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AFL SETS UP OWN POLITICAL LEAGUE **CIO Appeals for United Labor Action Convention Acts** Right Down the Alley

THE

Urges Joint Battle In Arena of Politics

By Farrell Dobbs

BOSTON, Oct. 15-Over 600 delegates attending the 9th Constitutional Convention of the CIO at the Bradford Hotel in this city today voted unanimously "to work unceasingly in the political field in complete unity with all labor organizations and other progressive groups to insure the political re-

pudiation of those reactionaries but he added that the policy of the who are responsible for the United Steelworkers, of which he is president, will be decided by that Taft-Hartley Act." A second unanimous decision union's executive board. He did called upon all CIO unions to as- not intimate what that policy will

sist the striking CIO Shipbuilding be. Workers "with all their money and The Textile Workers, Shipbuildresources" to prevent this first ing Workers and Brewery Workers, conspiracy by Big Business to all affiliated with the CIO, have smash a union under the Taft- already announced their decision to sign the "yellow dog" oath un-Hartley Act.

The convention made no decision der the Taft-Hartley Act. on the "yellow dog" oath required John Green, president of the to qualify with the Taft-Hartley Shipbuilding Workers Union, told National Labor Relations Board. the convention that Bethlehem Convention policy provides that Steel and U.S. Steel are trying to each International and National break the 16-week-old strike of Union affiliated with the CIO will shipvard workers by injunctions, arrests and jailings, mass police pro-"determine for itself the policy to be pursued in relation to the new tection, full-page ads in the papers Labor Board." and letters to the strikers calculated

to foment a back-to-work move-This policy on the "yellow dog" oath was adopted by the CIO Execment. Unless all labor supports the utive Board on Oct. 10, three days striking shipyard workers, Green before the convention opened. But warned, other unions will be in for tion submitted to the convention so into decline and employment falls off. by unanimous vote of the Resolu-

The resolution on political action tions Committee on which there are several Stalinists; nor did Lee has not yet come before the conven-Pressman, Secretary of the Resolu- tion. The delegates, therefore, have tions Committee, mention the "yel- not yet had a chance to discuss low dog" oath in his long speech how "to insure the political repuon the resolution.

Speaking from the floor, delegate Act." However, the published re-Joseph P. Selly, representing the Stalinist-controlled CIO American port of the Resolutions Committee Communications Association, an- on political action and the report nounced that his union would re- of Murray indicate the line of the der the Taft-Hartley Act. fuse to sign the affidavit. He was CIO top leadership.

followed by James J. Matles, a The Resolutions Committee report delegate from the Stalinist-con- will call for a campaign to register AFL convention, the United Mine



before the convention opened. But no mention of the question of filing affidavits was made in the resolu-democracy" when their industries Tells AFL on "Yellow-Dog" Oaths

By Art Preis

Amid shouts of "Pour it on, John!" from rank-and-filers packed in the AFL Convention diation of those reactionaries who galleries in San Francisco, John L. Lewis on Oct. 14 pleaded with the AFL leaders not to Brier Hill local of Youngstown are responsible for the Taft-Hartley "debase" themselves by "grovelling" before Congress and amending the AFL constitution to Sheet and Tube, also denounced

permit them to sign "yellow dog" oaths and qualify federal roared: "You should think about dog" non-communist oaths un- unions under AFL Executive Coun- these things. You are paid enough. cil jurisdiction to use the NLRB I try to shut my mouth occasionally With words as stinging as machinery. and do some thinking. That's what

any ever spoken before an Those AFL leaders who returns the fight the "first ugly, savage thrust fight the "first ugly, savage thrust Those AFL leaders who refuse to the AFL should do." PAC Backs Ausnehmer

Workers of the World, Unite!

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Labor's Own Candidate Voted Council Support YOUNGSTOWN, Oct. 14 - The

Political Action Committee of the Mahoning County CIO has voted overwhelmingly to endorse John Ausnehmer, independent labor candidate for City Council from Youngstown's Fourth Ward. His Council. It is recommending candidacy was sponsored by Local to the AFL convention in San This is a big step forward from the

1330 of the United Steelworkers, Carnegie-Illinois Ohio works mill. The motion to endorse Ausnehmer was made by Mike Pochiro, litical League." president of Republic Steel Local

1331, largest in the area. A few Democratic Party hangers-on made For decades its top leaders have ina feeble attempt to stem the Aus- dividually lined up in favor of this nehmer tide by opposing any en- or that Democratic or Republican dorsement in that ward. Incited candidate. But the AFL as such by this hypocritical ruse, one union has opposed labor's own organizaleader after another got up to denounce the anti-labor Republican and Democratic candidates and to

back Ausnehmer. FINE UNION RECOAD

Sam Camens, president of Local 1330, presented the fine union record of Ausnehmer, who has been an active fighter for the union since he and the other railroaders were first admitted into the CIO. Meanwhile, his Democratic opponent, Morley, who is employed as a roll turner in a Carnegie mill, has fought the CIO for years and formed an "independent" union. And Coates, the Republican, has shown no interest in labor's cause since he left the CIO to take a foreman's

job. Danny Thomas, president of 1462,

Morley's union-busting record. James P. Griffin, district director of USA-CIO, told the meeting: I stand. I am not one of those

Youngstown Under Pressure **Of Slave Law** For the first time in its history, the American

Federation of Labor, numbering 7,600,000 members, is officially entering the political field and sponsoring a political action organization of its own.

The decision for this precedent - shattering step was made last week by the AFL Executive

UNION LABO 9

Francisco the formation of "pure and simple trade unionism" "Labor's Educational and Po- long preached by the conservative

This marks the abandonment of the AFL's 'non-political" policy. tion for political action.

The Taft-Hartley Slave Labor Law and the pressure of the union ranks have forced the top AFL leaders to place political action at



Truman's Rent Director Frank PAC-CIO should be able to turr Creedon on Oct. 9 began the latest out a vote of 60,000,000 in 1948, commoves to foist higher rents on pared to the 1946 total national America's low-income tenalsts He vote of 35,000,000. approved the recommendation of

The figures cited by Green an the Louisville, Ky., rent board for Murray show that labor has a po a general 5% rent boost. tential voting strength greater than

Creedon acted with the backing the Republican and Democratic of Truman, who told reporters that parties combined. If labor organ his Rent Director was acting un- ized its own party and ran its own der the requirements of the Rent independent candidates, it could "I want to make clear just where Decontrol Act signed by Truman. rule in Washington.

The first attempt to hike rents LEADERS BLOCK PROGRESS that waits to see which way the under the Act was landlord pres- But the AFL and CIO leaders

Practical Steps in Building Labor Party Statement by SWP -See Page 2-

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AFL leadership.

CIO TOOK FIRST STEP

The CIO years ago took this step in forming its Political Action Committee (PAC). Both AFL and CIO, with a combined strength of 15,000,000, are now committed to labor political action as part of their programs. This is a tremendou advance over the old idea that politics is "no business" of the union Between the new AFL Politica League and the PAC-CIO, American labor will possess political acthe head of the AFL's program. tion instruments of incalculable po tential power. AFL President Wil-

liam Green pointed out that

On the same day, CIO Presiden

trolled United Electrical Workers, every eligible voter; secure finan- Workers President lashed the AFL who declared that "if the UE is cial contributions for PAC; organize counsellors of retreat "who run like found in the Taft-Hartley line, it for political action in every ward, cravens before the Taft-Hartley will be found in the rear and precinct, block and home; and parlaw.' squawking like hell." Both Selly ticipate in primary as well as gen-

and Matles argued against signing eral elections. Murray has added the affidavit

Murray took the floor and asserted get out sixty million votes in 1948. next. If Congress finds out that However, on the question of how that the convention in russing the resolution would be voting to let these sixty million citizens should accelerate your speed even faster." each CIO affiliate determine its vote when they get to the polls the own policy in relation to the new reports are very vigue. "Defeat thundered at the squirming Execu-Labor Board. Murray then put the those Congressmen and Senators tive Council members on the platresolution to a vote and it was who enacted the Taft-Hartley form, "you should do your duty by unanimously approved.

Murray stated that he has "per- Congress"-but where the candisonal convictions" against filing an dates for this "liberal, progressive" (Continued on Page 2) affidavit to qualify with the NLRB;

4th INTERNATIONAL EXPOSES "COMINTERN REVIVAL" FRAUD

GENEVA, Oct. 10-The International Secretariat of the Fourth International today released the following statement to the press:

"In connection with the organization of the so-called 'Information Bureau' at Belgrade by nine Communist Parties cordance with the appetites and re-

viet-occupied countries.

"The anti-imperialist struggle can

which met somewhere in Po- flexes of the Russian bureaucracy." land, the International Secre-The manifesto of the International Secretariat "denies therefore tariat of the Fourth International has issued a manifesto to the work- that the nine Stalinist parties have ers of the world. Denouncing the any right to proclaim themselves chicanery and deception behind the as participants in the anti-imperi-Declaration of the Nine, this mani- alist struggle. This struggle canfesto warns the workers and coloni- not be entrusted to those who real peoples against any illusion about main silent about or justify the the so - called 'anti-imperialist' monstrous police oppression which character of the struggle unleashed victimizes the nationalities in the by the Stalinist parties. USSR and the peoples in the So-

"Long before the formal dissolution o fthe Comintern," the manifesto continues, "the Communist never be entrusted to those who de-Parties had ceased to be organiza- fend the colonial empires camoutions defending the workers' in- flaged under the label of 'British terests and had become docile Commonwealth' or 'French Union.' agents of the Kremlin's foreign It can never be entrusted to those policy. It was the requirements of who do not struggle for the overthis foreign policy, and not at all throw of the capitalist governments the aspirations of the world pro- of France, Italy and elsewhere, but letariat and the colonial peoples, solely for the inclusion of Stalinist that dictated to Stalin the dissolu- ministers in these governments." tion of the Comintern in 1943, just

The genuine anti - imperialist as in 1947 they have dictated the struggle, the manifesto concludes, establishment of the Information | "must be led by the workers and Bureau in Belgrade. colonial peoples independently of

"Now as in the past, the Stalinist the aims of whatever government chieftains have nothing but con- may be in power. It must be contempt for the sentiments and needs ducted under a new banner unsoiled of the communist-minded workers by Stalinist political crimes and pothroughout the world. They con- lice oppression."

by Asses."

He warned in measured phrases that "if you grovel enough in this a more concrete goal of organizing convention your going to have more At this point CIO President Philip one million PAC block workers to to grovel for when Congress meets

you'll run, they'll sharpen spears to "At least once in your lives." he Law"; "elect a liberal, progressive your membership." He said that he himself belongs to "an organi-

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us!'

zation whose members pay the officers to fight for them, not deliver them into slavery."

> His speech opened with a Biblical injunction: "Thou shalt not muzzle

the ox that treadeth out the corn.' But, he said, "the Congress of the United States designated 15,000,000 workers in this country, organized gress placed an economic muzzle on four children had burned to

each of you. "What are you going to do about been set by the landlord. Oh, I see, they're going to change the Constitution. God help

This referred to the AFL councils proposal to amend the AFL director of race relations, is treaconstitution and eliminate all officers but President and Secretary-Treasurer. This would remove Lewis as a vice-president and permit executive secretary.

French Trotskyists In Municipal Voting

maining officers to sign "yellow-

PARIS, Oct. 7-The French Trotskyists (PCI) will participate in the Oct. 19 municipal elections with limited lists of candidates in the major French cities. The Trotskyist program calls for: Coordination of strike struggles into a general strike action; formation of consumers price control and food-distribution committees; immediate action on the housing crisis; adequate relief for the aged, veterans and youth; broader powers for municipal legislatures as against the Paris-appointed prefects; an end to the war against Indo-China and Madagascar; struggle against the preparations for a new world war.

of fascism in America'' and twist Taft Act's dictates, reminded Lewis of the Biblical passage, "Lions Led

For the mighty host of 8 million AFL workers are "marching across the plains of America and having their thinking done for them by fat and stately usses."

heeled AFL bureaucracy, Lewis

responsibility." He opposed any submission to the workers. Act and advised the delegates that CAMPAIGN LIVELY retreat and evasion could not save

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NEWARK, Oct. 15-Formation of the Hickman Defense Committee of New Jersey, with headquarters at 17 William St., Room 504, was announced today.

The committee will assist in the defense of James Hick-

man who faces trial in Chicago search director; J. Mercer Burrell, on Oct. 27 on the charge of attorney and member of Legal Reinto unions, as being cattle. Con- shooting his landlord after his dress Committee of Newark NAACP. "This is a nation-wide case be-

> The New Jersey committee is man in a statement to the press. chaired by Rev. H. Beecher Jack- "Hickman is a victim of these two is sure to get a great forward push

surer. Alex Blackman, field representative of the CIO Telephone Workers Organizing Committee, is Green and Meany as the only re-The Advisor: Board includes:

State CIO President Carl Hold-

erman, State CIO Secretary Alex-

tor Ewald Sandner, and CIO Field

Representative Jack Rosen: Herman Mulman, AFL Building Service Union President James B. Executive Secretary George Robinson, Georgia Boone, secretary of the Ladies Auxiliary; AFL Sleeping Car Porters in Jersey City; Walter Barry and Mort Bloom, president and secretary, respectively, of the Newark CIO Council; Max Greenberg and Irving Rosenberg, president and business agent. respectively, of CIO Retail Clerks Local 108. George Mufson, representative of USA-CIO; Joe Baker, vice-chairman of Local 2194, USA-CIO: Har-

are nation-wide issues," sad Blackson, president of the Newark blights, and his defense becomes NAACP. Marie Algor, state CIO mandatory for all progressives."

Less" Eat costly propaganda campaign to

reduce the food consumption of dividual food savings, he said, is of gram-has quickly been re-

AFL State Postal Clerks President vealed as a fraud. The workers are eating less, all right, but that's because prices Marshall, Newark Urban League have taken another spurt since text." Truman's much-ballyhooed program got under way. In the week ending Oct. 10, the Bureau of La-

bor Statistics general index of basic commodity prices rose another 1.1 noints No less an administration author-

ity than Truman's own Secretary of Agriculture. Clinton P. Anderson. let the cat out of the bag in Chicago on Oct. 9.

Anderson admitted that Truman's "Meatless Tuesdays" and "Poultryry Kranz, editor of state CIO less and Eggless Thursdays" are

the AFL degrading its officers in the bandwagon. I am for Ausnehthe AFL constitution to fit the order to comply with the Slave mer, and will work for his elec-Labor Law. Such cowardly subter- tion." Griffin himself was recentfuge to cover their surrender to the ly elected to his post in a militant Taft Act means "to lie to escape upsurge against the old conserva-

tive leadership of the local steel

A vigorous attack against those To the 700 assembled delegates, the unions from this deadly law who undermine the Ausnehmer largely a cross-section of the well- He reminded the convention that campaign by unsavory whispering slanders was made by Ted Dostal, recording secretary of Local 1330. The final blow was struck by James Filbert, president of Republic Steel Local 2216, who revealed that only a month ago Morley pulled ten Republic roll turners out of the CIO into his "independent" union.

