote of 6

STALINIST CAMPAIGN

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Reflecting their fear of the growth of the opposition, the Stalinists have launched a campaign to eliminate the UE Committee for Democratic Action as an organized force. Last March, the Stalinist General Executive Board of the UE adopted a resolution condemning the CDA as "a dual movement," and calling "upon the Committee for Democratic Action to dissolve."

In the months preceding the coming convention, a flood of Stalinistinspired resolutions have poured into national headquarters calling on the convention to take drastic action against "outside interference in the affairs of the union" by the CDA. Some of these resolutions have gone

tions and groups" be dissolved. Under the formula of a campaign against "outside interference," the Stalinists propose to stifle the activity of all opposition groupings in the union. According to the Stal-

contending national groups offers any solution to the problems conist leadership has been organ- ronting the labor movement, the ized on a national scale in the struggle takes on the character of a fight for power between two un-MAJOR ISSUE

The major issue dividing the two groups and one which will undoubtedly give rise to a fierce struggle at the convention is the question of "foreign policy." The CDA-ACTU group supports the Truman Doctrine, the Marshall Plan and the anti-Soviet crusade. The Stalinists, of course, support the foreign policy of the Kremlin, as interpreted and applied by the American Communist Party. Neither policy represents the interests of the workers.

On the most burning question of political action both groups support

the CIO-PAC policy of supporting friends of labor" in the Democratic and Republican camp. While these are the main lines, both groups adapt their tactics to local conditions. For example, in

some locals the Stalinists voice their "third party" demagogy while in others, as in Local 450 in New York, they declare: "We must make the CIO-PAC a living vital force, as the instrument through which we can once more 'reward our friends and punish our enemies.' " (Report of

Officers.) In a number of locals throughout the country strong groups exist opposed to both the CDA and the further and demanded that all "fac-Stalinists. In addition various tendencies exist within the main groups. This makes for a fluid situation within the national organization.

gration authorities last week seized. for deportation two union officials, With the further sharpening of With the further sharpening of the class struggle as an aftermath of the particle base of forsize of the Communist (Stalinist) Party. On

Key to the Situation

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Organized Labor Target Of 'Red' Deportation Cases

Acting like a well-oiled ma- zation director of the CIO Trans- the notorious Palmer "Red" Raids ucts. port Workers Union; the other is of the Twenties must arouse the chine and obviously upon or-Michael J. Obermeier, president of vigilance of the entire labor moveders from the highest federal Local 6, Hotel and Club Employes ment. agencies, the New York immi-

Union. AFL. nembership in the Communist servience to the Kremlin makes it good. Party. Obermeier is charged in ad- easy for Wall Street's warmongers

Food Profiteers Price Squeeze Ignored Run Wild in **Gouging the Poor**

With the rapacity of a wolfprofiteers are sinking their cial session-for what? greedy claws deeper and deeper

nto the bread-baskets of the poor. rising. Eggs are pressing the dollar-a-dozen mark. Meats, except

the poorest grades, went far out of no. Neither the Demo- UNRRA funds and liquidate it? Bereach of unskilled workers' families crats nor the Republicans are hind the current "humanitarian" weeks ago. It is the same with all in the least worried about the pose lie other motives. victuals, except for a few seasonal vegetables.

Last week was the tenth consecu- profits of their masters in Wall tive time that the Bureau of La-Street. They stage buck-passing bor Statistics acknowledged that "probes" and "investigations" but wholesale prices (of basic commoddo nothing to stop profiteering. ties) again reach a new peak." Is the special session to act on the Prices, especially food prices, which housing crisis? No; both parties in the Ruhr and elsewhere; which have climbed steadily, with minor backed the bill for the "voluntary" luctuations, since V-J Day are now 15% rent boost and both are serving rocketing into the stratosphere. the real estate sharks.

The general index of commodity Is it to repeal the Taft-Hartley prices for the week ending Aug. 30 Slave Labor Law? Emphatically, no. was more than one and a half times The majority of both capitalist parthe 1936 level, according to BLS ties voted to shackle this fasciststatistics. The actual rise has been minded legislation around labor's pense of the peoples' political rights nuch larger, as every housewife neck. knows. Many foods have doubled To reduce taxes on low-income

and tripled in price since pre-war brackets? The answer is obvious, arations for atomic war. days. Wall Street's two parties are inter-Washington's economists are all

agreed that prices will go still high- rich. er (they have the gall to add-a little" higher), before any decline sets in.

The warehouses and granaries are bulging with foods and other prod-What the forecast is really the majority. based on is the unpublicized fact In brief, the special session will NO STRINGS ATTACHED

that big monopolies who have been not act on any of the most pressfixing prices-but good!-are bent ing problems facing the American out any strings attached. What While the attack is ostensibly di- on squeezing every last penny of people today.

The sole charge against Santo is rected against the CP-whose sub- profit while the squeezing is still

tition with having been affiliated to exploit the current Russophobia nations as for example, that prices an purpose-to aid the war-stricken ing the kind of labor government

In Agenda for Congress By The Editors The Truman administration is rushing prep-

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pack closing in for the kill, the arations for a special session of Congress. A spe-

Is it to take action on the outrageously high Milk prices have long passed the prices which day by day cut deeper and deeper 20 cents-a-quart mark and keep into the working families' living standards?

The answer to that is hief for Europe, why did they cut off

price-gouge which is doubling Washington's puttons one choice bill to be footed by the poor people bill to be footed by the poor people Washington's billions-the entire of this country-are earmarked for those governments which will play ball, politically and economically, with Wall Street: which will accept and safeguard dollar investments

will line up in advance for the war against the Soviet Union; which will keep the labor movement from going "too far" and setting up genuine socialist governments.

This means the "reconstruction" of European capitalism at the exand a worsened standard of living; it means greatly stepped-up prep-

The American working people are ested only in lowering taxes for the not callous. They are deeply concerned about the plight of their To outlaw lynching, the poll tax or European brothers. They are eager discrimination in employment? to help them. But this cannot be Again and again and again-NO! done through a government which Both parties have repeatedly re- pursues the reactionary Truman fused to enact such laws when in Doctrine and the nobler-sounding but equally base Marshall Plan.

Aid to Europe must be given withis necesary is to rebuild Europe's To be sure, the administration industries without at the same time contends that this special session is preventing the people from doing Utterly fraudulent are such expla- to be called for a great humanitari- away with capitalism and establish-

of the anti-labor offensive of the inist demagogy there is no need for employers, regroupments are bound internal groupings in a "democratic" to take place around the vital proborganization. Having complete conlems that will arise. trol of the national apparatus the

Stalinist prohibition of opposition groups would mean the banning of groups through the subterfuge of a Il groups but one-their own. The resort to red-baiting by the ence," is, therefore, a blow aimed To Halt Jim Crow all groups but one-their own. CDA, together with the fact that it | at the democratic right of the memshelters the reactionary ACTU group bers to group together to advance a program in opposition to the official (Association of Catholic Trade Un-'eadership. The open struggle beionists), has misled some militants nto supporting the demagogic Stalween contending groups is the best inist resolutions against, "outside inguarantee of the preservation of terference." Because neither of the nternal union democracy.



NEW YORK, Sept. 11-Next Tuesday the second annual tion of denouncing the action, it has session of the General Assembly of the UN will convene at failed to seriously affect the strike. Flushing, L. I. Launched after three years of intense ballyhoo, workers leaders in the Gary subthe UN is now 20 months of age.

Only ashes remain of the even claim that the General As-glowing hopes and promises of embly will ease by an iota the lot manded that the union step into yesterday. In place of "one world" mock of those who are now endurare two huge power blocs, with ing identical treatment at the hands Washington leading the imperialist of Bevin's stormtroopers. cohorts, while the Kremlin digs in behind its buffer zones in Eastern

Europe and the Far East. In place of universal peace and prosperity, political and economic crises convulse the planet, threatening to engulf not only Europe but this country as well.

Despite, or rather because of the UN "disarmament" program, our plobe bristles with armaments, with

stockpiles of atomic, biological and rocket missiles alongside old-fashioned bayonets, tanks, planes. Endless was the list of UN promises. Yet 20 months have more than sufficed to transfigure almost all of them into their diametric opposites.

Assuming that any of the participants, big or little, were ever capable of shame, what single point to without blushing? Ts it the Indonesian settlement? To the Indonesians now being slaughvery mention of UN must ring like

tered by Dutch storm troopers armed Kremlin's indecision whether or not Approximately one-fourth of basis. David H. H. Felix, attorney H. H. Felix will present the legal with U.S. lend-lease equipment, the to send Molotov, anathema.

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is John Santo, international organiems that will arise. The attempt to ban internal CIO Leaders Act

in the Chicago-Calumet Area are meier has lived in this country for

taking drastic measures to end the 35 years. strike of students at Emerson High School, Gary, Indiana. The strike, which is now a week old, is another attempt in this city to prevent Negro students from attending the public high schools. Although the public school officials have taken a posi-

A meeting of all the United Steel-

district was called by Joseph Germano, District Director of the un-

of the victims of Nazism is to make the situation and throw its weight against the Jim Crow strike. "It is sickening to come to Gary and see members of the CIO parti

Go through the whole list of items | cipate in a shameful, anti-democraon the Assembly agenda or the tic, and subversive demonstration,' 'holdover" questions scheduled to Germano said. "The situation is come up there or in any of the six deplorable because the union in permanent UN bodies:-the Balkan Gary is so strong and could have juestion, Franco Spain, Korea, the prevented it," he continued. Atomic Bomb, the treatment of In-Germano scolded the union leadlians in South Africa, Egypt, etc., ers because they "simply haven't

etc.-the story is invariably the done a job of carrying out the spirit same: failure, failure and again and intent of the anti-discrimination policy of the union." He pro-How could it be otherwise? The posed that the union suspend any

UN's role is identical with that of member whose children are partithe defunct League of Nations, cipating in the strike. His proposal called correctly by Lenin the was immediately adopted by the lo-'thieves' kitchen." cal leaders.

The atmosphere amid which the This action by the Gary union Assembly sessions will be held is leaders represents the most drastic lican and Democratic city mastrongly reminiscent of the League step ever taken by union leaders

in 1936 when Hitler scrapped the against Jim Crow movements in this an independent electoral group, and Versailles Treaty much as Wash- area. This comes as a result of the the Communist Party both were ington-London are scrapping the fact that last year Gary was the summarily rejected on the flimsiest labor and liberal groups in a fight achievement of the UN could they Potsdam Pact today. Highlighting scene of scandalous strikes at Froe- legal technicalities. the international crisis is the de- bel High School, where Jim Crow monstrative participation of State organizations conducted a number papers of the SWP and the WP jected for Saturday, Sept. 20, at

Is it the Palestinian question? To predecessor a decade ago. America.

the Food Workers Industrial - the real target is the organized are going up because of huge ex-Union, a subsidiary of the Stalinist- labor movement, in the first in- ports to famished European peoples. only look closer to see that this is a help is to withdraw the troops now sponsored Trade Union Unity stance the genuine union militants. League, created by the CP during Their turn — under similar charges in recent months and especially in its notorious "Third Period" when - will come swiftly upon the heel recent weeks. England has virtually dual "Red unions" were the official of any success that the reaction- ceased buying American foods. Other of millions in Eastern Europe. Why Republican Congress will not give policy. (The TUUL was dissolved aries are able to score at the exin 1934, with the inception of pense of the discredited Stalinists. other products. For this reason it is necessary Stalin's "people's front" line,) Neither Santo nor Obermeier are to rally the largest forces not so

citizens, having been repeatedly de- | much for the defense of the par-CHICAGO, Sept. 9-Top nied their naturalization papers al- ticular individuals in the case but, union leaders of the CIO though Santo has served as a sol- above all, to defend the elementary United Steelworkers of America dier in World War II, while Ober- democratic rights under attack. This is a clear-cut class issue.

Whoever lines up with the red-Coldest calculation and systematic baiters and deporters - no matter jected "aid" to Europe to unload on planning are apparent in the Santo- how plausible the demagogic argu- the morow at fantastic prices, their Obermeier case: from the timing ments may sound!-is in reality lin- huge inventories of foods and manof the detentions, through the de- ing up with the bitterest enemies

ufactured goods. Most shameful of all amid this liberate involvement of both CIO of the entire labor movement. The and AFL unions, down to such Militant, an irreconcilable political speculative orgy is the cringing siminor items as the nationalities of opponent of Stalinism and every- lence of the official labor leaders, defendants--Chermeier, a German thing it stands for, is unequivocally who are doing exactly nothing while by birth; Santo, a Rumanian citi- opposed to these projected deporta- the billionaires continue to rob the tions as an ominous conspiracy American people as well as the zen of Hungarian descent. starving poor throughout the world. This sinister attempt to duplicate against labor.

Plot to Bar SWP from Ballot Brought to Court in Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 6 - The Republican-dominated papers of the two parties is arous-County Board of Flections yesterday rejected the nomination two sides of the class struggle. On papers for Irene P. LeCompte, Socialist Workers Party candidate in the 7th Councilmanic District, on the grounds of failing to answer questions at the to answer why they have rejected hearing last Friday, which led the nomination papers of the SWP to charges of contempt being and the WP. Hearing on this will placed against the condidate and come up Friday, Sept. 12 in the

the party pre-emptors. Similar Common Pleas Court. action was taken against I. Jack In order to combat the vicious Rader, Workers Party candidate in legal obstacles of the Pennsylvania the 5th Councilmanic District. election laws, the Joint Defense An evident conspiracy to keep Committee is prepared to carry to opposition parties from the ballot the highest state court the fight is being carried out by the Repubfor the political rights of independent labor candidates to appear

chines. The United Veterans Party. on the ballot. The Defense Committee is proceeding to rally the support of all for elementary democratic rights.

The rejection of the nomination A defense rally and social is pro-Secretary Marshall as against the of attacks against Negro students. | was made without one single legal 1303 W. Girard Avenue, where David Gary's 110,000 population is Negro, for the joint defense committee, aspects of the case and the candi-At all events, the UN will prove as and the majority of them are mem- immediately issued a writ of man- dates will speak on the fight for impotent in 1947 as was its defunct bers of the United Steelworkers of damus asking Judge McDevitt to labor's rights to the ballot.

peoples of Europe. But we need they want and need. The way to Actually food exports have declined threadbare lie.

