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Workers of the World, Unite!

MILITANT

PRICE-GOUGERS FEAR NEW WAGE DRIVE Hickman's Freedom Sought in Chicago

Mass Meeting Backs Defense; **Trial Postponed Until Oct. 27**

CHICAGO, Sept. 28 - Today's Hickman Defense Rally attended by almost 1200 people at the Metropolitan CommunityChurch, roared approval to a resolution demanding that the States Attorney drop the murded charges against James Hickman and free him "since he is guilty of no crime other than the love of his family and a+

sense of decency." The trial of Hickman, who

shot his landlord because he held him responsible for the leath of Hickman's four children in a fire last winter, was scheduled to begin tomorrow but has been postponed until Oct.

One of the chief speakers today vas Willard Motley, author of the best-selling novel, "Knock on Asy Door," and of a moving appeal for the defense of Hickman (printed in the Sept. 22 Militant). He attacked "our social system which puts profits above human welfare" as the chief cause of such tragedies as the Hickman case.

Motley also lashed out at such mouths" and cannot be relied on. Hickman Defense Committee. He described his meeting with the publisher of the Chicago Sun, and refusal to print Motley's appeal for Hickman even as a paid advertisement. He urged the oppressed not to depend on these selfstyled liberals, but to organize into tenants unions and join militant chael Bartell, local chairman of the labor organizations.

M. J. Myer, one of the three at- Bullock, chairman of the Chicago Defense Committee, also spoke: "It them for their splendid work in the is not Hickman who should be on campaign. but the inhuman landlords The Communist Party also played national and state conferences, in- to the convention which dealt with

Harold Russell Hits Hickman Case Causes

CHICAGO - Harold Russell. Academy Award winner for his portrayal of the Navy veteran in The Best Years of Our Lives, declared after endorsing the work of the Hickman Defense week.

Committee: "The injustices and human suffering that can be brought about because of inadequate housing, firetrap tenements, congested ghettos, the vicious practices of restrictive covenants, can scarcely be more graphically illustrated than in the tragic case of James Hickman."

platform representing UPWA Presi- has a powerful weapon in 37 million dent Ralph Helstein. Along with votes. "rich liberals as Marshall Field, several other union leaders, Gorwho talk out of both sides of their man and Helstein have joined the

Mrs. Hickman thanked the committee for the great work it is doing on behalf of her husband and in the fight against inadequate housing and restrictive covenants.

torneys retained by the Hickman chapter of CORE, and commended based upon a program of labor's needs and interests."

Labor Party Santa Cruz Council **Asks Immediate Action**

AFL Group

Demands

29 — A resolution advocating the formation of a Labor Party has been submitted by the Santa Cruz AFL Central Labor Council to the national convention of the AFL which will be held in San Francisco next

The resolution takes as its point of departure the passage of the Taft-Hartley Act which is aimed at "the weakening and smashing of unions and the driving downward of the workers' standard of living in order to make bigger profits." It declares that the passage of this law presents a host of new problems to labor and "demands the entrance of the AFL into politics, where labor

"The need of the day is for labor to enter politics in an organized fashion by entering its own candi-

dates and organizing labor's own party, if it is to survive and progress. The resolution then advocates that the AFL Convention go on record to amend Article 3 Section 9 of the

The chairman also introduced Mi- AFL Constitution to read as follows: "The AFL nationally and locally Socialist Workers Party, and Gerald shall enter into the building of a to mar the proceedings. But He castigated the CP for trying to win a majority on most of the

SANTA CRUZ, Calif., Sept.

political party by and for labor, things have changed!

Look Who's Talking



CP Domination Fought At **CIO Maritime Convention**

NEW YORK, Oct. 1 — The Stalinists are getting a taste of trade union democracy at the sixth convention of the CIO National Maritime Union and don't find it to their liking. At previous conventions they rode roughshod over any and all opposition. The convention gath-

erings were converted into at the Communist Party and charged There will be no steamrollering sounding board for the prevail- that the effect of their policies at this convention. The Curran ing Communist Party line. No "weakened our union and aided the group is organized in a "rank and file" caucus which has been able discordant note was permitted shipowners."

to put over the permanent no-strike convention committees. The Stalinpledge, for preaching that "the ist cries for "unity" have been

dicated by the concluding section of President Joseph Curran's report It also calls on the AFL to hold of President Joseph Curran's report same people, Curran asserted, "had will become dealtry with be concerned to ab the conferences. in-

Cost-of-Living Bonus Needed to Protect Workers Standards

Big Business fears a new union wage drive as the greatest immediate threat to its profits, swollen phenomenally by high prices.

Washington has launched a preventive campaign against any wage drive with direct and flank attacks on possible wage

demands.

Republican spokesmen like Taft and Stassen have called openly for a wage freeze. Administration and Congressional price-"probers" are trying to whitewash corporation profiteering, the real source of high prices. The capitalist press is again scream-

ing that "higher wages will skyrocket prices." A major aim of the Truman-Taft 'Waste Less-Eat Less" program is to spread the impression that the workers are getting too much money, which they are spending for lavish

ood and other necessities. This frenzied campaign against

as the most effective immediate answer to their price-gouging. Their fears are aggravated by the

knowledge that in any new wage drive the workers may demand not tional

bonuses. Such cost-of-living bonuses would of the private monopolies — by exbe paid on a regular and adjust- propriation, government seizure and able basis, automatically rising in nationalization of the basic indusin the cost of living. They would workers control.

tain real wages.

surdity when they ask Truman

The Man for the Job Heading Truman's Citizens Food Committee, which is organizing the pressure campaign on the American people to Less-Eat Less," "Waste Charles Luckman. He is the big soap and food

magnate, president of Lever Bros., leading soap concern and owner of the subsidiary that manufactures Lipton's Teas and canned soups

On Sept. 29, just after Luckman assumed his new post, Lever Bros. raised scap prices another 10¢.

iving, thus bidding up prices on are trying to side-track a wage struggle.

The CIO 7-point program on higher wages, even before any wage prices, issued last week in the form drive has begun, is a tip-off to of an appeal to Truman's Council. on what the profiteers fear of Economic Advisors, says not one word on wages. It repeats its futile plea, voiced time and again over the past four years, for "price con trol" by the capitalist gover

Once more the CIO leaders place only flat wage increases, but addi- dependence on a government of Big protection against rising Business to halt the thievery of the prices in the form of cost-of-living monopolists. But they are silent on the only way to break the power

direct proportion to any increases tries and their operation under

and real estate interests who sacri- a role connected with the meeting. viting all of organized labor to par- the role of the Stalinists in the the elimination of our strike fund, fice human lives for profit, for they They stood outside the church sell- ticipate, to draft a political action union. Curran flaged the wartime hind bars and kept there."

ing to finance the Hickman defense tsts. ouse Workers, who was on the Parkway, Chicago 15, Illinois.

Members of Johnson Group Resign from WP and Join SWP

By William F. Warde

The members of the Johnson-Forest Group, who were formerly affiliated with the Workers Party, last week issued 'a declaration applying for membership in the Socialist Workers Party. In accord with a resolution adopted by the SWP National Committee, they have now been accepted into the SWP with full membership rights, effective Oct. 1.

In joining the SWP, the members of the Johnson-Forest Group announced their accept-tions which we have frankly stated ance of the conditions laid in a number of documents, but down in the March 11 Joint hitherto refrained from doing so in adopted by the SWP and WP. fication (of the SWP and WP) CIO Political Action Commit- key industrial state of Ohio. CIO but "how or when" he didn't have 80th Congress hasn't mide the time cause people can't buy enough of would soon be effected. The SWP resolution took note of "The failure of the leadership of

WP pursued a policy and a course of conduct in violation of the spirit count." of the Joint Statement and thereby obstructed the collaboration between the admission of the Johnson-Forthe two parties and prevented the est Group members, "without prefuprojected consummation of the unity

up till this time. Johnson-Forest minority cast doubt son-Forest Group.

on the good faith of the signers of the Joint Statement and still further hampered and obstructed the plined and devoted party members. now. development towards unity."

We are sure that they will con-The Johnson-Forest Group de- tribute fully their efforts and abiliclared that its members had "long ties to the crucial task of building finding concrete expression in local ed last week by Jack Kroll, national turn of large sections of the voters dates now. They may not win the wanted to join the SWP despite the the party of socialist revolution in election campaigns. This is shown director of PAC-CIO, at the CIO to the Republicans, and the era of first heat in '48; but they can win their youngsters." difference of opinion on some ques- this country.

are the real criminals. They are ing copies of their book, "The Great program immediately. the people who should be put be- Conspiracy," which is a long slanderous and repeatedly discredited The collection taken at the meet- attack on Trotsky and the Trotsky-

work came to \$500. \$100 of this was The Hickman Defense Committee received from Patrick Gorman, sec- plans to intensify its efforts to win etary of the AFL Amalgamated freedom for Hickman during the Meat Cutters and Butcher Work- coming month. It is urging all en; a similar sum was pledged organizations to adopt resolutions Vice-President Philip Weight- on the case and send financial supman for the CIO United Packing- port to its offices at 4619 South

A Gold-Dusted Omelet

Do you get that harassed feeling when you see the latest price tag on eggs? Don't blame the hen. She's doing her best to keep up with demand. The blame lies squarely with the Republicans and Democrats who passed a federal law requiring the government to keep up the price of eggs by buying them whenever the price dips below what is called "parity."

The government doesn't eat the eggs. They dry enormous quantities and store the powder away. What isn't dried is frozen in slabs and placed in deep freeze.

Altogether, the government this year bought up 300,000,000 dozen eggs. Even after selling half these eggs to England, the government still has on hand about \$60,000,000 worth.

So long as Republicans and Democrats monopolize the government there's little chance for the public to get these eggs at bargain prices. The food trust saw to it that a provision was included to bar the government from selling eggs to the taxpayers below market price. So the consumer is caught in the squeeze. If egg production increases enough to bring down prices, the government promptly buys up the surplus. No matter how you scramble it, it makes a gold-dusted omelet.

as no longer necessary." unconditional surrender policy of In the following words, Curran summarized what would have happrogram at the previous convention: will come later.

"With our militance and tighting organization eaten away at the core and with our strike fund gone, the shipowners would have been able to ride roughshod over our union, our wages and conditions. Not only could we not have won the many gains that we did in the past two years, but we would have been unable to even fight for them at all." In addition to exposing their reactionary record. Curran blasted the Stalinists for their method of smearing, slandering and framing opponents. He accused them of fostering race prejudice and national division in the ranks of the union. When he concluded this section of his report a substantial section of the convention delegates expressed their approval by prolonged applause.

Local Groups Map New Road for PAC-CIO

COWARDLY ALIBI

A widening gap is appearing local CIO unions and PAC groups tion in Boston. He said he saw no | If the workers wait for the top between the political policies to run their own labor candidates "practical possibility" for launching union officials, a labor party will of the top union leaders and against both Democrats and Repub- a third party before the next na- never be formed. "Now is not the licans. the local union ranks. This is This movement has reached its would like to see a labor party time." If the steady growth of Statement on Unification the expectation that a general uni-becoming most obvious in the most advanced stage to date in the formed as a "long-range objective" political reaction climaxed by the unions and PAC groups' in Dayton, the faintest idea.

tee. The CIO big-wigs are trying to Youngstown and Cleveland are the fact that immediately after the signing of this Joint Statement "the to remain a considerate and the torms acroad many with the life torms acroad many acr the terms agreed upon with the old "reward your friends and pun- ists as independent candidates for majority of the leadership of the SWP obliged us to take this step ish your enemies" policy. Their city office. One or two successes toughest job right now is trying to in these campaigns will almost certoward unification on our own acdig up some Democratic Party poli- tainly inspire similar campaigns in

neighboring states like Michigan palm off as "friends of labor." But the rank and file are show- and Pennsylvania. dice to further negotiations with ing no eagerness to return to the SOLE ARGUMENT

the WP and the eventual execution role of political sheep filing meekly. The disgust of the workers with every election since. "Simultaneously, the violent and of the Joint Statement," is printed into the Democratic fold. The de- the Democratic Party is now so unjustified factional struggle waged on Page 4 of this issue along with mand for the formation of an in- strong that PAC-CIO leaders do cal Action Committee in 1943 was ing only 12 incumbent Senators and the majority of the leadership the application for membership dependent labor party is growing not dare to defend that party as another attempt to hold the labor 100 Representatives. of the WP against the pro-unity signed by the members of the John- more insistent. Every week, more such. They bend to the pressure

local unions join the ranks of the sufficiently to admit that a "third mobilizing the workers in a separate bly get a better Congress in 1948 The SWP welcomes the entry of hundreds that have already passed party" or a labor purty would be a political organization that voted by supporting Democrats or Repubthese comrades as serious, disci- resolutions to build a labor party good thing and is desirable. Their "not for the party, but the man" licans, it would be far, far wiser to sole argument against a labor party The sentiment for genuine inde- is that "now is not the time." cendent labor political action is This age-worn excuse was repeat-

by the growing movement among United Electrical Workers conven- the Taft-Hartley Slave Labor Law, the race in '52.

the controversial questions come before the convention.

So far, the first nine cays of the convention have been taken up with pened to the NMU if the CP had the election of committees and ofsucceeded in putting over their full ficers reports. The real fireworks

JOSEPH CURRAN

This is the only realistic and ef- call a meeting of the big indusfective defense that the workers trialists and "place before them the can use immediately to protect their danger confronting the nation" standard of living. It is a weapon through profiteer-inflation. These that will strike sharp and true to wolves have already given the big the heart of high prices - high laugh to Truman's plen to "restrain yourselves," profits.

The top trade union leaders are Wall Street's agents in Washingthe principle obstacle to a militant ton won't halt price-robbery. But defense of labor's living standards the action of the workers can. And through a fight for higher wages the first big action must come en and the cost-of-living bonus. As the wage front to win higher wages, they have done before at each new supplemented and protected by the high level of price inflation, they cost-of-living bonus.

TRUMAN ECHOES TAFT 'EAT LESS" PROGRAM

Truman has discovered the reason for high food prices. Strangely enough, it's the same as Taft's. According to these political agents of Wall Street, the people are eating too much. They are wallowing in fat living.

Truman last week announced his remedy-"Waste Less."

Taft said it more bluntly -+ 'Eat Less."

mum adequate dict for a week is While the workers are clamnow \$30.07, or 27% higher than a oring for lower prices so that year ago. It is to this average they can feed their families worker's family, which cannot even adequately, Truman and Taft now maintain a minimum health tell them to pull in their belts still diet, that Truman issues his insultmore.