The vote was then taken on the motion to back Ausnehmer, and was passed with almost no opposition.

The Fourth Ward is blossoming out with Ausnehmer signs on lawns. telephone poles and cars. Several leaflets have been distributed by the campaign committee, whose death in a fire believed to have cause housing and discrimination ranks are growing steadily. The whole movement for inde-

pendent political action by labor as the Ausnehmer-for-Council camcharged. paign moves forward.

sure to intimidate tenants into stand like a high road block across signing leases for a "voluntary" 15% the road of labor's political prorent increase. Only about 8% of gress. They still oppose genuine tenants nationally have submitted independent labor political action. to this pressure. They want to use the Political

But the Act also provides for the League and PAC to elect only capiestablishment of local rent boards, talist politicians of the Big Busipicked by the Governors, empower- | ness parties. ed to recommend area increases or

No matter how many votes the AFL and CIO mobilize, if these complete decontrol. These boards, usually composed of realty reprevotes are used to put Democrats sentatives, are now moving into acand Republicans in office it will be like tossing them into a garbage

Louisville labor organizations procan. The CIO, however, has recogtest that the local board consists of nized the need for the AFL and "two real estate agents, two attorneys closely affiliated with realestate interests and a vice president in charge of the real estate section of a bank."

Arrested Because He Cut His Prices

In St. Paul, a grocery-mean market proprietor named Maurice Helperin has been arrested because he sold for 95c a shortening which cost him 90c. The state charged him with violating a state "fair trade" law that requires a mark-up of at least 8% or 3c more than Helperin

CIO to unite on the political field, and has urged joint political action. Such joint action would provide the most favorable basis for running independent labor candidates and launching a labor party. But the AFL, through Green, has narow-mindedly rejected the CIO's

sound proposal. What is needed now is a great national joint political action congress of the AFL, CIO and Railroad. Brotherhoods to unite labor's political strength behind a real labor slate in 1948. Such independent political action on a local and hational scale would be the most powerful blow the workers could strike at the infamous Taft-Hartley Act.

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Drive Won't Lower

tion.

Truman's high-powered and son conceded, were "not primarily come earners ate less and less of by the big food corporations and to save the foods themselves" but all these high-protein foods every speculators.

were "symbols of sacrifice." In- day in the week. church on Sundays."

next day weakly complained the eggs, when the government is buy- matter of fact," he stated, "wages press had quoted him "out of con-

His original statement, however, is confirmed by leading Big Busi-

could afford to pay high prices, "refuse to sacrifice."

bought meat as before; those who couldn't, went without as usual.

The contention that higher wages ander Barken, State CIO Treasurer the American people — The "little importance," and special through with contradictions on the sible for higher prices was further "Eat Less-Waste Less" pro- food-saving days are "like going to face of it. If less meat is consumed exploded by Secretary of Labor there will be more livestock on the Schwellenbach, who on Oct. 9 put Anderson, after Truman tried to farms to eat up the grain and to the blame for higher prices on speccover up his damaging admissions, reduce grain supplies. Why eat less ulation and profiteering.

> ing up hundreds of millions of eggs did not push prices up, but lagged at abnormally high prices just to well behind them." bolster egg prices? It would be easy enough to reduc

The real purpose of the 'Eat prices and produce far more for ness publications. The Oct. 9 Wall Less" program is not to conserve the needs of both the American St. Journal reveals that the net ef- food and bring down prices. It is people and hungry peoples abroad, fect of Truman's "voluntary ra- to shift the responsibility for high if the government seized and nationing" program has been a "run" prices from the profiteers to the tionalized-that is, expropriatedon scarce food items, as people with working people. When the pro- the various food trusts and operated money stocked up. Meat sales re- gram fails, the blame will be placed them under workers' control. mained unchanged - those who on the low-income consumers who Meanwhile, the American work-

ers can protect their living stand-The Truman administration ards most immediately and effec wants to claim credit for trying to tively by winning higher wages. Those with the dough ate more "do something" about high prices supplemented by adjustable costmeat on Thursdays, more eggs and -everything, in fact, except halt of-living bonuses automatically News; Jean Henry, state CIO re- pure ballyhoo. These days, Ander- poultry on Tuesdays. Most low-in- the profiteering and price-gouging rising with rising prices.

THE MILITANT

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1947.

Practical Steps In Building the Labor Party

By the Political Committee of the Socialist Workers Party-

Taft-Hartley Law, have increased the desire of the American workers for political action going beyond the framework of the two capitalist parties. The union militants must pay close attention to every expression of this political awakening of the working class. Proper tactics must be devised to intervene and guide it step by step toward the building of an independent labor party based on the trade unions.

There is no national labor party movement in sight at this time. The present political development of the mass organizations of the working class is proceeding in a very uneven way. In some places the unions put up independent candidates, as the CIO packinghouse unions did in the South St. Paul municipal election. In some places a local unit of the CIO-PAC plays a primary role in advancing a labor slate, as in Cleveland, Dayton and Youngstown. In others candidates are run for public office independently of the two capitalist parties through an improvised setup like the Oakland Voters League.

Prospects for 1948

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These actions indicate that the trade union movement will travel some distance on the road of independent political action before the formal organization of an independent labor party appears on the political arena. The task now is to seize every opportunity to lead the workers into political struggle against the capitalists in contests for public office. The logic of the struggle will impel the movement toward further formal political organization.

Just as there are no signs at present of the quick formation of a national labor party, so

The events of the past year, climaxed by the | tional independent labor candidate will take | seen in the union movement. It employs more | should, of course, continue agitation for labor to run its own presidential candidate. However, it must be recognized that it is on a statewide, and especially on a local scale, that the most favorable chances will be found to organize and participate in campaigns to elect independent labor candidates to public office.

Available Vehicles

If increased opportunities to campaign for independent labor candidates are expected but early formation of a labor party is not anticipated, what vehicles are available for conducting political campaigns? Foremost among these available vehicles is the PAC, which is today the political arm of the CIO.

The shortcomings of the PAC have been many times pointed out in The Militant. In the main, it supports capitalist candidates; it is bureaucratically controlled and discourages political discussion and formulation of policy by the ranks. The PAC is extremely reluctant and most often refuses to run or support independent candidates; it lacks militancy; and apart from "Write Your Congressman" campaigns it generally functions only around election time as a purely vote-getting agency for capitalist politicians.

But it is the progressive features, and even more, the political potential of the PAC, which are of decisive importance. The union militants should build their tactics upon these positive aspects in their struggle against the harmful policies in posed upon PAC by the union leadership.

The PAC is a more highly organized vehicle likewise one cannot be optimistic that a na- of mass political action than any previously

the field in the 1948 election. The militants | aggressive methods. It is based upon the most dynamic elements of organized labor, who are more insistently demanding a departure from the policy of adherence to the capitalist parties. Under present circumstances the PAC provides an extremely favorable arena for the propagation of the Labor Party program and for the transformation of this demand into action.

> In order to influence the PAC most effectively, it is necessary to be inside of it with both feet and a part of it.

That means, specifically, that the union militants should enter PAC and urge the workers Three Main Tendencies to join it and to pay the necessary dues, as in the present dollar drive, which are the elementary obligations of membership. Support should be given to the PAC campaign for the workers to register so they can vote. Only in this manner can the union militants hope to redirect PAC from its present wrong road over to the right road of independent political action.

A Policy for PAC Members

Incorrect policies and injurious actions of the leadership should be criticized. The membership must be won over to the support of policies which can convert PAC into a genuine medium for independent political action. Support should never be given to candidates of the capitalist Democratic and Republican parties under any circumstances or in any way, regardless of whether they may be endorsed by the PAC or any other labor organization. As against support of capitalist candidates, the union militants should call for the nomination of independent labor candidates.

In place of the present bureaucratic setup, field - and serves to eliminate the confusion | Opportunities to fight for independent politiincreased rank and file control over PAC and engendered in counterposing the independent cal action will arise in many different forms. its policies should be sought. PAC and its candidates should be called upon to sponsor pro-

gressive legislation and organize mass actions to obtain its passage. Instead of functioning as mere vote-collecting instruments, local PAC bodies should be transformed into year-round institutions, fighting in defense of the workthese lines the Labor Party movement can be pushed forward.

The concrete application of the Labor Party they have in mind, the Stalinists advance the slogan within PAC necessarily varies under dif- American Labor Party in New York as their manifesting an increasing desire for indepenferent conditions. In many unions today, three model. This is excellent ground to meet them dent political action. Furthermore there is a main tendencies express themselves on the ques- on. All workers should be FOR the American chance that a substantial registration of worktion of political action. These are the official Labor Party but they should oppose its present ers under this new party would make it pos-PAC policy of support to capitalist politicians; policy of supporting capitalist politicians for sible to defeat the Stalinists' aims and turn. the Stalinist "third party" demagogy; and the public office. Independent political action has this movement toward a labor party developdemand for an independent Labor Party. The meaning only when the ALP (and the PAC) workers understand the official PAC policy and campaign for independent labor candidates. The more and more of them are becoming fed up essential difference is immediately clear to the with it. But in most cases they do not under- workers.

stand the difference between the Stalinist Same Tactics In AFL 'third party'' line and the demand for a Labor

Like the CIO militants working in the fruit-Most often they mistakenly consider Party. the difference one of splitting hairs and the ful PAC field, militants in the AFL, Railroad Labor Party agitation is thus largely nullified. Under these circumstances the union militants be on the alert to push at every opportunity dates are running for office more frequently should advance the specific demand that the for independent political action. They should than ever before. Many opportunities are de-CIO-PAC itself run independent labor candi- call for political action committees in these veloping to promote more campaigns. Into these dates for public office. This tactical approach has a number of ad- in campaigns to elect independent labor candi- as you find it, work out a realistic program of

vantages:

1. It retains the essence of the labor party decision to set up Labor's Educational Political ing workers learn rich political lessons! That is position — drawing a class line on the political League.

labor party slogan to the Stalinist "third party" An instructive example is just developing in demagogy. California. A Stalinist-controlled "Trade Union 2. It meets the plausible objection of the Committee for a Third Party" has just launched difficulty in beginning to build another organi- an "Independent Progressive Party" in that zation in view of the time element involved. state. This movement is intended by the Stalin-3. It avoids creating the false impression of ists as a vehicle of support for the Wallace opposition to the CIO-PAC as such and pro- Democrats. It is bureaucratically rigged at the ers on all issues affecting their welfare. By poses PAC as a direct instrument to advance outset and is a far cry from a genuine labor patient and persistent work within PAC along the basic concepts of independent labor politics. party

4. It serves to expose the Stalinist "third party" fraud by projecting a class line that Increasing Opportunities cuts through their double-talk. For example, in explaining what kind of a "third party'

But the IPP appears at a time when the workers of California, CIO and AFL alike, are ment. With this prospect, the union militants are entering the fray to arm the leftward-

moving workers with a program and help them fight to make the Independent Progressive Party a genuine party of independent political action. The American workers are beginning to Brotherhoods and the independent unions must awaken politically. Independent labor candi-

unions and advocate collaboration by all unions situations with both feet! Take the movement dates. This will be facilitated by the AFL's action, and in struggle help the leftward-move

the way to build a labor party!

NMU Convention Further Loosens **Stalinist Machine's Paralyzing Grip**

By C. Thomas

NEW YORK, Oct. 15-The Sixth convention of the CIO National Maritime Union adjourned today, after 24 days of bitter factional struggle. Much of the business remained

unfinished and was referred to the the union's National Council. The Curran-led Rank & File cauus succeeded in defeating the tightly knit Stalinist machine on ome of the most important issues efore the convention. The power the Stalinist-controlled National louncil was curbed by constitutionamendment subjecting major demajority. cisions to ratification of the membership.

The appeal to reinstate Joseph tack, who was removed as viceresident on charges by Curran and prow margin of two votes-353 to interference" theme as the convention closed.

Stalinist-inspired charges of dis-Stack case was an indictment of their own particular brand.

of the delegates holding their noses. | vide the world of politics neatly in With both groups almost evenly two:. The politics of supporting divided, the balance of power in the Democratic and Republican convention rested with the inde- "friends" of labor-and Stalinist pendents. This was evident in the politics. By their methods, policy vote on every controversial issue. and practice the Stalinists have Questions involving the extension of served to discredit working class democracy and rank and file con- politics . trol had the support of a decisive But the policy of supporting

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"friends" in the camp of the class This alignment was most clear in enemy is no less discredited. The the rejection of a Curran-sponsored only answer is to counterpose indeconstitutional amendment outlaw- pendent working class politics to ing "outside interference." Faction both-these schools. The attempt to ines were crossed to defeat this cathe working class politics under leprived of the right to hold office amendment by 58 votes. Curran the pretext of eliminating the Stalor five years, was defeated by the continued to play on the "outside inist machine will be opposed by all union militants.

This convention further loosened In his concluding remarks, Cur- the grip of the Stalinists on the imination against the officials of ran called on the delegates to NMU. As Curran repeatedly dehe New Orleans branch were de- "make sure that when we come to clared: "The Communist party in eated by a dec sive vote of the dele- the next convention there will be no this union is on the way out." What ates. Even the Stalinist members more political machines left in the is to replace the CP machine? The in the convention trial committee union." This is the same tune members of the NMU can provide a played by the so-called anti-politic- progressive answer to that question The significance of these issues als in the AFL maritime unions by jealously guarding their demovent deeper than surface appear- who cry: No politics in the union. cratic rights, fighting for a militant ince. What was involved in the What they mean is no politics but program and substituting working class politics for the politics of play

Injured while trying to stop a scab-loaded car from crossing picket lines outside the Bethlehem shipyards in Baltimore, Daniel Appel of the CIO Industrial Union and Marine and Shipbuilding Workers lies stretched out waiting for the ambulance. His fellow strikers continued picketing even though four union members were arrested. The strike is now almost four months old, but Bethlehem till refuses to come to terms, holding out for contract provisions

Lewis Says AFL Chiefs "Debase" Themselves Meany and Ladies' Garment Work-Istated by Frank Turco, of the

(Continued from Page 1) out of 73 printed pages, it (Taft ers President David Dubinsky added Newsboys Federal Union in Seattle. Act) contains only two lines that their mush-mouthed counsels of re- who told the convention: "John give labor the right to organize. The treat. And 80% of the well-heeled Lewis has more respect from the other 73 pages dare labor to exer- business agents and international American working man thin all cise that right." He contemptuously read off the gates meekly raised their hands in put together."