This does not mean to say the world famine is not a factor in the current speculation. It is a big one, indeed. 'The same "humanitarians" who are taking bread, milk and meat

from the mouths of American fam-

acting as police for Wall Street all In the first instance, Washington over Europe. has no intention of aiding hundreds Such aid the present Democraticcountries have less and less dollars not? These starving and suffering just as it will not act in the service

with which to buy food, let alone people will get nothing because of the American people. either they or the governments there For progress at home as well as in won't accept Wall Street's politics. Europe the crying need is for a new They can starve, so far as Wash- Congress-a Congress elected and ington cares - until they toe the controlled by the workers through line. their own political organization, an

If Washington is interested in re- independent Labor Party.



SEPT. 11 - Labor lost the first important court challenge to the Taft-Hartley Act this week when a federal judge in

Fort Worth, Texas upheld the vere opposed to compliance with Act's "anti - communist" provi- | the anti-communist filings, but that sions as "legal, consistent and pro- final decision would have to await the national CIO convention in per."

The CIO Oil Workers had gone Boston next month. to court to force the NLRB to count the ballots in an election held last ington yesterday declared that the month. The NLRB refused, con-CIO's stand would depend on what tending that under the Slave Labor action is taken by the AFL. This Law officers of the national CIO implied that if the AFL decided ing a great deal of interest from and AFL, as well as of affiliated to file, the CIO would probably do national and local unions, would the same. he one hand, friends and sympafirst have to file the anti-comthizers of the movement are rally-

munist affidavits and financial statements.

try elements are seeking to find NLRB officials, gloating over this judicial blow at labor, point out urther ways of persecuting the pokesmen for labor and minority that it will hold up 3,000 similar cases now pending.

filings demanded by the NLRB:

The pre-emptors and condidate The Oil Workers have filed an of the Socialist Workers Party have appeal against the federal court eceived poison pen letters with such ruling, challenging the constitutionilthy remarks as "Hitler was too ality of the Taft-Hartley Act. good for kikes like you. . . . It's Meanwhile, there were the folime that all kikes and communists be sent back to Russia," etc.

The candidates and pre-emptors till face charges of contempt which will also come up at the hearing next Friday. Aid is needed to carry on the fight against the Republican and Democratic conspiracy to monopolize the ballot and to fight the contempt charges against the can-NLRB's demands. lidates and pre-emptors. All con-

ing to the support of the candidates,

vhile, on the other hand, reaction-

ights.

ributions should be sent to the Joint Defense Committee, 1303 W Girard Avenue, Philadelphia 23

The UAW Executive Board, meeting in Buffalo this week, re-examined its position on the question but finally concluded it would stick to its previous decision to shun the NLRB, pending further action by the national CIO.

The Taft-Hartley Act was also the main issue raised by union leaders supporting the Democratic Party candidate for Congress from the Eighth Pennsylvania District, lowing union developments in con- Philip Storch. However, the Renection with the anti-communist publican candidate won by a decisive majority in this traditional GOP stronghold.

However, CIO officials in Wash-

The AFL Executive Council, meetng in Chicago this week, postponed The campaign showed the inabillecision on the question until to- ity of the union leaders to arouse norrow. President William Green wide mass support for Democratic innounced that he personally was candidates, although polls show n favor of complying with the most people are opposed to the Taft-Hartley Act. As the Dayton,

After a meeting of CIO top of- Ohio primaries successfully demficials in Pittsburgh last week, onstrated last month, the workers President Philip Murray announced want and are ready to rally to labor that the Act would be challenged in candidates independent of the two sourt and that most CIO leaders old parties.

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tention to the following:

for the national defense.

tinued to show that they have deep-

seated grievances against the coal

operators and a society which con-

demns them to the kind of life they

live and the kind of work they do.

I have written about this in my

column before and shall most cer-

is taking place in Britain is under

no circumstances to be associated with the bankrupt British economy.

It is a certain stage of development

of production on a world scale and

a particular response that the work-

We have a similar situation among

zation, and all the bitter conse-

quences of a catastrophic defeat.

Before we rush to that conclusion

however, let us make some com-

parisons between the British and

economy at the present moment

ers are making to it.

American workers.

Something New Scientific socialism is the con-scious expression of the unconscious historical process; namely, the in-stinctive and elemental drive of the proletariat to reconstruct, society on communist beginnings. These or-ganic tendencies in the bsychology of workers spring to life with ut-most rapidity today in the epoch of crises and wars. In the Mines

- By J. R. Johnson -

The relation of the miners ing industry is one of the most potence. They do not know what to do. The mines are nationalized. for the grapes and finally walked in Great Britain to the British backward. The American miners receive very They have a Labor Government. away, saying: "They were probably economy is one of the most high wages. Lut the British miners They have demanded special wages astonishing features of productoo, have been given wages, and and special conditions. They have

tion in the modern world. In the privileges during the recent period got them. What next for them? It centuries-old struggle between capiwhich set them far above their is obvious that they do not know. tal and labor pre-war standards and also above They can only show their dissatis-

we have reach- most of the other workers in Great faction by grim resistance to any ed a pitch Britain. encroachment on their privileges where the fu-The American coal miners are and a supreme disregard for any ture of the constantly being transferred from propaganda even from their own

economy hangs private ownership to government labor leaders. on whether a control and back again. The Brit-But it is precisely the same feeltew thousand ish mines are nationalized and ading which has been widely noted in thousand minministered by a government board. the American coal fields. With ers will or will The American miners have been nothing like the experience of their not work. As persecuted by the government. The British brothers, the American minthe N.Y. Times British miners have won from the ers can only strike and strike and said a few days government special favors. strike. Sometimes they actually ago, this is Thus there are similarities and confess their impotence.

dissimilarities between the two something new. The solution is such a trans-It is. groups of miners which make it im- formation of society as even the The **Times** possible to unite them in any pat- British miners are not yet able to did not comtern except one. They are miners envisage. It involves a method of ment that new of 1947 and resent bitterly the cir-production in which the complete cumstances and conditions of their responsibility for the mines must as this is, it is labor. Not very long ago there were not something rest with the miners themselves. dispatches from Stalinist Russia in The actual production must be unthat is confined to Britain. which the Stalinist bureaucracy der their direct control. - The gov-Just for the spoke with bitterness about the ernment which administers must be sake of the attitude of the miners in Russia to a government of the workers, restrecord and to their production schedules. The ing upon, dependent upon, conefresh a few dramatic circumstances of the Brit- trolled by the workers, a system in defective memories I draw their atish crisis have brought into sharp which the miners can feel that evfocus the relation of the miners to ery effort and even privation are

In 1943 the miners in the United British production. But it is noth- contributing to their own cause and States defied the U.S. governing that is particularly British. It the cause of the other workers like ment and the full war propaganda is world-wide phenomena charac- themselves. teristic not only of miners but of are saying as plainly as possible machine of the American capitalist class. The miners struck, and went labor as a whole. that the present Labor Government back to work, and struck, and went This is what is new. The British | is not their government. And they back to work in a manner that

Labor Government is bankrupt be- | are correct. showed their complete disregard for fore it. The British miner may or The experience of the French all that the government was saying may not give way. That depends Revolution, and of the Russian Revabout the necessities of producing on too many circumstances for us olution in its heroic days, showed to attempt a judgment here. But | that once the masses of the people It is easy to under-estimate what I believe that this attitude that are convinced that the government this series of strikes displayed. Since they have taken is to be closely does indeed represent them, there that time the miners have con- followed by American workers and are no limits to the endurance and revolutionaries. In it can be dis- creative power of which they are cerned an anticipation of a later capable. That stage still awaits stage of development of the coal not only the American but the Britminers of the U.S. ish miners also. That is socialism.

The most powerful impression And the sullen hostility of miners that emerges from the accounts of all over the world is one of the the British miners over the last great indications of the bankruptcy tainly do so again. Because what year is the impression of their im- of capitalist society.

that moment a Man interrupted him ind said: "Stop, don't he so msh. Don't you know that those grapes are probably our? Don't you realize that you tren't big enough to reach them ne

By Albert Parker

scur grapes anyhow."

made his mouth water.

Once there was a Fox who came

A. S. S.

-Leon Trötsky, 1940

This modern Fox was walking * * * lown the road recently, feeling No one in the whole wide world ther hungry, when he came upon vine from which hung grapes so ig and ripe and juicy that they and AFL unions in this country. He judged the distance carefully Covered from head to foot with a or he recalled what a fool his great-

grandfather had made of himself ind he saw that he could reach the grapes with ease. So he tensed his strain the workers by preaching sernuscles and prepared to jump. At owerful labor movement.

matter how much you try? Aren't you aware of the possibility that in peech he made last week at the of 100 Representatives and Senators terests?

jumping for them you may break a New York State CIO Convention in and to concentrate on them." In a Saratoga Springs.

The Fable of the Fox and the Bureaucrat

that case, "then something might be As is well known, Rieve, like aone. And to drive his point home, Rieve

again measured the distance he Philip Murray and William Green from a famous family; one of his would have to jump. Then he leap- and John L. Lewis, is opposed to the warned that those in organized lagreat-grandfathers had been imed and got the grapes the very first formation of a Labor Party. As is bor "should not kid ourselves that mortalized in Aesop's fable about the time. As he trotted off, with juice equally well known, Rieve, like the labor is so strong that it can condribbling down his chin, he said: other top bureaucrats, answered the trol the political destiny of the Fox who jumped again and again "If I spent my time listening to the rank and file demand for a Labor country." (N. Y. Herald Tribune, well as economically,

advice of cowards, I would have Party after the Taft-Hartley Law Sept. 5.) tarved to death a long time ago." was enacted by promising to drive Chicken-hearted themselves, afraid the Rieves and their counsels of pes-

The Fox again looked at the grapes

from office every member of Congress who supported that law. Such a program cannot amount to

nore closely resembles the man in much if it results in the election of moralize and frighten the workers so this fable than the average union other anti-labor Congressmen, as that they will fail to understand and war for independence from Britain. bureaucrat at the head of the CIO it must if labor does not put up its utilize their unsurpassable strength. own candidates and oppose both the Democrats and the Republicans. But ellow streak, these miserable creaures have the nerve for only one bold" to Rieve. For he tried to re- Negro people cannot control the po- If we ourselves had not had more hing-to mislead, misguide and re- nege on it at the CIO convention He warned labor "not to dissipate mons about the weakness of the its strength at the polls by trying to disputed majority of the country, as self could never have been built. defeat in one swoop all Congress-

A representative specimen of this men who voted for the Taft-Hartley reed is Emil Rieve, president of the Labor Law." He declared it would CIO Textile Workers and a nation- be "too big a job" for labor to ac- this country great? Don't they have muscles and jump for the goal which al director of the CIO Political Ac- complish its stated goal of defeat- the right to say how it shall be run is easily within our grasp-a Labox ion Committee. A typical example ing all who supported the law. In- and to run it themselves through Party of our own, through which of his kind of "leadership" was the stead, labor ought to "pick out a list their own party and in their own in- we can begin the political job of

Who or what is going to stop them -a few hundred thousand bloated capitalists, corrupt politicians, brass

hats and faint-hearted labor lieutenants of capitalism? Not if labor is conscious of its strength and of the need to use it politically as

American labor has had enough of to break away from their political simism, despair and defeatism. If masters in the capitalist parties, the such cravens had been listened to in Rieves try to discourage and de-1776, the American colonists never would have been able to win their If such misleaders had been fol-Fifteen million organized workers lowed in the 19th Century, the Negro and their families plus their allies people would still be groaning uneven this promise now seems "too among the working farmers and the der the yoke of chattel slavery, litical destiny of this country, they guts in the 1930's than Rieve adsay. Why not?' Aren't they the unvises us to show now, the CIO iteven Daniel Tobin of the Teamster Like the fox in our fable, we must was forced to admit recently? Don't turn our backs on the false advice they produce the things that make of the union bureaucrats, tense our building a new and better world.

Cooking Up New Angles



At a meeting in Washington the top legal figures of the NLRB get together to cook up new angles in administering the Taft-Hartley Slave Labor Law. Right now they are concentrating on maneuvering the unions into submitting "anti-communist" affidavits. Seated (l. to r.) are David Findling, Joseph C. Wells, Czar Robert Denham, Charles Brooks and Ellison Smith. (Federated Picture)

Pope's Speech Steps Up Reactionary Intervention in Italian Political Life

By George Lavan

Abandoning previous pretenses of promoting peace through actually fighting for freedom and neutrality in politics, the Pope last Sunday called for a crusade democracy. The Vatican's record against communism and the Soviet Union. The Sept. 7 speech made it clear that the next World War, directed against the FAVORS FASCISTS Soviet Union, would have the*

Vatican's full support. This speech also marked an inten- ready for struggle but are dismayed to Fascist Spain. Franco still resification of the Vatican's interven- at the pitiful achievements of their mains the favorite ruler of Pope tion in Italian politics. It is plain, parties and bewildered by the be- Pius XII, just as it was Pope Plus this intervention is on the side of trayals of the leadership. Most be- XI who spoke of Mussolini as "the the reactionaries and bitterly against wildered of all are the Stalinists. man sent by Providence." The the working class parties, in the They now hear the Pope declaring Papacy accepted 750 million line in first instance against the Stalinist open war on them and they recall cash from Mussolini and one billion 🛋 and Socialist parties. Following up the recent exchange deputies—the Stalinist deputies— from being a force for freedom and of letters between the Pope and voted for the Papacy as their state- democracy, the Vatican still remains

nounced in effect that it would go Republic. all out for the Truman Doctrine. Not only will the Holy See henceon the international arena, but it

will take the leadership of the anticommunist forces in Italy.

Although the speech was clothed in the usual pomp and ritual of papal utterances, it was remarkable peated use of semi-military terms and references. The N. Y. Times headed its dispatch: "Pope Asks

War On Foes Of Church In An Attack At Moscow." It also drew atbattle against communism (and the Soviet Union) "even a few minutes

bayonets to protect them.

The masses who still follow th

of weeks ago. Yesterday, I was passing a picketline of 12 women in front of a 14th the teeth, "keeping order." Also a It was stated that the Vatican was in the Pope's speech at face value and conclude that the Holy See is shows just the contrary.

The papal thunderings against working class parties of Italy are dictatorship do not apply at allhow only a few months ago their lire in Fascist State bonds. Far

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It has openly taken its place as

There are not a few in the United proponent and fighter for capitalism States who will take the phrases in Italy and for the Truman Docforward furnish "spiritual" support against tyranny and totalitarianism trine throughout the world.

