

Nov. 6-Local elections for more than 2,000 delegates to the CIO United Automobile Workers convention are over. America's largest, most dynamic union will begin convention deliberations on Nov. 9 in Atlantic City.

The delegates will be weighed with grave responsibilities, of American labor for a long time to come. In the fore-front of the issues are the Taft-Hartley Slave Labor Law, the cor-poration speed-up campaign, and the defense of the Utility. poration speed-up campaign, and the defense of the UAW's traditional internal democracy.

First of all, the convention will decide whether the CIO auto workers, in the vanguard of American unionism, are going to fight and wipe out the infamous Taft slave law; or whether they are going to take the road of capitulation and retreat inch by inch.

With but few exceptions, the conservative top leaders of the American labor movement have sounded retreat even before the real battle | lord, went on trial this mo.ning has been joined. On the very first test — the question of compliance before a packed court room. with Taft-Hartley "yellow dog" oaths - they have rushed to offer surrender

In the AFL, only the United Mine Workers and John L. Lewis have stood up to this first test. All the others have capitulated. The CIO leaders at their recent convention evaded a forthright declaration of opinion. But they opened the way for compliance by the unions.

Last week there was a panic race of CIO leaders to sign "yellow dog" affidavits. The Maritime Workers and Electrical Workers, by convention action, have rejected the degrading oaths. The Rubber Workers Convention voted against compliance, but it appears their officers have now violated the Convention's will. The Steel Workers are still holding out; but there is no positive declaration from Murray to indicate how long this hold-out will last.

Fight Against the Taft Act

The sponsors of the Taft-Hartley Act got their biggest shot in the arm, however, when UAW President Walter Reuther announced that the UAW executive board which had previously voted against compliance, had now reversed its stand and voted to join the "yellow dog" line-up.

This announcement was promptly challenged by Vice President' Just before the fire an unidentified R. J. Thomas, a leader of the opposition to the Reutherite-ACTU bloc man was seen in the building and which is seeking to take exclusive control of the union at this convention.

Thomas has stated his opposition in principle to the "yellow dog" oath. He has refused to sign it. His action has placed the decision squarely up to the convention.

A majority vote for compliance would signify that the UAW will not fight every inch of the way against the Taft Act; that it is willing though James Hickman stands in to "live with" the Act and adapt itself to its onerous conditions. The the defendant's dock today, it is auto workers and the whole labor movement would pay dearly for such a decision

A majority vote against compliance would be a clarion call to the making Hickman cases and Hickwhole labor movement to stand on its feet and wage an all-out fight man tragedies inevitable. against the Taft-Hartley Act.

Hickman's Trial Opens

Defendant Is Victim of Restricted Covenants

CHICAGO, Nov. 5 - James Hickman, Negro steel worker accused of shooting his land-

was shot fatally by Hickman June 16. Coleman had threatened to set fire six months before to the miserable tenement where Hickman and his family lived.

In the fire that swept through the attic "home" - a room without water, gas, electricity, or fire escape — four of Hickman's children were burned to death.

As selection of the jury began today, defense attorneys M. J. Meyer, William Temple and Leon Despres indicated they would plead that Hickman was temporarily insane from grief and despair due to intolerable living conditions and his overwhelming personal tragedy.

Tenants have testified that Coleman threatened to burn them out a kerosene can was later found of a type not used in the building,

CIO Council, declared today: "Alsociety that is really on trial. So-

"Society is unconcerned about the

Aid to the "Hungry"

The landlord, David Coleman

Ausnehmer Polls 20%

The Hickman Defense Committee. which is headed by Willoughby Abner, Vice President of the Chicago ciety has created the conditions

Special to THE MILITANT

Vote In 4-Way Contest

20% of the vote in a four-way contest for the office of city councilman from the Fourth Ward

17 Wall Street Firms Accused of Conspiracy

By Art Preis

Last week the Department of Justice charged 17 of the most powerful financial groups in America with a long-standing conspiracy to control all securities issues and investment business in the United States.

The controlled press⁺ing full blast for at least 10 years, obscured and buried the the Justice Department now addamning facts against America's financial rulers under a flood of anti-"red" propa- this suit?

Activities witch-hunt committee. than \$14 billion of securities—69% ulations. of the total.