Taft Act provisions on filing union approval of the surrender amendment financial statements and said: "There isn't an organization in the AFL which can make that report

counsel of the NLRB." that if the amendment were pass-

ed, "I will not be a candidate for election to this debased, denatured board" whose members would be relieved of their titles as officers. He was not, he added, "holding a gun to the head of the convention. I'm merely stating the case, so you can act with full knowledge of the facts. For, as far as that's concerned, I think this Federation has no head; I think its neck has just grown up and haired over."

By contrast with Lewis' fighting speech, the counter-arguments of the rest of the AFL leaders were like the bleating of frightened sheep. AFL Teamster's Czar, Daniel J. Tobin, intimated that Lewis was talking "revolution." Tobin was happy to have the chance to say by affidavit, 'I'm not a Communwhich would seriously undermine the union. (Federated Pictures) ist," and anyway, "the question is not of much importance.' AFL Secretary-Treasurer George **CIO** Convention Allen also observes that "there Urges United firmly united on the chief tenet of American capitalist politics: Party suffices to prove who really directs it. Party suffices to prove who really stational Gypsum, Remington Rand, anti-democratic influence. The Party suffices to prove who really continued from Page 1 of American capitalist politics: Reosevelt in 1936 charged that Gruman Aircraft, etc. They didn't worst-managed, bedraggled, and Congress are to be found the rebackward communities are those ports don't say. dominated by business interests." Nor has the top leadership of the This is true not only of municipal CIO given any recognition to the politics in general, but Democratic rising sentiment among the CIO politics in particular. It is doubly membership for PAC to run its own true of Democratic government poli- candidates as demonstrated by ac-The national government tion in recent elections in Clevetional machines. The lower-level spends scores of billions annually, land, Dayton and elsewhere. employes millions. The convention is more than Here Big Business holds its most cluttered up with long-winded, dry corrupt and absolute sway. Here speeches by pompous visiting digwe can see most nakedly the in- nitaries from non-labor circles. terlinking of capitalist class rule And, curiously enough, a most popular theme among these interlopers and the Democratic Party. Today almost all top cabinet and is red-baiting. Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of government posts, under the Demo-Boston sought to incite the delecratic administration, are filled by Wall Street financiers, corporation gates against "potential traitors to executives and professional mili- America and to our organizations in tarists. The entire set-up is sym- the labor movement," a none-toobolized by James V. Forrestal, suc- subtle reference to any militant cessful Wall Street banker, as Sec- worker who opposes Wall Street's retary of Defense, and General war program and resists the campaign of the Associated Catholic Trade Unionists to try to dominate the trade unions. Some union leaders are trying to conceal the role of the Democratic kach handed out this choice bit of Secretary of Labor Schwellen-Party by urging workers to vote for "good" Democrats under the those who . . . upon order from slogan: "Vote for the man, not the party." But when you vote for the anism for democracy in America man, you vote for his party. For ... It would be a grave mistake to the party dominates the individual. permit the reactionaries in the la-Any Democrat who bucks party polbor movement . . . to use trade icy, for any reason, is shoved aside. unionism as a means to attain the Henry Wallace, who does a lot of objectives which they seek." talking about "reforming" the In answer to a direct question at Democratic Party, is a good recent a press conference after his speech, example of this. He was uncere-Schwellenbach admitted that by moniously booted cut of Washing-"reactionaries" in the above statement he meant "communists." All The Democratic Party is a capi-"communists" he said should be eran newspapermen, that municipal talist instrument and corrupt to the barred from membership in trade politics, including the Democratic core. The wage-earners and work- unions. Schwellenbach wants to breed, is the "same old story of ing farmers will never have a party raise Taft and Hartley a few blue

representatives who acted as dele- you international representatives For Lewis spoke not to the dele-

gates alone, but to the working mil-But the voice of the AFL ranks lions for whom his words are a found utterance in the sizable 20% clarion call to fighting action in a manner satisfactory to the of delegates who backed Lewis' against the infamous Slave Lawired (See Editorial on Lewis speech, militant stand. A true appraisal of In his conclusion, Lewis declared the membership's sentiments was Frage 4.)

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 b-hour day, 30-hour week! A sliding scale of hours-reduce

the hours of work with no reduction in pay to prevent layoffs and unemployment!

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



Victim of Shipyard Scabs

the Stalinist method of employing slander and character assassination against opponents. This practice has served to poison the atmosphere and has led to extreme factional bitterness.

The New Orleans case was exosed as a frameup in which the Stalinists sought to incite race feelng to serve their factional ends. Although the convention action in both these cases was an obvious rebuke to the methods and practices of the Stalinists in the union, an ncident in the closing days of the onvention indicated they had earned nothing.

On the 23rd day, NMU Secretary "erdinand_Smith_threw a "bomb" nto the convention in the form of written statement accusing Treas- the people is periodically channel- omic royalists." urer Hedley Stone of financial irregularity. The statement accused Curran and Stone, of covering a field patrolman, allegedly guilty of financial irregularity. The statement was offered as "information"

and not as charges. The "accused" established the fact

larity. The only thing involved was capitalists. hé failure of field patrolman Diaz.

to file regular reports as requested Democratic Party has most fre- Jesse I. Strauss; Cyrus and Harold by the union treasurer. What was quently unfurled the banner of McCormick; Vincent Astor; A. P. intended as a bombshell turned out | "reform." But Democratic "re- | Giannini, etc.

By Art Preis Whatever issues or interests | not be otherwise.

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This system guarantees the poli- publican Party, he was answered out of good-will. ical monopoly of the capitalist by William Hard, Republican radio class. We have one-class rule commentator, with the equally cor- posite of democratic. It is a ma-

The so-called anti-politicals di- collaboration.

ized back and forth between two **Can the Democratic Party Be Reformed?** Part 3

that there was no financial irregu- parties completely controlled by Franklin, head of the International

Mercantile Marine; William K. In this deceptive system, the Vanderbilt; Walter P. Chrysler;

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to be a stink bomb that had most form" movements have always end- That same year, the Democratic



THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY?

ed with the monopoly capitalists, Party raised \$385,525 from advergard of public health and human more securely entrenched. It could tising in a souvenir handbook. dignity."

Among the most generous patrons may divide the Democratic and A simple investigation of the fi- were Armour & Co, Firestone Tire is not a city in the country, large Republican parties, they are minicial sources of the Democratic & Rubber, Bethlehem Steel, Chry-

through a two-party mechanism. By rect charge that the Democratic chine run by a hierarchy of bosses. this mechanism, the discontent of Farty is also financed by "econ- This system of bosses runs from ward to county, from state to na- tics. Hard named 400 super-rich Democratic backers, including Russell bosses take their orders from those

Leffingwell, partner of J. P. Mor- next higher up. gan & Co.; Walter E. Frew, presi-This party machine is held todent of the Corn Exchange Bank gether by patronage and favors, (Lehman control); Walter Dunwith the bosses dispensing public nington, trustee of the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co.; P. A. S. jobs, contracts, candidacies, and what the gangsters call "protection." The ward or county "workers"-who do the menial chores in campaigns-are largely composed of job-holders on the public payrolls through party influence, or

lawyers, petty racketeers and wardheelers anxious for lush pickings. A combination of big city bosses. like Flynn of Brooklyn, Hague of George Marshall as Secretary of Jersey City, Kelly of Chicago, etc., State. and Southern politicos of the Bil-

bo type directly control the state and national activities of the Democratic Party. No man-not even Franklin D. Roosevelt-ever secured major office under Democratic auspices without support from these bosses. They in turn are intimately tied with the business interests in their areas, including illegal enterprises like gambling and prostitu-

A recent book, "Our Fair City," edited by Col. Robert S. Allen, gives a vivid picture of the utterly corrupt Democratic rule in a number ton. of major cities. He concludes, on the basis of factual reports by vet-

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selling the Daily Worker outside the shameless waste, of mismanage- tical power from both old parties of convention hotel, was beaten up and his papers destroyed.

ins during the entire period of unemploy

3. Against all anti-labor laws and government strikebreaking!

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

4. Build an independent labor party.

5. Tax the rich, not the poor!

Repeal the payroll tax! No sales taxes! No taxes on incomes under \$5,000 a year!

6. An 18 billion dollar appropriation for government low-rent housing!

7. Full equality for Negroes and national minorities! End Jim Crow! End anti-Semitism!

8. For a veterans' organization sponsored by the trade unions!

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

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

Full democratic rights in the armed forces!

Trade Union wages for the armed forces!

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

10. Solidarity with the revolutionary struggles of the workers in all lands! For the complete independence of the colonial peoples? Withdraw all American troops from foreign soil!

11. For a Workers' and Farmers' Government!

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The Social Thinking Of the Workers

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

By J. R. Johnson

tween themselves and the govern-

In 1940, just before his as- | hangover. They're bouncing and | this lack of program was the sudsassination, Trotsky, when ask- confused." "The country's in such ed about the backwardness of isfied. That's the heck of it." the American workers, replied:

"The American worker is very combative-as we have seen during what they've got and they don't the strikes. They have had the know where's they're going." These most rebellious strikes in the world. What the American worker misses pipe-line hand, a Colorado freightis a spirit of generalization, or car inspector, a Montana ranch analysis, of his class position in so- hand. ciety as a whole. This lack of so-But while thinking in terms of

cial thinking has its origin in the country's whole history—the Far West with the perspective of unlimited possibilities for everyone to become rich, etc. . . . Their backwardness consists of their inability to generalize their problem; they consider everything on a personal basis . . .

"Now the war will teach them social thinking. The economic crisis the already begun and in the CIO trol." we see the first reaction of the workers-confused but importan', a class; they see 10 to 14 millions tionary thinking."

Two years have passed since the cation of how thoughtful these years have been is given in two posed to think?"

articles entitled "Here is America" articles are based upon a cross- of direction and its overall organicountry bus trip by a reporter, zation of national and internation it Thomas H. Wolf, and describe his affairs. Today, among the broad conversations with a cross-section masses, the government does not of the American masses. As is give this impression.

characteristic of bus passengers, the people with whom Wolf talked were mainly of the working class or the lower middle class.

reveals the restlessness of the as a whole. Speculation about the American masses. There were inevitability of war is part of the phers and farmers; housewives and One engineer from Lexington, Kenhouse painters; students and mill tucky, expressed the general sentigrandparents; they were white and tion in New York for housing." Methodist and Baptist; Amish, Jewish, Catholic, Protestant. Church of Jesus Christ; and African-Methodist.'

The American masses, with their infinite variety of occupations and experiences, are on the move. But their movements have a different quality than the vagrancy to which large sections of the population were driven during the 30's. First of all, they belong some place. Almost everybody, except a few farmers in the Corn Belt seemed to be abroad. union men or pro-labor

denness with which the myth of a predicament they's nobody satsalvation through a New Dea seemed to have vanished overnight "Everyone is rushing back and forth. They're dissatisfied with Nor was there confidence that a new administration would solve the social problem. A housewife in were the comments of a Wyoming California expressed the sentimenta of many that "the entire government-both the Republicans and the Democrats-should be voted out

and give us a complete change." the country as a whole, the people This absence of a program on had also made the distinction bethe part of the workers in the midst of a social crisis is not unusual. ment. Wolf reports: "My fellow Lenin, writing in 1905 during the passengers invariably spoke of the first Russian Revolution, noted an government as 'they.' And there important difference between inseemed to be a general feeling that tellectuals and workers. "The inwe the people' were pretty helpless telligentsia can very well solve probn the hands of 'they the govern- lems of 'principle,' draw up good ment' as though 'we' had nothing schemes, reason very well about

to do with 'their' election and con- the need for doing certain things but the workers act; they trans-Not only did the people regard form drab theory into vital life." the government in a separate cate-"Not in words but in deeds."

They begin to feel themselves as gory from themselves. They ex- That was Lenin's favorite phase to pressed no confidence in the gov- describe the way in which the social of unemployed, etc. Now the war ernment but were oppressively con- thinking of the workers reveals itwill continue to teach them social scious of the confusion which self. It is a particularly apt descripthinking, and this means revolu- reigned up there among 'them.' tion for the American workers. They The war had trained the workers to have come a long way under the follow the news carefully, and their impact of the war. How long will end of the war. They have been reaction was almost invariably that only be known when they move and

combative years for the American of the woman mill hand in Hazel- rewall the energy and initiative They have also been ton, Pa.; "Some of the leaders say which have been accumulating thoughtful years. A valuable indi- one thing and some another. If mong with their confusion and readthey're confused, what am I sup- lessness.

The moral strength of a govern-

As for international affairs, interest was widespread, reaching in-

to every household. The workers think not only about the future of

hands; waitresses and missionaries; ment most pungently: "They ought Why? Yet this lack of faith in the UN is

not due to any isolationism. In the Omaha bus driver: 'Everyone real- 'served in Churchill's war cabinet as izes that what happens over there Minister of Labor. He did not hesiaffects us over here." Or a clerk tate to force workers to labor in coal in Casper, Wyoming, put it: "Things mines under the Pit Ballot scheme. that happen abroad is like they Arthur Morrison, another eminent was happening in your own back- Laborite, served as Churchill's Mini-

The Real Meaning of Belgrade 'Bureau' Set Up by the Kremlin

Italian Kids Protest Hunger I nostri figli hanno fanne Soverno nero l'i MSTRI??

Joining with their fathers and mothers, these Italian youngsters turned out in Rome recently to protest swiftly mounting living costs that keep food from their tubles. "We Children Are Hungry," one of their placards ready - and the poor kids look it, don't they? (Federated Pictures)

published in the Oct. 11 and 18 is-sues of Collier's Magazine. The articles are based upon a cross-of direction and its overall organi-Follow Imperialist Policy

By John[°]G. Wright

Even many liberals, who praise to the skies the Laborite government's domestic measures as progressive, have been compelled to criticize its foreign policy. Bevin has promoted The very list of those interviewed American society but of the world in Greece a policy identical with Churchill's. Attlee, even before he took the office of Prime new deal with Washington-a "non-aggression" pact Minister, pledged, by underwriting the Potsdam Pact, to carry on from where Churchill left and economic concessions. In return he will openly

"harvest hands and CIO organizers; daily lives of the people. Faith in off. They "withdrew" from Inbutchers and ministers; stenogra- the UN is almost completely absent. dia but refuse to withdraw did the Laborites after taking of- and what their official leadership is from Africa and other colonies. fice, cannot carry out policies, offering them, must drive home the whether domestic or foreign, that lesson that a different leadership.

cannot follow a different course.

stay-at-homes; teenagers and Island and use all that construct bothers to explain this glaring con- they may protest to the contrary. tradiction. They are surprised, and

nothing more. But Marxists were not at all surwords of the young wife of an prised. Bevin, for example, had

discussing the relation between the with Bevin and the others func-

will serve the interests of labor and pledged to carry out entirely differdrifters and loafers, veterans and to send the UN out to some Pacific Liberals criticize but none of them socialism, no matter how loudly ent policies, is imperatively needed.