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

HOW TO BECOME A the mine workers of the Ruin. It might appear that among them the decisive factors of the low produc-tion are poverty, political demorali-

By Art Preis

a Democrat, particularly a big-shot Maybe I'm a little slow in from Tammany Hall. But that's the head, like my best friends just a general qualification, like besay. But all these years it seems ing a chuzen before you can the State CIO

COMPARISON OF MINERS The British economy is com-

jection from the U. S. But the U. S. "friend of labor" is. Last week, Right at the top of the list is thanks to the New York State strikebreaking. You've got as much

I've been going around with a leaders you have to demonstrate adpletely bankrupt. It lives by in- cock-eyed notion about what a ditional talents.

Of course a "friend of labor" is

The British miners



BELLICOSE TONE

for its bellicose tone and the re-

extra practice by terrorizing the Negro people in Harlem or running in pickets protesting Jim Crow, like | tention to the statement that in this the Palisades Park incident a couple

can decide the victory." In addition to the open call to Street department store, Hecht's. Lattle, the Pope's speech contained There were six big cops, armed to a liberal dose of social demagogy.

Truman, the Vatican publicly an- supported religion of the Italian a center of world reaction.

annot by any means be said to be bankrupt in the sense that we Britain. So that it is not a question of perspectives of economic development.

The American coal mining industry is one of the most advanced in

Broker Answers \$64 Questions

A contestant on Phil Baker's "Take It or Leave It" program drew loud boos from the audience. Lis name was Waring and his reply to Baker's question about his work was that he was a real estate broker.

"Have you any apartments?" Baker inquired. "Oh, yes," answered Waring, we've got lots but we're not renting them '

"Why not?" "Because OPA's still in existence and we're waiting until the next election for it to be voted out.'

It wasn't revealed whether Waring demanded a 15% increase on the \$64 question.

chance getting political support from CIO leaders in convention asspeak of the yawning abyss before sembled, I began to see I had a strikebreaker as I've got of winthese CIO leaders without being things turned on their head. ning the Pulitzer Prize for this Now what would you say a article. *

friend of labor" is? A militant | Your record must be outstanding in this field-nothing short of tryunion leader, an advocate of no the world so far as mechanization taxes on the poor and bigger taxes public official in the country, exing to bust more strikes than any is concerned. The British coal min- on the rich, somebody who demands cepting maybe Truman-and that's

all war funds be used for low-cost tough competition. government housing projects, an This politician I've been told to

opponent of Wall Street's political back for governor has been Mayor monopoly who wants to build a la- of New York City since Jan. 1, bor party? If so, you're a comic. 1946. Within a month he had dis-You ought to be making big money aster headlines plastered on every like Jack Benny. front page, howling against the

You see, that's just what I've been striking AFL tugboat workers with saying-and not in joke either. So scareheads about "famine" and it's quite a shock for me to realize "starvation." He shut the whole

how wrong I've been. And that's on city down for 16 hours just to prove he authority of the whole top lead- his point. Even the businessmen ership of the State CIO.

THE CANDIDATE

ern Union went on strike. The It all came about when they pick- Mayor put more cops around the ed a candidate for me to vote for Western Union picket lines than -Mayor O'Dwyer. They called him you'll see escorting a parade of the

the "next governor" right from the President down Fifth Avenue. Big, state CIO convention platform. tough, scab-herding cops, thousands

They cheered and beat their palms of them - the kind that get a and hailed him as a super deluxe thrill out of clubbing women and Mayor demonstratively called to- boost. Another reason why he's model of a "friend of labor." And itch to crease a picket's skull with gether all the police officials and supposed to get my vote. that's how I've come to see what a blackjack. Right there you could city authorities. He let the news-

a "friend of labor" is.

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squad car standing by for "emer- lopposed to the unequal distribution gencies." It's these little touches of the world's goods, "if those goods that make you a "friend of labor." are in the hands of a relatively Don't these 15,000 extra cops now small and exceedingly rich group and then nab a gangster? Well, I while vast masses are condemned to see by the papers that they've had pauperism and to an economic po-11 unsolved gang murders in a sition unworthy of human beings." couple of months over in a small This "defense" of the poor is an atsection of Brooklyn. But the police | tempt to make the Italian people positively assure us they have a forget that the Church in Italy has lead." All they need is more time sided time and again with the and fewer strikes to occupy their wealthy landowners and capitalists, and was a leading supporter and attention. Cur Mayor and "next governor" collaborator of the Fascist regime.

has many other qualifications. A The situation confronting the month after he was in office he Italian capitalist class and the Vatidoubled the city sales tax. Every- can is extremely perilous. The domtime I buy something for more than inant moods among the peasantry 15 cents, I pay two per cent more and working class are anti-capitalist

because of this "outstanding politi- and anti-clerical. The working else for governor. cal figure." That doesn't go for class parties have tremendous fol-If you think he ever supported stock transactions on Wall Street. lowings. Strikes are continually any strike, even hinted the strikers Now, that stink coming from the rocking the country. At this writwere in the right once, you're as New York subways is more than ing a million agricultural workers thick as I've been. Never-nevertheir natural odor. It's the millions are on strike in the Po River valley. back strikers, if you want the New York CIO to ask you to run for going yearly to the bankers and Former partisans are bitter at the other big bondholders who "sold" government's leniency toward promgovernor as a "friend of labor." the subways to the city for five inent fascist criminals. Huge pro-Bust 'em all impartially, must be times their worth and have been test meetings including city-wide your motto. living off the interest on the city general strikes in northwest Italy Every time the CIO subway debt ever since. Our "friend of

have followed the freeing of fascists workers asked for a raise - the labor" is pushing for a subway fare who had been arrested by the partisans. PLIGHT CONTINUES

That's just a few of the main The economic plight of Italy see he was making it hard for the papers know that if there were a qualifications for a "friend of lashows no promise of improvement

subway strike he had 15,000 more bor," according to the model pointcops than his predecessor and he ed out by the state CIO leaders. ter again offers the workers cold would know how to use them in the Frankly, I'm still not sold, but then, and hunger. The only perspective as I say, I'm inclined to be stubborn of the Italian capitalists and gov-His cops beat up on the Brooklyn in my opinions. Maybe one of ernment leaders is another loan Trust Company strikers a few weeks these days I'll be on a picket line from the Truman administration. They ran interference for and get a love-tap from one of ago. scab drivers, mobilized by the O'Dwyer's cops. Maybe that will to avert an overturn and that the They hope that they will get enough Mayor, in the recent Queens strike. pcund the 1. ht slant into my head Stalinist and Social Democratic And when these cops have nothing about this "friend of labor" busileaders will meanwhile succeed by better to do, they put in a little ness. their policies in-reducing the masses

to a state of disillusionment and apathy. Then the neo-fascist movements, which have sprung up all Build A Labor Party Now! over Italy and which have ample financial backing, will be able, they hope, to repeat Mussolini's "March by George Clarke on Rome." The urgency of the situation, mirrored in the Pope's speech, is in-**16** pages 10 cents creased by the impending withdrawal of American troops from Italy. Truman will do this reluctantly under the terms of the recently rati-PIONEER PUBLISHERS fied peace treaty. This will leave the Italian capitalists and the Vatican face to face with the peasantry and working class-without foreign

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

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

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

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Military training of workers, financed by the government, but under control of the trade unions!

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state CIO leaders to back anyone

thought that was going too far.



MONDAY. SEPTEMBER 15, 1947.

THE MEETANE

Laud Washington Envoys Attlee Government Hit by Strike For Shift in Greek Regime Of 60,000 Coal Mine Workers

👝 Loy W. Henderson, ace rouble-shooter of the State Department, has apparently succeeded in rearranging the Greek puppet government to suit Wall Street's political tastes

On Sept. 7 King Paul of the House of Glucksberg swore in as Premier, Themistocles Sophoulis, 87-year-old quisling who still wears a few tattered rags of liberalism. This was the best that Henderson, U.S. Ambassador Lincoln MacVeagh and Dwight Griswold, head of the U.S. Aid Mission, could do in the way of making the unsavory Greek regime look presentable. The capitalist press declared it a "big day".

Sophoulis had previously declared that he "would never under any circumstances" serve in the same cabinet as the utterly discredited archreactionary Tsaldaris, boss of the previous cabinet. He insisted on a "free hand" in filling posts should he be named Premier.

Tsaldaris, on the other hand, had balked at serving under Sophoulis. although he vielded to Washington's demand to oust ex-bandit Napoleon Zervas, organizer of the sweeping "anti-red" purge that recently shocked American public opinion. These puppets calculated that Wall Street would not pull out of Greece any way so why not shake down all the racket would stand? It was people.

not revealed what promises or threats Henderson might have applied, but both these Greek political acketeers suddenly made concesons glaringly divergent from their revious tough statements.

Sophoulis accepted Tsaldaris as a cabinet member. He accepted him, preover, as head of a powerful nner combination in the cabinet. And Sophoulis proved decidedly amenable to "suggestions" on candidates for cabinet posts.

Tsaldaris claimed that he felt "humiliated by pressure . . . from the United States." But like a true quisling he swallowed his humiliation with remarkable fortitude and knuckled down to work for Wall Street under Sophoulis. Throughout this farce, Washing-

See More Gold Where The Last Came From

The Turkish dictatorship is looking for more gold as a result of the \$100,000.000 U.S. loan which the Truman Administration obligingly handed them to build up a streamlined army. So they are busily whitewashing their regime to give it the clean-looking "liberal" front Wall Street prefers for quisling regimes.

The Turkish government, reports the press, "is getting ready to apply to the world bank for \$400,000,000 loan..'

Marshall's Advice **On Shuffling Puppets** In his Sept. 10 column, Drew Pearson, the well-known Washington correspondent, reports a sonversation between Secretary of State Marshall and Dwight Griswold, head of the U.S. Mission to Greece, that casts a vivid

light upon the degree of State Department control over the Greek royalist government. On being briefed for his trip, Griswold told Marshal he "would revamp the Greek Government quickly.

"Hadn't you better go a little slow?" Marshall cautioned. "We can't be dictators." Griswold casually responded:

"I dined with 10 prominent newspapermen. Every one agreed that my first move should be for a new government."

ocratically" chosen by the Greek collapse.

one out successfully.

hated quislings like Zervas-particularly since these puppets failed in the task assigned them of crushing

In preparation for a better pre-

such as offering "amnesty" to the paper Proletari.

they "lay down their arms." Few revolution and socialism."

nesty" the government no sooner disarmed as many of its opponents as possible than it redoubled the blood-letting. It is far easier and much less dangerous to liquidate an unarmed citizen than one able to defend his rights gun in hand.

The Sophoulis-Tsaldaris cabinet likewise announced that it would screen the survivors of the tens of thousands purged under Zervas and judge their cases in a spirit of broad-mindedness and justice and without political prejudice." How many will be released from prison. under this noble-soundiny pledge remains to be seen. At the same time the Sophoulis-

Tsaldaris cabinet announced its intention to "crush the rebellion, as well as those adhering to it or supporting it, in the most relentless way." This means that the proclamation of "amnesty" will shortly be followed by intensified civil war.

Meanwhile "under pressure and ton pretended it was not intervening promises" from the State Departin the internal affairs of Greece ment, the British Government has against the will and interests of the indicated that it will delay with-Greek people. The purpose of this drawal of all British troops a little pretense was to avoid political re- longer. Wall Street wants more sponsibility for the cleaned-up onb- time to prepare public opinion for inet and to continue the Allied fairy the replacement of these troops by tale about the royalist regime sal- American GIs. Without Allied troops vaged from the gutters of Europe in Greece, the puppet government being a sovereign government "dem- would be threatened with quick

But apparently careerist throatcutting between MacVeagh and Griswold fouled up the quiet behind-thescenes rearrangement of puppets. It was necessary to fly a top drawer trouble-shooter to the scene. Henderson's spectacular flight thus exposed the whole game so thoroughly that it is difficult to see how even the most optimistic liars on the capitalist press expect to brazen this

POLITICAL REASONS

What were the political reasons its propaganda not heard for a for this shift in the puppet regime? decade or more. The Moscow

all political opposition in Greece. pared and more peaceful drive Congress which convened Aug. 8, against the insurgent Greek people, 1917. Pravda reprinted an article Washington thought it advisable to "American Billions" written by begin with a liberal gesture or two Stalin in August 1917 for the news-

partisans and "reviewing" the tens That article, printed when Lenin of thousands of cases of people rail- and Trotsky headed the Bolshevik shevik Congress, calling for over- nounced "agents of imperialism" roaded into concentration camps Party, was aimed at American im- throw of the bourgeois coalition and who are "endeavoring" to "provoke the peace treaties that will officialand prisons in the recent purge. perialism and the support it was the establishment of the dictatorship a new war? They needed a "liberal" premier to then giving the Kerensky regime. of the proletariat. "When the Trot-; The press likewise reports that are an integral part of the preparamake these gestures look plausible. "They used to say in Russia," the skyites and other oppositionists the celebration in the USSR of the tions for the projected Third World

partisans are likely to be taken in In the 1905 revolution, however, plied that "the possibility is not ex- world revolution in 1917."

Look Over New Domain

Members of Congress are taking off in all directions to "study" the situation in various parts of the world which Wall Street has staked out for its domain. At taxpayers' expense, they are combining vacations and opportunities to get new "arguments" to buttress the Truman Doctrine and the Marshall Plan. Shown here are members of a House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee preparing to leave New York for Europe. Left to right: Reps. James G. Fulton (R.-Pa.), Jacob J. Javits (R.-N.Y.) and Frank Chelf (D.-N.Y.).