This advice-it is really a threattional elections. He declared he time" really means "no time is the comes as health authorities report the growing menace to health befor a labor party rotten ripe, when the right kind of food at today's They are enjoying super-luxury.

will it be time? When the unions prices. This evasive and cowardly alibi are cut to pieces by anti-labor laws? New York City Commissioner of has been repeated by the union The top union leaders haven't the Hospitals Edward M. Bernecker said

leaders since 1936. It was the ar-slightest hope, by their policy, of gument when the CIO workers de- ensuring a less reactionary Congress manded their own party and Lewis and Administration in November, The SWP resolution authorizing ticians whom they can reasonably other Ohio industrial centers and in gave them Labor's Non-Partisan 1948. Emil Rieve, a leading CIO the impact of present rising food League as a chance to vote "inde- official, has already intimated a pendently" for Roosevelt and the retreat even on the proclaimed Democrats. It has been repeated campaign to defeat all who voted

The formation of the CIO Politi- proposes to concentrate on defeat-

vote in line for the Democrats by Since the workers cannot possiof this policy was strengthening of sources on building their own par-Wall Street's political monopoly, the ty and running their own candi- complained that they simply can-

ing and brutal command to "Waste Less" - meaning "Eat Less." ... Yes, there is too much waste but Truman directs his order at the wrong people. The real wast-

family of four, the cost of a mini-

rels and hogs are the rich profiteers. But Truman is not putting on a big drive to cut down the profits of the monopolists, to end their swinish living.

Yes, there is too much waste when the government buys up millions of dozens of eggs at fantastic prices and hoards them until they spoil - to keep egg prices up. Or buys up millions of bushels of potatoes and pours gasoline over them

and burns them. Yes, there is too much waste

a trillion dollars worth of waste in the Second Imperialist World War. Commissioner of Health Israel And this is nothing compared to

Weinstein told O'Dwyer that "for the waste of the next war - the months and in steadily rising cre- atomic war - that Truman is now usually a Democrat. The net result concentinte their efforts and re- scendo, mothers who bring their preparing by wasting tens of bill children to our health stations have lions annually for military pur-

not afford to buy proper food for Waste less, we say, by kicking out the monopoly profiteers and

He revealed that for the average warmongers, Link Alward

in a special report last week to Mayor O'Dwyer: "So sharp has been costs that it is causing the deepest concern among the doctors, nurses The present trend of high prices, Bernecker added, creates the "grave danger that the health of large segments of our population will de-

and social workers."

teriorate."

for the Taft-Hartley Act. He now

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Can Democratic Party Be Reformed? A Look at the Record from Cleveland to Roosevelt

By Art Preis

Nothing is more embarrassing to the trade union leaders today than reference to the Democratic Party. Although most of them have faithfully served this capitalist party for the past 14 years, they are strangely silent now about its role and program.

They prefer to center attention on various "progressives" and 'friends of labor" in the Democratic Party." They leave unanswered the question: how could any real friend of labor remain part of a poitical machine so discredited that its mere mention is source of entoarrassment to labor leaders?

But this does not mean the top union leaders are one with the Liemocratic Party. On the contrary, they are grasping for ways and means to resell this party to the American workers. It is not unlikely they will seize on the formula: Reform the Democratic Party!

This is the formula now being advanced by Henry Wallace and, in a veiled form, by his Stalinist campfollowers. Wallace stated at the recent CIO United Electrical Workers convention that he, intends to work within the Democratic Party "unless and until I am convinced that this administration is committed, o red-baiting and to fomenting a final war."

The notion that the Remocratic Party is essentially progressive and can be made to serve the interests of the workers is not new. It is a deception foisted on the American people since the days following the Civil War, after the Democratic Party controlled by the Southern slave-holders suffered a smashing defeat.

But the history and record uf the Democratic-Party prove that it can never serve the interests of the people. From the first "reform" administration. of Grover Cleveland in 1884 to the reign of the Truman Doctrine, the Democratic Party has been a. party of lies and deceptive promises which, in office, has always served the capitalist class. It is corrupt, in the seed and rotten in the root.

Four times in the past 70 years the Democratic. Congressman in the pay of the silver mining interests. director of the National City Bank of New York and P inty has eperienced a great resurgence, when the This "grass roots" orator and demagogue used the r cople turned to it in hope that it would break the issue of "cheap money" and "free silver" as the grip of the monied class. Four names are chiefly issociated with these Democratic upsurges-Grover Cleveland, William Jennings Bryan, Woodrow Wilson and Franklin D. Roosevelt.

FIRST DEMOCRATIC "NEW DEALER" Grover Cleveland, in a sense, was the first Democratic "New Dealer." He was elected to the presidency in 1884 on the promise of "reform." The poor

farmers and city toilers had turned to him when they could no longer stand the stench of the Republican spoils system in Washington. Cleveland and the inner circles of the Democratic Party had secretly wooed the big capitalists. Many

of the richest industrialists at that time began the practice, of contributing to both the Republican and Democratic parties. The list of Democratic contri-

By the time Cleveland concluded his second term in 1896, he had alienated the farmers and workers almost completely and paved the way for an internal revolt inside the Democratic Party. His crowning act was to send federal troops against the Pullman Company strikers in Chicago and use injunctions to break the strike.

Two decades later, the head of another Democratic 'reform'' government, Woodrow Wilson, was forced to distinguish, between himself and Cleveland by declaring: "This country has never had a Democratic administration since the Civil War. You may think Cleveland's administration was Democratic. It was not. Cleveland was a conservative Republican." That was in 1913, before Wilson revealed himself as close to Wall Street as Cleveland had ever been. 33.0

BRYAN PROMISES OURE-ALL

The banner of Democratic "reform" in 1896 wastaken up by William Jennings Bryan, a Nebraska

promised cure-all for the ills of the farmers and workers harassed by debt and depression.

Riding the wave of popular revolt against Wall Street and the growing trusts, Brvan and the Democratic liberals captured the Democratic Convention in 1896. But the forces who ruled the Democratic Party were not the "common people."

Bryan was a professional lecturer for the American Bimetallic League, a propaganda and lobby group subsidized by big silver mining interests whose only aim was to get the government to buy up all their silver at a price equivalent to gold. They called for the unlimited coinage of silver and "cheap money." Forty years later, the Democratic war administrations of Roosevelt and Truman were to realize Bryan's program of "cheap money" in a devastating inflation.

The Bryan "reform" of the Democratic Party did not outlast the intense but short-lived clamor for "free silver." It had one especially disastrous effect. It helped undermine the sweeping movement of protest led by the People's Party, a party the capitalists feared because it threatened to disrupt their twoparty system of political monopoly.

The leaders of the People's Party split their organization in 1896 to throw their support to the Democrat Bryan and his single-track program of monetary inflation.

"NEW FREEDOM" ADVOCATE

In 1912, the Democratic Party put forward the advocate of the "New Freedom" program, Woodrow Wilson. Wilson was represented to the people as an idealistic college president. But, as Ferdinand Lundhere tells in his America's 60 Families. "for dearly twenty years before his nomination Wodrow Wilson had moved in the shadow of Wall Street." * Code Wilson's chief sponsor was Cleveland H. Dodge,

Railway Express Walkout

Of Shipyard Strike schon of the valt copper and munitions fortune. Today Wilson's 'reforms" appear picayune indeed. His income tax bill levied a surtax of only 6% on incomes of more than \$500,000. His Federal Reserve System was contrived by a group of Wall Street financial giants us a governmental device to centralize money interests.

In 1900, the Democratic Party adopted a plank against "imperialism." In his first term, Wilson sent American troops into Mexico on behalf of American oil and mining corporations that had seized Mexican resources.

Wilson was reelected in 1916 on the promise to 'keep America out of war." On April 6, 1917, Wilson led this country into the first imperialist World War -a "war to end war," so he promised.

This was the time when the terms "dollar-a-yearmen" and "cost-plus" first became part of the national vocabulary. The orgy of war profiteering created a scandal which echoed down to the days of Wilson's successor, Roosevelt, and the even greater thievery of World War II. The cost of World War I was estimated at about 38 billion dollars, or just security. about equal the profits the corporations secured from But Bethlehem Steel leads the the war.

Wilson's "New Freedom" ended with the monopolies more powerful than ever, and a post-war unionbusting drive that began with the smashing of the 1919 Steel Strike

Not until the people suffered 12 years of Republi-CONTINUED INTERVENTION can corruption, crowned by the clush of 1929 did the Democrats have another chance to play their old game now titled the "New Deal" by Franklin D. was reported this week from the of amazing. Roosevelt. meetings of the union, company and

(To be continued)

Pickets Defy Intimidation

city's 5,000 Railway Express facing the striking workers, it could Agency drivers are holding be said that the whole shipyard infirm on the thirteenth day of dustry, its peculiar place in the natheir militant strike against tion's economy and its operation by the real needs of the industry underthe threat of a 10 million dol- the elements of a fantasy. lar damage suit under the Taft-Hartley Act, pressure from federal the people of this country of millions mediation officials and the strikebreaking intervention of Daniel J. robin, Czar-President of the AFL

The strike was called when the ailway express monopoly turned down the demands of Local 808 for cost-of-living wage raise of 151/2 cents an hour and reduction of the work week from 44 to 40 hours. The company had stalled a settlement since June 26, expiration date of the previous contract.

in an attempt to force the men back

Tobin intervened at the outbreak of the strike, as he has done in Packages at New York's LaGuardia airfield piled up after more than numerous other Teamsters walkouts,

4,000 Railway Express Agency workers of AFL Teamsters Locals 459 and to work. He alleged the strike vio-808 struck for a 15½ cents wage raise and a cut in working hours from lated provisions of the notorious 44 to 40. The walkout also spread to northern New Jersey. See story on Railway Labor Act requiring a 60-day strike notice and cooling-off

By Bob Lowell

Bethlehem Steel Leads

Opposition to Settling

NEW YORK, Spt. 29-Now in its 14th week, the shipand credit under the control of the biggest banking yard strike continues as the CIO Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers keeps picket lines moving in front of shipyards from Boston to San Pedro.

Although the strike still affects 30,000 employes of Bethlehem Steel and 10,000 others at United States Steel's Federal

Yard in Kearny, the Atlantic +-Basin Iron Works in Brooklyn succeeded in building a bridge of profits from the U. S. Treasury into and smaller concerns, the daily their pockets.

press pays but little attention Now these people, who have alto this strike in an industry lowed the industry to stagnate and now considered "not vital."

rot because their only interest is in profits, insist on the right to fix When the strike began in June, so-called "efficient peacetime conover 70,000 workers were involved. ditions." Their sole program for a Many of the yards have since signed sick and dying industry is to weaken contracts including a 12 cent hourly the union and institute a speed-up. raise and the maintenance of job In other words, still more profits.

AMAZING RESILIENCY

- Fourteen weeks of strife in the hold-outs in demanding the almost complete abolition of the security coal fields or the steel mills can guaranteed by seniority and job shake the economic foundations of classification clauses usually con- this country, but the shipbuilding industry under like conditions merely slips more quickly toward the decay and rot from which it was saved Continued intervention by the by the second world war. Under these government has failed to budge conditions the resiliency of the Bethlehem although some progress IUMSWA membership is little short

This "toughness" plus the absence the Federal Mediation Board in of any large "army of the unem-Washington. Needless to say, the ployed" makes it possible for the workers to win this round of the of trying to mediate what the combattle, but the fundamental probpany offers-not what the union lems of this industry and its em-

ployes cry aloud for a solution. For In short, the government's interit is obvious that the policy of profvention is a farce since, as the its first and the welfare of human biggest customer of the shipyards, it beings last will make the American could bring the strike to a halt alshipbuilding and repair industry a most at will through the maritime. dead industry and make its workers the vanguard of the march from the

If it weren't for the real hardships factory to the breadline. The stubbornness of the shipyard companies and their indifference to stalwarts of "free enterprise," have line the need for its control and

government's intervention consists

tained in the contract.

demands.

agencies

operation to be taken out of their Through this industry they milked hands. Nationalization under control of dollars during the war. While of the workers is the only solution

building a "Bridge of Ships," they for the industry.

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

Unemployment insurance equal to trade union wages for workers and

3. Against all anti-labor laws and government strike-

veterans during the entire period of unemployment!

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

4. Build an independent labor partyl

Repeal the payroll tax! No sales taxes!

No taxes on incomes under \$5,000 a year!

5. Tax the rich, not the poor!

and unemployment! overnment operation of all idle plants under workers' control

FOOD PRICE GAMBLERS LAY STAKES ON EMPTY CUPBOARD

By Arne Swabeck

Every additional day of sunshine now fills out the kernels and brings nearer to maturity the Golden Bantam and the hybrid corn of the midwest states. Farmers watch anxiously, fearful lest early frosts seriously reduce belated crops. It is a race against time and weather, On the "Wheat Pit" of Chicago's Board of I'rade this race also finds its expression. But

in a different form, with a dif h selling of grain futures, i.e., the warfuture delivery.

profiteering: A billion dollar gam- of his paycheck.

American veople These gamblers and cheats never top prices paid for corn in the fall ful labor. them at sky-rocketing prices. They so reflected in most of the essen- and farmers co-operative distriburaise no crops; nor does their reck- tial protein foods, milk, butter, ting organizations; and the costs less speculation add one nickel's cheese, eggs, poultry, fats, etc.; for will cover only what is required for worth of value.

corn yield will be lower than last corn goes to market. It is used as misfortunes of nature, which today rear's, an estimated 600,000,000 stock feed.

orgy of speculative buying and for food compared with \$119 before row, national planned production,

house. It is the greed-insanity of aire club. When a workman with Farmers will be given all facilities, the rich, grabbing the "take" a family has paid his rent and will be aided in developing and enthrough the most victous form of grocery bills, mighty little remains riching the bounties of nature. profiteering: A billion dollar gam-

winter, or next spring? As a rule, the cities, who perform socially useeven see the wheat, the corn, nor show up in higher meat prices the Exchange and distribution will any other food products traded by next season. Yes, and they are al- be placed in the hands of workers

it is in the shape of these products the well-being of both of these es-But they know that this year's that nine-tenths of the country's sential social categories. And even

terent content. Here the wheat against 18% last year and 16% will not be done away with, nor even seriously curtailed, until the

gamblers rush around dishev- last year, says the same report, system itself is uprooted. elled, frantically, in a veritable the average American paid \$302 . In the socialist system of tomor-

based on people's needs, will re-Average income, however, includes place the existing criminally wastethe income of the big corporation ful and chaotic system of produc-The whole thing resembles a mad- owners, the members of the billion- tion for personal gains for a few.

ble on plenty or scarcity for the What will food prices be next available to the teeming millions in

still cause scarcities, will prove

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Teamsters.

ushels There is danger of further reductions by frost. Wheat heavier load on the workman's forces of production are really set vas a bumper crop this year. But budget. The already diminished free in a free society. the wheat gamblers also know real wage is headed for an all-time about the drought in Europe where low.

people face starvation. That means But such considerations never continued lucrative sales for ex- bother the "conscience" of the ports and greater scarcity for the wheat gamblers. This fraternity of American table. vampires, fattening on the needs,

The gamble in the "Pit" steps up wants, and misery of society makes to a furious pace. Prices climb the Capone syndicate look like upward, ever upward. Reports of Stints by comparison.

frost damage in scattered parts of Their gambling is conducted on the Midwest lift prices still higher, what is called the "margin." This reaching all time peaks with a bushel of wheat pressing the \$3 mark, ing they need put down cash only Communist Party's stranglehold on the union's apparatus. almost a dollar higher than last for 17 to 18% of the total. This is year, and corn not far behind. what the "Wheat Pit" now requires. In million's of workmen's homes Thus a gambler buying \$2.65 corn the cupboards may show empty for future delivery, puts up only 45 lution aimed to illegalize all the Stalinists used for their own the red-baiters and union leaders in shelwes; but this billion dollar gam- cents in cash. But the profit of ble shows lusher and lusher profits. sale is all his.