Morever, this situation cannot last This has been proved time and forever, because the capitalist rulers again. It was proved in Germany, will not sit by with folded hands after the Kaiser's downfall, when while the masses awaken to the

the German Social Democrats Laborite betrayals of their hopes elected their cwn man, Ebert, as and socialist aspirations. Even be-President and also tried to palm fore the workers move to replace off the capitalist Weimar Republic this leadership, the capitalists will as "socialist." It was demonstrated seek to use these Laborite betrayin Britain when MacDonald took als in order to pave the way for the helm years ago in the name of fascist demagogues, already busy yard." The American masses are ster of Home Security and together the Labor Party, then a minority throughout the country.

discussing the relation between the with Bevin and the others func-economic needs of the people at tioned as strikebreaker, invoking once again under Attlee, when the down, the faceists will. That is why home and the needs of the countries Defense Regulation 1-AA. All of Laborites enjoy an indisputable ma- the active intervention of revolu- part of the Kremlin's answer to the Marshall Plan them, without exception, underwrote Churchill's foreign policy during the cannot follow a different course. Churchill's foreign policy during the

The real character of the Labor- realistic way out-is destined to play

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By the Political Committee of the SocialistWorkers Party

The capitalist press, following the State Department, views the Kremlin-sponsored "Information Bureau'' set up in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, as "nothing less than the recstablishment of the Comintern:" and characterizes it as "a declaration of economic and political war against the United States." (N. Y. Times, Oct. 12.)

The American workers must reject these deliberate lies about the Belgrade Bureau, which Wall Street's spokesmen are employing to whip up war hysteria. Stalin's new "Information Bureau" does not constitute a "revival" of Lenin and Trotsky's Communist International. Stalin destroyed the Communist International long ago by driving out all those who adhered to the program of world socialism, butchering the leading revolutionary figures in the Soviet Union, and systematically hounding and assassinating the genuine fighters for socialism in other countries.

Nor does the setting up of this "Information Bureau" indicate that the Stalinists seek to overturn capitalism in Europe. That can be done only by putting Workers' and Farmers' Governments in power. The Kremlin is incapable of mobilizing the masses for the revolutionary struggle required to establish such governments. Its entire record is that of deliberate betrayals, of treacherous stabs in the back, of defeats of working class struggles.

Stalin Fears Revolution

Stalin is in mortal fear of revolutionary struggle, since it would set in motion social forces that would inevitably sweep his bureaucratized parties aside. That is why Stalinist chieftains Togliatti and Longo in Italy and Duclos and Thorez in France have done their utmost to restrain the workers from taking the road of socialist revolution. They will continue to do so.

If the new "Information Bureau" does not signify any genuine "left" shift, then what does it represent?

It represents a maneuver by Stalin within the framework of the struggle that broke out between American imperialism and the Soviet Union following V-J Day. It is a counter move by the Kremlin bureaucracy against Wall Street's tightening encirclement of the Soviet Union. The aggressor in this struggle is American imperialism which is carrying out step by step its program of world domination.

Stalin hopes by his latest maneuver. to exploit for his own ends the mass resentment over Wall Street's imperialist designs and war plans. By munipulating this pressure, Stalin aspires to reach a renew the services of his agents in subduing and beheading the struggle for socialism.

Seeks Cabinet Posts

Far from wanting to seize power in Western Europe, all Stalin wants is to share cabinet posts with the native capitalist representatives. The key demand of the Belgrade Bureau's manifesto is for the formation of coalition governments in which Stalinists would hold posts. These cabinet posts could then be rainted up in the eyes of the workers as "anti-imperialist" victories, while providing the Kremlin with increased bargaining power for a deal with Wall Street

By such a deal Stalin hopes to postpone indefinitely the armed uttack which Wall. Street projects against the Soviet Union. But even the achievement of a "non-aggression" pact would not divert the American imperialists from their aim of destroying the Soviet Union "peacefully" through economic penetration or by force of atomic arms.

At the same time, the "Information Bureau" is drastic social change as the only in Western Europe. In the event the chasm' separating Moscow and Washington continues to widen and the USSR is forced out of the United Nations, the "Information Bureau" can serve as a keystone for a counter-organization, a Moscow-dominated substitute for the United Nations. **Revival of "People's Front"** The nationalistic manifesto of the "Information Bureau" represents a revival of the "People's Front" policy advanced by the Kremlin in 1935-39. Only now it is directed against Truman instead of Hitler. The prewar "People's Fronts" supported capitalism

and renounced openly the struggle for socialism. The revived "People's Front" continues this same reactionary line. The new "Information Bureau's" program aims at an alliance with those capitalist circles in European countries. Latin America and colonial regions who are being squeezed by American imperialism.

The setting up of the Belgrade Bureau is likewise designed to appease mass dissatisfaction in Russia.. Stalin needs a pact with Washington which he could palm off at home as a "victory" for his diplomacy and as a guarantee of peace and economic progress. Spurned by the American imperialists, he is impelled to point to the mounting war danger as the cause for domestic difficulties of his regime. and use it to justify increased police measures and privations.

Stalinist Influence at Stake

In Europe too, the Stalinist influence over the working class is seriously threatened from the left. The Stalinists were thrown to the forefront of the first revolutionary wave that came with the cloze of the war. They utilized their positions of leadership, however, not to guide the struggle forward to socialism, but to derail it in collaboration with the Anglo-American imperialists.

As the revolutionary wave temporarily subsided, Wall Street poured killions of dollars into Europe in an attempt to stabilize European capitalism and to build up its own counter-revolutionary agencies. Then Truman gave the word to oust the Stalinists from their cabinet posts in France and Italy.

The burning problems facing the European masses remain unsolved. They still lack the most elementary necessities of life, necessities which they can obtain in shortest order only by integrating European economy, ousting the parasitic capitalists and operating industry according to an overall plan under a socialist United States of Europe.

As the masses are again beginning to move, the Stalinists are faced with this dilemma: if they do not cater in some measure to the mass mood, the workers will find new leaders willing and able to guide the struggle to victory. But if the workers swing too far to the left, they will set off a revolutionary chain reaction that will blow the Stalinists sky high along with the entire capitalist system.

The Stalinists aer trying to solve this dilemma by paying lip service to the desire of the masses for socialism while doing everything they can to keep the mass pressure within "safe limits."

Bankruptcy of Kremlin Policy

Stalin's latest move on the chessboard of international politics once again underscores the bankruptcy of his policies. In 1943 he dissolved the Comintern as "no longer necessary." He painted American imperialism as a "peace-loving" power. The Stalinists in the U.S. acted as strikebreakers and toadies for Wall Street. At the close of the war Stalin joined this "peace-loving" power in organizing the United Nations, promising that this revival of the old League of Nations would guarantee enduring peace.

Now the United Nations is blowing up in Stalin's face. Washington's current policy is to reject conciliatory moves toward Moscow and sharpen the conflict. Against Wall Street's advancing war machine and tightening encirclement, Stalin can only fire the squirt gun of a new propaganda agency.

Meanwhile, conditions in bankrupt and divided Europe worsen. The workers are disarmed and disoriented by Stalinist policies which play into the hands of the Wall Street warmongers, aiding them to mobilize world public opinion against the Soviet Union.

Fears Trotskyism

And as they make a distinction They also had a focal point for their antagonism-the Taft-Hart- on the domestic scene between "we ky Act. But even the popular op- the people" and "they the governposition to this law is not the most ment," so in discussing relief to interesting aspect of the social Europe, there were not a few who thinking of the American workers distinguished between the rich and didn't. They remained true to talism at home expose themselves the poor abroad. A merchant seatoday.

Everywhere, with everyone, Wolf man in Sharon, Pa., complained: notes that confusion and dissatis- "I think that all our money is going straight into the black market Action prevail. Not only that. The over there, muking the rich richer uncertainty which each feels, he instead of helping the people who regards not as his own personal need it." predicament but rather as charac-

In the general confusion and disteristic of the people and the counsatisfaction among the workers try as a whole. Typical of the genthere was no sign of any positive eral comments were these: "People uct like they all have a program. But more significant that

Bolivian Gov't. Terror HitsLaborMovement

By J. Gomez

The shadow of American imperialism is growing darke: over Latin America. The native capitalists and big land owners, taking their tip from Washington, are trying to put into effect their own versions of the Taft-Hartley Slave Labor Law.

In Bolivia, for instance, the mentary needs, leaders of the In-Hertzog regime has launched dians are put in concentration of Tory-capitalist politicians. a ferocious anti-labor drive. It camps as "agitators."

is attempting in particular to One of the special targets in this smash the Miners' Federation, terroristic drive is the Partido Obwhich is the backbone of the trade rero Revolucionario (Revolutionary Workers Party), Bolivian section of union movement in Bolivia.

the Fourth International. Its paper, The government has confiscated Lucha Obrera, (Workers' Struggle) the property of the miners' union. was suppressed. Its members have Arrests and deportations occur been arrested and persecuted. daily. One graphic incident alone This reign of terror is the answer shows how far the Hertzog dictaof the native plutocracy to the torship is carrying this anti-labor needs and the hunger of the labordrive: In Llallagua 400 miners ing and popular masses. They were exiled from the province of know only one reply-persecution of Bustillo for two years. They were the leaders in the fight for the charged with the "crime" of being needs of the masses. To the na "agitators." tive capitalists and their imperialist

The miners some time ago elected masters, anyone who dares to fight a number of their own representa- for the daily needs of the masses tives to the House of Representa- is an "agitator."

tives and the Senate. Fearing the Anti-labor drives such as this one growing political strength of the in Bolivia are general in Latir miners, the government is now try-America today. They differ only ing to take away the parliamentary in extent and degree. A similar immunity of these representatives drive is now gaining momentum in and subject them to trial on Chile. framed-up charges of "subversive The Latin American masses have

two major enemies in their strug plots." etc. This anti-labor drive is not con- | gle-the native plutocracy and their fined to the miners, but is aimed at Wall Street masters. In this strug the whole working class. It is also gle the American workers hav directed against the Indian peasant everything to gain by doing all the masses. For the "crime" of organ- | can to aid and support their class izing in defense of their most ele- brothers below the Rio Grande,

war. pected to act differently when they ites can most clearly be seen in for- such a great role in the days ahead. themselves took over the helm of eign policy because people whose government? The fact is they aim is to preserve and manage capithemselves.

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in world affairs for exactly what If the British workers wanted they are-clerks of imperialism.

change, then the leaders they voted Those who resist change at home, power were conservative- let me repeat, will demonstrate this into minded creatures, who love the most clearly by resisting change label of "statesmen," a type which away from home. Bevin expressed unfortunately abounds in the labor this resistance in so many words movement of all countries. While when he declared at the 1945 Marspeaking in labor's name, and not gate Conference, where his foreign nfrequently even in the name of policy was debated: "I am not preocialism, "statesmanship" of this pared to sacrifice the British em-

type consists in ACTING only to pire..." This is exactly what perpetuate the existing order of Churchill said in disclaiming any intention of presiding over the They resist change; yes, fear it as "liquidation of the British empire."

nuch as any capitalist politician. Here Laborite words indeed match They are incapable of going beyond their deeds. They refuse to "sacria few minor modifications which fice" imperialism abroad precisely scratch only the surface, leaving because they haven't the slightest everything very much the same as intention of asking the British capitalists to "sacrifice" anything imbefore.

There is no other correct expla- portant at home. nation for the apparent contradic- Where these people are contion that puzzles so many, to wit, cerned, only labor does the sacrific-

why a self-styled socialist govern- ing. This is becoming clearer to the ment should pursue policies abroad masses, upon whose backs increasindistinguishable from the policies ing poverty and greater sacrifices 95 seats.

The Lanka Samasamaja Party are being loaded solely in order to Attlee, Bevin, Morrison and the preserve the bankrupt and rotting (LSSP), which split away from the Trotskyist Ceylon Unit of the Bolrest are socialists in name only. In capitalist system. action they behave just like their But such a situation cannot last shevik Leninist Party of India capitalist predecessors. Those who forever. The widening abyss be- (BLP) earlier this year, got 204,020

British Fascists Are Active Again 6 elected; L one elected.

LONDON, Sept. 26 — Following of workers attended the fascist Communist Party (Trotskyists). protests from the London Trades meetings in order to break them Throughout London and other Council and the call of the recent up. What did the Home Office cities anti-fascist meetings have do on those occasions? been held by the RCP, and anti-Frades Union Congress for the fascist literature has been distrib-Police officers, under instructions, banning of anti-Semitic and fascist uted to warn the workers of the protected the fascist meetings and propaganda, the Home Office has at brutally arrested a number of workreal aims of the fascist revival, and to activize them for action against last decided to move-it has ar- ers who dared to voice their prothis threat to their organizations. rested the leading fascist, Jeffrey tests or question the speakers. A Hamm, for "using insulting words." | few yards away the same police

For some months the workers in closed workers' meetings, thus addhe East End of London and ing confidence and courage to threat of the fascist revival and to member elected) and therefore has STALINISTS EXPOSED throughout the country have been Hamm and the fascist hooligars, organize the workers to smash it a bare and unstable majority for indignant at the liberty and police who went so far as to march in its infancy emboldened Hamm the present. protection given the so-called "Brit- through the East End, shouting sh League of ex-Servicemen" for their fascist slogans and giving the shops had been smashed and work- due principally to the forces of the UNP. In line with their "National the spreading of its fascist filth and fascist salute and breaking up a ers' meetings attacked, the Stalin- LSSP, BLP and some independents, Front" policy, the CP convention workers' protest meeting.

Small Jewish shops in a number of cities were smashed; meetings of fascists have tried to revive their had defended the fascists!). Con- polls in the north. workers' organizations were openly organizations, but ch each occasion trary to this, the RCP called for The LSSP's 28 candidates in- mass opposition to the UNP made attacked by groups of fascists led their meetings have been smashed the establishment of Workers De- cluded not only members but also it impossible for the CP to carry and Stalinists. It is customary for by Hamm and his fellow-rats. In by united fronts of Communist fense Guards and the thorough or- sympathizers; of the 10 seats won out this policy openly (except in the masses to refer to all leftists the East End of London protest Party supporters and Trotskyists ganization of the working class to by the LSSP, only 7 are members one constituency). meetings were held, while thousands initiated by the Revolutionary smash fascism at its birth.