(Federated Picture)

The spotlight in Great Britain last week remained on 140 miners at Grimethorpe, a colliery surrounded by hills of slag British Stalinists Lead in a bleak, grim valley of Yorkshire. These 140 miners were Strikebreaking Pack still holding out in a wildcat strike that began Aug. 11.

namic impact was the rank and niners from 21 feet of coal face to side Tory denunciation" of the file solidarity of miners in ad their "stint" increased to the other pits. As many as 60,000 naximum. So they walked out. downed tools in sympathy. The forces arrayed against the Grimethorpe strikers were enormoust the district officials of their own National Union of Mine Workers, the national officials of the union, the members of Parliamen' from the area, the Coal Board and the rest of the Government apparatus and the capitalist press. Washington indicated its concern

and such powerful mouthpieces of TURNED DOWN OFFER Wall Street as the N. Y. Times angrily declared that the fate of the British Government, the problem of the Ruhr, the nature of Europe's economic crisis and the Marshall Plan were all tangled up by this wildcat strike.

by the fact that they have stuck for a month although denied strike They turned down the offer. benefits. The union bureaucrats, including the Stalinists, hoped to starve them into submission.

eaucrats heading the union agreed to a Coal Board decision to increase

New Note in Kremlin Propaganda **Designed to Frighten Wall Street**

By Joseph Hansen

vember 1917. This long disused note was anniversary of the Sixth Bolshevik

DECREE ENDS CIVIL

Consequently, the day after it was Stalin article declares, "that the raised the stock objection that there 30th anniversary of the November, sworn in, the Sophoulis-Tsaldaris light of socialism comes from the could be no socialist revolution in 1917, revolution is being prepared on

tionary regime," and again in 1917 | try that will lay the road to social- | in the Kremlin's line of propaganda is obviously fear of Wall Street. For the past month the to the coalition of Kerensky-Milyu- This, of course, is a lie. Stalin, Stalin is answering Wall Street's mass meeting in Hyde Park Sept. 7, Kremlin has sounded a note in kov-Tseretelli, so that having final- so far as his activities prior to Au-pressure by hinting that he is cap-

Trotsky's views on the possibility of Street monopolists into a deal with MILITANT ANSWER

To reach this conclusion it is suf-Stalin's references to "socialist revthe Marshall Plan.

November is likewise the month tentatively scheduled for drawing up ly end World War II. These treaties

How far the Kremlin will carry

The Sept. 9 Daily Worker glumly What gave this strike dy- the daily "stint" of the Grimethorpe union leaders are to be found along-3 feet. These miners had already striking British coal miners as "traitors to the nation."

PAGE HIREE

The Daily Worker admission, it One of them patiently explained should be added, is not quite accuo N. Y. Times correspondent Her- rate. The Stalinists are not "alongpert L. Matthews: "It is like a camel side," they are in the forefront of the pack of watchdogs for capitalism straw which is all he can carry. The baying at the heroic British coal miners.

Arthur Horner, Stalinist secretary of the National Union of Mine Workers, in particular has made herculean efforts to smash the strike. He threatened the rank and The Attlee Government used file of the union that unless they everything but armed force attempt- get back to work at once and proing to break the strike. Emmanuel duce as much in 5 days as they for-Shinwell, Minister of Fuel and merly did in 51/2 days, they will Power, proposed an investigation "jeopardize" their newly-won 5-day

about the unfairness of the order This Stalinist trade union bureau-140 saw no need for an investigation. those trying to hold them back and proceed down the road toward a so-Will Lawther, President of the un- cialist society, cried: "If there is anion, told the 140 to go back to work other coal crisis such as last winand in return the increased pro- ter's, it can bring down the Governduction order would be "discussed." ment. Lack of coal can bring down The Grimethorpe miners replied by any Government in this country. It cainting on a wall in large white is not even the fate of the Government which is involved. It is the fate of the country."

the strike came from Arthur Hor- It was the fate of Horner to get her, well known Stalinist who is the answer he deserved from the secretary of the National Union of miners-flying squadrons to spread

er. Horner was backed by Harry thorpe is of great political significance. It shows how dissatisfied the miners are with the failure of the Attlee government to end the capi-Pollitt insisted that the 140 get back talist system and build socialism.

date of the people to organize a socialist society, the Attlee Government has done everything it could

sending flying squadrons to spread have given the workers is a buficient to note the coincidence of the sympathy walkout still further. reaucracy intent on carrying out the The Attlee Government and the will of the British capitalist class. struck on the occasion of the 30th of Indonesia, China and Gruzce. stained with the blood of countless Wall Street's time table. The cele- of the Yorkshire miners with the to derive the benefits from Britain's brations of the November revolution objective of getting a vote to return coal resources. That is why they will occur approximately at the time to work. Out of 2,600 in the mine are so firm in their refusal to do Sept. 8, 1947, speech on the occasion chosen for a possible special session area, only 700 showed up. They 5½ days work in 5 days while the of Congress to appropriate funds for listened and argued for three hours capitalist system still remains. Said and then the majority voted to stay a Grimethorpe miner, "We dislike

The widespread sympathy among reaucrats."

operators "from the standpoint of

their relations with the public and

the government by the introduction

of wholesome rivalry into areas

where control is now concentrated."

fits to the people of either the Mid-

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MIDDLE EAST OIL-Some of the | Then on July 17, after 10 years as nesty for the partisans, provided there in the West we learned about similar revolution in western approach," is "highly reminiscent of remains to be seen. Its main aim, small time oil companies, known in party boss, Augusto Duran was given Europe," declares Pravda, Stalin re- the great Bolshevist surge toward however, is clearly to increase Mos- the trade as "pirates," are trying to the skids. Duran set up the Democow's bargaining power with Wall set up their own siphon in the lake cratic Socialist Party. Advocating "inter-American uniof black gold underlying the Middle East. Eleven of them organized ty," Duran hailed the Petropolis the American Independent Oil Co., Conference, refusing to reprint even BERTIES issued \$100,000,000 in capital stock Henry Wallace's mild criticism in and applied for concessions. the Aug. 18 New Republic of that militaristic gathering. A capitalist Former Deputy Petroleum Administrator Ralph K. Davies, who reporter, astounded at Duran's sup-

"American capital furnishes billions ism . . ." ly cowed the Russian revolution it gust 1917 are known at all, stood able of committing "terrible" deeds. may defeat the growing revolution among those opposing Lenin's and Stalin is trying to frighten the Wall in the West." Washington hoped to shake off the bureaucracy is recalling the Pravda utilizes the article to draw socialist revolution in Russia. But the specter of socialist revolution onus of keeping in office the most Bolshevik revolution of No- a parallel between Wall Street's role aside from that, mere reference in 1917 with its role in 1947, point-

nowadays to "socialist revolution" ing to the American tanks, planes is a novel departure for the Mosand guns used against the people cow bureaucrats whose hands are olution" and the days of 1917 with "Imperialist states still lavishly finance the type of regimes which cul-

revolutionary socialists. To this must be added Stalin's minated in the October Revolution." Pravda then repeats the Stalinist of "Moscow's 800th birthday." Stalconcoction about Stalin delivering in took as his main theme "capital-

the "principal report" --- allegedly ist slavery" versus the "new Soviet against Trotsky-at the Sixth Bol- social-economic order." and de-

War.

cabinet proclaimed a general am- West. And that was true. From Russia save in conjunction with a a motif that in "tone, content and this radical-sounding propaganda]

to the camel he would have been all right."

The strike began when the bu-

prossing the desert with a load of lriver puts another straw on and ne loses the camel, load and everything. If he only had fed that straw

committee to check up the complaint week. But the 140 strikers remained for increased production. But the crat, frightened at the possibility the firm. Their heroism can be judged 140 must first return to work. The British miners might brush aside all

letters: "Hang Will Lawther."

The most violent attempt to break

Mine Workers. He called the valiant the strike. 140 strikers "traitors to the nation," according to the Sept. 9 Daily Work- the miners for the 140 at Grime-Pollitt, General Secretary of the Communist (Stalinist) Party. At a

on the job and dig the 23 feet of coal demanded of them.



being managed by a horde of bu-







by this move. In the previous "am-1" the West helped the Czarist reac- cluded that Russia will be the coun-" The main inspiration for this shift Street.

PERU

By Tomas Robles NATIONAL SECRETARY, MARXIST WORKERS GROUP (GOM)

LIMA. Peru, Sept. 1 -Through a legal coup d'etat, Peru, has just established a virin a sensational radio address at 9:30 P.M. the suspension of civil liberties, and invoking the with their sympathizers, controlled powers conferred on the President by Article 70 of the Constitution.

legally invade homes, without spe- nto the waste-paper basket. The cific warrant, jail citizens without Apra did not have the slightest cause, ban freedom of travel within the country, prohibit entry into the country or exile whomever it wishes, deny the right of assembly, persecute, imprison and "liquidate" those who oppose these measures and all this without previous notice. court decision or congressional approval.

Bustamante's decree did not expressly abolish freedom of the press. but the suspension of civil liberties placed journalists, writers and political opponents at the mercy of the government. Thus, the "democratic Bustamante regime took up the arms of dictatorship.

The pretext for this decree was the general strike in Lima that began Aug. 28 amid a profound economic and political crisis. Labelling it a seditious political strike, Bustamante declared it illegal.

The political scene in Peru is dominated by the struggle between the reactionary plutocracy and the pra, a petty bourgeois party with support among the workers.

The plutocratic reaction includes the most important sections of the native bourgeois class. It has made political capital of the discontent of the petty bourgeoisie and enjoys the scarcely dissimulated complicity of the Communist (Stalinist) Party. Far from having been eliminated by the 1945 election victory of the conservative "liberals" (that is, those by step to the reactionary forces. the Apra followed. Up to now the did everything to restrain the rank by the virus of Stalinism, boiled dawn of a great victory.

in reality strengthened by the weak. conciliatory and capitulationist policy of the Apra.

Despite its powerful working class support, the Apra party after its appeared as a bitter foe of the REACTIONARY MANIFESTO L. Bustamante, President of election victory in 1945 opened the trade union movement. Today his door of legality to reaction, lifting regime is developing a line suited to power the very same Bustamante to the National Alliance - a potual dictatorship, announcing who now threatens the Apra with litical conglomeration in the pay of persecution. the plutocracy.

action.

capitalists of Peru.

tionary forces.

Although the Apristas, together CHIEF PROPAGANDIST the Parliament, they abstained from passing any measures whatever to change the social order. The revoutionary democratic program which

From now on the authorities can had attracted the masses was tossed intention of touching a stone in the economic foundation of the ceudalistic bourgeoisie.

ACT AS STRIKEBREAKERS

Still more, the early anti-impecialism of the Apristas gave way first to "anti-fascist" phrase-mongering and then to the most shameess pro-imperialism. The Apristas

joined the Bustamante regime in proposing the payment of the forign debt and the granting of new oil concessions to Wall Street. Tolay they are the loudest-mouthed idvocates of the Truman Doctrine. n the trade union field, they have

ucted as strikebreakers since 1945, vith rare exceptions demanded by nomentary needs. The traditional reactionaries were

not long in recovering from the mon program. In return for openly 'ear aroused by their defeat in the joining the traditional "civilistas" .945 elections. They took advantage

of those aspects of the Apra prorents), they asked for nothing more ram which in the eyes of the than a struggle against red-baiting and "against imperialism." nasses represented nebulous denccracy. They launched a furious know how worthless promises on ampaign of propaganda and in- such demands are and we underrigues, ostensibly directed against stand the demagogic and reaction-

he Apra but in reality aimed ary character of the "anti-imperialgainst the popular masses and ism" which the Stalinists serve up igainst the democratic conquests of for the native bourgeois lackeys of than they wanted and endanger he masses, which they found in- Wall Street.

The Jan. 7 assassination of Franplerable even in a nebulous form. The Apra replied with fits of cisco Grana, editor of La Prensa, ennent posts durough which they impotent hysteria and episodic vio- mouthpiece of the sugar and cotton hope to gain standing among the lence against all its political op- magnates, was attributed to the feudal bourgeoisie. In any event, Apra party and a combination of ponents. But it capitulated step Apra. A rabid campaign against the Aprista trade union bureaucrats

not too closely tied up with the Dropping the pious mask of de | court has not handed down a ver- | and file and avoid the general strike | with indignation over the capitulaprevious dictatorships), reaction was mocracy, the Bustamante govern- dict. Many suspected Apristas are that was widely demanded to de- ion of the Aprista leaders whom ment, aided by the Apristas them- being held, among them A. Tello, a fend the unions. selves, demonstrated its increasing- parliamentary representative known

ly reactionary character day by day as head of the "buffaloes" (Aprista From the beginning, Bustamante shock forces).

With the sharpening of the political crisis, almost half the Senators, many of them elected by Aprista votes, issued a reactionary Manifesto in the spirit of the National Alliance, and agreed not to

Chief propagandist of these pseu- return to the Senate. They issued a Manifesto witten in consonance do-parties is Eudocio Ravines, exleader of the Communist (Stalinist) | with the political line of the National Alliance. Party, expelled in 1940 for personal

Parliament was thus suspended. feuds, now a servant of native re-He has not failed, nafor according to the Constitution. turally, to proclaim the Stalinist in the absence of a quorum the thesis of the "democratic-bourgeois Senate could not legislate. The revolution" and to advocate an al- Heuse of Representatives in turn liance between the workers and could not secure ratification of its

measures by the Senate. Later 72 As for the Stalinist leaders, de-Representatives (the Apristas with spite their loud shouting over the their allies number 74) decided to cynicism of Ravines, they openly follow the txample of the Senate advocate an identical policy of Na- abstentionists. The five "Communist" Representatives played along tional Unity, denouncing the totali-

tarianism and pro-imperialism of with this reactionary maneuver. The emboldened forces of reacthe Apra as the main danger. The Stalinist leaders have little support ion redoubled the offensive against among the working class. Their he Apra. This party, which in policies tend to coincide more and other times had resorted to rash extremes in demagogically appealmore with the desires of the reac ng to the masses, now did not

While they have not yet joined mow how to answer. the Na⁺ional Alliance, they have The feudalistic bourgeoisie, cermany times indicated their desire tain of government support, is pre-

of reaching an understanding with paring an audacious maneuver. It it. Recently they proposed a comaccuses the Apra of fomenting a oolitical strike in order to replace the cabinet with a gang favorable (old line reactionary political curto the Apra. Such was the keynote of reaction echoed by the Stalinists at the end of August.

> The general s⁺rike of Aug. 28 in We reality was neither properly prepared nor guided by the Apra. The Aprista chiefs feared resorting to the kind of working class action which could carry them farther their legali'y, parliamentary representation and trade union and gov-

After wasting two weeks in bu- day. reaucratic maneuvers, they finally

demand-solidarity with the unionnot have any other social demands. so because of the Stalinist betrayal. They went into the strike with the They encountered betrayal on all dle East or the United States.

intention of selling it out, for them sides. t was all a political maneuver. The government indicated its stubborn decision to break the strike, declared the strike illegal and called out the army. REPEATED SLANDERS

The Stalinists and their prodigal son Ravines played the role of strikebreakers. The parties and trade union groups controlled by these traitors condemned the strike, repeating the slanders circulated by the reaction and calling on the and decisive role. We sought to

the USTL.