After all, didn't Senator Taft tell Recently the Commodity Exus to "eat less"? Didn't the Presi- change Authority requested the dent-say exactly the same thing in Chicago Board of Trade to increase different words by admonishing us the margin to 331/3% in these solution of the leading opposition to cut the waste of food? speculative futures deals. A mod- caucus, the so-called UE Committee And now comes the Bureau of La- est request indeed, motivated by for Democratic Action. This is a bor Statistics to inform us that fears of a boom-and-bust situation.

prices soared to all time high the But the directors of the Board of tion of Catholic Trade Unionists week ending Sept. 20. Its whole- Trade turned it down. They voted and other elements united around sale price index stood at 158.1% to let things rip. of the 1926 average. This is 27.7% Profiteering through gambling is and support of the imperialist Tru-

The substitution of the seconds in

above the corresponding week a not typical of food products alone. man Doctrine. year ago. The Department of It is typicial of the whole capitalist With supreme hypocrisy, the Agriculture adds that this year system of production and distribu- Stalinist resolution accused the opthe consumers are spending about tion. It is an integral and indivis- position caucus of abaying "no pur-21%" of their income for food as able part of this system. And it pose save to capture for outsiders

I enclose

On the whole, this means a far small obstacles when our gigantic this page.

UE Stalinists Seek to Ban All Opposition Groups

representatives of the The Stalinist machine at the CIO United Electrical, Radio | vanced" and Machine Workers convention in Boston last week struck working class. Their anti-demomeans that in their speculative buy- another blow at trade union democracy and strengthened the to smear the very idea of socialism as "totalitarianism."

Through its control of the top UE leadership, the Stalinist faction rammed through a reso-the control of the union." Thus, inists are under vicious attack by

UE caucuses but its own and ends the anti-democratic policy of the camp of Truman imperialism. to confront opposition caucuses the last CIO convention's resolution By attacking the right of union with the threat of expulsion.

side interference." especially the This resolution ordered the dis- Communist Party's. The Stalinist resolution declared encourage the anti-democratic red-

bers "persist in their disruption," bloc of Social-Democrats, Associathe UE leaders will "drive them out of the union." A constitutional amendment was also passed to ima program of "anti-communism" plement the resolution by empow-

> local "in circumstances which might lead to revocation of charter."

Lacking any progressive program of their own, the UE Committee for Democratic Action could only strengthen the hand of the Stalinists by rabid red-baiting. This served to drive genuine union militants, in some instances, into sup-

port of the Stalinists, who played "militant" and used radical-sounding phrases. The only answer the opposition the Russian - occupied countries. bloc gave to the bureaucratic moves Their opponents backed the Truman of the Stalinists was a resolution Doctrine of war preparations against calling for reaffirmation and enforcement of the anti-communist. anti-democratic resolution of the drawal of all foreign troops from last CIO convention. This is the occupied countries would have ex-

Stalinists in the 1946 CIO conven the foreign policy resolutions of tion, including the UE leaders, both caucuses. But genuine prohelped to draft and unanimously supported. Thus, the UE convention pre-

The events of the convention sented the spectacle of two unprin- made clear that the grip of reaccipled cliques fighting for bureau- tionary Stalinism on the UE will cratic power. Both of them based be broken only by a genuinely prothemselves on anti-democratic pro- gressive fight for full democracy, grams. The Stalinists played the including the right of caucuses, and most despicable role, however, be- for a militant policy of independent cause they represent themselves as struggle against the bosses on the "left-wingers" and the most "ad- economic and political field.

"resenting and rejecting" any "out- members to maintain caucuses in picketing in the garment district, the UE, the Stalinists fortify trade union bureaucracy generally and

further that if the opposition mem- baiting drive. NO EFFECTIVE ANSWER

mental differences on union proering the Stalinist-dominated Gen- gram. eral Executive Board to suspend any effective answer to price inflation suit.

and the anti-labor drive. On political action, they offered their 'third party" demagogy which advocates building a "third party



reactionary role of the Kremlin in

A resolution calling for with-

gressives had little chance to be

heard at this UE convention.

the Soviet Union.



period.

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and comfort to the National Rail Mediation Board officials who promptly labeled the walkout "unauthorized, wildcat and unlawful." The Board is blocking efforts at

His attack on the strike gave aid

local arbitration, which the strikers have stated they will accept. Local 808 leaders have sharply assailed the Railroad Labor Act as an "outmoded document" .and say

they will agree to arbitration by any cratic methods help the reactionaries other agency that may be regarded as "impartial."

Action to use the Taft-Hartley Act against the strikers was initi-In the CIO as a whole and the ated by 10 big millinery manufaclabor movement generally, the Stalturers, each filing for \$1,000,000 damages against Local 808. They alleged that Local 808 had conducted a secondary boycott, enforced by

against the hat bosses. The strikers had maintained pickets for several days to advise drivers from other Teamsters locals about their strike. The hat manufacturers were trying to use inde-

The UE Stalinists and their right- pendent drivers to haul their shipwing opposition had no funda- ments in place of the customary Railway Express men. Pickets were The Stalinists offered no withdrawn on news of the damage

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Capitalist Politics From the Inside

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– By J. R. Johnson -

ord. of the capitalist class to coun-

ter-revolution. It is elemental but not at all instinctive. It is the most cold-blooded, calcuever had. lated defense of property and

privilege. The diaries of Morgenthau, Secretary of the danger. This is the time when Treasury, selections from which are appearing in Collier's, gives us one more example of this.

ism as the old deal of Hoover. Roosevelt, however, had attempted the policy of government spending

and had let the budget go unbalanced. This necessitated a growing control by the government. The the greatest economic danger that country and the government with what they wanted. Every man in serious problems

spending continue? Would the ness. Note that Roosevelt was not need for us to wait any number of government attempt to balance the budget or continue with the budget was one of the greatest defenders unbalanced than before? of the capitalistic system that it more What, if anything, could be done has ever had. But he was interby government or business to help fering too much. And Wall Street the situation? Morgenthau's diary tells us how the Roosevelt cabinet

reacted The cabinet was bankrupt. Nobody knew what to do. Said the italist production. It is sensitive President at one cabinet meeting, also to any action by the proletariat. am sick and tired of being told The very same section of Morgenby the cabinet, by Henry (Morgen-

last two weeks what's the matter with the country and nobody sug- appropriations for the WPA. Jack sts what I should do." What finally saved Roosevelt and He told the President that if Conhis government was the armaments gress cut the appropriation he was program for World War II. Apart afraid there would be unemployfrom this, they had no more idea ment demonstrations. He wanted to what to do about the economy than know if those people marched on a furmer in the dust bowl, or Tru- Washington would the President or-

man today. Morgenthau, the Secretary of the Treasury, offered his solution.

"You could do something about 30,000 people (hunger marchers). the public utilities . . . You can do The metropolitan police are availcan do something about housing. and draw a cordon around the Capto reassure business."

Roosevelt knew that Big Business had been attacking the unbal- gress for the money." anced budget. Big Business is not Vice-President persisted. balanced or not in relation to the said the President. "Well, that's theory or practice of good government. They are opposed to an unbalanced hudget because, as a rule. it means heavier, taxation for them. Roosevelt knew this and had been

of balancing the budget. Here, the Vice-President, pressing for cherefore, it seemed that it was necessary once more to reassure busi-So Roosevelt told Morgenness. thau.

Scientific socialism is the con-scious expression of the unconscious historical process; namely, the in-stinctive and elemental drive of the stinctive and elemental arive of the proletariat to reconstruct society on communist beginnings. These or-ganic tendencies in the psychology of workers spring to life with ut-most rapidity today in the epoch of crises and wars. -Leon Trotsky, 1940

There is an elemental drive | velt. "I will turn on the old rec- | screen behind which the capitalist class and their political representa-

tives carry on all sorts of intrigues This being agreed upon, Jim Farley remarked that it was one of the and maneuvers directed against any encroachment on capitalist privibest cabinet meetings that they had leges and capitalist profits. . The

greater the crisis, the more they There is little need to emphasize press to win back any points they the moral. The economy was in have lost or to establish new gains for the future. everybody calls upon the workers for

The only thing that makes them all sorts of sacrifices. The workers are informed that their own special take any serious notice of the workinterests must be subordinated to ing class is its direct intervention the national welfare. Since the end into the political scene. The idea of the war, for example, that's what of 30,000 marchers in Washington 1937. It demonstrated that Roose- they have been telling us. Take it had Jack Garner quaking: When velt's New Deal was as helpless in easy. Work harder. Don't make a a few thousand Negroes said that face of the antagonisms of capital- noise about higher prices. And they wanted to march on Washingafter a period of cooperative work ton, President Roosevelt became for the national welfare, all will be more active on the Negro question in 8 weeks than he had been for the previous 8 years.

Not so the capitalist class. It was The day that a million workers precisely when the country was in declare their intention to march on 1937 depression, therefore, faced the they mobilized their forces to get Washington, not actually begin to march, but merely declare their in-Roosevelt's cabinet agreed that it tention of doing so, there will be no was necessary to reassure Big Busi-

any kind of socialist, and, in fact, years for diaries to reveal anything. The capitalist class, the capitalist government will at once reveal themselves, all teeth and claws, put the screws on him the moment dripping venom and counter-revo-

the country was in trouble. Big capital is sensitive to any encroachment upon its control of cap-

thau's diary shows this as clearly than) and by everybody else for the as it shows the first. A battle raged in Congress over Garner went to President Roosevelt

> der protection for the Congress? This was the President's reply. "Jack," he said, "there may be

about housing these people, or feeding them? I will have to ask Con-

"But will you protect us?" the "Yes," something I have been very much worried about," Garner remarked. Isn't this wonderful? The two major forces in the country are previously still voted either for the placed before us as in a diagram. Big capital pressing the President long speeches about the necessity through the men in the cabinet whom it controls. Congress, through

Marshall Plan Offers No Hope To Starving People of Europe

Rome Steel Workers Strike

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Tens of thou ands of Italian steel workers packed this Rome square protesting steep living costs and the De Gusperi government's failure to do anything about curbing the steadily rising trend.

Did British Workers Gain By Voting Labor Ticket?

By John G. Wright

Among the first questions raised in connection with what is happening in England is this: Was it a good thing for the British workers to have voted the Labor Party into power? What have they gained by it?

For a correct answer to these key questions, it is first necessary to grasp the full mean-

1945 elections in the political talist politicians.

development of the British Ideas have tremendous power for working class. The first na- good and for evil. It is what the leadership which had administered ers were replacing in reality false act upon them. national affairs for the preceding ideas with correct ones, even

shift to the left by virtually the entire English working class, considerable sections among whom had Liberals or had abstained altogether from voting.

But Morgenthau wasn't playing. their representatives. This is the step forward in freeing the work- the chief mass base of Tory sup-

Under the iron hand of the Kremlin bureaucracy, strikes

Any strike in the Soviet Union or Moscow-occupied terri-

tories is thus of unusual significance, indicating as it does heroic

in the press Sept. 25. At Lodz, That "12 workers had been killed

manded that the workers handle cles" and its purpose was to "dis-

plant. The night shift joined them, ers or forced them to continue the

speed

Upon learning that news of the is a protest against, the introduc-

strike had leaked out to the press tion of the vicious Stakhanovite

abroad, government officials called system in Poland. It may trun out

a press conference. Correspondents to be only an isolated demonstra-

were flatly informed that no strike tion; but it is such actions that wil

had occurred in the textile industry sooner or later signalize a new up

Moreover, said a Foreign Office mean the end of the Kremlin bu-

four machines instead of their for- rupt" working class unity.

or other demonstrations of the working class are ruthlessly

often end up before a firing squad.

people 80 miles west of War- mor."

saw, 40,000 textile workers,

government-introduced speed-up.

mer maximum of two, the after-

noon shift struck, staving in the

and some 6,000 workers staged an

The Stalinist-dominated govern-

ment moved swiftly and ferociously.

Some 80 alleged strike leaders were

seized by the police. The censor-

ship stifled news about the strike

but the word spread and sympathy

stoppages occurred in 7 or 8 other

plants until almost one-third of all

textile workers in the city were idle.

By the end of 10 days the govern-

ment terror had succeeded in

preaking the back of the strike.

But an extraordinarily courageous

5,000 still refused to go back to

spokesman, the strike was "cettled reaucracy.

work.

of Lodz.

over night sit-down strike.

Such a strike was reported one was hurt."

resistance to the Stalinist

terror.

ing of the results of the August ers from their submission to capi- port, we can judge how progressive this action was. Finally, nine out of ten British soldiers voted against the British tional poll in a decade revealed workers think that in the end de- capitalists, a much larger proporsomething about the railroads. You able I can call out the soldiers what extraordinary changes had termines what they do. By repudi- tion than among the rest of they occurred in the minds of the Eng- ating the thought of seeking lead- electorate. Soldiers, under the dis-Above all, you must do something ital, but what am I going to do lish masses during the war years. ership among the Tory and "lib- cipline of officers who hold powers eral" representatives of the capi- of life and death over them, are By voting for the Labor Party, talists and looking for it among as a rule hesitant to accept or avow the workers as a whole condemned their own ranks and through their radical ideas until the civilians and rejected the Tory-capitalist own class party, the British work- demonstrate their own readiness to

> Nothing so clearly shows the exfifteen years. There was a massive though they did not choose right tent to which the English masses away the right leaders to take had become disgusted with the them along the road to Socialism. capitalist rulers than the size of this soldier vote, without parallel Moreover, this break of the workin the history of capitalist militarers with the Tories opened up new ism. By giving such whole-heartprospects for other sections of the

Thus, the class as a whole, and middle class, who had never before in uniform to the backing to the Labor Party, the workers encouraged their brothers not its marjority alone (as had accepted Laborite politics, were in uniform to do likewise. protection against the very people been the case in the past) showed pulled along to the left. They, too, VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE whom it is supposed to represent. that they had broken with capital- were disgusted with the political The vote given by the workers This is capitalist production and ist politics and were determined to agents of capitalism and eager to and soldiers was not only a repudiapolitics all over. Roosevelt, we must kick both Tories and Liberals out follow labor's leadership. When we tion of the Tories; it was likewise a note, is quite ready to use the troops of office. This decision and their remember that this part, of the vote of no confidence in the coalito prevent the people confronting action flowing from it was a big population had been for generations tion politics practiced by Laborite of mar- methodically proceeds with the to prepare for the projected World

"The Marshall Plan is now down in black and white. Made public Sept. 24 as the Genral Report of the 16 nations Committee of European Economic Cooperation, it is being hailed by the press as "the most significant document produced in this world since the United Nations' Charten." According to the Wall Street propagandists it is a "blueprint for a program of cooperation which seems so new, so challenging and so possible that \$16,000,000,000 vould be a cheap price to pay

or translating it into realtiy.'