Martin (*

The radical-sounding phrases featured in the current Moscow propaganda show how much the Stalinist bureauconcy fears the growing popularity of Trotskyit ideas. Andre Marty, the French CP leader, expressed this fear when he declared last spring during the Renault auto strike that the French CP could not permit itself to be "outflanked on the left" by the French Trotskyists.

Both Stalin and Wall Street know that it is the parties of the Fourth International that alone represent and fight for Lenin's and Trotsky's program of the socialist revolution.

CEYLON ELECTIONS SHOWED MASSES MOVING LEFTWARD

south of Colombo.

By K. Tilak

BOMBAY, India, Oct. 3-In the elections to the Ceylon House of Representatives which took place between Aug. 23 and Sept. 20, a total of 3,420,536 people went to the polls with the following results:

votes, winning 10 of the 28 seats it The United National Party contested.

(UNP), representing the Cey- The BLP got 113,193 votes, and lonese bourgeoisie, received | won 5 of 10 seats it contested. 744,054 votes, winning 42 of the The Communist Party got 70,361 votes and elected 3 of 13 candidates

The other votes were divided as follows: Independents-497,011 and 20 elected; Independents (Socialist)-42,310 and one elected; Tamil Congress-82,499 and 7 elected; Cevlon Indian Congress-72.230 and 6 elected; Labor Party-38,932 and

SIGNIFICANT FEATURE

The most significant feature of t with the struggle for the rights the election results was the capitalof Indians in Ceylon and associated ist UNP's failure to get a majority it with the Indian National Con- ing at least two seats by narrow in its own rume. Even with the six gress in India. members nominated by the Gov-

One of the three CP seats is for Colombo Central, two are for the exernor, the UNP did not have such a majority in the lower House. treme south. After the elections Through the offer of portfolios, it two independent MP's, representing has since secured the allegiance of rural constituencies in the south, The refusal of the Stalinist and three other members (two inde- joined the CP, giving it a fraction Laborite leaders to understand the pendents and the sole Labor Party of five in the House.

and his scum. Even when Jewish The defeats of the UNP were their compromising attitude to the ists limited themselves to appeals and in a lesser measure to the had pledged support to the UNP initial stages. Outside of Colombo, Since the end of the war the to the police authorities (those who | Tamil Congress which swept the candidates in areas where the CP was not running. The widespread of the party. One of the other | But the CP did its best to help "Samasamaiists."

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hree is in fact closer to the BLP.] the UNP by running candidates in The LSSP contested two Colombo | the areas where the LSSP and BLP eats and lost both, although in one were already fighting the UNP, ts candidate came in a close sec- even though the CP candidates had ond. Its seats were won mainly no chance whatever and the only n the Kelani Valley area, which result would be the splitting of the preads east from Colombo. leftist vote. This happened in as One of the five BLP seats won is many as nine constituencies, and it or a constituency situated partly had a splitting effect in at least within Colombo municipal limits.

seven. Most of the five were won in small AGREEMENT SOUGHT

owns on the coastline stretching The BLP attempted to secure an election agreement with the LSSP. The BLP contested three seats but this was rejected, the LSSP not in the plantation areas where the even replying to the BLP letter. oters are predominantly Indian. Fortunately, however, this did not and lost all three, although it got lead to BLP and LSSP candidates a good vote in one of these. The fighting against each other, since plantation workers voted mainly both parties adhered to the list of for the Ceylon Indian Congress candidates which had been drawn party of the Indian capitalists up and made public before the split. n Ceylon) because they identified The absence of an electoral agreement did not cost the BLP any seats. But it led to the LSSP los-

margins, and possibly more. Viewed generally, the elections revealed a broad left trend among wide sections of the masses (workers, petty bourgeoisie and peasants) in the thickly populated and econ-

emically and culturally more developed districts of southwest Ceylon. The UNP, on the other hand. The Stalinists were roundly ex- won its victories principally in the. posed by the BLP and LSSP for more backward rurul areas far re-

moved from towns. The leftist trend among the masses is as yet vague and in its for example, the elections showed the masses do not generally distinguish even between Trotskyists (including left independents) as





the trade unions in the present epoch cannot simply be the organs of Democracy as they were in the epoch of free capitalism and they cannot any longer remain politically neutral, that is, limit themselves to serving the daily needs of the working class. They cannot any longer be anarchistic, i.e. ignore the decisive influence of the state on the life of peoples and classes. They can no longer be reformist, because the objective conditions leave no room for serious and lasting reforms. The trade unions of our time can either serve as secondary instruments of imperialist capitalism for the subordination and disciplining of workers and for obstructing the revolution, or, on the contrary, the trade unions can become the instrument of the revolutionary movement of the proletariat."

-Leon Trotsky, 1940

Lewis and the Taft Act Fight

Press accounts of John L. Lewis's stirring appeal to the AFL convention not to submit to the Taft-Hartley Act said the scene was "reminiscent" of the historic battle over industrial unionism led by Lewis in the same San Francisco auditorium in 1934.

There were indeed similarities between the two events. Both battles arose out of crucial . junctures in the life of the American labor movement. On each occasion Lewis stood forth as the most courageous and aggressive spokesman for the progressive cause among the top AFL leaders.

Today, as in 1934, the American workers will applaud the fighting stand of Lewis. They will take heart from his militant words and seek to translate them into action.

But there is one great difference between the struggle waged by Lewis in 1934 and that of 1947. Thirteen years ago Lewis did not merely state the issue sharply and clearly of the need to organize the unorganized millions. He had the program to do the job-industrial unionism. Last week Lewis posed the issue of the Slave

Labor Law no less sharply than he did the is-

Democrats and Republicans Beaten in Norwalk

Upon taking office as the new mayor of Norwalk, Conn., (45,000), Irving C. Freese announced that "This is not a victory for the Socialist Party" although he ran as "Socialist."

We can agree with him on that point. He boasts that he has never read any of Karl Marx's writings and belongs neither to the Socialist Party nor any other nation-wide party. His "party" is a local group with less than 100 members. Main planks in his platform were a demand for higher taxes on the corporations and a call to oust the Democrats and Republicans.

Yet Freese won a landslide vote, polling 8,561 ballots against 4,737 for the Republicans and 3,746 for the Democrats, a clear majority over the combined totals cast for the old machines.

The "Socialist" slate swept 11 out of 12 of its candidates into the City Council and bagged the offices of City Treasurer, Sheriff, Tree Warden and two members of the Board of Education.

Freese began his political career by organizing a group of 7 people in 1932. Then over the years he faithfully appeared at meetings of vasue of 1934. His denunciation of the AFL conservatives rang no less clearly. But-he lacked an effective program. His words inspired action but he had no effective action to propose.

He revealed a grave and fundamental weakness. He urged an uncompromising fight against the Taft-Hartley Act, but didn't say HOW to fight.

The HOW of this fight, as everyone admits, above all else involves political action-political action of a diametrically opposite kind from that advocated by the top union leaders, including Lewis himself.

The key to successful combat against the Taft-Hartley Act-the key which Lewis rejects-is a new kind of political action by American labor. It is political action, not to replace one Democrat or Republican with another Democrat or Republican, but to drive out all capitalist politicians and put labor's own representatives in power in Washington.

American labor will turn from defense to offense, from retreat to an irresistible advance, when it wields the mighty weapon of its own party-a labor party.

capitalist parties. He became known as a "municipal watchdog," as a man who "knew more about city finances than the city treasurer."

In 1939 he ran for mayor for the first time, getting only 668 votes. In 1941 his vote dropped to 317, in 1943 to 237 and in 1945 he polled only 510 votes.

His 1947 victory provides an instructive lesson for the entire labor movement. What it domonstrates is the readiness of the voters to back an independent slate of candidates that gives them a clear opportunity to register their resentment against both old parties.

It is a straw in the political wind, showing how sick and tired people are of Wall Street's political machines. The old shell game of switching Republicans for Democrats and vice versa no longer fools the public.

Freese's victory is a test-tube demonstration of the welcome the voters are prepared to give an independent political slate. Let the trade unions study this instructive case and draw the correct conclusion: You can win if you give the public a chance to vote for an independent Labor

THE MILITANT

Meatless Tuesday



Begining Next Week-Story of Mother Jones

Beginning next week The Militant will publish a serialization of The Autobiography of Mother Jones. Permission for this has been kindly granted by the publishers, Charles H. Kerr & Co., Chicago.

Mother Jones lived to be 100 years old. The great majority of her life was devoted to the fight of the working class. From 1873, when she participated in the strike of the Baltimore and Ohio railway workers, until her death in 1930, no important strike occurred without Mother Jones giving her all. Her absolute fearlessness and unselfish devotion to the rank and file won her a place in the hearts of the American workers

Born Mary Harris in 1830 of u working class family in Cork, Ire- and broom brigades und proceeded flict with the union officials. She land, she came to America at the age of six. When she was a young the struggles of "her boys," the ing words to the formation of a woman she married an iron worker, miners, she fought the battles of privileged bureaucracy in the laa good union man. An epidemic other sections of the working class, bor movement. This won her powcarried off her husband and four the garment workers in New York, erful enemies among those labor children. This tragedy was fol- street car workers, textile workers leaders who saw the movement lowed by the Great Chicago fire in the South.

rested by the militia. Imprisoned and then deported from the Trinidad-Ludlow area of the state, she sneaked back with the help of railroad workers who well remembered Mother Jones.

As late, as 1923, at the age of 93, she was still on the firing line, in miners' strikes in West Virginia. Two years later she wrote her autobiography.

May Day 1930 was her 100th birthday and from throughout the nation she received letters from her old friends and fellow fighters. She made a fighting speech for the newsreel cameras. Six months later she died.

Because of her unswerving devotion to the rank and file unionists, Mother Jones often came into con-When she was not occupied with reacted violently and without minc-

Railroad Labor Paper Peddles Prize Absurdity By Joseph Hansen

The lead editorial in the Oct. 11 Labor, weekly newspaper of 15 railroad unions, "explains" why it opposes the formation of a Labor Party. This "explanation" deserves to be included in the textbooks on logic as a perfect example of absurdity.

Labor runs the tattered roll through the player piano about its policy of standing by its "friends, in primary and general elections" and opposing its "enemies with equal determination." In understandable English this is the policy of switching from Democrats to Republicans and from Republicans to Democrats.

The editors claim that as a result "during the last quarter of a century' the railroad organizations "have won victory after victory in the political field

Our impression was that the results of this policy look pretty grim. At one time the railroad workers. after years of bitter, head-on struggle with Democratic and Republican administrations, enjoyed conditions and wages that placed them in the front ranks of the labor movement; while the policies followed during the last quarter of a century have brought the railroad workers down to the bottom rungs in conditions and wages.

It is precisely because they have fallen to this low state that the railroad workers are now among those sections of the labor movement especially in need of independent political action.

The editors of Labor are forced to concede that "there have been defeats;" but "Our losses in the past have been largely due to the fact that many workers were asleep at the switch-they didn't register and they didn't vote."

Thats the habitual song and dance of hidebound labor bureaucrats. They're never at fault, to listen to them. It's always the rank and file.

But just whom were the workers to vote for if they registered? They were limited to a choice between Republicans and Democrats and that's about the same as having to choose between a rope and the electric chair.

How the Democratic and Republican so-called "friends" of labor serve the trade unions was graphically shown in the 80th Congress. A majority of both parties combined to pass the Taft-Hartley Slave Labor Law by a thumping band-wagon vote. Is it possible to find more convincing proof that neither Republicans nor Democrats are "friends" of labor?

Then comes the pay-off in this brilliant "explanation." Labor says that if "labor helped organize a third party, it could not help its friends in either the Democratic or the Republican party. Their defeat would be inevitable."

But that's precisely why labor needs its own partyto make the defeat of these "friends" who passed the Taft-Hartley Law inevitable.

On its masthead Labor carries a slogan to which we subscribe with both hands:

"ALL Power Is Inherent IN the People. Therefore ALL Power TO the People." That slogan should be put into practice. To do that

an independent Labor Party is needed.

Gallup Poll Reveals War Disillusionment Growing

The latest Gallup poll reveals a significant increase in the number of people who think it was a mistake to plunge America into World War II.

In April 1946 15% of the "representative voters throughout the country," according to George Gallup, thought entry into the war was a mistake; while 77% thought it was not a mistake and 8% had no opinion.

By October 1947 sentiment had shifted as follows: 24% thought it a mistake; 66% still believed it was not a mistake; and 10% had no opinion.

Gallup declared that the South was the most belligerent section of the country before the war and still shows least regret over World War II. Since the poll was confined to "voters" however, this is misleading. It reflects the warmongering sentiments of the ruling bourbons and leaves out the sentiments of the great majority of disfranchised poor whites and Negroes. Nevertheless the poll does reflect the growing dis-

illusionment from coast to coast over the lying propa-

ganda about World War II making the world safe for

Gallup reports that "Those who claim it was a mis-

take feel America got nothing out of the war and is

no better off, that we should stay out of other coun-

tries' affairs, and that war is too expensive for our econ-

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which destroyed all her possessions. Her love went especially to the world but as "business unionism." It was in this period that she child workers in the textile mills. For Mother Jones was a socialist came into contact with the Knights By organizing and leading a march by instinct. From every platform of Labor. From then on she de- of these undernourished, physically she called for the destruction of the voted her life to a crusade for la- warped children to President Theo- capitalist system. When the IWW dore Roosevelt's luxurious summer was under the ban by the AFL leadbor's rights.

rious city bodies, unsparingly criticizing the

Stalinist Strikebreaking under the Belgrade Bureau

A strike of the subway and bus workers in Paris, France, may not seem as vital as union problems here at home. Still this strike, which has almost completely shut down that city's transportation system should interest every militant worker who is troubled with Stalinists in his local.

The initial stoppage began Oct. 11 when the members of a small independent union decided there was no other way to get a favorable response to their demand for a wage raise.'

The Stalinist newspaper L'Humanite pounced on the strike with a savage denunciation. For two days the Stadinist heads of the powerful CGT (General Confederation of Labor) "fought the walk-out and attempted to break it," according to the Oct. 15 N. Y. Herald Tribune.

Trains ran by fits and starts with Stalinists in the "role of strikebreakers," said an Oct. 13 UP dispatch. Then the rank and file of the CGT began to come out in sympathy.

The Stalinists "soon found themselves forced into the last position they wanted to take at this particular time," explained the Oct. 14 Christian Science Monitor. The strikebreaking Stalinist union officials decided it was time for a handspring. They came out in favor of the strike!

As the Monitor's Paris correspondent reported, "This was the same position they ran into at the Renault nationalized auto plant some months ago. In that case, too, a wildcat strike of which the Communists disapproved had to be supported by them later.