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workers in the neighboring port of serve as the most faithful repre-This seriously weakened the strike, but the textile workers and many workers in the neighboring port of

Callao went out anywey. For four lays the workers demonstrated a nagnificent spirit of militancy. But when the government announced he suspension of civil liberties, the gates. Aprista leaders at once reduced the

strike demands to a proposed settlement already rejected by the unions. The betraval was complete. The Apra agents and the Stalinsts who kept the transportation system moving under army protection during the strike inflicted a raitorous blow. The bourgeoisie is firm and aggressive. The govern-

ment hopes to inaugurate an era of dictatorship. The same night Bustamante issued his decree, troops attacked

padlocked. Not a whisper of protest from the Apra. The largest section of the working class, not infected up to now

that the State Department will "incline toward the new group" in they had acclaimed up to yester-

The working class is not defeated. called the general strike on Aug. The gestation of the strike, its de-28. The Workers Trade Union of velopment and immediate conse-Lima (USTL) raised only one strike quences are evidence of the beginning of mass rebellion against the ists in three Ectories whose leaders petty bourgeois politics of the Apra. had been victimized by the em- The workers began the strike and ployers. They insisted that the were prepared to stick through until strike was not political and could they won it. They could not do

> We Trotskyists of Peru can be proud of our proletarian-attitude. From the beginning we were the firmest advocates of the strike. Our held prisoners of war by the former members are not numerous but they Allied powers. These workers are are endowed with great energy and eing used as slave labor. Although intelligence. They were a big faco more prisoners are held in the tor in helping the rank and file force the trade union bureaucrats to call the strike.

DECISIVE ROLL In one factory we played a direct for the French capitalists, about against the Soviet Union.

two-thirds were delivered into their hands by the White House. sentatives of the aspirations of the workers of this factory, who in the majority supported the Apra. In MEXICAN BUILDING BUST -

During the war, Mexico City enjoyed the deliberations preparatory to the general strike, the presence of one a building boom. Today that boom of us was of great value in aroushas been punctured, construction dropping in a few months 50% to ing fear among the bureaucrats and galvanizing the rank and file dele-75% of what it was last year. The

tack that burst the balloon was a government request to the banks to During the strike we were contighten up on credit in view of stantly in the front rank. When the Mexico's declining dollar balance. action was ended, we were able to evaluate the happenings with the Building trades workers are hard greatest authority. Despite adverse hit. One union reported that half conditions we are printing a mani- its members are combing the streets festo analyzing the situation and for jobs. Yet the metropolitan area giving a revolutionary orientation. still lacks adequate housing even by The courageous activity of our small the most modest standards.

group must transform what could * * * be the demoralization of the prole-COLOMBIAN CP-Some of the istariat into the beginning of its sues that led to the three-way split in the Communist (Stalinist) Party

of Colombia are coming into the USTL locals. The locals remain be forced into the underground by open. Last April a group headed by Diego Montana Cuellar, a leader of the National Petroleum Workers Federation, was read out of the party is that this set-back will be the for advocating more militant opposition to Wall Street imperialism.

heads this gang of operators, hopes port of the military pact, observed that the group shows "an amazingly concilitary pro-United States tone." That leaves the official party, staking out concessions. He argued headed by Gilberto Vierira White. hat the giant oil interests already playing the center between the two entrenched in the Middle East will other groups. "benefit" by letting in the small

VENEZUELANS AND RIO-The Venezuelan Stalinists likewise reacted in various ways to the Petropolis Conference. The official leadership attacked Wall Street domina-He suid nothing about any bene- tion of the parley.

The opposition, which calls itself the Unified Communist Party, did not attack the Petropolis Conference. Instead it renewed its drive ALLIED SLAVE LABOR - Two on the official group, denouncing wears after the end of World War them as "Browderistas," or follow-I, at least 2,000,000 men are still ers of Earl Browder.

* * * THREE BRASS BALLS - George J. Richardson of the AFL Fire Jnited States, the Truman admini- Fighters Association was drowned by

stration shares in the guilt for this jeers at the British Trade Union prime against humanity. Of the Congress when he tried peddling 500,000 men performing slave labor Truman. Doctrine propaganda

A British trade unionist, L. Mc-Gree, answered him: "If there is one shred of honesty left in President Trumpn, he sught to climb the Statue of Liberty to move the torch of liberty and replace it with three brass balls."

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grand awakening. We do not know whether we will the time these lines are read abroad. Anything is possible now. Our hope

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"Fascism in the United States will be directed against te Jews and the Negroes, but against the Negroes particularly, and in a most terrible manner."

Leon Trotsky

Democracy in the Unions

Internal union democracy will be one of the main issues before the annual convention of CIO United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers which convenes next week in Boston. The debate centers around the right of members to group together in opposition to the official leadership. Maintenance of this right is fundamental to the democratic functioning of the union.

The Stalinist faction, controlling the UE, has been conducting a campaign to ban all opposition groups. Ostensibly this campaign is aimed against the UE Committee for Democratic Action. This grouping, organized on a national scale, publishes its own faction paper and claims to represent over 25% of the membership.

Because it thus functions as an organized group, the CDA has been stigmatized as a "dual organization" and has been ordered to dissolve by the Stalinist-controlled General Executive Board. The CDA has defied this ukase and this controversy will be aired at the Boston convention.

The "dual organization" charge against the CDA is a patent fraud. Every bureaucrat tends to identify himself with the union. In the minds of union bureaucrats any opposition to the official leadership is an attack upon the union itself. According to their logic, an opposition group becomes a "dual organization."

Another bit of crooked argumentation indulged in by union bureaucrats is that formation of groups is unnecessary in a "democratic union." Upon coming into control of a union apparatus-which is itself an organized group that supports the administration - the bureaucrat is readily inclined to outlaw all other

unfortunate family.

"The real solution to this and millions of other tragedies, big and small, is to eliminate the SOCIAL CRIMES which bring them about the lack of adequate housing, and the racial restrictions which compel the Negro people to live under conditions of congestion which are a constant danger to life and health. The fight to free James Hickman can in some measure dramatize these conditions and bring public pressure to bear on the authorities to alleviate them.

"James Hickman is without influence or financial means. It is the clear obligation of fair and liberal minded people to come to his assistance. By so doing, we will serve two aims: we will help this man and his family and in the process we can to some degree help the millions of underprivileged. The defense committee has retained three prominent attorneys, ----Leon Despres, M. J. Myer, and W. H. Temple.

"We are writing to you in the belief that you will be anxious to assist to the fullest of your ability. You will realize immediately that financial assistance is of paramount importance. We feel justified in asking all people of liberal reputation for substantial contributions. Please send your donation to the Hickman Defense Committee at the above address (4619 South Parkway, Chicago 15, Illinois). We must also stress that time is of the essence, as the trial date is September 29.

"You can also help by sending protests to the state's attorney and letters to the press."

Let 'Exodus' Victims Come Here

Hitler is gone. But Hitlerism, this time with an Oxford accent and in British uniforms, continues from where the Nazis left off. We refer to the case of 4,300 refugee Jews who were forcibly removed, outside Palestine, from EXODUS-1947 and transported back to Germany in three British prison-ships.

Last week they were unloaded at Hamburg in a scene that caused a German station-official standing nearby to mutter with revulsion, "This is where we came in.'

Out of sight of reporters, down in the holds of OCEAN VIGOUR, the first ship to unload, baton-wielding troops charged the passengers, including old men and orphans and widows whose husbands and fathers and families had perished in Nazi gas chambers. Emulating the Hitlerites, a loud speaker blared dance tunes to drown out the cries and sobs of the victims.

The assault mounted in fury by the time the RUNNYMEDE, last of the British ships was unloaded, when high pressure fire hoses were turned on the captives, rubber truncheons and clubs were wielded as scores of bleeding, battered Jews were dragged out of the holds. All of them were then duniped into sealed trains and rushed off to "displaced persons" concentration camps.

The British rulers are not alone in bearing responsibility for these hideous crimes. While Bevin's storm-troopers carry out their bestial orders, President Truman and all of Wall Street's servants in Congress turn their eyes the other way. At regular intervals Truman issues "humanitarian" statements and sheds crocodile tears -just for the record's sake. But neither he nor Congress do anything to alleviate the sufferings



"My husband says the unions are getting so big, they'll have to be trimmed down to size.'



STRUGGLE FOR GER- blighted millions of homes and goal: the withdrawal of the Ameri-MANY by Russell Hill Har- forced women to sell themselves for can and all other foreign troops MANY by Russell Hill, Harfood.

per & Bro., 1947, 260 pp., \$3 No sooner had Germany been defeated than the conflicts among the well-fed occupying forces cannot es-Allied conquerors, suppressed durcape. And it has profoundly influing the war, broke out in full force. enced occupation policies and rela-Their struggle for power, the author tions among the Allies. Food is makes clear, is world-wide in scope. olitics in Germany." but Germany became its "European The division of Germany and the focal point" because of its "geoonflicts of interest among the ocgraphical situation, its resources, its cupying powers have created a prondustrial potential, its large popu-

ongation and deterioration of Gerlation.' many's already desperate situation. Defeated Germany was carved up The author indicates the most bruinto four zones between the U.S. tal of the conquerors: "America suf-Britain, France and Russia. Before fered far less at the hands of Gerlong, the true power relationships many than did Britain. Yet there

emerged sharply in the growing were many more voices in America clash between the "only two great raised in support of the most fanpowers in the world: the Soviet tastic plans for wrecking the Ger-Union and the United States." The man economy." Among these he author warns against this "two lists the monstrous Morgenthau plan world" cleavage and its potentiality and the Potsdam treaty. as breeder of World War III. But Hill complains that despite the the book deals mainly with the disofficial war slogans against fascism, asterous effects upon prostrate Ger- the U.S. military authorities did many of Allied rivalries. not proceed to "denazify" Germany. Hill is correspondent for the N. Y.

They kept many Nazis in high Herald Tribune and has been lauded physicians to Negro population is places. He quotes General Patone to 3,377. Only 145 Negro doctors for his accurate reporting from Gerton's notorious comment that "this are graduated yearly, about 3% of many where he is stationed. In hi Nazi thing is just like a Republicanbook he describes many of the crimes Democratic election fight." He apolthe total, most of them from the committed by the U. S. authorities ogizes for this by saying that Pattwo Negro medical schools and a against the long-suffering German ton, "like most Americans in Gerfew from northern colleges. people. He condemns all the victor many, did not understand what Dr. Cobb emphasizes the need for nations which looted the country Nazism was." a fight to "remove the entrenched Just to keep the In truth the Big Brass, like the and discriminatory practices in edurecord straight, it must be added Big Business interests they serve, cation, professional training and that American's are in no position know very well what Nazism is. hospital customs." As for segregato be righteous about loot; the mil- They deliberately kept Nazis in high fion, it is "ethically and constitulions of dollars worth of goods looted places to help prevent the German tionally wrong. Anthropologically it by Americans and sent home with working people from getting rid of is without basis. Practically it is the cooperation of the Army au- their capitalist rulers and establish- a failure. In no field is this more thorities, not only from Germany ing a government of their own. dramatically obvious than in but from liberated countries, places The author pleads for a new pol- health."

The unrelenting hunger from German soil. -Evelyn Atwood "creates an atmosphere of depression and futility from which even

MEDICAL CARE AND THE PLIGHT OF THE NEGRO, by W. Montague Cobb, 1947, NAACP, 20 W. 40th St., New York 18, 40 pp., 10c.

This new NAACP pamphlet by a oted Negro physician is filled with information showing the evil effects of segregation on Negro medical care and is an uncompromising attack on segregated medical training and hospitals.

To summarize just a few of the facts Dr. Cobb supplies about the health status of the Negro and the position of the Negro physician: Negro life expectancy has shown a constant lag of about 10 years behind the white. The Negro mortality rate is 71% higher than the white. While the national average is one doctor to every 750 in the population, the proportion of Negro

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The Mysterious Case Of the Displaced Island -By Joseph Hansen-

For your notebook on dialectics, here is an item reported by Joseph and Stewart Alsop in their article, "Are We Ready for a Push-Button War?" in the Sept. 6 Saturday Evening Post.

During the fighting in the Mediterranean in World War II, they say, a bomber was ordered to take off from Corsica for a "crucial Italian target, hard to hit by visual bombing." The bomber flew by the "magical system of radar navigation which can locate a point a few hundred miles away with an error of only a few yards." Yet the bomber overshot the target by nearly a mile.

The brass hats blamed the leader of the mission and ordered another try. The second bomber did as well as the first, scoring a clean hit - "on the bomb craters left by the first."

This astounded the brass. They ordered an investigation and found - that the very best maps of Corsica shower that island one mile away from its true place in the Mediterranean! Had the island shifted?

Further investigation proved that accurate as the map makers had been in determining Corsica's position, still they had made slight errors because of minute imperfections in their instruments. The best maps were only approximations of Corsica's true position on the glube.

These approximations were so good that no one had ever noticed the least error in the maps. For ships and airplanes in ordinary transport service, the maps were perfect.

Yet the error in the maps made a qualitative difference for the bombers - they missed their target. And it made a qualitative difference for their prospective victims. They missed a rendezvous with death.

The shocking discovery that our modern maps, the product of hundreds of years of arduous toil, are not good enough for World War III has sent a cold chill down the spines of the militarists. They are pouring billions of dollars into the development of missiles capable of flying half around the world and, for example, planting an atomic bomb squarely in Paris. Rome or Moscow

But how can they be sure they know where these particular cities are? Or any other of the great cities teeming with human beings? After spending billions of dollars on the project what if the atomic bombs land five or ten miles away from the target?

To me this was a comforting thought at first. There's an outside chance, I thought, that some of us may survive even if worst comes to worst and the ruling class actually gets away with its plan of conquest.

But the authors explain that " the revision of all existing maps, beginning with the determination of the exact relative locations of the Western Hemisphere, Europe and Asia, is already in progress." When that's finished, the maps of the earth will be so precise that if the capitalist rulers realize their dream of another war they can put tens of millions of people in a collective grave with little chance of overshooting their target.

Worse yet, even if they don't get this part of the preparations for World War III completed in time, there's still an excellent chance they will be able to write "mission accomplished" on the lifeless deserts where tens of millions of human beings once lived. Besides atomic bombs, they have radioactive clouds, and deadly viruses that can sweep vast areas clean of every speck of life. For those weapons, the present maps are quite accurate enough.

However, the discovery that all the maps of the world are a little off caught my imagination. It shows how even the best accomplishments of the past become outmoded and need to be brought up to date.

If our maps are behind the times what are we to say about the capitalist system? There's an economy and a way of life that is so far behind the times, it has set as its major goal the extermination of humanity. This particular error, in my opinion, is one that really needs correction.