The association of the Marhall Plan with the UN is quite propos. Just as the United Naions is nothing but another edition f the old League of Nations, so the Marshall Plan is nothing but another edition of the Dawes and

Young Plans of the Twenties. Those economic "aid" plans were esigned to stabilize reaction, stave off socialist revolutions and advance Wall Street's interests in Europe. The Dawes and Young plans ave European capitalism a breathing spell, enabling it later to put fascist regimes in power and pre-

Will the Marshall Plan enable studying as a damning confes-Europe to recover? The answer is no. First of all, the Plan counts at best on reaching a "significantly elow prewar" level of consumption of food in Europe by 1951. This is

by war or by a deal with the Krem- pair."

PROMISES

some of the centers of production This is what the plan promises. This promise, however, is not likely and the dislocation of the transport system, and by the sacrifice of shipto be carried out. The reason is that the State Department envoys ping and foreign investments.... insisted that the drafters of the plan As a result "a breakdown occurred arbitrarily cut down their figures which altered the whole basis of the

economy of Europe." on the amount of aid needed from The food resources and raw mathe United States. Thus if only \$22,440,000,000 worth of goods are terials, particularly timber, of Eastsent that will be far below what is ern Europe were cut off from Westneeded to reach even the low goals ern Europe by the general devastaspecified, since those goals were tion of war and by the westward excalculated on the basis of some \$30,- tension of the Kremlin's domina-

tion. In addition the conflict in the 000,000,000 worth of goods. Far East and the colonial rebellions On top of this no provision is that followed cut off another vital made for inflation. If prices continue their upward spiral, then the source of raw materials. This forced European economy into abnormal dollar figures become still more independence upon the continents of adequate to cover Europe's needs. The ultimate success of the plan, that had once flowed from other redeclares the report, hinges on two gions. conditions. (1) Europe's imports

"The devastated countries," confrom the Americas must be cut down tinues the report, "had to start year by year until they reach a again almost from the beginning." much lower level than at present: At first recovery proceeded at a sur-(2) Europe's exports to the entire prising pace. In the process, howworld must be increased year by ever, the stocks not consumed or year until they reach a volume far destroyed by war were used up, the above prewar levels. gold and dollar supplies were rap-

Realization of the first condition idly depleted by purchases abroad. would mean the loss of a tremend- Thus European capitalism has now ous market for the American capi- arrived in a blind alley. Economic lists. The consequence of

What the Marshall Plan Proposes To Meet Europe's Postwar Crisis The 25,000 word General Report of the Committee of Eu-

ropean Economic Cooperation begins with a confession that sounds strange after the tons of capitalist propaganda about the virtues of free enterprise and the evils of planned economy. It takes as its premise the indivisible inter-relationship of European economy, indeed even world economy, and admits that "sustained common efforts" can pull humanity out of the general ruin brought about by specific proposars to meet the

the war. threatening catastrophe. A good

Chapter I. labelled "Histori- deal of space is wasted with pious cal Introduction," is worth resolutions about the European sion of the end results of the were inserted, according to report, capitalist system in Europe. "In at the insistence of State Depart-1945 Europe was perhaps more de- ment envoys as talking points in nuded of resources than at any selling the Plan to Congress. une in modern history," declares PLENTY OF TALK

In addition the report contains a good deal of talk about customs unions, lowered tariff walls, and inall these measures are only to be stretch of years.

The plan is extremely vague about the integration of European econo-Allied victory was obtained "only my since it would at once doom at the price" of "destruction of those capitalists who can show a profit only with the help of steep tariffs and other barriers against foreign competition.

PAGE THREE

The plan also calls for a free labor supply. Some 3,000,000 Italian workers, for instance, are unemoloyed. The capitalists of other lands look at this reservoir of possible cheap labor with greedy eyes. The principal measure proposed by the plan is the continued shipment of goods from the American continents, underwritten by the U. S. Public Treasury. The cost of the necessary goods for the four year period 1948-1951 is set down in the report as \$22,440,000,000. Some \$3,-130,000,000 of this will come from the International Bank for Recon-North and South America for goods struction and Development, another \$3,500,000,000 from Canada and

Latin America, leaving about \$15,-810,000,000 to be directly underwritten by Congress.

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only fcod. Nothing at all is said the report. "There was a shortage about clothing or housing. of all basic materials: of fertilizers In adidtion, even this starvation to renovate the soil, of raw maevel of food consumption can be terials and equipment to quicken creasing economic collaboration. But obtained only if the resources of production, and in most countries Eastern Europe and the Soviet of available labor. Some industries "gradually" undertaken over a long Union become available. How they began to run down for lack of fawould be made available-whether cilities for all but temporary re-

in-the plan does not specify,



pare for World War II.

"You want me to turn on the old record.

He said: first function of the capitalist army

-to be used against the people. "What business wants to know is: What causes all the rumpus is are we headed toward state Social-Im or are we going to continue on that the people are not sending capitalistic basis?" Crisis or no telegrams or deputations, but have crisis, this is what these gentlemen shown that they intend to come out govern their lives by-to preserve into the streets and send 30,000 of apitalism even if thereby the na- their number to Washington. The on and the world go down to ruin. plotting and the intrigue are progressing merzily until the people threaten a direct intervention. This In Polish Textile Mills I have told them that over and gressing merrily until the people over again, said the President. Tell throws panic into the camp. We them again, replied Morgenthau. want protection, says the Vice-That's what they want to know, President. I'll call out the troops, said Farley. Wallace agreed with says the President.

Farley. "All right...," said Roose- That is capitalist democracy, a

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The strike of the Polish workers

surge of the working class that wil

speed-up could not be learned.

a completely new government, socialist in character. Those who contend that it would have been better for all these people not to vote for the Labor Party under these conditions would have

to tell us what alternative they would have proposed. The Liberals reduced to a splinter-party, were totally discredited even before the The British Communist war. (Stalinist) Party was likewise hopesuppressed. Leaders of such actions are arrested and only too lessly compromised.

It would have been best if the British workers could be persuaded to support a real revolutionary socialist party, but unfortunately the quietly." It didn't last 10 days British Trotskyists had not yet ac-

quired wide mass influence. The alternative, then, was either to vote for Churchill and the Tor-Poland, a city of some 500,000 and others wounchd," said that ies, or else abstain. But many spokesman, was only a "false ru- workers were convinced-and they were right-that even if the Labor-Other political leaders acting as ite leaders were untrustworthy, it three-fourths of them women, quislings for Moscow freely admit- was better to vote the Laborite began a strike Sept. 15 against a ted the facts about the strike and ticket. To abstain would have only its extent. But, they declared, it aided the capitalist reactionaries. When government officials de- was organized by "reactionary cir-Rather than continue with the direct agents of industrialists and bankers at the head of the government, the workers thought it bet. ceded to the demands of the work- ter to have their own representatives, however inadequate, in office, where they could exert influence upon them-or kick them out later Should the American workers. system in Polish industry. This ikewise, as we advocate, it would system - stubbornly resisted for mark for all of us, too, a giant foryears by Russian workers-takes the | ward step. In brief, the election of the La por Government was a good thing

because 1. It broke the stranglehold of the capitalist politicians over the Britsh people, reducing them to a minority party. 2. It enhanced the British workers' power and confidence in their bility to solve all the burning soial problems through their own gencies. 3. It gave new hope to the res of the British masses.

4. It enables the British workers to verify through their own experinces the real character of the oficial labor leadership, and thus prepares them to build a new lead-

rship pledged to carry out the

s recovery cannot proceed without the would be a devastating depression most drastic measures. in the U.S. The balance of the report outlines

Realization of the second condition would mean the displacement leaders in the war cabinet. The kets by European capitalism and plans to dismantle between 900 and War III by building up a Western masses intended to give a mandate above all the domestic market right 1400 plants in the occupied zones. here in America. This would mean And that is why the Marshall Plan tinental base and springboard for economic rivalry on a scale far has no seriously-meant provisions

more explosive than that which pre- | for the integration of Europe's econceded either the First or Second omy. Wall Street's third big objective is World Wars.

to provide dollar credits to the bank-MARSHALL PLAN'S AIM rupt European capitalist powers suf-The real aim of the Marshall ficient to keep up the present rate maneuvers of armed forces under Plan, however, is not to restore of American exports, thus postpon-European economy. Wall Street is ing the looming depression. Its secnot interested in strengthening Eur- ond big objective is to stave off opean capitalism to such an extent working class revolution in Europe that it becomes a dangerous com- by (a) bolstering up reaction and petitor on the world market. That (b) providing soup line relief. is why it blocks the recovery of the THIRD OBJECTIVE

Bloc of European powers as a conthe eventual attack envisaged on the Soviet Union. That is why the Marshall Plan cannot be considered separate and apart from the frenzied

stockpiling of atomic bombs, experiments with long-range rockets, and Arctic (Russian) weather conditions.

The Marshall Plan is just as much an integral part of Wall Street's war preparations as is the recently concluded Western Hemisphere mili-

German industrial machine and Wall Street's third big objective is tary pact..

TITO CALLS ON STALINISTS TO FORM PEOPLE'S FRONTS

The shift in Kremlin propa-1 and printing "lying and slanderous ple's Front by signing a pact with ganda is continuing to develop articles regarding the USSR." Hitler. A section of the capitalist press

in scope and intensity. The entire Soviet press is now filled On Sept. 25 U. S. Ambassador stance, are preparing "a seizure of strikes become that the press can-Walter Bedell Smith officially pro- power on the classical revolutionary not keep up with them.

ested this campaign, charging that | pattern." an article by Boris Gorbatov was Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia, how-'wantonly libelous in its personal attack on the President of the really in the wind. He singled out ever "stooped to greater ridicule and for "People's Fronts" on a world fascism. vituperation against the head of an scale to "struggle for peace" benemy country."

cause "international reaction head-Gorbatov's article refers to Tru- ed by American financial magnates man's Pendergast machine back- once again is starting the old exground, to his lack of talent, the periment of reviving fascism in vaaccidents that brought him to the rious countries, including western White House and his "subervience" Germany.'

to "his Wall Street master." The Kremlin, it will be recalled. "The haberdasher from Jackson" cooked up "People's Fronts" in the declares Gorbatov, "vies for the period 1935-39, labelling them the aurels of the little corporal from only practical means of fighting Truman's "crusade fascism. A coalition of capitalist Munich." gainst communism" is not a new workers parties pledged to preserve

slogan. "Krupps and Shroeders be- capitalism, the People's Front was can this way too, putting demoniac used as a weapon against socialist Hitler in the foreground." revolution. The Stalinists in Spain The protest of Ambassador Smith for instance directed their most

was rejected by Molotov with a ferocious blows against workers who ounter - accusation against the sought a socialist victory over Franrevolutionary program they want. American press for war-mongering co. In 1939 Stalin ended the Peo-A Hitler.

In Italy right now the Stalinist views this new shift in Kremlin chieftains are doing their utmost to prevent a socialist revolution from with denunciations of Amer- propaganda as a turn toward revo- developing. Millions of workers, lutionary socialism. Joseph Alsop seeking to end capitalist misery and ican imperialism and its prep- of the N. Y. Herald Tribune believes chaos, have organized mass strike that the Italian Stalinists, for in- after mass strike. So frequent have

The poor farmers of Italy have likewise shown their complete readiever, on Sept. 27 disclosed what is ness for action. Not only have they gone on strike, but in various areas United States." Smith said that he for attack those who "think People's they have seized some of the big could not "recall that Dr. Goebbels" Fronts are outdated." He called estates of landlords who supported

> The Stalinists have gone along with the strikes in order to maintain their leading positions. But they have gone along only to sabotage progress toward revolution. During a giant demonstration throughout Italy Sept. 20, Stalinist patrols in Rome warned the demonstrators repeatedly: "Do not cause any trouble. Show your political naturity and do not indulge in any revolutionary or irresponsible acts." (United Press)

What the Italian Stalinists are after is a place in the de Gasperi egime. The Kremlin needs such abinet posts to strengthen its hand n bargaining for a pact with Wall Street like the one it made with

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"Against a bounding rise in prices . . . one can fight only under the slogan of a sliding scale of wages. This means that collective agreements should assure an automatic rise in wages in relation to the increase in price of consumer goods."

Leon Trotsky

Fruit of PAC's False Policy

A perfect example of the bankrupt policy of the CIO Political Action Committee is the case of Senator Ralph Flanders, Vermont Republican now in the limelight as head of the Congressional price-investigation committee.

Last November 11, in an article on the "liberal forces" in the new Congress, the CIO News reported among the "labor victories" that "in Vermont, PAC-supported Radph Flanders, a liberal businessman, won a Republican seat to the Senate."

This is the same Ralph Flanders who last week baited CIO spokesmen in New York City when they charged the corporate profiteers with causing high prices. He is getting a "big press" for his open and brazen efforts to whitewash the profiteers in what is alleged to be a "probe" of their activities. (See right-hand column on this page.)

This PAC-supported "liberal" and "friend of labor" recently offered as his solution to runaway prices the idea of a "little depression"-the need for a "little unemployment" to force down prices and avoid "precipitate and deep depression."

And, of course, this "friend of labor" went down the line with the majority of Republicans and Democrats who voted for the Taft-Hartley Slave Labor Act and against rent control.

Flanders is a striking example of what the workers get when they vote for "friends of labor" in either the Democratic or Republican parties. But he's not an exception.

Indeed, the PAC leaders publish all kinds of information about Congress, except the long list of Democratic and Republican "friends of labor" PAC once supported who have proved to be among the worst enemies of labor. Such a list would prove a damning indictment against PAC's policy of supporting candidates of Wall Street's two parties. The only true friends labor has are in its own ranks. PAC will begin to serve labor's political interests only when it takes the road of genuine independent political action and runs its own candidates against all Democrats and Republicans. The job for '48 is to lay the foundation for labor's own party-not look for some more Flanders to palm off on the workers as "friends of labor."

they use up enormous amounts of raw materials. The consequences are seen in the scarcity of consumers goods.

consumers goods. It is obviously in the interests of the labor movement to uproot this paramitic growth on the national economy. The CHO Committee should include another point in the mogram—a demand to end the preparations for another war. Let the billions of dollars now pouring down the arma-ments rat hole be used for constructive purposes such as financing an adequate government-spon-sored housing program.

Defend the Polish Socialists

All sections of the labor movement in this country and abroad should rally to the defense of the 36 leading Polish Socialists whose arrest by the Stalinist-dominated government of Poland was reported in a recent issue of The Militant.