What evidence could be more convincing that the new "Information Bureau" set up by the Kremlin does not mean a turn by the Stalinists toward revolutionary struggle? The Stalinists switched from strikebreaking to approval of the Paris subway strike only because they feared the development of a more militant leadership if they continued to buck the subway workers.

The strikebreaking activity of the Stalinists in Paris confirms the Socialist Workers Party's analysis of the "Information Bureau." The Stalinist bureaucrats don't want to advance the program of revolutionary socialism. They are not interested in safe-guarding the interests of the workers. They are interested only in carrying out the orders of the Kremlin.

We Are Against Partition of Palestine

The Militant is dead set against the U.S. State Department position on the future of Palestine' as expressed last week before the UN General Assembly's Special Committee on Palestine, and we think all American workers ought to be too.

Washington favors the partition of that tiny country into an Arab state, plus a Jewish state plus an internationalized, UN-controlled state of Jerusalem and surrounding territory.

To help ram this program down the throats of the Palestinian people, the Truman administration offers U.S. resources, including American troops as part of "a special constabulary or police force recruited on a volunteer basis by the United Nations." Meanwhile, Washington insists, the British imperialists must remain in Palestine.

We are against this partition program, whose main features have since been endorsed by the Soviet Union delegates, because it runs directly counter to the interests of the Jewish and Arab masses of Palestine. It enables the imperialists -British or U.S., or both-to keep troops in the country to guard their interests in the oil-rich

Middle East. Under such circumstances, neither the Arab nor Jewish "state" will have any real independence; the imperialists will have the real power in the carved up country.

Furthermore, partition, far from easing or eliminating the British-provoked tension between Arabs and Jews, will only aggravate it, just as partition did with the Hindus and Moslems in India. And that in turn will serve as the pretext for continued occupation of Palestine by the imperialists.

Finally, we favor the defeat of this program because it is anti-democratic to the core. Everybody in the UN seems to have the right to advance a program for Palestine-except the people who live in that troubled country. They, it seems, are to have no voice in their own fate.

The solution to the Palestine problem depends on the collaboration of the Jewish and Arab masses, and on their freedom to jointly work out their own problems. Independence for Palestine is the first step. And that means: Get the imperialists out of Palestine, ALL the imperialists and keep them out!

front rank, sometimes invited by to expose the barbarous face of fend IWW leaders from frameups the union leaders, sometimes child labor. The great "trust- und to support IWW strikes. She against their wishes. Her presence buster" would not meet her dele- was one of the original founders of saved many strikes from defeat. Since some of the greatest strike at child labor.

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"Voice of Local 212" **Rips New Labor Board**

The reasons why labor should fight and not comply with the provisions of the Taft-Hartley Law and its NLRB are forcibly stated by Tony Czerwinski, president of UAW Briggs Local 212, in the Oct. 10 issue of Veice of Local 212.

'We reject the Board because it is a management board designed to be used against labor, not to help labor," Czerwinski declares.

"Why are the bosses and the boss press so anxious to have labor use the board? Simply because that would disarm labor and give the employers an opportunity to turn the power of the board against unions."

The personnel of the new board is loaded against the unions. "The War Labor Board, with equal representation of labor and management gave labor a raw deal," the article recalls. "This board doesn't even have a pretense of impartiality." Four out of five of its members are "definitely anti-labor."

Czerwinski illustrates: "Who is the almighty General Counsel of the board? He is Robert Denham, who boasted to columnist Ed Lahey: 'I'm a Wall Street Lawyer.' His record as trial examiner showed it, Negro workers have a special reason to fear this man. What break would they get from a man who refused to use a Negro Secretary assigned him by the Government, and instead paid a white girl out of his own pocket for 18 months; who wrote in one report as trial examiner that Negro workers 'don't tell the truth and their testimony can't be accepted'?'

"Since he was given his big job," continues Czerwinski, "Denham has in one week, (1) asked for an injunction against the carpenters union in Chattanooga; (2) issued a complaint against the Typographical Union for alleged refusal to bargain with the employer, and (3) publicly declared that he would use the injunction powers against unions only and not against employers." What are the unions to do in this situation? Czer-

winksi indicates that the answer lies in independent struggle and organization:

"Before there ever was a Wagner Act or a NLRB, unions organized and won contracts. We organized at Briggs without the help of any Board! The same methods can still be used."

The next step of the sponsors of the Taft-Hartley Act, Czerwinski warns, "is to force the unions, by pressure, propaganda, and any other tricks they know to bring the unions into line . . . Some union leaders have played into this plot-knowingly or unknowingly." But labor must resist the new NLRB, whose mission is "to 'get' labor, all labor."

-Charles Carsten

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Labor Party Action **Needed** For Housing

What is the housing situation ming to? I have been listening the windbag politicians advocatng all sorts of theories without doing anything tangible about it, besides lining their pockets with the taxpayers' blood-earned money in the form of wages.

I know personally people in some and also of my own case, that are facing dispossess, and some are paying much above the rent ceiling freeze. They are threatened with a sky for a ceiling if they report it. to remain quiet.

The plutocratic representation our fast-growing community. that was elected into office does not represent the people or the electorate, but represents the rent lobbyists and the other pressure applied Sorry She Can't

all is to consider the above when Help On the Fund you go to the polls and vote for a Editor: man or men who represent labor.

So remember this: A Labor Slate in '48 and in the time between now like to contribute to the Militant ments. and '48 organize your groups and Fund but I have my hands so full start a nucleus and the beginning of a genuine labor party movement prices on everything you can see at all. in the United States. Joe

Youngstown, O.

Los Angeles Mothers Win School Victory Editor:

son, Artie Jeff and M. Beer, ap- they have put into such an importared at the Board of Education ant office. nd Mayor Fletcher Bowron's chambers, demanding immediate

action on plans for adequate schooling in Loyola village. Loyola and Kentwood children

have had only half-day sessions

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Workers' Forum

while Playo Del Ray children were tion's first ten amendments, comscattered wherever they could get monly called the Bill of Rights, as in. A school had been promised an inviolable legal guarantee of this year and a staff of teachers their democratic rights and liberhired-yet there was no school building!

It's amazing how city officials cases with infants in the family, can pass the buck. But after folment, the American worker is correct in believing that both the fedlowing through from one official eral and state government grant to the next we finally achieved our goal. On Sept. 29 final negotiations for a Loyola elementary amendment to the Constitution. school site were completed. Thanks Considering this threat, they have to the people working hand in hand if they believe that the other we won a badly-needed victory in

June Johnson Marshall, a supporter of Big Busi-Los Angeles, Calif.

1837 that the 5th amendment applied only between the federal government and the people and not be-

tween the state governments and Just a line to let you know that the people. Thus, this one decision we changed our address. I would affected all of the original amend-

The Sept. 8 Militant states that

"For 156 years the American people

One's first reaction on hearing agitate for labor representation, and I don't know which way to turn. about an old Supreme Court decivote for all the men who will repre- At my new address I must furnish sion is that this is rather old stuff. sent the forgotten families of U.S.A. my own heat; that means I must However, you can trace the Supreme By putting in labor candidates in buy a heater and fuel oil, find my Court's feeling on the 6th amendvarious parts of the country we can own cooking fuel and get covering ment to understand that the rule for the floor. With the inflated of Barron vs. Baltimore is not dead

ties.

what I'm up against. My husband, In the cases of Walker vs. Soua steel worker, got a raise in pay benet 1876, Maxwell vs. Doud 1910, of New York City sent \$2. this year, but it doesn't mean a and Betts vs. Brady in 1942, the

thing court in each instance referred to I liked the article "Which Road the case of Barron vs. Baltimore." for Labor-Dayton or Allentown?"

Did you know that Mr. Lichtenwal- civil rights acts which grant a perter, the Republican who was elected son the same protection as the U.S. \$15 from this branch puts it in the to Congress from this district, was Government. But the unlucky in-On Sept. 8 some 250 determined responsible for putting up taxes habitants of the other 30 states branch will keep its place at the top comen, headed by Councilman on cigarettes, sodas, amusements, might as well forget about the bill because it is still collecting for the Harold Harby, Rev. Franklin Swan- etc? And that's the type of man of rights with the exception of the Fund.

first amendment because there they do not apply. Mrs. P. S Allentown, Pa.

"Herald Tribune" Gives Readers The Low Down on "The Militant"

The ultra-conservative N. Y. Herald Tribune has begun a series of views to "post" its readers on "trends within the political Left." The first review Oct. 12 discusses the position of the New Republic, Call, PM, Nation, Daily Worker, New Masses and The Militant on current issues. About one-fifth of the lengthy article is devoted to The Militant

alone. "The liveliest reading," says the author, Rodney Gilbert, "is always to be found in The Militant . . . which from its small triangular redoubt launches equally heavy rocket bombs at Wall Street, the Kremlin and the namby-pamby Socialists."

Gilbert describes the latest issue of The Militant before him: "Its biggest headline says: 'Price Gougers Fear New Wage Drive.' It advocates drives for a sliding wage scale, saying: 'Such cost-of-living konuses would be paid on a regular and adjustable basis, automatically rising in direct proportion to any increase in the cost of living . . . "

"The CIO, The Militant feels," continues Gilbert, "is nowhere near up to its job because it hesitates to challenge the Wall Street wolves Used in Boston Schools by advocating 'expropriation, government seizure and nationalization of Admission free the basic industries and their operation under workers' control.' BOSTON, Oct. 14—Lawrence P. Trainor, Socialist Workhad also served as clerk and Gen- labor secretary of the Socialist ting it into the hands of the workeral Organizer for D. B. Robertson, Workers party, when he addressed ers. we can best help our starving Gilbert quotes further from Militant articles on the price squeeze ers Committee candidate for the Boston School Committee, president of one of the Enginemens' and then turns to the positions of the various political tendencies on speaking over radio station WHDH last night, scored the misthe struggle between American imperialism and the Soviet Union. The unions. HARLEM use of the schools under capitalism. Militant, he tells the Herald Tribune readers, offers "something com-"History books that glorify+--**Election Jamboree** pletely new, different and entertaining," viewing "the UN as a "thieves" war and encourage hatreds and prejudices and bigotry. debating society,' in which the Kremlin bandits are trying to hi-jack To wind up the Senatorial "Thcrefore, textbooks that teach the bigotry of nationalism the truth about equality of all rathe Wall Street bandits. Stalin could be bought off, say these cynics, Campaign for Robert Williams, as Hitler bought him, with a non-aggression pact and a heavy subsidy should be condemned," de- cial, religious and cultural groups SWP candidate for for the reconditioning of the USSR. That's all that Vishinsky is shoutclared this working class candidate. and that promote understanding State Senator ing for." Our youth must be taught the un- and tolerance must be introduced. "Fervently as The Militant hates Stalin, it is not for war with the in the 23rd District. challengable truth that wars are Textbooks that ignore or misrepreland that Trotsky's footsteps sanctified. Its front-page cartoon shows Sat., Nov. 1st, 1:30 p. m. fought to protect and increase the sent the struggles of the trade un-Mr. Truman atop a mountainous stockpile of war materials, shouting Harlem Headquarters, SWP wealth of America's 60 ruling fam- ions to improve the conditions of 'Waste less!' Editorially it laments the billions going into 'the armailics. They must be taught how the the working people must be re-103 W. 110th St. ments rat hole' which should be going into housing . . . mighty corporations plunder our placed." natural resources, control our econ- Trainor lashed the federal govomic life and run the government." ernment for cutting the appropria-Come and meet other 'Militant' Readers at these Local Activities of "The textbooks on economics in tion "to provide low-cost hot Boston schools are a joke," con- lunches and milk to the needy THE SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY tinued Trainor. "All kinds of false school children" and demanded a and file members to negotiate a theories are taught in trying to ex- free hot lunch program for the consolidation agreement by the two unions for submission to a referplain why we have depressions, schools. endum vote in each union. monopolies and wars. Almost a He called for "free medical, op-AKRON-2nd floor, 8 S. Howard | MILWAUKEE-Militant Bookshop, PITTSBURGH-1418 Fifth Ave., 2nd century ago Karl Marx analyzed tical and dental care" for school Both of these committees were given wide powers by their respecfloor. Phone Court 6060 and foretold the decay and collapse children, and the re-opening of 608 S. 5 St. Open 12 to 4:30 p.m.; St. Open Mon. through Friday, Open meetings every 1st and of the capitalist system. His analysis child care centers. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Mondays thru 3 to 5 p.m.; Saturdays 2 to 4 p.m. third Sundays at 3:30 p.m. Many of Boston's schools. declared was laughed at and he was the ob-Fridays. Marxist Study Class every ject of hatred and scorn. Today Trainor, are "potential fire-traps." BOSTON-30 Stuart St. Open Sat-MINNEAPOLIS-10 South 4th St., Thursday 7-9 p.m. 1418 Fifth Ave. urdays 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesdays open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily exfor any serious approach." placed "with modern buildings." 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. SAN DIEGO-Headquarters 432 F cept Sunday, Phone Main 7781 The school teachers, he said, In a blistering attack on the way St., R. 213. Open Tuesday, Thurs-Library, bookstore. BUFFALO — Militant Forum, 629 Sunday Forums, 3:30 p.m. day & Saturday, 1 to 5 p.m.; Main St., 2nd floor. Phone MAdi-Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 7 son 3960. Open every afternoon NEW HAVEN-Labor School, 855 dren, Trainor declared: "In the past atory wage scales. He pointed out

By Rose Karsner **National Campaign Director** Once again-a reminder.

have regarded the U.S. Constitu-December 15 will be the last issue of the paper to contain the Scoreboard reports on the collection of the \$15,000 Fund needed to finance The Militant. In the case of the first amend-That leaves exactly seven weeks in which the Militant readers and Socialist Workers freedom of speech and religion. This Party branches must fulfill was brought about by the 14th their quotas, because the final payments must be in the Na-But the workers are misinformed tional Office not later than Deamendments (2 through 8) apply in cember 9. That means collecall states; because Chief Justice tions must be stepped up.

A good method, effectively used ness and a reactionary, stated in in New York and Pittsburgh, is to the case of Barron vs. Baltimore in divide the balance due on your pledge by seven and pay that amount weekly. In this manner you will avoid the last minute feverish scramble to attain the 100%. SUBSCRIBERS - The coin-card and collection list is being mailed this week and should reach you within a few days. When you receive it, please give it your attention and let us hear from you as promptly as possible.

READERS who are not on our mailing list are again urged to use the coupon below. John Wos of Minnesota sent \$5 and Matt Groh

FROM THE BRANCHES

There are still too many zeroes on the Scoreboard. We trust that most However, 18 out of 48 states have of these will be wiped cut next week. ST. LOUIS-A money order for lead with 126%. Looks like this

> MILWAUKEE-Comrade Virginia is very concerned about the position this country have been kept divided in two separate unionsof her branch on the Scoreboard Madison, Wis. She says: 'I am enclosing \$25 and sending it air mail special delivery so our 49% will show on the next ment has cost the enginement Scoreboard." That puts Milwaukee in second place. in second place.