We must readjust our economy to fit the real needs mankind That requ

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groups.

The same is true with respect to the official union paper. The UE NEWS, for instance, is being used to attack the opposition and to defend the administration, while, in its columns, the opposition is denied the right to present its viewpoint. Under these circumstances, by no means peculiar to the UE alone, the "official" paper functions as the reigning faction's mouthpiece.

We hold no brief for the CDA. Its leadership is reactionary, its red-baiting method plays into the hands of labor's enemies. This makes them a vulnerable target for the Stalinist campaign. But while we disagree sharply with the policies of such groups as the CDA and while we condemn their methods and lack of a constructive program, we nevertheless firmly defend their right as union members to function as an organized caucus.

To trade union militants, internal democracy is no abstract principle. It is an issue upon which hinges the future of the American working class. It is through the clash of ideas, expressed in the struggle between organized groupings inside the unions, that the genuine militants will emerge as the authentic leaders of the trade union movement.

Free James Hickman!

The following letter to The Militant from the Hickman Defense Committee in Chicago is in reality addressed to all of our readers who are participating in the struggle against the housing shortage, Jim Crow and capitalist injustice:

"James Hickman is in a fight for his life. Perhaps you have not even heard of the case of James Hickman, for he is not a 'prominent' man. He is a Negro steelworker who brought his family from Mississippi to Chicago several years ago. He had heard that the north was a land of promise. But all he found was misery, injustice, persecution and finally . . . the greatest agony that any human being can suffer.

"His four youngest children were burned alive . . . victims of inhuman housing conditions, of doubly insufferable conditions in the Negro ghetto, and of an unscrupulous landlord who sought to profit from their misfortune. Stunned by this terrible tragedy, burning with hatred, he shot the man whom he justifiably held responsible for the death of his dear ones.

"Now the state (of Illinois) proposes in the name of justice, to add another chapter to this series of tragedies by depriving James Hickman of his life or his liberty. This would accomplish nothing but add more suffering to this of these helpless refugees.

All doors remain closed to them. The entire American labor movement should raise its mighty voice to demand that at least America's doors be opened to these persecuted, tortured Jews and all other "displaced persons."

A Brass Hat for President?

Among the most vigorously promoted candidacies for President is that of General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Army Chief of Staff and president-elect of Columbia University.

A Gallup poll has already been conducted on his chances in the elections. This suffices to show that an important group among the ruling class has chosen him as the man they want in the White House.

In his radio broadcast last week Walter Winchell said that behind the Eisenhower presidential boom is "the big secret money backer . . . Mr. Tom Watson, the top man at International **Business Machines.**"

According to columnist Drew Pearson, the Eisenhower bandwagon is now rolling along merrily, with "Joe Pew, head of the Sun Oil Co. and Republican boss in Pennsylvania (being) the latest to get aboard."

This "Eisenhower - for - President" ballyhoo illustrates strikingly how systematically and deliberately the capitalists proceed when it comes to handpicking figureheads for such key political posts as the White House.

They stint neither money nor effort. They leave nothing to chance, prepare carefully and well in advance, manufacturing prestige for those who will best serve their class interests. They are truly class conscious, as they show, among other things, by their conduct long before the presidential elections.

Contrast this with the passivity, if not stupor, of the official labor leaders. Furthest from their minds is any thought of selecting a presidential candidate from labor's own ranks who would truly serve labor's interests. What are they doing to safeguard the workers' vital stakes in the key of all key fields-politics?

They twiddle their thumbs on the sidelines while plutocrats like Tom Watson and Joe Pew set a vast machinery in motion in order to palm off a member of the Big Brass as the "people's choice."

The mass of the workers cannot afford such foolhardy negligence. Isn't it about time for them to begin thinking as seriously as do the heads of big corporations about such important problems as choosing their own presidential candidate to head labor's own ticket in 1948.

us on the same moral level as the icy in which the U.S. should intro-The facts in this pamphlet should Germans in this respect." become more widely known. They duce genuine "fundamental demo-He shows the effects upon the peo- cratic liberties" in Germany. But are ammunition in the struggle to ple of the cities bombed to rubble; he does not mention, much less pro- end the Jim Crow system. of the increasing starvation which pose, the first step toward such a -Albert Parker

Will Export Sag Puncture the Boom? By John G. Wright

Evidence that the sag in American | upon them to a far greater degree | a drop of more than 15%. Coal foreign trade is not episodic but than is suggested by overall or aver- exports registered an even steeper deep-going, is already at hand. Last age figures. A shrinkage of mar- sag of 27%. Such figures bode ill week the Department of Commerce kets in these lines would affect not for the future of the durable goods reported a decline in foreign trade only their current operations, but sector. for the second consecutive month. plans for capital expenditures."

Declines as steep and even steeper Exports, which had fallen in June ALREADY SEVERE were suffered by exports of grain, by 180 million dollars below May As of July, this shrinkage has almeat products and raw cotton. Here peaks, slid off an additional 90 milready proved severe. Among indus- we have unmistakable danger siglion in July, for an overall dip of tries hardest hit thus far are tex- nals for agriculture, now in the more than a quarter of a billion tiles. N. Y. Times, Sept 6, estimates throes of a speculative orgy transwithin the brief space of sixty days. that "rayon goods exports for the cending the hectic days after World The drop in the volume of exbalance of the year will show a drop | War I.

ports is actually larger than indiof approximately 50%," while cot-How will the remaining major seccated by the dollar shrinkage, beton goods "are expected to fall off tor of industry-the construction incause prices in June and July were oy 20%." dustry-react to shrinking exports?

higher than in May. Textiles confront this bleak pros- The outlay for new building in the The down-plunge of foreign trade pect in the face of many months of second quarter failed to maintain has been steady, rapid and sizable, curtailed production. The disap- the abnormally low level of the first denoting beyond reasonable doubt pearance of outlets abroad must un- quarter. "It now appears unlikely that a definitive trend has set in, even questionably result in further pro- that construction will hit the exthough the available data thus far duction cutbacks, after the season- pected 12.2 billion dollars this year, covers only a two month interval (a al spurts expend themselves. This and that is a downward revision of period which, as a rule, may be will tend to drag down the rest of the original estimate of 15 billion," considered much too brief for es- the soft goods or non-durable sec- laments the above-cited issue of tablishing definitive trends). tor, where production has been slid- U. S. News.

The likelihood of a reversal is so ing off since January. While soaring prices choke off slim that future severe declines are The weekly U. S. News, Aug. 29, building on the one side, declining today accepted as a matter of fact is alarmed that cutbacks have been national output and dwindling exby such conservative capitalist in- "most severe for rubber products, ports are closing the vise on constitutions as the National City Bank. textiles, leather goods and paper- struction from the other side. While seeking to counteract "pes- board."

Ever wider fissures are yawning simistic interpretations" of what is In durable goods the drop up till throughout the foundations of the involved in the construction of for- now has not been as marked. But speculative post-war boom. Capitaleign outlets, these bankers found it has made itself felt here, too, ist spokesmen are crawling out of themselves compelled nonetheless to as the same source notes, "heaviest their skins to minimize the consemake the following gloomy com- in machinery, in stone, clay and quences of shrinking exports, dements in their monthly review of glass products, and metal products clining domestic production and recurrent economic conditions for other than iron and steel." tail trade. The behavior of the September: CUTBACKS TO EXTEND stock market, in a slump for three

"Exports provide employment and | With the continued export shrink- | consecutive weeks, and the preparapurchasing power indirectly as well age, cutbacks in these branches will tion of public opinion for an emeras directly. They take potential become progressively more severe, gency session of Congress-belie surpluses off domestic markets, and and, what is more, hitherto unaf- this fake optimism. they have a stimulating influence fected branches like iron and steel

Our task is to sound the alarm on business sentiment through the must presently feel the squeeze. and arouse the workers to the fact support they give to prices and do- Exports of iron and steel mill that the boom-bust pattern is loommestic trade. Some industries and products fell off from 79 million dol- ing more and more distinctly and some branches of agriculture depend lars in May to 67 million in July, or ominously before their very eyes.

ing the old economic maps into the ash can and putting into effect the new scientific maps of planned economy under socialism .

Monopolies Devour Lion's Share of National Income

How much profits do corporations actually rake in each year in proportion to wages and salaries they pav? This is one of the jealously guarded secrets of the monopolists who gladly shell out thousands of dollars a year for publicity that represents their profits as a wafer thin slice out of a juicy pie, the bulk of which ostensibly goes for wages and salaries.

The most any of these profiteers will admit is that he piles up in his coffers one dollar in profits for every 10 paid out in wages and salaries. This piece of statistical jugglery is achieved by comparing total national wages and salaries (before taxes) with corporate profits (after taxes). In 1946 the former amounted to 111 billion dollars and the latter to 12.5 billion. This gives a ratio of approximately 10 to 1.

Another fraud of capitalist economists is to compare corporate profits after taxes with the total national income. For 1946 this gives the figure of 71/2%, even less than one in ten.

Hitherto sufficient data has not been available to establish what the real ratio of corporate booty is. But with the new set of statistics issued by the Department of Commerce, it is possible today to obtain a much more precise estimate than ever before.

An excellent approximation was made by Hobart Rowen, member of Washington Bureau of the weekly Newsweek, a specialist in "business and industrial news interpretation." in an article entitled "The Corporate Clean-Up" (The Progressive, Sept. 1).

Branding the "ten to one" tricks of corporate apologists as "flagrantly phony wage-profit comparisons," Rowen shows from the new data that a correct comparison gives the ratio not 10 to 1, but three to one.

For the total paid out by corporations in wages and salaries before taxes in 1946 was not 111 billion dollars but 68 billion (of which 4 billion were paid out to corporation executives in fees, salaries, bonuses, etc). On the other hand corporate profits - before taxes! were about 21 billion.

In the phenomenal profit year of 1947, Rowen goes on to correctly point out, this ratio runs as high as \$2 in profits for every \$5 in wages, with many corporations doing even better than that.

As against the fraudulent comparison of corporate profits after taxes with total national income, Rowen takes a far more correct comparison of corporate profits with corporate income. The calculations show that in 1946 corporate profits before taxes swallowed up onequarter of the corporate income; after taxes-14%. In 1947 the corresponding figures are one-third and 18% respectively.

Rowen, a champion of capitalism and of profits. "the lifeblood of capitalism," is appalled by this pillage of the national income for the benefit of a small handful. His solution? He remains frightened and hopes for -- "a depression to knock sense into some people," if only temporarily. This passes today for realistic thinking in liberal circles.

Political Action **a** Labor Day Keynote Editor

The Oakland movement came out in full force on Labor Day to demonstrate closed ranks against the Taft-Hartley Law and all union-busting tactics. 100,000 marchers and spectators united in showing the strength and spirit of the working people to combat attacks against their organizations. The AFL, IAM and CIO unions paraded by the thousands with slogans of 'Unity" and with floats blasting the Slave Labor Law.

In San Francisco, where the labor movement has not vet achieved the same unity in action as in the East Bay, the CIO held a silent parade of 40,000 in protest against the Taft-Hartley Law. The AFL held/ a meeting of 5,000 at night. In this area, as all over the country, the keynote of Labor Day was the need for labor to enter into politics to fight the attempts of the bosses to break the labor movement. The Socialist Workers Party supplied the positive answer to this need by calling for the immediate building of a Labor Party based on the trade unions

Oakland, Calif.

"I Wept **Over Bilbo**"

Editor: Talking about Bilbo, dcn't you

think Hilaire Belloc's Epitaph on Editor the Politician is appropriate? This

is the full text: Here, richly, with ridiculous display. The Politician's corpse was laid away.

While all of his acquaintance sneered and slanged, I wept: for I had longed to see

him hanged

Likes Articles on

Women's Problems I think that the Sept. 1 issue of The Militant is excellent. The article on Orphan Annie, Why Some Mothers Can't Stay Home, and We the People were excellent, and I meats. think that we should include this But what kind of life is that where

Reader.

ceivable?

type of article more often. They will appeal to new Miliant readers more than the political articles. "Why Some Mothers Can't Stay

Home" really hit a responsive chord with me. Most of the women in the factory where I work have children. Their husbands work days and they work nights in order to have someone home with the kids. In addition, most of them do all their own laundry, and of course, all the cooking and cleaning. Many of them get home from work at 2 a. m. and get up at 7. One girl can't find a place to live, and has her baby boarded out for \$20 a week, while she and her husband pay \$12 for a

room to sleep in, and eat all their

are open to the opinions of the readers of "The Militant." Let ters are welcome on any subject of interest to the workers. Keep them short and include your name and address. Indicate if you want your name printed.

Workers' Forum

CONTROLS

Bankers, lawyers, clergymen Influence workers' minds With movies, radio and press And controls of other kinds. 'Purgatory Ransom,' Pie up in the sky, The workers shall be happy, Jery happy when they die

The mind is like the stomach, It works with what is in it; workers get security They must unite to win it. Not with "friends of labor," The tax and profit kinds: With deception and confusion They control the workers' minds

Republicans and Democrats Unite themselves as one, Monopolies from Wall Street Manage Washington. Labor Governments must grow To remove capitalism And produce for use not profit P. O. In world-wide Socialism.

Jarvis Dusenbery, Rochester, N. Y.

Rising Prices Break Up Homes

parks, I should like to explain that for a \$3 permit, good for one year, The press and the church give us we were able to enter Yelowston lectures about the sanctity of the Park and Jackson Hole Nationa family and the need to preserve it Forest in Wyoming. The public against the dangers of "collectivism" camp sites each have a stone fire place, a table and benches and someand so on. But the greatest disumes a cupboard. Each site is markrupter of family life is this so-called ed off by trees, so that a family has free enterprise system. a sort of outdoor room to itself. We try to feed our children and Near at hand are water pumps and

kcep a roof over their heads and a lavatories. Harlem, N. Y. dress on their bodies. It becomes

harder and harder to do that every day. Not a single day passes without some price going up, and this week I had the experience of shopping for meat in the morning and then visiting the same shop in the

afternoon and finding new (and of course higher) prices for the same

all you can do is eat and sleep out get to them. of your income? Isn't it plain that

inadequate wages and ever-higher prices are bound to break up more families than anything else con-I am not a sociologist, but I am sure that if some one checked up on it he would find that the curve of divorces, desertions and ruined families goes up in direct proportion to rising prices and hard times.

Cleveland, O.