These Socialist leaders-many of whom served prison terms for fighting against Czarism before the Russian Revolution and were active in the resistance movements against the Nazis during the recent war-were arrested last spring and are now in prison dungeons awaiting "trial" before military tribunals.

The charges against them read like a page out of the record of the bloody Moscow Trials, when Stalin murdered the Old Bolshevik coworkers of Lenin and Trotsky. They are accused of "provoking" strikes, carrying on underground activities, spying for a "foreign" government, etc.

All the signs indicate that these "trials" are frame-ups of the kind for which the Stalinist regime in Russia has come to stink in the nostrils of workers in all parts of the world. Their aim is to destroy every possible working class leader who could head the opposition to the Stalinist occupation of Poland.

The Militant and the Socialist Workers Party have profound political differences with the Polish Socialists, above all on the program and the methods for fighting against capitalism and Stalinism. But we condemn and fight against the Kremlin's efforts to gag them, frame them up and wipe them out.

The Polish Socialists in London have called for a protest against these arrests by organized labor throughout the world; for a public trial of the defendants with the right of independent legal defense; and for permission for labor representatives abroad to attend the trial as observers.

The Militant vigorously supports these demands. Stalinism can be recognized for what it is and defeated by the working class only when its crimes against the working class are exposed to the full light of day. The truth about the arrest and trial of the Polish Socialists will hasten that process.

UN Spot Commercials

One of the Militant editorial writers relaxes by reading Don Quixote in the original Spanish. This is in accord with the advice of Karl Marx. At the same time it pays off in more solid laughter and enjoyment than anything outside Mark Twain.

The Mrs. prefers the latest radio play. But since the creaking of the Inner Sanctum door, the screams of beauties facing death, ghosts or worse, and the insane laughter of the murderer interfere somewhat with our visualization of Don Quixote coming to the rescue of maidens imperilled by sorcerers, ogres and giants, we have reached a reasonable compromise. Instead of plays we leave the radio on a station that broadcasts classical music-the kind that goes over your head while you're reading. The fly in the ointment is the spot commercial. Right while Don Quixote is instructing his heavy-eating squire Sancho Panza on the lofty virtues of knight errantry such as fasting, in comes a spot commercial radio gangster's voice. "Don't make a move . . . without calling . . . Lincoln." That's not Abraham, but some New York moving van outfit. Or when Don Quixote lifts his famous bottle of cure-all elixir, compounded according to a secret formula known only to knight errantry, and downs enough of the magic stuff in his judgment to instantly heal the wounds he got charging a flock of sheep and we're splitting our sides laughing at the remarkable consequences, in comes the spot coffee commercial. A voice that drips like Wesson Oil insists-just as the elixir doubles Don Quixote up like a jacknife-that Maxwell House is good . . . to the last drop. We've thought of somebody's inventing a spot commercial suppressor where you could push a button without putting down your book and cut off the radio across the room automatically until the music resumes; but so far we haven't got up enough energy to really campaign for it. In this morning's paper, however, was a bit of news that may be just the straw to break the camel's back. The United Nations, it seems, is not getting enough attention. The wind, guff, gas and hot air aren't winning any love and kisses from the public. So the publicity experts are going to give the UN a life-saving shot in the arm with a series of spot commercials on the radio. The paper even quoted a sample: "The world is round? You're crazy! A man flying? Ridiculous! A voice heard across the ocean? Insane! Well, people used to say those things were impossible. We know better today. The General Assembly is accomplishing another 'so-called' impossibility . . world peace! Get in on the discovery . . . it's an exciting experience." With commercials like that polluting the air, maybe we'll screw up courage and put it to the Mrs. cold. While we're waiting for the rug to be jerked on the UN like the old League of Nations, how about switching off the radio? You've got to take drastic steps when the UN busts right into your own home and disrupts the peace. THE MILATANT





BOOKSHEIF

which would absorb the body's heat

The precipitron, an electronic de-

vice which is already being installed

moves "practically all dust and

pollen particles by charging them

electronically and collecting them

As for lighting, this will at first

be done by special pre-fabricated

on a metal plate.

LAND OF PLENTY, A Sum- methods. Houses assembled from d according to the season. Later these interchangeable parts can models will be equipped with immary of Possibilities, by these interenangeable parts that interest and rigidity far proved radiant heating from walls, Walter Dorwin Teague, beyond conventional construction floor and ceiling, so that one feels " Moreover, machine-made perfect comfort in winter, neither Harcourt, Brace and Co., houses can be given far more diver- too warm nor to cold. Teague vis-1947, 319 pp., \$3. sity and beauty than is generally ualizes for summer "a ceiling plate Walter Dorwin Teague, one of possible under the present, long out- chilled to 150 degrees below zero-

the country's foremost industrial moded methods of construction. designers, is an opponent of social- Such a house " a man can alter radiation." ism. However, his book, Land of or enlarge by buying spare parts." Plenty, contains material highly He can disassemble it "and take useful in indicting the capitalist with him, if he wants to, when he by the wealthy, coupled with airsystem and presenting the case for shifts his job, and turn in on a conditioning will virtually eliminate socialism. Teague offers facts, fig- new model in ten or a dozen years the need for dusting since it reures and graphic examples to show when it becomes obsoiete." what could be done to convert The price of this "bright, shin-

America into a land of fabulous ing, handsome, completely equipped plenty-if the brakes on our indus- up-to-date machine for living" trial plant were released and the should be in about the same range throttle opened wide. as automobiles, between \$1,000 and "We entered the war," he de- \$2,500, Teague estimates.

panels much superior to present lighting methods. Later models clares, "with an industrial plant Teague describes the possible will be equipped still better. "Walls valued at about 30 billion dollars. equipment of such factory-made and ceilings coated with phosphor After the middle of 1940 we added homes in some detail. "The recrystals will become luminous in about 20 billion dollars worth of frigerator will become a set of com- the ultraviolet rays from concealed new plant and machinery (three- partments or drawers, rather like a tubes, and thus we can obtain a fourths of this came from public filing cabinet, in which different much more generally diffused and funds-J. H.) . . . We may be able temperatures will be maintained higher illumination than by our to understand what that means if ranging from zero for frozen foods present somewhat crude and wastewe realize that it is about the same to 45 degrees for milk and vegeas acquiring twenty new industries, tables . . . Ranges will be broken 'ight rays . . . Since this light can ful method of reflecting visible each one equal to the nation's entire up into their component parts of be either white or colored it will be prewar automobile industry, which cooking top, oven, and broiler, with possible to combine illumination had a plant valued at one billion a pressure cooker added, and these with an interesting variety of decwill be disposed where they are orative effects: we can change the dollars in 1938."

Now suppose we were to take this most accessible." color scheme or the mural decoraenormous industrial plant, forget There will be a "radical change in tions of a room by flipping a switch. about war and depressions, and set cooking." At first infra-red rays This will satisfy that urge for out to improve our standard of liv- will be the source of heat. The re- change which inspires so many What, are the possibilities? sults will be quicker, more even and housewives to push the furniture Teague summarizes what could be with less loss of essential vitamins. around into new arrangements and done in a number of fields-power, Once industry gets going on such has made the fortunes of wallraw materials, housing, transpor- a home-building project, new con- paper manufacturers."

tation, cities, health, education, and veniences will aim at putting an Furniture "will be designed espeindicates some of the fascinating end to household drudgery. Dishes cially for the houses . . . Skillfully perspectives now opened by the de- as we know them will survive only developed contours in our chairs velopment of atomic energy as heirlooms and works of art in and couches, the use of synthetic As a sample, let's take housing. Teague's opinion. "The majority of 'foam rubber' cushions, molded syn-At present the housing crisis is not our dishes, forks and spoons will be thetics and plywood for structure, improving, it's getting worse. "For molded or unbreakable synthetics, washable synthetic fabrics for covthe past seventeen years, since 1929, cheap, colorful and beautiful in de- erings, will create an authentic new we have not even held our own sign. After use they will be dump- 'style' in furniture, to be carried out Instead we have deteriorated at an ed into a hopper where they will in all the conveniences that make be thoroughly cleaned, sterilized and up the equipment of homes rationalarming, even tragic rate." Yet it is possible to end the hous- dried, not to be touched until they ally planned for human ease." ing shortage in short order simply are needed again. Many of these That will give you an idea of how by producing houses on the assem- utensils will be disposable; after the housing crisis could be ended, bly line the way we produce au- being used once they will go into if the workers had the power to use tomobiles, tanks and airplanes, a macerator, along with the garbage America's industrial plant to better "It is possible to divide a house into and other waste, to be ground to a their standard of living. What a small number of essential panels," pulp and flushed down the drain." could be done to our antiquated, Teague explains, "and set up an The first model houses to come out-of-date cities is even more inassembly line to produce each type off the assembly line will be equip- spiring. of panel, all accurately dimensioned, ped with year around air-condition--Joseph Hansen held to high standards of quality ing. Air will be filtered, humidi-(To be continued) and fabricated by swift machine fied, circulated and warmed or cool-READ

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Profiteers Defended In Congress Price "Probe"

Monopoly profiteers don't have to worry about the Congressional price-investigating subcommittee now conducting hearings in various cities for the alleged purpose of determining why prices are zooming.

Senator Ralph E. Flanders, Vermont Republican heading the committee in the East, has proved an ardent champion of the corporation against any charges that their super-profits are driving up the cost of living.

Last week Flanders went to bat for the food corporations. He flew into a rage at the New York City hearing when CIO spokesmen attributed rising food prices to corporate profiteering. His answer was to cite the unsubstantiated claim of the Armour & Co. meat trust that its profits amount to only 1.8 cents on the dollar of sales.

He ended up by giving a clean bill of health to the food corporations in a public statement claiming that the hearings have produced no evidence to prove that profiteering is responsible for the high prices.

The Senator blew his top when a union spokesman demanded that the committee subpoena Armour's books to determine its real profits, admitted and hidden. "We have no power to subpoena the books," shouted Flanders

In whitewashing the corporations, Flanders used the typical lying and misleading arguments.

Take the case of Armour's. Its rate of profits on each dollar of sales has gone up 125% since 1939, a fact not mentioned by Flanders. Its rate of net profits on invested capital in 1946 was 10.9%. Its net profits after taxes in 1945 were 9 million dollars. In 1946-the year of the packer-imposed meat famine-the net profits were 21 millions.

Add to this-what Flanders also ignored-that 45 Armour executives lapped up extra gravy in the form of \$1,197,000 in annual salaries.

Other facts Flanders did not mention were the statistics made public by the National City Bank. These show that in the first half of 1947 the food corporations made an annual return on their capital of 20.3%. Last year, it was 15.2%-even this was nearly three times the "modest" 6% usually claimed by the capitalists as "fair profit."

Still another illuminating bit of information , the Senator didn't make available when he was discussing food profiteering, was the data of another Congressional committee, the Joint House-Senate committee on the President's economic report. This revealed that profits in the food processing industries have increased 212% since 1940, .compared to an increase for all corporations of 111%. In short, food industry profits have swollen twice as much as all other profits

The Militant of Sept. 15 disclosed some of the methods used by the capitalists to conceal how much they steal from the national income in the form of profits. For instance, the worker's income is figured before taxes. The capitalist figures his take after taxes.

Last year the corporation owners took, in the form of gross profits, 25% of corporation income. This year, with profits before taxes expected to be more than 30 billion dollars, they will slice themselves one-third of corporation income. With their hidden profits and huge salaries, the handful of owners will get about \$2 for every \$4 that goes to the workers.

That third of corporate production that goes to the bosses in the form of profits, admitted or concealed, tells the true story behind present high prices. That's the story Flanders is trying to suppress in his "probe."

Senators Slurp Soup As School Kids Go Without

"In their desire to shield the men who put over this legalized robbery of the public, the press has even overlooked one of the big human inter

Glaring Omission

The CIO Full Employment Committee has submitted a seven-point program to Truman's Council of Economic Advisers to meet the price squeeze and food shortage. This program is discussed on Page 1 of this issue.

But this program has a glaring shortcoming. Nothing is said about the fantastically expensive preparations for war that continue to bleed the American economy. Nothing is said about the billions of dollars being poured down the armaments rat hole by the Truman Administration. Nothing is said about the vast sums being pumped abroad to strengthen reactionary military allies and puppet regimes.

The stockpiling of atomic explosives and deadly viruses, the experimentation with oceanspanning rocket bombs and warfare under Arctic conditions is costing the country somewhere between 10 and 15 billion dollars a year. Such colossal expenditures for instruments of destruction and war preparations enormously accelerate the inflationary spin.

Every consumer pays for this war program through skyrocketing prices on meat, eggs, milk, clothing and the other essentials. As under the Nazi regime in Germany, the country gets guns not butter.

Maintenance of the largest peacetime military camp in the history of the country places a terrific drain on the national economy. Instead of adding their productive capacity to industry, men in the armed forces sap production, for they must be fed, clothed and housed while producing nothing useful.

The loss of this labor power to the country is not all. Industry is dislocated by the neverending demands of the militarists. This is on top of the curtailment the industrial machine suffers under the control of the profit-gougers. Plants and workers turning out rockets, jetfighters and atomic bombs cannot produce the basic necessities required by the people. Yet

SWP Resolution On Johnson-Forest Group

1. The Plenum of the National, 4. The Johnson-Forest Group, de-Committee of the Socialist Workers spite some serious political dif-Party, held in New York February ferences with the SWP, has demon-15-16, 1947, adopted a resolution stating the conditions on which strated in practice that it accepts unity with the Workers Party would in good faith the February Plenum TO THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE

be possible and desirable. In line resolution and the Joint Statement with this resolution a Joint State- on unification, that it has a loyal ment on unification of the two par- attitude toward the movement and ties was signed by the National a sincere desire to collaborate in the Committee of the SWP and the Na- building of the party by entering tional Committee of the WP on the SWP. The Workers Party, on its part, has publicly declared, in March 11, 1947. the issue of Labor Action of July 2. Immediately after the signing

of the Joint Statement the Majority 28, 1947 that "The WP cannot and will not offer any objection" to of the leadership of the WP pursued a policy and a course of conduct the admission of the Johnsonites in violation of the spirit of the Joint into the SWP.