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DOMINATES ECONOMY

YOUNGSTOWN, Nov. 5—John Ausnehmer, independent CIO-PAC candidate, polled two major political parties, directs conspiracy? The New York pape two major political parties, directs | conspiracy? The New York papers Among the firms cited by the tween screaming headlines ab and Harriman, Ripley & Co. The Hollywood "reds" who allegedly Morgan interests alone hold sway tried to get hold of "atom researc over more than 400 leading indus- data in 1942." trial and transport corporations. As for Congress, it is trying to c What the indictment omits is the vert attention from these capitalis fact that representatives of these criminals who are the real enemit financial interests sit in the top cir- of the people. It is trying to scree Democrats made a vicious attack Negro church in the ward extended cles of the government. For in- the profiteers, monopolists, price stance, James Forrestal, the new gougers and war mongers by a b Secretary of Defense, was long as- "red" scare and a witch-hun sociated with Dillon, Read & Co. against "communists."

SINISTER POWER agency, the Investment Bankers As- troy the power of the financi sociation of America, also named as moguls or even weaken it. It

and silence the bleats of the flar anciers outside the charmed circl

This disclosure about the invest-

From its secret circle it runs the What did the press say about this

a defendant. They have eliminated a civil and not a criminal suit, most competitive bidding for new spite of the fact that the conspir securities; fixed prices of securities; | tors flagrantly violated the ant gained directorships in all major trust laws. The government corporations. They maintain a merely trying to regulate the rivalry multi-million dollar lobby in Wash- between the Wall Street clique

By these means, among others, the Wall Street "money trust" has ment banking and securities mono spread its tentacles throughout all poly gives only a small glimpse into industry and commerce. It dom- the sinister ramifications of finance inates every phase of economic life. capitalist rule in America.

ganda pouring out of Washing- It was forced to do so by th ton from the House Un-American pressure of several large competing investment banking groups that How far the monopoly of the bil- threatened to make an open scanlionaire Wall Street cliques extends dal if the Anti-Trust Division failed is partially revealed in the Anti- to act. Among these rival grou Trust Division's indictment. Since are the Cleveland bankers und 1938 these 17 investment banking Cyrus Eaton, and Halsey Stuart partnerships and corporations have Co., which controls 15% of the to controlled the issuance of more tal securities issued under SEC re-They operate through a central The suit is not intended to de

Such a decision would set the labor-haters back on their heels. loss of Hickman's four children: It would tell them that the mightiest union in the land will not stand unconcerned about the miserable for government intervention in union affairs, will not tolerate government dictation of its officers.

The second crucial issue before the convention is the speed-up. The under. companies have projected this issue into the convention by their ter-"The rific drive, both in the press and shops, to speed up individual work failed to heed the need of Hickman and millions of other Hickand output. This vicious campaign has been waged under the pretext mans is now trying to convict Hickof halting price inflation by "more production."

The UAW militants are now calling on the international union to man for its own crimes, its own take a firm stand against speed-up. They demand that all officers of failures.' the UAW associated with the National Planning Association resign from the NPA as a token of good faith in their opposition to speed-up, inasmuch as the NPA has issued statements on two different occasions calling for the speed-up.

Defense of Living Standards

A genuine defense of living standards against skyrocketing prices means first of all a fight for higher wages. It means an end to dependence on the Big Business government to protect labor's interests and on futile pleas for this government to "roll back" prices.

Above all, sound measures must be taken to ensure continuous protection of real wages. The most effective device is the cost-of-living bonus. The most far-sighted progressives believe the UAW should demand a cost-of-living bonus clause in all contracts to provide supplementary pay, over the basic wage, corresponding to rising living costs.

The fight for a sound wage policy should be implemented by a unified contract policy. The lack of such a policy proved terribly costly in the General Motors strike. In addition, the GM battle was weakened by the "one at a time" strategy whereas the corporations were united against the union.

That is why the GM workers were forced to accept one of the worst contracts in the industry, with "joker" clauses, permitting the company to victimize the workers, "discipline" the best union militants, undermine union security.

This must now be rectified by a unified strategy. The UAW's "Big Three" Divisions — GM, Ford and Chrysler — should make an inonclad agreement that no single division will sign a contract without a similar settlement for all three.

The past 10 months, which ushered in the era of the Taft-Hartley Act, have provided a sobering political lesson to labor. Republicans and Democrats in Congress have welded a bi-partisan bloc openly hostile to the working people and completely submissive to Wall Street. Organized labor - 15,000,000 strong today - has no voice in Congress. That is the rotten fruit of the policy of supporting Democratic and Republican candidates.