A Request: For Old Songs and Poems

Are You Losing Any Benefits Owed to You in Social Security? cludes unemployment insurance, old-the reminded in short order and

But the government says it has no

On this question, which means the

statistics on who is eligible for So-

By Evelyn Atwood

ly into the causes of destitution.

What did it find? It found that

You can often learn a lot age assistance, aid to the needy that it knows how to keep close tabs The Workers Forum of Aug. 18 published a letter from a girl of from government publications. Elind, aid to dependent children, on every young man eligible for war seventeen who would like The Mili- For example there is the maternal and child-health services, and conscription. tant to print more movie reviews. pamphlet explaining the So-Welfare services. This very thing has been on my cial Security Act, published mind lately, as I have been wonderlast June, which tells who is the old-age and survivors insurance. age benefits. So there are no reing if The Militant would be intereligible for Social Security The other seven programs are op- minder letters on this. ested in accepting short movie rebenefits and indicates how erated by the states, each with a views written by myself. Pictures would be criticized not much these should amount to. only from a dramatic standpoint but also with an eve to the relationship these pictures have to our economic

environments. I think it might be very interesting to your readers to have some understanding of what lion workers were without employthese movies are really about, and not to have to rely wholly upon when some 18 million people were studio publicity to form an opinion dependent for subsistence on relief.' of what they should spend their Even the government couldn't help hard-earned money for, noticing all that destitution. So the

L.B. President set up a Committee on Los Angeles. Calif. Economic Security "to study this Editorial Note: The Militant welproblem and make recommendaomes reviews of movies from our tions.' renders just as we welcome articles reporting on labor struggles, short This Committee "went exhaustive-

book reviews, etc. **Opposes Attempt** To Abolish Parks

Offers to Submit

Editor:

Short Movie Reviews

Editor: This past summer, we were able to

After making the remarkable distake our children on a camping trip to the National Forests in the west. you're destitute as well as hungry, For the benefit of easterners who Congress passed the Social Security have never seen anything like these Act in 1935.

not far away.

These parks with good fishing,

wild animal life, geologic wonders, caves to be explored and hundreds of miles of forests and lakes, are a children's paradise. Many workers tion in the current strike of the especially those who live in the west, take their families on such a vaca-

tion.

that more families would be able to

through Congress to allow the big Service. This body was set up uncattlemen, lumber interests and oil der the Taft-Hartley Act to replace companies to muscle into these na- the former U.S. Conciliation Servtional parks. All the national parks ice.

comprise only 65/100 of one per cent The government's move came in U. S. If the congressmen have their strike against Bethlehem Steel, New way, the Jackson Hole Nation- York Shipbuilding Corporation, U.S.

for this? The hypocritical lumber Pacific Coasts. barons claim they need the forests

for veterans' housing!

provisions of this law. curity status should write to Federal The government has fool-proof Security Agency, Social Security Adtabulations on every taxable man ministration, Washington 25, D. C., The eight-point program of the and woman in the country. If a for a copy of their "Social Security" Social Security administration in- worker forgets to pay his taxes, he'll pamphlet. It is free of charge. **Shipyard Industry Gripped**

and exemptions. Plenty of workers It seems that back in the great can be "disqualified," for one rea- difference between no income and depression of the Thirties, the gov- son or another. But with all this, something like \$18.75 a month, every destitution. This was the time, is entitled to, and most of all, to on the alert. If he isn't, he is penment other than work relief and The pamphlet tells where to apply. active months. In one case, a widow who lived in many, either in comparison to pre-For the past 13 years every work-

er has been taxed out of his weekly her daughter's crowded apartment, paycheck to pay for part of this learned after several years that she of the country. At the beginning of

Thus there are thousands of poverty, without leaving even enough

ON THE ALERT

workers who every year lose their money for her burial. She never Social Security benefits because they learned that she lost \$1,764 through the heart of the problem is loss of fail to apply for them. In the New similar ignorance of the law. There 4,100 persons lost at least \$600,000 in ments.

age and survivors insurance, old- a big stick. The government proved

The federal government operates cial Security unemployment or old-

different set of requirements, laws

the first six months of this year,

fund, although many people still was eligible. She lost 57 payments the drive I thought we could reach think it is charity. But the govern- totaling \$1,136.58 before she began 500. ment is not obliged to inform the receiving the \$19.94 a month to worker when he becomes eligible which she was entitled all along. Another old dressmaker died in

income. It found that whenever York area alone, according to the are many cases of workers who lose Every worker who wants to ac-

earnings are cut off, destitution is Sept. 4 World-Telegram, more than three and four years of such paycovery that when you're jobless mainly through ignorance of all the quaint himself with his Social Se-

B are trade unionists who find it

hard to come to mobilizations." The plan for stabilization had been presented by the IUMSWA in 1937

and it provided for allocation of The San Diego Branch is getting work and stabilizing of wages. The good sub results from a housing employers and government gave the project. Al Turner, Literature Agent, idea the cold shoulder until the pos- reports: "Enclosed find six new sub sibility of war was apparent. Eager scriptions to The Militant. We have

then to tie the union to such a plan, started regular weekly house-tothe companies and the government house sub work in the largest hous signed a stabilization agreement and ing project in San Diego. As a result even provided for a general wage in- of this work we excect to send in crease review to be held each year. an increasing number of subs each of the land and water area of the the eleventh week of the IUMSWA Steel would be for these giant steel The history of these agreements week for the next month or so. We then became the story of a union have also started work on the extied to the coat tails of the bosses pired subscriptions."

> government Through these agreements, the

a new headquarters doesn't stop the union got wage increases in 1941 and San Francisco comrades from getting The strike was still bogged down sharp example it poses of the need 1942. However, wage-freezing was Militant subscriptions. Anne Chesby the big companies' demand for to demand its nationalization under applied in 1943 and the wage reviews ter forwarded six new subs and gives Class in Marxism, Wednesdays.

THE MILLTANT ARMY

Los Angeles Subgetters List Gains of Sub Drive

The Socialist Workers Party com- | lovely a place as the old rades in Los Angeles can already new headquarters may have certain ernment discovered that there was every worker should know what he worker is on his own and must be count many gains from their sub- disadvantages which we feel will be scription campaign. "Next week," more than made up by our being in says the pamphlet, when "10 mil- apply for his benefits at an early alized. Under the law, you can't reports Al Lynn, "when the drive for a working class neighborhood, with date or run the risk of losing them. collect for more than three retro- Militant subs is over, we will have more chance to actually get into reached about 300. This is not local neighborhood work." * * *

vious campaigns or to other sections Bea Allen, new Literature Agent in Detroit. explains: "Comrade Eileen has asked to be relieved of literature work, but has enjoyed her

"But these results are excellent work so very much that she hates to when viewed in relation to their efgive it up. Due to the fact that fect on general party work. For one work on the afternoon shift and thing it means a doubling of the find it impossible to attend branch subscriptions in this area. It meant meetings we are trying to work out contacting a lot of good recruiting a division of the department, which possibilities. And thirdly, it has she and I will both work together.' meant that all the branches have once again become fully conscious of

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The

This report of good sales was sent this important aspect of party work in by Howard Mason, who is a new "For example," continues Comrade addition to Detroit's Literature Com-Lvnn, "my own branch, West Side. mittee: "We have, with the issuance is lowest on the list but on the good of our election leaflet, begun the side is the fact that we are now enfirst stages of our mavoralty camgaged in contact work (for renewnaigh. We distributed 11,000 leafals). I believe that our present lets to the Labor Day parade and pace, slow for a sub drive, will consold 25 copies of The Militant with tinue as the norm of branch activilittle trouble."

* * * The Milwaukee Branch ordered comrades of San Pedro 160 additional copies of the August Branch, Los Angeles Local, sent in 11 issue carrying a story about the six subs to help run up the score. telephone union leaders in Milwaukee who say labor must build its Ed Smith of Southside Binneh,

own party. These copies of The Los Angeles Local, mailed in six subs Militant will be sent to local mili--another boost for the grand total. tants in the telephone union. He writes: "This makes a total of * * * 91 for the Southside Branch in the D. H. S. of Sioux Falls, S. D., current sub drive, the highest in

asked us to send him eight more cpies of the Leon Trotsky memori-Unit B's is 18. I might say that this al issue, dated August 25. inequality of subs is due to the fact that most of the comrades in Unit * * *

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L. B., a Militant booster in Los Angeles, sent in a one-year subscription to The Militant for a friend in Dincinnati.

A. M. N. of Robbinsdale, Minn., nother Militant booster, renewed. his sub and asked us to send six of his friends a sample copy.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

AKRON - Socialist Youth Club, South Howard St., 2nd floor. Howard St., 2nd floor.

CHICAGO - 777 W. Adams, 2nd Having to prepare and move into

NEW YORK-116 University Pl., Tele. GR. 5-8149 for information. were outlawed until the war's end. us a brief report about the new 8 p. m. Fridays Open Forums, 8

By New Post-War Crisis having fallen from approximately | the period of "National Emergency" By R. Leonard 650,000 in August 1945 to about 70,- in 1939-40, the large companies saw 000 in June of this year, the com- the necessity to placate the union the local. Unit A's sub-total is 73, Direct government intervenpanies felt that it would be possible and entered into a tri-partite agreeto strike a mortal blow at the un- ment with the union and the gov-

CIO Industrial Union of Ma- to sume a moral source a sim- ernment and set up the Shipbuilding rine and Shipbuilding Workers liar situation after the last war. But Stabilization Committee. I often thought to myself that was accomplished this week they found the membership of the

for its benefits.

these parks could not be improved when representatives of the IUMSWA ready and able to wage a on even under socialism—except union and the shipbuilding their jobs. fight in defense of their union and firms were called to Washing-

With the strike close to three Today I read in the papers about ton to appear before the Fed- months old and the union showing the bills that are being engineered eral Mediation and Conciliation no signs of capitulation, the big companies must depend on the government to extricate them from their position or admit defeat by the union. An alternative to admitting

defeat for Bethlehem and U.S. companies to leave the shipbuilding field.

al Park will be completely abolished. Steel's Federal Shipbuilding and This second alternative is not as and at the mercy of them and the Mother of Three In other parks, the forests will be Drydock Corporation and smaller far fetched as it might appear once cut down. What is the justification companies on the Atlantic, Gulf and you understand the peculiar nature of this industry and realize what a



Diary of a Steel Worker

The Lucky Guy

- By Theodore Kovalesky-

I want to tell you about a very lucky guy, in ing his heart every time some capitalist politician fact, one of the luckiest guys in the whole world.



fellows like the one I want to tell you about . . . and the lies that the capitalists teach."

there are more of them coming along every day. can tell ahead of time what horse is going to come feels himself repaid a thousand times. in first at Preakness or Saratoga. No, it's nothing like that. He has to work just as hard as any other runs an engine or ships out on the high seas or hands him any dimes, and he can roll snake eyes truck. Wherever he works, he's in the union or just as soon as you or me.

So what is it that makes him so lucky? Well, there. he's got something that most people don't have breaths breathed into the air. His life will mark His wife is probably in the party too. the world. The world will never be the same because of it.

foois the workers with fine words and then turns Hes not a millionaire, and he's not a Novie star on them viciously. He knows what he must expect getting paid to make love to of the capitalist class, and he knows what he can Hedy LaMarr all week long and expect of his own class. He doesn't get surprised going home to his private swim- or "betrayed."

ming pool and bar weekends. He's a very lucky guy, because when he stands For that matter, he's not rich in front of the bathroom mirror shaving he can look at all; he's quite poor. his reflection right in the eye and say, "If there are And he's not one of those kids hungry anywhere in the world, it's not because queer people who live out in a you're not doing your best to prevent it. You're valley somewhere and go bare- doing all you can to change this world from a battlefoot and worship the sunrise and field for atomic bombs to a place with sunshine and say they're nappy with just a crust of bread and green grass for healthy, growing kids to play in. a drink of spring water. I guess there aren't many You're working and fighting to put an end to poverty people like that left, but there are quite a lot of and insecurity, to wars and depressions, and to all

Oh, it's not all beer and skittles. He has sacrifices This guy isn't lucky because he's rich, as I said, to make for the things he believes in, but he's still or because he clocsn't have to work, or because the lucky, because the reason he makes them is that dice always come up seven for him, or because he he wants to make them . . . and when he does, he

He works in a mine or a mill or a shop. He workingman, and he owns just as little. Nobody looks out at the long roads from the cab of a trailer helping to organize it, and he's the best union man

But the real, basic reason why he's lucky is that He has truth. He has the answers to the he's a member of the Socialist Workers Party. He's biggest questions in the world. He has a road to found the organization that teaches him how he can travel on, and he knows that road. He has a life best fight for a decent world. He doesn't have to to live upon the earth, and he knows it is not just stumble around in the dark anymore. He knows another life, an ordinary life lost in the millions where's he's going. He knows what he wants; he's of footprints on the ground and the millions of fighting for it. And he's not fighting alone either.

What's the name of this lucky guy? Well, it He's a lucky guy because he doesn't have to close could be any one of a lot of names, Irish names, his eyes to life and mutter, "Oh, well, what the hell!" Polish, Italian, English, or Jewish names. It could 'He's lucky because he doesn't have to keep break- be my name. What about you? Could it be yours?

Southern and European DPs

-By Albert Parker-

The Negro Struggle_

PAGE SIX NEW YORK, N. Y. MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1947. Facts and Figures Prove How Meat Profiteers Gouge People

THE MILITANT





Defense Committee Asks State to Free Hickman

CHICAGO, Sept. 10 - In a tributions are being offered by America; Committee of Racial letter to State's Attorney unions, progressive organizations Equality; Chicago NAACP and and prominent individuals. NAACP Youth Council; Labor's Touhy last week, the Hickman VOTE SUPPORT

Defense Committee strongly | The Chicago Council of the AFL | Baptist Ministers Conference; Chiurged the state to drop the prose- Building Service Employes Union, cago Area Council of the AVC; a discreet silence on the question hindered. cution of James Hickman and set representing 39,000 workers, has Workers Defense League; and the of PR. But that should fool no the bankruptcy of the policy of him free to return to what is left adopted a resolution expressing the Socialist Workers Party.

Council for Community Action;

one This is the same deceitful

"This is just another example of

vorkers received another 6½ cents the workers of every hard-won gain. an hour increase, this time without | Hand in hand with the struggle resorting to strike action. This for a sliding scale of wages must go makes a total increase of 23 cents a political fight against the pricean hour since January 1946; or fig- gougers and their puppets in the ured on a percentage basis, an in- halls of Congress who have helped crease of approximately 31%. Compare this 31% increase in tion on the workers and working wages with the 53% increase in the farmers. That means an independprice of meat. Multiply this by all ent Labor Party, and a Labor Slate the necessities of life for which the in '48.