CHICAGO - Harold: "We are planning a gala Militant Ball for say nothing about the untold of the members and have obstruct-Nov. 15 when we will celebrate the millions they have lost in wages and ed every effort on the part of the nincteenth anniversary of the working rules by this division in men to unite. founding of The Militant. We will their ranks. have an orchestra, a floor show and refreshments. The proceeds of this tury numerous efforts have been pelled and convention delegates affair will go toward our quota. An- made by the progressive minority other project is to give an auto- in both unions to remedy this con- and other needed changes. best seller 'Knock On Any Door' to the comrade who turns in the most union absorbing the other.

collections to the branch." But the union officials were al-



Scoreboard For				THE MILITANT ARMY		
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campaign in Harlem, where the So-40 cialist Workers Party is running 35 Robert Williams for State Senator, Minn., whose letter about landlords 33 New York Local of the SWP held was published in the Workers 32 small but very successful mobiliza- Forum last June 7, renewed her sub- $\mathbf{26}$ tions last week, selling 264 copies scription to The Militant for an-25 of The Militant and 59 new sub- other year although she is still criti-24 23 scriptions. At two Friday night street meet- paper because it shows up both Re-20

ings on Oct. 3, 119 Militants and 35 publicans and Democrats, but it pamphlets were sold, but a week leans too far the Russian way to later the police shunted the meet- | suit me." ings to such poor corners that only 38 Militants and a dozen pamphlets

were .sold. On Sunday, Oct. 5, 30 comrades been publishing the monthly branch turned out for a subscription mobi- results. New York's Harlem mobililization in the area and sold an ave- zation (counted in September) gave rage of nearly two subs each. It that city the top place with more. was such a lovely day that many than a quarter of the national total, people were not home, so that much Subs by branches were as follows: time was lost ringing doorbells, but the reception was very cordial where

people were at home. The comrades sold an average of nearly four single copies of the paper each and more than one pamphlet each.

* * * Sending in five subs, George of Philadelphia Branch wrote: "Well, there may be a few less subs, but at any rate they are still coming We may have a mobilization next Sunday. We now have almost 15 more people, since the Johnsonites joined. Already they have shown what they can do. Friday night, after the forum, one of them Oct. 12-For 74 years the men in the locomotive cabs of Irv, sold a sub to someone who has been coming around for quite some time but for some reason had not the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the Brotherhood been asked for a sub before. Also, cf Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen. This idiotic arrange- Orgon, a newer comrade, who turned in four of the last 10 subs I sent is responsible for one in this group.

"For the last two Sundays mobilizations have been rained out,' wrote Carol Andrews, Milwaukee agent, who sent in three subscription renewals. "However, comrades

Since the beginning of the cen- revoked, members have been ex- have volunteered to do renewal callback work during the week and have been denied their seats because they advocated consolidation However, the forces of progress

cannot be stalled indefinitely, not even by union bureaucrats. Industrial as well as historical development is on the side of the progresalso operates in the rail unions.

Charter of local unions have been

tiated by R. R. Walker, a locomotive Europe. fireman off the Erie Railroad who

September , subscriptions fell to 290, the lowest total since we have New York 77 Los Angeles 25 19 St. Paul St. Louis 18

Mrs. Clarence Laws of Austin,

cal of The Militant. "I like your

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THE MILITANT ARMY

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General Total

Dunne Analyzes Truman's "Plan 11 At Twin City Sunday Forum

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 12-Tru- on: "Now they are striving like man's plan of "meatless and poul- cunning madmen for a third World sives. This law of development tryless" days for the American War, and in the process' they have workers is not designed to help reduced the world to starvation." In April of last year a movement, the starving Europeans. Instead, "The way to help the starving now known as the "Consolidation any food saved here will be used Europeans is through workers' or-Committee of Enginemen," was ini- to smash the workers' movement in ganizations," the speaker concluded.

"By taking control of the world So stated V. E. Dunne, national away from the capitalists and put-

the Twin City Sunday Forum this brothers. We must build a Labor

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SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER World in Review Struggle Against Taft-Hartley Law Fascists Active Again Case of James Hickman Has Stalin Revived the Comintern The Class Struggle in Argentina by Louis T. Gordon Two Pages from American Labor History by^{*}Arne Swabeck

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railroad terminals from coast to coast. This movement is also putting out a monthly paper named The Consolidator. in both unions were able to put ever their consolidation proposals in the two unions' conventions this year. As a result each union selected a committee of nine rank

der present industrial conditions.

men in the cab was launched at problem."

Buffalo, and has since spread to Thus organized, the progressives

"American imperialism | Party in America," he said. afternoon. Walker appealed to the rank and had a definite plan of starvation for After the forum, the audience file of the enginemen to effect con- Germany and Central Europe," the took part in a question period, re-

solidation with the result that an speaker continued. "Just to give maining to carry on informal dis-

organized movement to unite the them wheat now doesn't solve the cussion with the speaker at the supper served in the headquarters.

The same capitalist masters who These forums are held each Sunare now asking us to tighten our day afternoon at 3:30-the first belts, have in the past 30 years Sunday of the month in St. Paul plunged the world into two World at 540 Cedar Street; the other Wars, Dunne declared. He went Sundays in Minneapolis at 10 S. 4th

tive conventions to hire office space, legal and actuarial assistance, to call on any Grand Lodge his scientific analysis is the basis He demanded that they be re- officer for any information or assistance that the committees deem necessary, and also to incur any the schools deliberately implant should receive "equal pay for equal expense necessary to the proper race prejudice in the minds of chil- work" to end the present discrimin- functioning of the committees. These two committees will meet few years Boston has witnessed or- that "Boston's teachers, like all of for the first time on Oct. 13 at the ganized hoodlum attacks against us working for a living, are vic- BLE headquarters in Cleveland. minority groups. These outbursts timized by inflation." To keep up One of these committeemen, speakarise from ignorance and mis-edu- with the rising cost of living, ing at a joint meeting of enginecation. It is the primary duty of Trainor demanded that teachers be men in Toledo recently, stated that an educational system to eliminate granted a cost-of-living bonus. it was his understanding that the two committees were to continue in session until a consolidation program was hammered into shape for **Won't You Help The Militant?** submission to a vote of the rank and file of both organizations. CLIP COUPON-MAIL TO-DAY In the process of merging the two unions the progressive enginemen in both organizations are going to do their best to unload some of the worthless officials they now have and to eliminate the vicious gaglaws which blacken the pages of Enclosed find \$------ to help THE MILITANT in both the BLE and the BLFE conits fight for a world of peace and plenty for all. stitutions. The silly and useless ritualistic ceremonies in use in both unions will, no doubt, also be relegated to the discard. Thus after 40 years of agitation, Address the men who operate the American locomotives may be the trail blaz-City Zone...... ers on the road to amalgamation of craft unions rendered obsolete un-

No Truman-burgers for Me!

-By Grace Carlson-

As a substitute for meat, poultry and eggs on Tru- States annually. Public health officials estimate that

sauce and serve."

man's meatless, poultryless and eggless days, R. E. D. there are other hundreds of thousands of cases of Gay, president of the Restaurant Owners Association "sub-clinical or latent" cases of pellagra in the counof Tampa, Florida, offers the "Tru- try, in which the open symptoms have not yet ap-

man-burger." The recipe? "Bake peared. beans, mash them like potatoes, Even before this discovery of niacin (part of the season, and spread between a bun. vitamin B complex), medical scientists knew that pel-Cover the beans with barbecue lagra was the poor man's disease. Over 25 years ago, Dr. Joseph Goldberger of the U.S. Public Health Without the benefit of Restau- Service noted that the pellagra victims of the South rant-Owner Gay's advice, millions lived on salt pork and dried beans. (The "Trumanof Southern families have been burger" is an old American dish.) When Dr. Goldeating a type of "Truman-burger" berger shifted pellagra patients in public institutions for years, although they have to a diet of fresh meats and vegetables he secured

never given such a fancy name to amazing recoveries. their food. They just say that they're having sow- Then Dr. Goldberger gave the 'Truman-burger belly and beans and let it go at that. diet to the normally well-fed dogs in his laboratory. And the end result of a steady diet of "Truman- All of them developed blacktongue, a canine form of

burgers" is pellagra. Long thought to be caused by pellagra. After this pioneering work, medical men a germ infection, the dread pellagra is now known had an experimental animal, with which to work in definitely to be a vitamin-deficiency disease. The order to find the cause and cure of pellagra. The discovery in 1937 by Dr. C. Elvejehm of the University synthesis of niacin by Dr. Elvejehm in 1937 completed of Wisconsin that niacin — found in lean meat, green the study.

vegetables, eggs and fruit — was the pellagra-pre- It's 1947 now and I don't propose to fly in the ventive factor, completed the medical conquest of the face of all of these scientific discoveries and go in

for a bean diet. No "Truman-burgers" for me! I disease But the social conquest of pellagra, the "scourge don't want any substitutes for niacin-rich, nutritious of the South," has not yet been achieved. About lean beef and pork. I'd rather get a substitute for 400,000 cases of outright pellagra occur in the United .Truman!

The Negro Struggle—

Authorities Display Hatred

-By Lois Saunders-

Report from Never-Never Land

– By Joseph Andrews–

George Morris entitled "Report from Akron." A more Today there are a great many unionists who well

fitting title is "Report from Never-Never Land." It remember the role of the Stalinists during the war.

influence of Trotskyites (in Akron) which at one the path of red-baiting. In the Goodyear local the

The Stalinist hack Morris states, "The paralyzing that some of the leaders have mistakenly taken

The Oct. 1 Daily Worker contains an article by our part to oppose Stalinist strikebreaking.

Attacks on Negroes assume their most brutal form supremacist" South but which have been laughed in the South. But sometimes the authorities in other out of court by serious anthropologists. parts of the country give them close competition in The "authorities" quoted by the county revel in



weaklings, mental incompetents and moral degen- great majority of those who are termed Negroes in crates, in a 121-page brief filed in support of a this country are in reality mulattoes: 75-year-old state statute prohibiting interracial mar-

riages. a marriage license to two Catholic residents, Miss mentally and physically to the "white race." Andrea D. Perez, a white woman, and Sylvester S. Davis, Jr., identified as a Negro.

of whites and Filipinos.

tional, claiming that it denied their contractual rights, to the lengthy county brief. and their rights guaranteed under the 1st and 14th The position taken by Los Angeles County authoriamendments to the fcderal constitution.

of the law, found it necessary to base itself upon the authorities in the South. The fight against it, the most reactionary, vicious and prejudiced theories like the fight against lynching in the South, requires of race "purity," theories which found their fullest the support of all opponents of racial discrimination flowering in Hitlerite Germany and in Bilbo's "white in this country.

defending the Jim Crow system. characterizing mulattoes and others of interracial Just last week, for example, Los background as "scrofulous," "suffering from diseased Angeles County, a government glands, suppurating sores," lacking in fertility, "inbody in California and presumably ferior in vitality, intelligence, and consequently moralthe guardian of the full demo- ity, liable to be a burden on the state," etc.

cratic rights of everyone within Negroes are spoken of repeatedly as "inferior" to its boundaries, saw fit to stigma- whites, but the greatest insults and scorn are saved tize its Negro residents as physical for mulattoes. It should be borne in mind that the

At the hearing held in Los Angeles on Oct. 6, Deputy County Counsel Charles C. Stanley, Jr., filed The brief was filed in answer to a writ of man- the county brief and orally pleaded in defense of the damus seeking to force the County Clerk to issue law, again asserting that the "black race" is inferior

In his reply Attorney Marshall showed that the statute in question was in direct contradiction to the They were refused a license by virtue of Cali- Declaration of Independence statement: "We hold fornia's 1872 law which forbids the marriage of whites these truths to be self-evident: that all men are with Negroes, Mongolians or mulattoes, and which in created equal." He denied the argument that the 1933 was amended to ban in addition the marriage people in California support the prejudice and ignorance reflected in the law and insisted on the The couple, through the well-known Catholic at- right of the individual to choose his marriage partner torney Dan C. Marshall, sought action in California's in accordance with his own conscience. He also asked, Supreme Court to have the law declared unconstitu- and received, a 20-day delay to prepare an answer

ties in this case is just as harmful to the Negro It is significant that the county, in its defense struggle for equality as help given to lynchers by

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THE MILITANT

NEW YORK, N. Y.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1947.

4,500 Ballots Cast for Lerner In Detroit Mayoralty Primaries

Three Arrested For Picketing Fascist Meeting

DETROIT, Oct. 14-Three people were arrested last Tuesday night during a picket line protest against the appearance at Fort Shelby Hotel of Homer L. Loomis, leader of the fascist Columbians, Inc.

The picket line of 300, mostly stulents, had been organized in a highly secretive fashion by the Stalinist-supported Civil Rights Congress, the AYD and AVC. Every fort had been made to freeze the labor movement out of the picket line. The few union representatives carticipating soon became disgusted with the infantile rah-rah songfest and the Stalinist-inspired "three cheers for democracy." This demonstration stood in marked contrast to the militant, union led anti-fascist mobilizations of the past.

PEACEFULLY PICKETING

Jack Lesnik, a veteran and vice president of the CIO Wayne County Council, and Charles Gladstons were plucked out of the pcacefu picket line by the police almost a half hour after a slight scuffle with Don Lohbeck, editor of Gerald L. K Smith's magazine. The Cross and Flag. Lohbeck alleged that Lesnik had assaulted him in the lobby o' the hotel. The facts were that Lohbeck, panic-stricken, struck the union leader first, after which Lesnik seized Lohbeck's arm.