Statement and thereby obstructed 5. Therefore, the August Plenum of the National Committee of the the collaboration between the two parties and prevented the projected SWP, meeting jointly with the Party consummation of the unity up till Organizers Institute at Gráss Lake, this time. Simultaneously, the vio- Michigan, August 17-23, 1947 delent and unjustified factional strug- cides, without prejudice to further gle waged by the majority of the negotiations with the WP and the leadership of the WP against its eventual execution of the Joint pro-unity Johnson-Forest minority Statement of the two parties on cast doubt on the good faith of the unification, to authorize the Politi-WP signers of the Joint Statement | cal Committee to admit all members and still further hampered and ob- of the Johnson-Forest group into structed the development towards the SWP not later than October 1 unity. 1947, with full membership rights

3. As a result, the Johnson-Forest and party membership status datminority of the WP on July 14, 1947 ing from the time they first joined formally notified the Political Com- either the WP or the SWP. The mittee of the WP that its members Plenum further directs that they were resigning from the WP as of be given fair representation in all built. that date and, at the same time, party committees and institutions they applied for membership in the at least in proportion to their nu- RESIGNED FROM THE WORKERS PARTY SWP. merical strength.

rent session. This was the action of the United States Senate in voting \$80,000 for hot bean soup for themselves, while cutting \$10,000,000 from the appropriation for school lunches for children. It happened like this:

"The soup, most popular dish in the Senate restaurant, has been carried by the bowl up the stairs from the kitchen in the basement, and therefore has been cool by the time it reaches the Senatorial mouth. For \$80,000 the dining room is being remodeled so that the kitchen will be on the same floor as the restaurant.

"The men who voted for this remodeling job apparently saw no inconsistency in voting to slash \$10,000,000 from the school lunch budget, thereby taking some 67,000,000 lunches from the mouths of hungry kids. The school lunch outlay provided inexpensive lunches for 6,-000,000 school children in 42,000 schools. For 12 cents or less, they received a hot lunch costing 27 cents, the Federal appropriation taking care of the difference. In New York City, for example, some 50,000 children receive free lunches, because they otherwise couldn't afford even the nominal amount charged. Now, while the Senators sip their hot bean soup, school authorities must figure out a way to skimp on the present lunches or else eliminate an average of six meals per student.

"Had enough?"

-From the Typographical Journal, official paper of the International Typographical Union, September, 1947.

Apply for Membership in SWP September 24, 1947 | Harvey; Ria Stone; Tom Brown; Bob Lowell;

OF THE SWP:

tuted the minority of the Workers Party have severed our relations with this organization and Frank Reardon; Julie Soyer; Pearl Pierce; Emhereby apply for membership in the Socialist Workers Party. In doing so we fully accept the conditions laid down in the resolution of the February 15-16 Plenum of the National Committee of the SWP regarding unification of the SWP and the WP, and the later Joint Statement on Unification adopted by the two organizations.

The minority has long wanted to join the SWP despite the differences of opinion on some questions which we have frankly stated in a number of documents, but hitherto refrained from doing so in the expectation that a general unification would soon be effected. The failure of the leadership of the WP to effect the unification on the terms agreed upon with the SWP obliged us to take this step toward unification on our own account.

At this time when regroupments are taking place all over the world among those who subscribe to the principles of Trotskyism, we consider our step to be not only of national, but of international significance. Our application testifies to our conviction, based on experience, that only under the banner of the SWP can the American party of world socialism be

(signed) New York: J. R. Johnson; F. Forest; Martin

Ike Blake; Ruth Philips; Leon Matthews; Estelle Cobbs; Thomas Young; Allen Webb;

We the undersigned who formerly consti- Charlotte Bright; Harry Cooper; Leah Dillon; Freddy Dutton; Adele G.; Jessie Startgen; ma Barrymore; Kay Webb.

Newark: Phil Romano.

Cleveland: George Tobin; Ray O'Neill. Chicago: Dave Miller.

West Virginia: Frank Rossi; Morgan West: Marion Forrester; Simon Williams; R. E. De Haven; William B.; Henry D.; Thomas B.; Andrew S.

Philadelphia: Sol Allen; Irv Marnin; Olga Daniels; Nettie; James London; Micky Bryant; Bernie Wells; Bill Miller; Sol Hawks.

San Francisco Bay Área: William Gorman; Filomena Tonetti; Bill Kaye; Margaret Kaye; Dickson Wods; George Herndon; Sarah Evans. Detroit: John Hayden; Fred Knight; Rae Mantler; Dave Andrews; Seymour Lyons; Betty Saunders; Jack Meade; Peter Norden; Arthur Parks; Edith Neumann.

Los Angeles: Bess Gordon; Ted Roberts; Richard Page; Mitzi Conrad; Fred Norman; Ceil Weber.

Youth: Arthur Kent; Arthur Barriet; Zeb Blake: Shirley Stevens; Abby Anderson; Madeleine Kramer: Selma JOINED DURING INTERIM PERIOD Phi'ndelphia: Irma Stein; Wesley Whitman; Julie Carson; William Browning; Ed Burns. San Francisco Bay Area: Smithie; Josephine Sweeney; S. Smith; Jim Hearn,

Los Angeles: Esther Kaylin.

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Workers' Forum

We Are Hoping for Hickman's Acquittal

Editor: The following letter, with a con-

tribution enclosed, was sent to the Hickman Defense Committee in Chicago: Dear Friends:

Hickman in The Militant, a newspaper running a week-to-week fight for the rights of the common man, colored and white.

The revelation of injustices dealt him by society has touched us deep-If emotion were money we lv. could send you thousands of dollars: as it is, we are unable to send you job the more of these factors are more than one.

We will be waiting to hear what that will have to come will never the verdict will be on James Hickman's life. Not that it will be a Reizler calls "the experts." part of the daily news broadcasts or the capitalist press dispatches, but we will hear through one paper puny little jobs like I myself hold. that prints the every-day calamities of the people: The Militant. We deeply and sincerely hope for them.

an acquittal Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Los Angeles, Calif.

Cloud of Doubt About Revolutionary Victory Friends Abroad Read Editor:

Whenever I read in your excellent newspaper the phrase, "the working Editor: people themselves must take over the control and management of the Militant will be happy, I'm sure plants and factories," I must admit to read in these few lines about the that a cloud of doubt descends up- growing circulation and expanding on my mind.

I must first make plain the fact United States which tells the unthat capitalism has bungled the adulterated truth about the strugjob of running society. I must ad- gles of the working men and wommit that the bloody heads and the en for a new and better life. starving bodies of millions of our citizens offer mute evidence of the friends in Mexico and Puerto Rico sins that capital has committed. Yet, I must also admit that the itant on sale at a newsstand on one average worker, whom I know and of the main streets in Mexico City like and admire, is just not equip- Need I add that he immediately ped to take over the management of any plant or factory. Whether we approve of him or not, the manager of the average plant has skill and new copy of The Militant with great training and experience to contribute to his job. These are things a staunch and stalwart supporter of that require the expenditure of the Puerto Rican masses in their money and time and effort; and untiring fight for complete national tic and barbaric. these are the very factors which the independence and for freedom from worker did not have when he was the political, economic, and military young enough to take advantage of public education and after-school training courses.

I believe that it would be possible to build up a new set of managers. personnel technicians, engineers and the like from the children of our working classes. I believe that almost anyone can learn almost any subject. Yet this is a long hard pull. It takes time. The children yet unborn would be needed and they would have to receive special food and treatment if they are to constitute our new "elite."

Yet nowhere have I read in your paper the idea that this "taking

are open to the opinions of the stranglehold of Wall Street imperireaders of "The Militant." Letters are welcome on any subject of interest to the workers. Keep them short and include your name and address. Indicate if you want your name printed.

poor people with impossible dreams. Like the Church, you promise what We have read the story of James you cannot hope to give. Say it. Say that the elevator op-

The Militant Avidly

The readers and boosters of The

bought a copy and avidly read it.

From Puerto Rico another friend

writes that he looks forward to each

cagerness. He sees The Militant as

alism. While I'm at it, I might mention that another young worker; a merchant seaman whom I introduced to The Militant, wrote from Finland not long ago and discussed some of the questions brought out in The

Militant. .Excelsior! A Reader Chicago, Ill.

British Fascists erator and the mechanical engineer will not exchange places just be-**Getting Bolder** cause the cards of fate once placed them on different rungs of the econ-Editor:

In various forms, and under variomic hierarchy. Say that education, training and experience are needed ous aliases, the British fascists are hard at it. They are building up for any job, and that the bigger the the nucleus of what shows every needed. Say that the revolution sign of becoming a very ugly organization. Nothing much seems eliminate the class that Dr. Curt to be being done about it. The Trade Union Congress passes reso-This is your duty. You must not lutions, now and again, and Chuter delude your poor readers, workers in Ede, the Home Secretary, writes a letter to the New Statesman and Nawith any grandiose dreams of what tion defending the right of fascists life after the revolution will be for to hold meetings, and incite murder,

obbery and racial hatred. Bart Lunier Stafford, III Every week about a dozen anti-New York, N. Y. fascists are arrested for the criminal ED. NOTE: What do our readers offense of shouting "Down With think about this? Write in your Fascism." Our "Socialist" govern-

Mosley.

ment is acting curiouser and curiouser. Meanwhile the fascist parties grow stronger, under the gentle guidance and loving approval of our gracious English knight, Sir Oswald

I don't know what the average American's opinion is of the Brit- ous about our determination to go ish act in sending the 4,500 illegal of \$1.500. emigrants back to concentration

camps in Hamburg. The British influence of the only paper in the public seemed to take it very calmly. One of our national dailies even mentioned that the camps were to be operated by German personnel. tant Fund drive. Enclosed find many of whom were running the check.

Recently I received letters from camps under Hitler. But, however t was added that everything was to be supervised by British officers, so The former saw a copy of The Milthat made it allright, and no one raised any objections.

I wonder if the camps are being run by the same officers who supervised the enforced landing of the Jews at Hamburg, with the aid of hoses and truncheons. At a different time, and by a different government, this act might be reported in the British press as sadis-

The European Jew

He stands and looks at us with hunted eyes, His heart is filled with dread and clogging fear, He does not understand the mystery Of scorn and hatred heaped upon him there; The memory of the bitter centuries. Is not more poignant than the present is.

How terrible it is that in this world, For share in which he has no means to fight, There is no place that he can call his own, No country, and no city, and no right; No little homestead that his fathers held, From which he may not some day be expelled.

Branches Report Good Response to **Militant Fund Drive**

By Rose Karsner

The complete Score Board, showing the quotas and contributions by the Socialist Workers Party branches to the Militant Fund, will be printed in the next (Oct. 13) issue of this paper. As of this week, 14 branches have not yet sent in any remittance against their quotas. We urge these branches to do everything possible to make a partial payment in time to wipe the zeroes off the Board.

Allentown, Reading, Rochester, San Diego and West Virginia have not yet informed us of their acceptance of the quotas. All other branches have responded.

REMEMBER THE DEADLINE: For the information of all conconcerned, we repeat: The deadline for copy for this column is Monday of each week.

Judging by the correspondence received this past week, members of the Socialist Workers Party are+

responding with enthusiasm to the Militant Fund Campaign.

FROM THE BRANCHES

Our Open Letter LOS ANGELES-Myra Tanner: 'The Fund Drive opened with a Two days after the publication bang this week. The West Side of our Open Letter asking readbranch was the first to adopt a ers for stories, letters and funds quota (\$500) and has already paid to help The Militant, we re-\$150 toward it. The preliminary rereceived the following letter: ports from other branches indicate

"Enclosed find \$2 as my conthat all the comrades are very seritribution to the Militant Fund drive. I regret that I cannot way over the top on the Local quota contribute more at this time. Here's hoping that the drive "At our nine-day Summer Camp goes over the top. If every readwe made a substantial profit which er contributed at least \$2 the enabled us to wipe out our debts Fund would be easily raised.

and cleared the decks for the Mili-"Keep up the good fight against the corrupt capitalist system and against the lackeys of capitalism. Help speed the TWIN CITIES-Wally: "Our camday when mankind will live in

paign got under way with a very peace and will be able, for the auspicious start. At a joint memberfirst time in history, to enjoy ship meeting of Minnearolis and St. real security in a socialist world. (Signed) A Friend,

Member of ILGWU, Bronx, N. Y.' We take this occasion to thank

our anonymous friend for the contribution and to express the hope that many readers will follow this example.

that his contribution to the Fund is by far the biggest and best \$5 we that his contribution to the Fund is FLINT-Genora: "Flint Branch Urges Workers

by action of its membership has accepted the quota of \$200 assigned. we have not discussed the Militant To Register Ball but shall reach a decision on this at our next Executive Committee meeting and notify you of our plans."

PITTSBURGH-El: "We hereby between Oct. 6 and Oct. 11 to Board of Elections, and Chief Clerk McDonald. a small payment to wipe out the zero on the first Score Board. We

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Quotas for the	
Militant Fund	

(Tentative Quotas) City Quota Akron Allentown-Bethlehem 75 275 Boston Buffalo 600 Chicago 1,500 Cleveland 250 Connecticut 200 Detroit 600 200 Los Angeles 1,500 **A Reader Answers** after the service. 125 Lynn Massillon-Canton 50 Milwaukee 200 500 Newark New York City 4,500 Oakland 250 Philadelphia 300 Pittsburgh 150 150 Reading Rochester 25 St. Louis 50 San Diego 100 San Francisco 1,250 Seattle 300 Tacoma 25 Toledo 200 The Militant." Twin Cities 1,000 West Virginia 25 Youngstown 600

TOTAL RECEIVED THROUGH SEPT. 29 ..\$1,385.25

Court Hearing Held On SWP, WP Right To Philadelphia Ballot

> PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 29 -A hearing on a writ of mandamus was held before Judge

Harry S. McDevitt last Fri-

County Board of Elections to

NEW YORK, Oct. 2 - All cil from the 7th District.

workers were strongly urged | Called to the stand were Morton

Flint Swings into Action **On Fall Sub Campaign** The comrades in the Flint Branch | Here is what the Chicago Local re seriously at work on their fall plans, according to Miriam Roberts: ubscription campaign. The first "The Social Committee decided that week they netted 8 new readers to the best way to put The Militant The Militant. El Snyder, Literature Director, writes: "We started our Ball across would be in the form of campaign by dividing our branch a cabaret-style social. Several of into four teams. At the termination the comrades are professional enof the campaign, the winning team tertainers and also know a number

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will be given a party by the three losing teams. We are all very of professionals who seem to be anxious to really get started and see willing to perform for the night of which team will get the highest November 15, the night of our social. We will have singers and pernumber of subs." * * *

haps a dancer and a skit or two. A. H. tells how four subs Plans are now in effect for the were obtained by the Minneapolis decorating of the huge hall here at comrades: "Two of the subs were 777 W. Adams Street. We have the secured by a comrade in a chance benefit of the ideas of three friends encounter with two American In- who are studying art and photogdians stopping over in Minneapolis raphy. These friends are eager to on their way home to Tokio, N. D., work with us and help us with our and Greeley, Colo. The other two plans.

were secured by a comrade who at- "We will have an orchestra-a 6tended a funeral and got the subs piece orchestra-since that seems to attract more of a crowd than just "In Minneapolis we say: 'Subs are 'canned' music."

where you find them!' " The Akron Branch will celebrate * * *

The comrades of the Connecticut the 19th Anniversary of The Mili-State Branch are going after re- funt on November 30 with moviesthey obtained this week.

newal-subs. Gene Abel sent in 7 a Charlie Chaplin film burlesquing Carmen, and Robert Benchley's Treasurer's Report.