By Norma Christensen

These facts show clearly that real The top illustration shows the wage gains can be protected and amount of meat which could be secured in one way; that is, by a purchased for \$4.53 one year ago. rise in the wage scale in proportion Today the same meat would cost to the rise in the cost of living \$7.92. This is an increase of \$2.39. index. Only by including a sliding or figured on a percentage basis, it scale of wages in their contracts can the unions hope to counteract In June 1947 the packinghouse this inflationary scheme of robbing to place the main burden of infla-

Robert Williams Blasts Conspiracy Against PR

NEW YORK, Sept. 11-"The attempt to abolish Proportional Representation voting for City Councilmen by referen-by Tammany Hall to introduce reaction piecemeal into New York City," Robert Williams, Socialist Workers Party Candidate for the State Senate, de-+-\$4.50

clared in a statement today. beguiled into trusting O'Dwyer's "The fountainhead of this plan diberansm, ne ju s the so-called friend of labor,

Mayor O'Dwyer. "O'Dwyer's machines deliberately the leaders of the ALP, the Liberal separated the issue of PR from Party and the trade union bureauthat of the fare increase. They crats who are fighting to maintain know that placing the fare ques- PR. They supported O'Dwyer in tion on the referendum this fall the last election and continue to simultaneously with PR would en- support him today. The shameful sure a large turnout of voters who demonstration organized by the buin all likelihood would both defeat reaucrats at the State CIO conventhe proposal to raise the fares and 'ion for 'O'Dwyer for Governor' uphold the PR system.

'liberalism,' he jumps over onto the "The movement to save PR is seriously weakened by the Stalinists.

gave him new encouragement to "O'Dwyer himself has maintained continue his reactionary game un-

supporting capitalist 'friends of la

In a recent column George F. McCray, ANP The sooner we impress this on the powers in Washwriter on labor affairs for several Negro papers, ington, the more secure the Negro worker's future puts his finger on an important threat to Negro will be." employment. But his attempt to



of many other countries.

being driven off the plantations by the gigantic are the victims of racial or religious prejudice. pickers, planters, weeders, and cultivators."

migrate. Indeed Negro workers are migrating north- When the depression comes, many fascist-minded ward and westward and nobody in the South is demagogues are going to pretend that the only solucomplaining. . . . Will the North and the West be tion to unemployment is to "limit" the "sources of able to absorb a substantial migration of Negroes labor" and they will use tl'is argument to try to from the South? The answer is yes, if necessary! deport and destroy the Negroes, just as the Nazis It will be necessary, as it has been necessary in the used it to deport and destroy the Jews. If Negroes found

"This is one reason why Negro workers and Negro vival tomorrow. leaders should fight vigorously all efforts to permit more migrants from Europe to enter the United system and set up a socialist system providing decent States. The question of permitting 400,000 additional jobs for all. For that we require not quarrels and migrants to enter the country is now being investigated by a Senate sub-committee. . . .

directly with displaced Negroes who certainly should tionally and internationally - against the common have preference over displaced persons from Europe. foe, the capitalist system.

What a pitifully misguided "solution" that is! find an answer to that' threat is The real threat to employment comes from the short-sighted, weak and reaction- capitalist system which is heading for a depression that will throw millions of white and Negro workers In general, McCray declares, out into the street in the North as well as the employment prospects for Negroes South. That coming depression does not depend

would be good because essential for a minute on the admission of 400,000 unhappy goods are still short here and be- refugees from Europe; it will take place even if not cause the U.S. is supporting the economic systems a single one of them is permitted to enter this country. The real enemy to be fought is the American

However, "the Negro population in the South, capitalist class, which runs production for its own long under terrific social pressure, is now being profit and benefit and which is responsible for barrmenaced by the steady mechanization of southern ing Negroes from industry and not a few hundred agriculture. Negro cotton pickers and choppers are thousand displaced persons who, like the Negroes here,

McCray probably doesn't realize it, but his way As a result "the displaced Negro workers must of thinking can be very dangerous for the Negroes. st, only when other sources of labor cannot be accept such arguments today, they will be undermining and weakening their own struggle for sur-

The answer to unemployment is to end the profit conflicts between the various oppressed groups and "Every new migrant will compete directly or in- peoples, but their collaboration and solidarity - na-

Six Who Chose Death

- By Mary Wood

Melvin C. Roberts, 27 years old, has kept a prom- diers are gone. The fate of the others is not known. ise. Two years ago when he and seven buddies were The dramatic tragedy stirred the indignation and freed from a prisoner of war camp, they vowed to sympathy of countless millions. But the case was



lionaires. Roberts chose to die.

U.S. Commander of the Mediterranean Theatre.

endure no more suffering and hastily removed from the daily papers, with one misery. If they could not find half-hearted attempt to deny the evidence. Perhaps happiness in the post-war world, the capitalist press was worried; perhaps those who they decided, they would all com- read the reports might see another alternative that mit suicide. these veterans had missed.

Cn Aug. 9, 1947, the second an-The capitalists don't mind a bit, you see, when niversary of their liberation, young discouraged workers take the path of suicide. That Melvin Roberts took stock of his means only a few more wasted lives, in a society personal troubles and assessed the that cares nothing for human life. What are six whole future. The Canadian gov- men, when millions are slaughtered in war, and ernment, which had sent him to starved in peacetime?

the hell-hole of Hong Kong, had There is a danger to the bosses, though, in the turned its back on the veterans vas! disillusionment among the workers and vetafter the job was done; it had erans. When the masses of men and women are

refused to pay him for his years in the camp. fed up with broken promises, and see nothing worth He was bitter about that - but far more : ter while in their lives today, they won't decide on selfabout the whole mad waste of World War II. He destruction.

listened to all the speeches of the imperialist war-It is tragic that these six young men did not mongers, he read the news of preparations for the learn in time that there is another way. All over coming slaughter. Rather than be dragged into an- the world, the forces of the socialist revolution are other bloody war to swell the riches of the mil- gathering. The colonial world is aflame with the battle for freedom. In thirty countries the parties The story of the death-pact was told at the in- of the Fourth International are steadily teaching the quest. A few months ago, Roberts had tried to workers to organize against their oppressors, to wipe visit one of his burddies, only to find that the soldier out the capitalist stem which stands in the way had already kept the vow. On Aug. 9, 1946, just of peace, security and happiness. They are issuing

one year after their release, Roberts' friend had the great rallying-call written by Marx and Engels decided that there was nothing to live for and to the depressed and discouraged of all lands: quietly tossed in his losing hand. "Workers of the World, unite! You have nothing Then Roberts had sought out the others. Four more of them had fulfilled the desperate pact. Now to lose but your chains . . . you have a world to six of the eight young Canadian and American sol- win."

Notes from the News

FREEDOM FROM FEAR - When the famous 8 out of every hundred have drawn the 52 weeks

ing his landlord after a fire had man's plight is the terrible housing inent individuals who have endorsed question, with only slight variations. of one of the worst strikebreaking burned to death four of Hickman's situation in Chicago." The Council and joined in the activities of the First loud-mouther opposition. Then children. (See editorial on Page voted moral and financial support Defense Committee. Others were studied neutrality. And finally, The Defense Committee also to the Hickman Defense Committee. Willard Townsend, president of the when the working class public is the working class and Negro public asked for a conference to discuss | Other organizations which have |CIO United Transport Service Emhe case with the State's Attorney. voted support are the Executive ployes, and Robert Ming, professor Meanwhile the campaign to free Board of the Chicago CIO Council; Hickman grows stronger each day Locals 734, 281 and 477 of the UAW; FUNDS NEDED as resolutions of support and con- the Progressive Steel Workers of

of his family. Hickman, a Negro belief that "the real responsibility

SWP Election Drive Stepped Up in Detroit

DETROIT, Sept. 8- Howard Lerner, Socialist Workers Party candidate for Mayor of Detroit, opened his campaign with a ringing attack against Mayor Jeffries for his inability and unwillingness to solve the critical housing condition existing in Detroit."

At the banquet launching his +, ministration as a step towards campaign yesterday, Lerner changing the entire state adminispresented to the audience of over tration so that this state will be 100 people the need for raising and run in the interests of the people. rebuilding a minimum of 20% of He stressed the need of independent before the Hickman trial is sched-Detroit's slum area. Using the facts political action to accomplish this uled to open. of the ninth annual report of the goal.

Detroit Housing Commission to bear As a guest speaker, Manny Terout this statement, Lerner, former bovich of Chicago, former District executive board member of Ford Director of the CIO Steel Workers UAW Local 600, further stated: and International Representative of "The Mayor of this city has the the United Mine Workers, praised power to do away with this scan- the Detroit Branch of the SWP for dalous condition. We must demand running a candidate against Big of the Mayor an immediate end to Business opposition. He condemned the evictions of 4500 families a the official leadership of the Demonth, and the levying of a cor- troit labor movement for the spectacle they have presented in recent months of kowtowing and kneeling fabricated homes. Only by these before the candidates of Big Busi-

He sharply attacked the talk of support of Jeffries, a man whom the CIO in past campaigns has

Among the speakers was Rev. has time and again demonstrated Charles A. Hill, chairman of the his anti-labor character. In con-Michigan Committee for an FEPC trast, he showed the power in an and long prominent as a fighter for independent policy by adding ur the overwhelming vote a labor can-Negro rights throughout the city. In his candidacy for the Common didate would receive.

Council, Hill has received the enlorsement of the Wayne County collection exceeding \$300 in dona-CIO Council and of the Socialist tions and pledges, which will be Workers Party. used for the purchase of radio time.

date" were widely distributed among 1330's paper: Mr. Hill pointed out the need for rental of sound trucks and for other now. a complete change in the city ad-facilities to further the campaign. the 20,000 who attended 1330's picnic. "I want to take this opportunity "Pulling together we'll win again."

Willard Motley, author of Knock steel worker, is charged with shoot- for the shooting and for Mr. Hick- On Any Door, was among the prom-

> of law at the University of Chicago. Financial contributions to the defense fund are now beginning to come in, although far more are needed for the work that lies ahead. The following organizations have sent money: UAW Local 281-\$50; UAW Local 734-\$50; UAW Local 477-\$10: Socialist Workers Party-\$25; Baptist Ministers Conference -\$200; Pilgrim Rest Church-\$25; Hotel and Restaurant Local 593-\$25: Woodlawn AME Church-\$20. Other funds have been raised from

collection lists and mass meetings. The Defense Committee is making nlars for a mass meeting on the South Side on Sept. 28, the day

pattern he followed on the fare bor.' And it comes on the heels records of a New York City administration in a long time.

> rally to the polls this November to save PR. Loss of PR will immeasurably increase the difficulty for trade unionists, for the Negro community and for minority groups to send their representatives to the City Council.

> "Loss of PR will immeasurably strengthen the influence of the cor-" rupt Wall Street-bossed Tammany and Republican machines over the affairs of the city. To save PR is to strike a blow at reaction."

Great Majority Now Favor Unions

A Gallup poll on the question of approval or disapproval of labor unions shows a rising sentiment since 1941 in favor of unions. Today 64% approve, 25% disapprove. On the question should workers have the right to strike, 62% voted yes, 28%

no.

ROBERT WILLIAMS

Labor's Independent Campaign **Off to Good Start in Youngstown**

YOUNGSTOWN, Sept. 6-Over 1,000 workers and mem- | to announce publicly the opening of bers of their families have signed endorsement and backing my election campaign. I am run-hasts for John Australiant labor condidate for council in the sheets for John Ausnehmer, labor candidate for council in the Fourth Ward and am running in-Fourth Ward here in Youngstown. About 700 of these signa- dependent of the Republican and tures were obtained at the huge Local 1330 picnic held on Democratic parties.

August 31. The Ausnehmer The program on which he is runcampaign was launched at the ning-the program of the PAC of and was assured full support if I picnic, one of the largest in the Local 1330-met with a sympathetic istory of Youngstown. and friendly response from the In addition to the wide circulation workers there.

rf endorsement sheets among the "I understand the problems of vorkers of the ward and of the wage earners," said Ausnehmer, advhole city, the Ausnehmer support- dressing the throng that gathered rs are concentrating on bringing to hear him. "I will be answerable he campaign to other Steelworker to labor during my campaign and locals in this area. Republic Steel my term of office. I intend to rep-

Local 2216 has already unanimously resent labor and am seeking your full support.' endorsed Ausnehmer's campaign. The following statement by Aus Large buttons reading "Ausneh-

nehmer appeared in the last issue mer-Labor's Independent Candiof Ohio Works Organizer, Loca

"I considered this step very seriran. If my union would not have assured me support, I would not have filed for office.

"I pledge myself to you to work in close collaboration with the union movement, and fight for our needs. "The union movement is the best friend of all of us workers. Labor should have direct representation in the legizlative halls. I believe this election contest to be the fight of all the workers on the West Side. and urge that we all act accordingly

Chie River boat, the Island Queen, exploded and they are entitled to. burned last week the ground trembled and persons TRIGGER-HAPPY COP - A rookie cop in New in nearby buildings were knocked Soff their feet. People rushed into York ordered Lloyd Jones, a Negro music student. downtown Pittsburgh streets crying, to get off a park bench and then shot him in the 'Atom Bomb! Atom Bomb!" stomach. Witnesses claim the shooting was unprovoked and deliberate. The police story that Jones HE'S A CIVILIAN — "At least no tried to seize the gun has been changed to "the

one beat me with a hose," was Rob- gun went off accidentally." Jones, who was near ert Ruark's reply to reporters. He death, has been released from the hospital and is had been questioned by a General investigating his being tried for disorderly conduct. charges against the brass hat rule of Lt. General Lee,

VETS' COMPENSATION - Official statistics an- unhappy because Dubinsky is donating funds to the swer the slanders of those who claim vets don't want Socialist Party of Italian Workers and not to the to work but prefer to live off their 52 weeks of unem- American SP. "It is hoped," they mournfully declare, ployment compensation. Only one-half of World War "the ILGWU will one day support American Social-II vets have drawn any compensation, and less than ism also."



MOURNFUL HOPE-The Socialist Party's Call is

poration tax to finance the construction of a plant to build premeans, together with the confisca- ness. tion of the large mansions through-

out the city, can this housing emergency be solved."

OTHER SPEAKERS spent \$250,000 to defeat, one who

The affair wound up with a fine