When the police began to drag Lesnik and Gladstone to jail, other pickets protested. In the melee that followed, the police in gestapo like fashion freely used their clubs. fists and feet to beat them off. The two arrested pickets, mauled. bruised and finally handcuffed, were taken to the city jail, charged with investigation for inciting to riot. Also jailed was Mrs. Jessie Dil lard, a housewife, who attempted to protest the action of the police. The three were held incommunicado; all attempts by lawyers, public of ficials and labor leaders to free them or communicate with them that night were blocked by the po**Fascist** Picketed



Although facing a jail sentence, Homer Loomis, head of the fascist Columbians, is still spreading his race hatred poison. In answer Detroit CIO members and veterans picketed his meeting in Detroit last week. When the fuscists got tough, the copy joined the fray - on the side of the fascists, arresting three of the pickets. (Sce story on left.) At the meeting Loomis officially joined forces with his fellow fascist. Gerald L. K. Smith. (Federated Pictures)

Chicago Fire Disaster Spurs Public Drive to Enforce Safety Laws

CHICAGO, Oct. 10 - Charging three month period between Nov. hat there is a strong indication 1946 and Jan. 1947 in the South hat the fire at 942 W. Ohio St. to- Side area bounded by 26th and 55th lay, which took the lives of 11 Streets. Fourteen people died as women and children, may be the a result of these fires and many

esult of racial tension against were injured. According to the Negro tenants in this area, a dele- delegation, the causes of these fires ration of the Hickman Defense were:

Committee today requested that That fire regulations were fla-Mayor Kennelly propose amend- grantly disregarded; that the dwellnents to the fire ordinance which ings were old; that they were overvill put violators in jail, rather crowded-as many as 90,000 people han permit them to get off with live in a square mile; that too much ight fines. The delegation consist- waste is permitted to accumulate in If at all possible a branch of the d of Willoughby Abner, first Vice the area; that cooking and heating President of the Chicago CIO In- facilities are inadequate; that industrial Union Council, Sid Lens, spection is spotty and inadequate;

DETROIT. Oct. 14-Enthusiastically responding to the Socialist Workers Party program on independent labor political action, housing and taxation, almost 4,500 workers cast their votes for Howard Lerner, Trotskyist candidate for Mayor in

the primary elections last Tuesday. His vote represented 2% of the total cast in the mayoralty primaries.

The Big Business candidates, Eugene Van Antwerp and Edward Jeffries, won the nominations, receiving 96,000 and 79,000 votes, respectively. In spite of the great radio, newspaper and house-tohouse publicity they had, Lerner completely swept some heavily nonulated workers' districts, receiving almost twice the number of votes for all other eight candidates in these areas.

This illustrates the attraction which the Trotskyist program had for many workers, as well as the growing hostility among the masses to the Big Business candidates.

This analysis is further borne out

by the sweeping success of all five nomininted but also of scoring a labor candidates for Common Coun- victory in the final elections. cil endorsed by the CIO. All were been endorsed by the SWP, is all ist and "Socialist" candidates. the more significant because of the behalf by the labor movement. had run a candidate of their own a hand 3-off policy toward this conhad every chance not only of being

Asks Nation-wide Aid . For Hickman Defense

CHICAGO, Oct. 11-"James Hickman's case concerns not only the tion,'' said Willoughby Abner, chairman of the Hickman Defense Benson, who got about 150 more Committee, in an appeal for all labor and progressive organizations

to rally to the aid of the imprisoned expressed surprise at the showing steel worker. of the Trotskyist candidate. That "You can help by passing resoluwas because they underestimated tions calling for Hickman's free- the growing desire of the workers dom," Abner continued. Copies of for independent labor, political acsuch resolutions should be sent to tion and their revulsion with com-

be established in your city."

State's Attorney Tuohy, Cook Coun- pany union politics. ty, Illinois, to your local press and The SWP street meetings, literato the Hickman Defense Commit- ture distributions, plant gate meettee. Any financial contribution you ings, radio talks and election rallies can make would be very helpful. bore fruit. Encouraged by these results, the Detroit Branch is gear-Hickman Defense Committee should ing itself for the 1948 presidential campaign.



HOWARD LERNER

This was the first SWP election nominated in the primaries and campaign in Detroit and the rewill participate in the regular elec- sults are very creditable when they tions next month. The success of are compared with those received these labor candidates, who had for Common Council by the Stalin-The Communist Party candid lack of coordinated activity on their for the Council, William Allen, received only 800 votes more than It indicates that if the unions Lerner, in spite of the CP's superior resources in numbers and fifor Mayor, instead of maintaining nances. The so-called Socialist, a red-baiter named Michael Magee. test, such a candidate would have received less than 400 votes more than Lerner, although a special drive was put on to comb the city

with his literature. The workers showed in this election that they were moving away from their old political ties and

seeking new avenues of expression. This was borne out by the vote both people of Chicago, but of the na- for the SWP and for the Workers Party candidate for Mayor, Herman votes than Lerner. All capitalist political dopesters

was serious there, is no longer a big factor. Stalinists are in the good Active Communist unionists to whom I talked said who also supported wartime strikebreaking And in the

is a masterpiece of wishful thinking.

a friendly atmosphere.

What Morris and his fellow Stalinist fakers refer pledge in action, in two great wartime strikes.

ands of militant workers repudiated this scab attack Yet everybody knows that the Local 5 floor leader damned good and ready.

Now we Trotskyists do not go around blowing our are now seeking to "commend" those whom Morris horn, attempting to kid people into believing that we wants to slander as "paralyzers."

they are welcome to contribute their best to the union strong Goodrich Local 5 they are what they should and are not considered second-class citizens. . . ." be everywhere — beaten, discredited, impotent. All This is aimed to create the following impression: they have is a group of four or five whose chief Until recently the CIO rubber unions in Akron have attribute is their ability to kill almost any proposibeen "paralyzed" by Trotskyist influence, but now tion by merely supporting it on the floor. Looking the Stalinists have stepped in, swept this sinister force for a needle in a haystack is a cinch compared with aside and revitalized the unions, where they work in finding a Stalinist who could run for any post in the

In the Firestone Local the Stalinists are so hated

graces only of

conservatives

big Akron rubber locals and get elected. The whole basis of Morris' boasting and dreams to as the period of "paralysis" is the wartime period of glory is this: At the recent URWA convention, during which the Firestone, Goodrich and Goodyear progressive and principled Akron unionists voted on locals distinguished themselves as courageous and the same side as the Stalinists on such questions as militant unions by defying the infamous no-strike opposing union compliance with the Taft-Hartley Law.

During the biggest of these strikes, when the Fire- The biggest laugh of all is that while the Daily stone and Goodyear locals were out on the streets Worker rants against the Trotskyists, at the last lighting for the life of the union against company Goodrich Local 5 membership meeting a well-known and government attacks, the Stalinists published a but not-bright Stalinist reportedly made a motion newspaper ad calling upon workers to break the strike to "commend Local 5 delegates on their progressive and attempting to start a back-to-work movement. stand at the Boston convention, especially their stand But the "paralyzing" influence of tens and thous- on the Taft-Hartley law."

and the workers did not go back until they were at the convention on this particular question is very friendly to the Trotskyists. Thus the Akron Stalinists

are on top of the heap in Akron or anywhere else. This annoying discrepancy will no doubt lead to But we are proud to say that we supported the rubber a purge to cleanse the Akron CP of "falsifiers, rumor workers in their difficult wartime struggles, and did mongers and wreckers."

Notes from the News

CIRCULATION OF WEEKLIES - The recent re- COURT OKAYS JIM CROW - The Metropolitan

Forts submitted to the Post Office showed the follow- Life Insurance Jim Crow housing policy was upheld

lice. The trio was never questioned or told on what charges they were being held.

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fascists.

At the hearing Wednesday morning, the charge of inciting to riot was reduced to disturbing the peace while Lesnik was also charged with asault by the fascist Lohbeck. Trial and led to the subsequent shooting rigidly enforced.

will be held Oct. 15. The Stalinist leaders, groveling as usual before the "forces of law and

rupt a peaceful picket line." der, strong protests have already ane mass meeting instructed the abated.

force's brutal treatment of the of fire ordinances before him.

The rapid spread of the Ohio The delegation requested that:

Street fire is similar to the spread 1. Mayor Kennelly see to it that of the fire last Jan. 18 at 1733 there be immediate and continuou Washburne which took the lives of inspection of dwelling units. our of James Hickman's children 2. That the fire ordinances be

of his landlord. 3. That the city council amend The delegation today was an out- the present fire ordinance so that growth of a mass meeting of 1,000 landlords be subject to jail senorder," attempted to smear the ar- people held Sept. 28 on the South tence rather than just fines. rested trio and excuse the police Side, addressed by Tallulah Bank- 4. That the amendment also brutality by making false charges head, Willard Mottley, Michael provide that the city have the right in the Michigan Herald that "10 Mann. The meeting had demanded to declare any building which vio-

Trotskyites had attempted to dis- the freedom of Hickman, Negro lates the fire ordinance a public interests. Although the city in politics!" teolworker awaiting trial Oct. 27 nuisance and that landlords be kept elections are "non-partisan," In spite of their attempted slan- for the shooting of his landlord. in jail until such nuisance is Robinson and MacPhee have Republican connections while Haven-

been registered by scores of public Hickman Defense Committee, 4619 At the request of Mayor Kennelly ner has long been an active memofficials, labor leaders, and civic South Parkway, to visit Mayor Ken- the delegation gave specific cases ber of the county Democratic Parorganizations against the police nelly and lay the facts on violation of violation of the fire ordinance. Ity machine.

In one particularly flagrant case jailed pickets and protection of the Today's delegation pointed out the Mayor promised to have the the usual demagogic election platthat there had been 751 fires in the building inspected immediately. forms which claim to benefit "all



SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 13—Of the four candidates for Mayor who have filed for the Nov. 4 city elections, Frank A. Barbaria, is the only working class candidate. The others are Judge Elmer Robinson, Chester MacPhee and Franck Haven-

ner, all of whom have the back-+ Then why support a candidate of ing of financial and business the boss? End company unionism

Eoth the AFL and CIO have formally endorsed Havenner. Immediately after the passage of the Taft-Hartley Act the local labor leaders threatened to engage in independent political action against those responsible for the bill. This The three boss candidates have inferred action against both the Republican and Democratic parties. Now they have backed down and the people." They make only vague support Havenner as a "friend of

to the pressing problems of hous- labor." In discussing this point. Barbaria ing, cost of living and the defense of labor's rights.

rromises to "give close attention"

Barbaria is running in this cam- surport behind the labor candidate. paign. Endorsed by the Socialist Workers Party, his campaign will have its own class candidate to opcenter around the need for inde-pendent working class political action-a Labor Party based on and around the slogan-Build the Laresponsible to the labor movement. bor Party."

declared: "If the labor movement had advanced its own candidate In sharp contrast is the clear cut for Mayor, we would have withworking class program on which drawn my name and thrown full The working class must and will



Negroes and all racial and national belief in the system of private enminorities; and against capitalist terprise. militarism and war. A Committee for Frank Barbaria Unfortunately the San Francisco has been organized to conduct an labor movement has committed it- aggressive campaign of house to self once again to supporting a house canvassing, rallies, street

capitalist party candidate under the corner meetings and house socials. formula of "reward your friends Robert Chester, Socialist Workers and punish your enemies." In Party organizer, is campaign mananswer to this false idea the cum- ager. Readers of The Militant and paign folder put out by the Com- friends of the SWP are urged to mittee for Frank A. Barbaria come to campaign headquarters, states: "Workers of San Francisco! 1739 Fillmore St., 4th floor, to help

ized by the boss? Naturally not! tain literature and information.

BIOGRAPHY OF BARBARIA BAY CITY SWP NOMINEE

Frank A. Barbaria was born of the 1936 strike and all of its suba working class family 34 years ago. sequent major struggles. He got his high school education in San Francisco, and then spent two Young People Socialist League.

years at a technical school, grad-From 1939 to 1941, he served as uating with honors from the Junior a union organizer, helping to build Electrical Engineering course in industrial organizations among the 1932, the very depth of the last de- race-divided, poorly paid workers in the California fish industry.

During the war years, Frank sail-After two years of unemployment. ed in the Merchant Marine. For dotted by occasional meager paying jobs, Frank attended a Socialist a time he worked as an auto worker belonging to Local 560, Party meeting and was quickly con-UAW-CIO. He was a member of vinced that socialism was the only the SUP strike committee in the answer to the blind alley in which society found itself. Two months September 1946 maritime strike. later, he left Norman Thomas' party The type of leadership that Frank and joined the then small group of Barbaria has provided to the mari-Trotskyists, and has since been ac- time workers is indicated in a letter tive in its ranks. of appreciation written by rank and file members of the CIO Marine

movement came during the struggle Cooks and Stewards Union, an exto organize an industrial union in cerpt of which follows:

the Bethlehem Shipyards of San "... he has constantly support- hope that his actions will point the Francisco. After the first long ten ed and indvocated cooperation be- way for a future poincy in a future poince poin week strike in 1936, Frank was tween the three departments on mu- replace all antagonisms." Signed by blacklicted from the yards. He then took to the sea and has since been that iroblems; he has further shown nine members of the Stewards Dea member of the Sailors Union of himself to be opposed to any dis- partment of the S. S. Hawaiian Would you support a union organ- in the campaign as well as to obthe Pacific, AFL, participating in crimination based on race or creed. Planter.

FRANK BARBARIA

The Militant - 12,500; New Musses tion powers. - 12,186; New Leader - 11,800; So-

of the Daily Worker were 21,016.) * * *

for Rep. Frank Havenner who got 580.

DEPORTATION DELIRIUM -- Latest victim of VOLUNTARY COERCION -- More than one and the federal witch-hunt is Steve Miller, a Stalinist, who a quarter million tenan:s have "agreed" to "volunhas lived in U. S. for 16 years. Two prominent trade tary" 15% rent increases. Washington authorities unionists in the New York area had beer arrested reveal. previously. * * *

piness" and certain to destroy "free enterprise."

ing average weekly circulation figures during the past for the second time by N. Y. courts. The insurance year: National CIO News - 132,281; company's huge housing project, built strictly as a 5 Sunday Worker — 67,466; New Re- business investment for profit, was made possible public -- 58,056; Nation -- 41,050; by tax exemptions and use of government condemna-

* * * E cialist Call — 11,323; Labor Action STALINISTS AGAIN "BETRAYED"—Gov. James 🖤 🛬 — 4,822. The Progressive, which E. Folsom has signed a bill outlawing the Communist folded up this month, had Party in Alabama. Folsom, whom the Stalinists had approximately 25,000 readers. (The above Worker praised before his election as a "progressive," stated figure was for its Sunday edition only; average sales that the new law "does not endanger our civil liberties."

5% FOR BARBARIA — In a straw vote at the FOR CRITICS — "If we continue on into war, San Francisco Telenews Theater, Frank Barbaria got I'll probably end up in a concentration camp," said 53 votes out of approximately 1,000. Top vote was Senator Glen Taylor in a speech criticizing the Truman Doctrine.

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CONGRESS AND FEPC-"The only people who HATES FEPC-Before a Senate committee Donald benefitted from Congressional consideration of FEPC Richberg, a one-time top New Dealer, assailed pro- legislation in 1947 were those railroads which colposed FEPC legislation as "detestable," "communistic," lected fares from persons who went to Washington unconstitutional, a violation of "the pursuit of hap- to testify," says NAACP Labor Secretary Clarence Mitchell.

"We thank Brother Barbaria and