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Literature Agent, Rena Breshi, of * * * Boston reports that "Comrade Belle The following Militant boosters are Patch obtained the three subs enmaking sure their friends read the closed. She meets new people at paper. friends' houses and talks up the

A. F. B. of Mohnton, Pa., sent in paper to them. She generally suca subscription for a friend in Lyons, ceeds in getting them to subscribe to

M. H. of Newark, N. J., sub-Branches of the Socialist Workers scribed to The Militant for a friend Party are making final plans for the in Lakewood, N. J. 19th Anniversnry Militant Celebra-R. J. of Chicago renewed his own tion to be held from coast-to-coast sub and sent in a new sub for his

November 9-15. friend.

Cleveland HCL Probe Achieves Nothing

By Almeda Kingsley

CLEVELAND, Sept. 29 - The Bender mid-continent day. At the hearing David H. Congressional committee to investigate high living costs closed H. Felix, attorney for the So- its sessions here last week without giving the slightest sign cialist Workers Party and of relief or hope for harried housewives struggling with the Workers Party, challenged the problems induced by inflation.

A steady stream of witnesses-industrialists, businessmen, Sept. 4 of the nomination pa--testified before the commit-when he charged the committee had pers for Irene P. LeCompte, tee. 'The profiteers naturally pre-judged the issues in a prelim-SWP candidate for City Coun- denied that profits had any- inary research report before the

thing to do with soaring prices. hearing and said the people "have Charles M. White, president of the idea that this investigation is to go to the registration booths Witkin, chairman of the County Republic Steel Company, insisted purely window dressing."

Board of Elections, and Assistant steel price rises had no effect on He noted that the committee reincreased living costs, which were port "gave a clean bill of health to accept the quota of \$150 and enclose register for the November Felix asked a number of questions due to the fact that "we are feed- big business, the manufacturer, clections in a statement issued regarding the United Veterans Par- ing millions of hungry people in farmer, wholesaler and retailer. ne" Prices he only criminal



have ever seen.'

over" would be anything but a sim-			are determined to pitch hard and	here today by George Clarke,	ty and the Communist Party, also	baue to "files, he said, would just	worker and his new check "
ple and commonplace task. Coal	It is preposterous that a	a nation should	make the quota which is modest	New York organizer of the		have to "follow their normal flow."	worker and his pay check."
miners would don blue serge suits	Be so despoiled, and all	the world look on		Socialist Workers Party. The	these, the SWP and the WP ruled	"There has been only a puny	In contrast to the respectful way
and step into the front office. Sales-	And make no move to he	elp, or feel a pang,	to do."		on, it will mean no muebendent	bit of profiteering among business	the Big Business spokesmen were
girls would immediately begin work-	Or seek to put a stop to s		10 UU.	statement continued:	candidates in the municipal elec-	firms," said Jay D. Runkle, vice-	handled, the committee took great
ing as personnel technicians or ad-	Were he nót so defenseles		NEW YORK-D. Conway: "In or-	"Although 1947 may not appear		president of a Detroit department	delight in trying to embarrass the
vertising managers. The president	To label him an outcast	averywhere?	der to meet our large guota we are		As each question was asked by	store. He denied that returning	union spokesmen and to get them
of U. S. Steel would begin to take	To taper min an outcast	every where:			Felix, the Election Board's counsel.	prices to pre-war levels was "a rea-	to admit that wages should be
			following the same method we used	the eyes of many voters, it is ex-	Mr. Connor, entered objection.	sonable objective."	fueren Come ef il
lessons in elevator-operating. Just	Let us be careful how w		successfully in previous campaigns.	tremely important that the maxi-		Josoph D. Cibborn official Cill	frozen. Some of the spokesmen,
like that!	This man the rights that	t other men enjoy,	Every branch is given a weekly quota		Each time the objection was sus-	Joseph R. Gibbons, official of the	particularly the Stalinists, did not
But it cannot be as easy as you	Behold him waiting, mut	te without the gate,	which represents the amount the	mum registration take place.	tained. The judge stated that this	local retail food chain, Fisher Bros.,	respond too well. In fact, Nathan
picture it. And because it is not.	With none to welcome, or	r to give employ;	branch should aim at collecting each	"One of the important questions	was no investigation of the Board,	typified the 'businessmen's cynicism	Zahm, executive secretary of the
because you have never said that the	His heart is heavy, and h			on the ballot next November will	that only one question would be	when he coldly blamed the con-	Progressive Citizens of America, ac-
poverty-stricken and the slum-	In all this great wide wor	rld where shall he go?	2		decided-should or shouldn't Irene	sumer who is "choosy about the	tually agreed to the wage-freezing
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shocked and the psychotic will not	· · · ·	Gimlda Förbes	"This figure is arrived at by di-	Representation. The Democratic	seens to a second second the second		The committee no was questioned.
• "inherit the earth" at your mythical			indition the lower finder the the	and Republican bosses are now bent			The committee members had little
"day of judgment," you are guilty of		Boston, Masz.		on destroying this system which	Felix asked questions about papers	While the capitalist agents at the	or nothing to say about how to
filling the minds of thousands of			number of weeks left in the cam-	provides an opportunity for trade	filed in the primaries for Republi-	hearing presented an aggregative de	combat rising prices. Senator
			paign. Our purpose is to get every	unionists and minority groups such	cans and Democrats. He had ex-	fense of their own interacts the	Sparkman (DAla.) went so far
		i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i		as the Negro people to elect rep-	amined these papers and found in	consumer and labor encharmon did	as to say that high prices would
Come and most other	'Militant' Readers at the	se Local Activities of	payment, thus enabling the branches	resentatives to the city council.	them many of the "irregularities"	not do og well from their sources	have to continue because of the big
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			not have to put on feverish pres-	You cannot vote to save PR unless	for barring the SWP and WP.	or view. They presented plenty of	terod a new day; that's all."
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AKRON-2nd floor, 8 S. Howard 1		PITTSBURGH-1418 Fifth Ave., 2nd	pathizer for a contribution. What	raise the fare on subway and sur-	agreed they would be bound in	standarda	tion against the HCL, they would
St. Open Mon. through Friday,		floor. Phone Court 6060	we raise in this manner, together	face transportation. Although the	looply as your the dist in the second		have stayed in Washington and
3 to 5 p.m.; Saturdays 2 to 4 p.m.	7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Mondays thru	Open meetings every 1st and	with the proceeds of the Militant	referendum on this question will	SWP condidate If the decision	Their emphasis was on price con-	subpoenaed the books of the monop-
	Fridays.	third Sundays at 3:30 p.m.	Ball, will enable us to reach 100%	not occur until early next year, an	SWP candidate. If the decision	trol, excessive profits tax, price roll-	subjectiated the books of the monop-
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Diary of a Steel Worker-

Will You Sleep So Well?

By Theodore Kovalesky-

Let's not mince any words or beat about the bush. a month you can imagine how great it seemed. Cole-I'm going to put it to you squarely; then you do as man demanded and got \$100 in advance . . . and the your conscience tells you.



YOU. I'm asking, will you do YOUR share? * * *

want to.

At night when we go to bed in our homes, James Willis Hickman lies on his cot in a Chicago jail. At night we can sleep soundly in our beds; the next lay's work and sweat awaits us, but we're sort of used to that. But I don't think Jim Hickman sleeps so well in his cell. He doesn't have to think about tomorrow's job: for him yesterday meant horror and tragedy, and tomorrow may bring . . . the electric to fourteen years old were left. They hid under the

If you don't know about Jim Hickman, or what his case has to do with you, let me give you a little biography. He's a Negro who came from Mississippi. He's a Negro who came to the North with his wife and kids, looking for a land where a man could give what was in him and get a decent life with a little security in return. That's a fair enough bargain to drive with the world, isn't it?

the steel mills. He worked and saved for seven months until he could send for his family. They der, even though it may be the housing shortage that's must have had wonderful dreams about the north. really guilty. They didn't know . . .

Chicago didn't spread out the welcome mat for the Hickmans. Chicago took Jim's sweat and labor the law is trying James Hickman to see if it can shoot in its great mills, but it wouldn't give him a place electricity through his body and murder him for to keep his family.

The Negro Struggle-

discuss it in some detail here.

He pounded the pavements looking for a home. When he was at work his wife searched. But it help is needed, your money and your letters of prowasn't easy, and when he met a man hamed David test. If you don't help, and if they kill Jim Hick-Coleman who offered him a four room flat for \$50 man, will you sleep so well in your bed?

A Crucial Period Ahead

-By Albert Parker-

family of nine moved into an attic room sixteen feet You are carrying a heavy re- long and fourteen feet wide for \$6 a week to wait sponsibility. A man's life hangs until the flat should be vacant.

It was a funny thing, though: the flat remained in the balance, and you can do something to save it . . . if you occupied, and Coleman kept taking the \$6. There were no lights in the room, no gas, no water. There Of course, you're not the only was only one little window. But what could they do? one. There are hundreds, thou- Where could they go? Jim wanted his \$100 back, sands, millions of other people but Coleman wouldn't give it to him.

Then Coleman told him to move, told all the who bear the same responsibility. Whether or not they'll do what's tenants to move so he could make kitchenette apartdon't know. But I'm talking to ments and charge more rent. Where could they go? When they refused he threatened them. ' "I'll burn you out." Coleman told Jim.

Did he do it? Well, there was a fire in the house. It started mysteriously in the attic near the Hickmans' room. An unknown stranger raced through the house warning the other tenants. Nobody warned the Hickmans.

Mrs. Hickman and two sons escaped with injuries. but in the confusion four young children from three bed. Remember when you were a kid How you crawled under the bed for safety? That's what they did, but it wasn't any good. You can't hide like that from flames.

That was on the sixteenth of January. Six months later to the day James Willis Hickman shot David Coleman.

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The law deals in technicalities. What Hickman did they call murder, and they kill a man for doing it. He came to Chicago in 1945 and went to work in The law doesn't look at things like a housing shortage. It doesn't convict a housing shortage of mur-

The law has James Hickman today. It has him locked in a cement and steel jailhouse. This month avenging his children.

And that's where you come in, brother. Your

THE MILITANT

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1947

Detroit Motorcade Asks Action On Rent Control and Evictions

Two Baskets Tell Story



Mrs. Nissa Feldmin of the League of Women Shoppers carried these two baskets into the room where the Congressional committee "investigating" high prices conducted hearings in New York. The inarticulate baskets spoke volumes. One held groceries labeled with 1939 prices, the other held the 1947 equivalent. The increase was Federated Pictures

Williams-for-Senate **Appeal Issued in N. Y.**

NEW YORK, Oct. 2 — Appealing to the voters of the rent control and evictions. This 23rd Senatorial District for the election of Robert Williams, week Lerner released the text of the Socialist Workers Party campaign committee issued a Sigler's reply and a blistering atstatement today denouncing the crimes of Big Business and tack on the governor for his evasive the American workers. The its political accomplices against the American workers. The

before our very eyes today. A handthe working people for the biggest

This crime is an inside job. The Big Business by a Democratic President. a Republican Governor and tration Camp. Bi-Partisan Legislatures in Washington and Albany. But is was not

enough to lift the ceilings off prices and rents. . . . Against the protests of millions

Spirited Detroit Mayor Campaign **Moves to Finish**

DETROIT, Oct. 1-The Socialist Workers Party's spirit- UAW Housing Department "Sigler won't have to worry, but a fighting finish this week as indignant tenants to the state the governor cannot evade." the SWP candidate spoke at the hall of Olds Local 652 of the a public forum sponsored by UAW. the joint PAC committees of Jack Lesnik, vice-president of the Sigler and most of the legislators.

the East Side UAW-CIO lo- Wayne County CIO Council and They carried signs reading: "Evict cals, lashed out at Governor organizer of the demonstration, out- Kim Sigler," "Freeze Rents," "We Sigler on the housing situation lined the tasks facing the tenants Had Foxholes, Now Give Us Homes." and prepared for his radio in Michigan. Ernest Dinard, on an in Michigan. Ernest Dinard, on an in Michigan. speech over Station WJLB on ants Council, spoke on the soli-Oct. 5 at 9 P.M.

In his speech at the PAC forum, lems. Lerner placed the blame for the housing crisis on the profit system and charged that the real estate sharks and profiteers in Detroit were the main bottleneck to the solution of the housing shortage in this city.

Several other mayoralty candidates spoke, and the CIO-endorsed of the main street. Thousands of Council candidates were introduced. Lansing citizens lined the streets Ernest Mazey, Eriggs local PAC and applauded the colorful demonchairman, chaired the meeting. Ford Local 600 sound truck. Lerner had wired a demand to Governor Sigler for action by this

week's special session of the Legis-

"With 400 evictions weekly in the landlords gouge tenants with ex- city of Detroit, and winter ap-A gigantic holdup is taking place fire-traps which breed disease and asks the homeless to wait for the shut out the sunlight and the air. January session of the Legislature ful of capitalists are shaking down The housing shortage is twice as before rent controls and evictions severe because the residents are wil be placed on the agenda," Lerprofit haul in the history of the trapped. Condemned by Jim Crow ner points out. 'By January snow racial discrimination they are forc- these evicted families. The 'few door was opened for the thieves of ed to remain in the Harlem Ghetto weeks' difference Sigler refers to -New York's Number One Concen- are in reality the three months of cold, rain and snow of October.

This discrimination is legal - November and December. more legal than lynching in Geor-

publican legislature in Albany when to the rural members of the Legis- opening his campaign. it adopted special legislation to perature. May I remind the honor

DETROIT, Sept. 28 - A motorcade of more than 250 residents went to Lansing yesterday to demand that Governor Sigler and the special session of the Legislature immediately pass a state law freezing all rents and declaring a moratorium on evictions. Sigler is opposed to any consideration of rents or evictions until the regular session of the Legislature in January.

The demonstration was spon-sored jointly by the Greater demonstration was spon-sored jointly by the Greater demonstration was spon-michigan winters, or having to feed Detroit Tenants Council, the his family.

ed campaign to nominate How- and the Wayne County CIO a lot of people will," Thomas deard Lerner for Mayor in the Council. Three chartered bus-being evicted every week in De-Oct. 7 primaries moved toward es and private cars took the being evicted every week in De-troit. This is a responsibility that capitol, where the first stop was The tenants then crossed the

street and set up a picket line in front of the Hotel Olds, home of

in Michigan. Ernest Dillard, chair- "Stop Evictions," etc.

Many Lansing tenants joined the line as it wound its way single file darity of white and Negro tenants around the block. and the similarity of their prob-

The pickets re-formed on the street in front of the hotel and led R. J. Thomas, CIO national housby the sound truck resumed their ing director, was introduced and led march. Half way back to the union the tenants out to the street in a hall the line was stopped by a march to the steps of the capitol squad of motor cycle cops who had Traffic was snarled as the parorders to haul in the sound truck ticipants in the march, stretching for violating a city ordinance. out for a full block and a half.

The jailing of Lesnik and the proceeded right down the middle driver and the impounding of the truck were prevented only by the action of the tenants in reversing their field and beginning a march stration, which was paced by the on the police station.

The case was then summarily On the capitol steps Thomas laced it into Sigler for trying to dismissed, and the truck was escortlature on the pressing problems of dodge "the hot potato of rent con- ed back to the tenants who broke trol." He pointed out that the gov- out with the singing of Solidarity.

landlords gouge tenants with ex-orbitant rentals for rat-infested proaching, the honorable governor size the honorable more to wait for the

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 29+ -Frank A. Barbaria, the only ganize transportation; against racial working class candidate for consumer-union committees to inbarriers, restrictive covenants and and sleet will cover the heads of Mayor of San Francisco in the vestigate the high cost of living Nov. 4 elections, filed his affi- | (open employers' books); for builddavit last week. Surrounded ing labor's own party responsible to labor; for Socialism.' by a group of his supporters

Frank Barbaria was born in San he filled out the necessary Jose, Calif., în 1914 and has lived "Governor Sigler claims he does forms before Registrar E. R. in this state all his life. A resigia.. It was approved by the Re- not want to cause 'undue hardships' Faucompre at City Hall, thus dent of San Francisco since 1923 he was educated at Monroe Grammar School and Mission High,

to George F. McCray in the Sept 15 Militant on the not just a gradual advance. need for all oppressed minorities to join together in The depression is also going to have a shattering common action against their en- effect on Negroes. Dark-skinned workers are going emies, the plutocrats. But don't to be hit first because they have the least seniority, you think you are laying it on a and there will be flerce competition for jobs not only little thick when you imply that in the plants but also in other less-desirable jobs. Such

Not only that, but a depression will nourish all ing to try to 'deport or destroy' us?" No, I don't think. I was laying it the reactionary and fascistic tendencies in this country, on at all. I think I was just expressing briefly and just as it was beginning to do shortly before the war. without any exaggeration a danger that may face the The fascist hoodiums will try to divert the people's at-Negro people not very many years from now. And tention from capitalism, the real cause of depression because I think it is a real danger, I would like to and poverty, by picking scapegoats to blame everything on. Yes, they will pick on the Jews, just as the Nazis did-but who can pretend they won't pick on Some people think that the struggle for Negro the Negroes too? As long ago as 1939 Leon Trotsky warned; "Fascism in the United States will be directed against the Jews and the Negroes, but against the Negroes particularly, and in a most terrible manner." And I well remember what I heard a Coughlineventually. Things are bad now, but they're getting ite fascist say at a demonstration that same year when he saw a Negro member of the Socialist Workers Party distributing some anti-fascist literature: "A nigger is a kike turned inside out."

The coming depression will provoke a social as well as an economic crisis. It will speed up all the developments and struggles very sharply. It can result in throwing the Negro struggle back for decades just as,

during the coming depression the a development may throw Negro employment further enemies of the Negro people are go- back than it was before the war.

a smooth and even course, and the Negro struggle is

A reader says: "I have no quarrel with your answer there was a great leap forward in Negro employment-

following are excerpts from the*

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statement: country.

a whole. During the war, for example, when there was a labor shortage and the capitalist system in this country needed more production if it was going to win the war, it was easier than at other times for Negroes space here but not the subject, so I will return to it to get jobs in the factories. At that time, therefore, again next week.

equality follows a straight path-that is consists in

gradually winning a few rights in this field and get-

ting some recognition in that field and that thus,

over, the years, the promised land will be reached

etter slowly all the time and some day each of the

individual Jim Crow practices will have been over-

Infortunately, things don't work out that way.

The society we live in does not proceed along such

profoundly affected by the development of society as

come and then the fight will be over.

We Want Meat!

By Grace Carlson

Notes from the News

FITTING CHOICE-Senator James H. McGrath PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS-The Catholic Church,

man Doctrine aid-to-Greece bill. Jim Crow schools throughout the South.

of Rhode Island, the new Democratic National Com- recently in the news for allowing some Negro stu-

mittee chairman, was one of the backers of the Tru- dents into parochial schools in St. Louis, operates

One reads that Senator Taft's infamous advice to Men who are doing hard physical work need more



the American workers to "eat less"-especially less protein food than do other sections of the population. meat-was made after he had just gone through a Proteins are found in all kinds of cereals, nuts and big steak at a Bar Association bar- vegetables but first-class proteins are found only in becue at Santa Cruz, California. foods of animal origin-meat, eggs and cheese. At a This comes as no surprise. One recent nutritional conference, Professor Paul Canakes it for granted that the well- non of the University of Chicago declared that givnourished Senator and his nicely- ing hungry people what have been lightly called the ushioned wife have chawed "energy foods" is not enough. Such foods, bread, brough many a steak in their rich cereals and other cheap carbohydrates, will satisfy

But it is a little surprising to find out that the highly-educated Sena-

or Taft is so thick-headed that he doesn't understand that the workers aren't eating of meat don't look very cheap to the worried worker. Beef liver at 55 cents a lb. may be the kind of food that is fed to the Taft cats but it is much too exthe average working class home.

lifetime.

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critical of the Truman Doctrine.

State Legislature.

Allan L. Swim.

other families.

hunger but they will not rebuild broken-down tissues nor will they build muscles.

Proteins are of first importance in body chemistry and a lack of animal proteins in the diet will sharply impair the body's functioning. Such symptoms as low blood pressure, nervousness, fatigue, frequent inwife includes porterhouse steak at \$1.10 a lb. or pork fections, insomnia are often due to a lack of eggs, meat, and cheese. In addition, there may be pressure Senator Taft's information, even the "cheaper" cuts pains in the head, gastro-intestinal distress, disturbed vision, cataracts, skin 'trouble, and, very frequently, edema or swelling of the feet and legs.

Workers who answer the Tafts and the Trumans pensive to be a regular item on the daily menu of by saying; "We want meat-and we want the kind of wages that will give us a chance to buy enough And it's workers who need meat, not Senators! meat," are following the very best medicanadvice!

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capitalist politicians complied with Wall Street's demands by en-Slave Labor Law ties the organizations of 15 million workers in a legal knot by court suits, injunctions and other paralyzing methods. The American people suffer under

the worst oppression they have Big Business to the legislature. known since the Slave Power was destroyed in the Civil War. delegation protesting high rents a Third World War, against the Michigan. and high prices. The Bi-Partisan Jim Crow system.

Congress passes the "loyalty" law which puts a Gestapo over the Party candidate is a vote to end And the Bi-Partisan legislature in workers masters in their own house, Albany outlaws strikes of state and to establish a Workers and Farm-

city employees.

Except for Negroes in the South cialist Society of peace, plenty and few feel this oppression more keen- | full equality. ly than the people of Harlem. Prices than almost anywhere else. Here State Senate.

mit the Democratic New York City able governor that these legislators ers Party, candidate Barbaria acting the Taft-Hartley Bill. This Council to grant the Jim Crow were elected to office and are be- stressed the need for the working Metropolitan Life Housing develop- ing paid, with taxes taken from class to enter into independent class election of another accomplice of

uses state troopers to bar the doors "boom and bust" Wall Street gang, treacherous role on behalf of the position now than in many years. of the state capitol to a workers against the imperialist plans for eral estate and banking interests of We had hoped that the AFL and ing conditions.

"The only solution to the housing A vote for the Socialist Workers crisis is to declare a state of emershoulder of every federal employee. capitalist exploitation, to make the gency in Michigan and issue a moratorium on evictions, enact a rent freeze and immediately begin construction of low-rent housing." ers government and usher in a So-

In addition to his radio address on Oct. 5, Lerner will be the main Vote for Robert Williams, Social- speaker at the Detroit SWP elecning at 7 P. M.

A member of the Socialist Work ing his education in junior electrical engineering in 1932.

Entering the labor movement at ment a \$50,000,000 tax exemption. The people, to enact laws in the in-The Socialist Workers Party has terest of the people, and not to entered this campaign to fight the manage their farms and estates? Party," he said to the press, "where Union Iron Works, and was a mem-"While you, Governor Sigler, will labor can nominate and elect can- ber of the strike committee during enjoy a warm and comfortable didates who come from labor's ranks the 1936 bitter 10-week strike. After The Socialist Workers Party has Christmas at your home on Macki- and who are responsible to labor, being blacklisted by the company entered this campaign to organize nac Island or at your suite in the The old line conception of support- because of his union activities, he The Democratic President threat- the struggle against the profiteer- Olds Hotel in Lansing, thousands ing your so-called friends and de- joined the Sailors Union of the ens the railroad workers with the ing corporations, against the greedy will be on the streets of Detroit feating your enemies has failed Pacific where he has since taken Army. The Republican Governor real estate interests, against the without shelter because of your miserably. Labor is in a weaker part in all major struggles of the union for better wages and work-

> CIO would sponsor their own can- An active fighter for Socialism didates this year, and we were ready since 1934. Barbaria has been a to give them full support. But firm defender of working class since they have not done so, we rights. He believes that experience will center our campaign around will convince the workers that the this major point." only way out of the blind alley of

The full program which will be capitalist exploitation, depressions carried to the workers in all parts and atomic war is the establishof the city reads: "Municipal low ment of a Workers and Farmers cost housing; elimination of the Government which will then be able rise faster and higher in Harlem ist Workers Party candidate for tion rally to be held the same eve- sales tax (tax the rich — not the to build a world of peace and plenty poor): union committees to reor- for all.

n Jackie Robinson's Story Many Lessons

By George Lavan

The Yankee-Dodgers battle fans' enthusiastic reception of Rob- 349 and his club won the pennant. From the dugout the Phillies' only on bigoted lily white players he diamond.

ng a field previously barred to created during the last generation to remain silent. He had to leave Despite ceaseless persecution. magnates must not be permitted to "experiment." iven an equal chance. On the ontrary, he had to be much bet-

mount hostility and obstacles no other rookie ever faced. The decision of the Brooklyn player was not based on idealism, but on profits. The advent of star

welled the gate receipts; similarly, ers and lily white spectators. t was realized, the addition of a Negro player would draw thousands of new customers. This box-office fact has been

nown for many years. Yet no on the field as he went to bat. At eam would hire such outstanding Negro stars as Paige the pitcher. Fibson the catcher and many others.

The baseball magnates had often But his playing record didn't show (starting point of the "Freedom people in their forward march ination?

| blamed the fans for their own re- | it. He led the International | Train") he was denied lodging with | against job discrimination. It has fusal to admit Negroes. But the League with a batting average of the rest of the team. the pressure of the Negro people any other player. He could not beef son from the big leagues. Several to the good.

Robinson's success in enter- change in the social atmosphere insulted by another player, he had sheer viciousness.

ter than good enough to qualify as Club for seasoning, he met tre- tility from players and umpires, had never played before. As is well race or religion. big league player; he had to sur-mendous obstacles. Instead of Robinson was also attacked by known this is a southpaw's position Jackie Robinson's entry into the Robinson spoke only when spoken him. Others implied that he was playing technique.

to and remained throughout a tar- cowardly and was hiding behind the sical hazards of a rough and tum-In Jim Crow Baltimore he was ble game.

viciously booed. In Syracuse the On tour with the Dodgers-Robin- led the National League in bases fore. the close of the season Robinson news of teammates but the humilia- cleverest bunter in the sport.

will stand out in baseball his- inson this year indicated that they This year, when he joined the manager, Chapman, hurled filthy but on bigoted fans as well, who

and their organizations, and the against an umpire's decision. If times he was savagely spiked out of However, one swallow doesn't make a summer and the baseball

an excellent educational effect not

his race does not mean that by the rise of the CIO, that made the ballpark by a secret exit. Also this rookie turned in a performance make Robinson a token representa-Jim Crow has vanished from pro-possible the so-called Robinson forbidden were social invitations spectacular in baseball annals. tive of "equal" opportunity in the from white or Negro friends, writ- Nor was he aided by any special big leagues. The big leagues must When Robinson was sent to the ing newspaper articles and so on. favors from the manager. He was be opened to every player with the International League's Montreal In addition to encountering hos- assigned to first base, a position he necessary skill without regard to

comradeship with his teammates, some bigoted sports writers. Many and there have only been a few major leagues dramatically demonhe found hostility. The explana- of these attacks were carefully great right-handed first basemen in strates how a Negro player's taltion for this, of course, was that he worded incitements to violence- baseball history. Robinson, a right- ents can enrich a sport. But this Dodgers' owners to hire a Negro was taking "a white man's job." spiking and bean balls-against hander, had to change his whole is a lone example in a small field. The free and unrestricted entry of

Nevertheless his performance was the Negro people into all the cultalian and Jewish players had get for insults by opponent play- cry of "prejudice" to avoid the phy- a major factor in giving the Dod- tural and economic life of the nagers the margin of victory neces- tion, would enable more talented sary to win the pennant. Robinson men and women to come to the

opposing team put a black cat out son confronted not only the cold- stolen. He is also considered the How many Frederick Douglasses, George Washington Carvers, Marian was on the point of a nervous tion all Negroes are subjected to in Robinson's brilliant first season Andersons; how many Negro Edisons, Burbanks and Mayos is this breakdown from the mental torture restaurants and hotels in this coun- in the major leagues is to be hailed country deprived of because of the to which he had been subjected. try. In St. Louis and Philadelphia as another victory for the Negro reactionary system of race discrim-

FREEDOM OF PRESS-An ad- "FREEDOM TRAIN"?-A picket line and leaflet vertising boycott forced Don Mat- distribution by conscientious objectors calling for an chan to sell his paper, the Valley amnesty of COs still in prison was brutally broken City (N. Dak.) Times-Record. Lo- up by police as the "Freedom Train" pulled into cal business interests found the Grand Central Station in New York. Twenty pickets raper too friendly to labor, too and distributors were arrested.

CHICKEN COOP EVICTION-Mr. and Mrs. Paybeing evicted for the third time in 15 months. They are now being ousted from a 14 x 6 foot chicken coop CHILD LABOR-There are a million children in by city authorities.

Get Your Gun, has been banned in Memphis because it shows friendly relations between Negro trainmen DOUBLING UP-The Census Bureau reports that and white passengers. Said the censors "It's social 2.764,000 married couples are sharing households with equality in action." Besides: "We don't have Negro conductors in the South."

lash in Alabama prisons has just been killed in the ette of Cleveland and their three small children are OUR WAY OF LIFE-A bill to abolish use of the

the U.S. who didn't go back to school this year be-

PLAY BANNED-The Broadway musical, Annie cause they had to work, states CIO Publicity Director.

GL UIC DO fory because for the first time were far ahead of the team owners Brooklyn Dodgers, a set of rules insults at Robinson. The "sports- are being forced to abandon some Ungless an n a world series a Negro play- in wanting to end baseball Jim were fixed specially for him. Such men" among the St. Louis Cards of their prejudices concerning aler, Jackie Robinson, will be on Crow. As a matter of fact, it was rules had never been inflicted on threatened a strike to drive Robin- leged Negro inferiority. This is all