The UAW could inaugurate a new era of labor progress by break ing with both Big Business parties and taking the lead in building labor' own party.

The very possibility of carrying through a fighting, progressive program by the UAW membership depends on one thing: The defense of the UAW's traditional internal democracy. The great development of the UAW has been assured above all by its democratic structure and policies.

Powerful reactionary forces are battering at the labor movement intent on dividing it with red-baiting, stifling the ranks, coverting the leadership into bureaucratic "police" to "discipline" the members.

If the UAW has become the largest and most dynamic union in the country, it is because it has never been dominated by a hardened bureaucratic machine. The greatest virtue of the UAW has been its internal freedom, which has permitted free interchange of opinions and control by the ranks.

Every convention of the UAW has witnessed an uprising of the delegates against any invasion of union democracy. Only by such vigilance has the UAW endured and grown strong. Today, more than ever, eternal vigilance is the price of freedom in the trade unions. Let the UAW again safeguard its precious tradition of union democracy from ambitious red-baiters and any who would substitute dictation from the top for the will of the ranks.

in this city. Ausnehmer polled 1,895 votes, out of a total of 9,752. The victorious Democratic Justice Department are Morgan, some relief client who allegedly candidate, Edgar T. Morley, polled 3,772 votes. John Leyshon, a free-lance independent who Stanley & Co.; Dillon, Read & Co.; earned \$100 a week and about housing conditions that Hickman conducted a red-baiting attack against Ausnehmer, received 235 votes. and his family of nine had to live Ausnehmer sentiment actual-

Hickman Defense Is same government which Backed by 750,000

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CHICAGO, Nov. 5-Support for James Hickman continues to mount. Latest to join the growing list of backers of his defense are Local 133 of the CIO United Packinghouse Workers at Kearny, N. J.; and Local 1010 of the CIO United Steel Workers at Indiana Harbor, Ind., which sent \$50.

In Detroit last week, Rev. Charles Braby, head of the NAACP there, joined the defense of James Hickman.

Among the groups supporting the Hickman Defense Committee are the Chicago CIO Industrial Union Council, the AFL Building Service Employees Union, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the American Veterans Committee, the Baptist Ministers Association and the Socialist Workers Party.

Representatives of more than 750,000 workers and labor-minded people from coast to coast have now endorsed the Hickman Defense Committee

count indicates. He was seri- An opinion poll at the Holy Name ously hampered by the weakness of Church in the Fourth Ward gave general CIO-PAC policy, and the Ausnehmer 35 out of 73 votes. A against him. These obstacles pre- Ausnehmer an invitation to advented a full expression of the sig- dress the congregation in behalf of nificant Ausnehmer sentiment his candidacy. which was manifested in many "ELECT JOHNNY"

ways during the campaign. A corner grocer remarked, "It A straw vote among Fourth Ward will be a shame if the working residents employed at the big Ohio | people in this ward don't get to-Works steel plant gave Ausnehmer gether and elect Johnny."

ly ran deeper than the final "how big that fringe is."

220 of a total of 270 votes. Typical Two days before the election, the of the thinking of many workers | Democrats held a campaign rally was this remark by a steel worker, at which they put on a full floor "I haven't voted for many years. show in an effort to draw a crowd. This time I am going to the polls A professional singer hired to perand vote for Ausnehmer for two form at the Democratic rally, went reasons. First because he isn't a direct from there to an Ausnehmer Republican, and second because he meeting where she volunteered her isn't a Democrat." talents to help the CIO campaign.

A test vote among students in a These significant signs did not civics class at Chaney High School escape the attention of the Demoin the Fourth Ward gave Ausneh- | crats. Morley, the Democratic canmer 33 out of 38 votes. The think- didate, in a campaign speech said ing of their parents was reflected in that labor should keep its nose out this student vote. A High School of the business of selecting candiclass to an editorial in the local concerned, he would prefer a Reboss press claiming that the Aus- publican victory rather than the nehmer campaign would interest election of Ausnehmer. As election only the "radical fringe." "They

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The issue of the "Yellow dog" dent of the CIO United Auto spoke, at least temporarily, in any ers, the non-complying unions rep- oath, it now appears, will be one

In his telegram to the NLRB, that "I have no intentions of all union officers must sign the Thomas said: "I am hereby invice-president of the UAW-CIO I Thus, the three largest CIO in- have no intentions of and will not

sign such affidavit. "Newspaper articles which now say that the UAW-CIO will sign the affidavits mean only that International President Walter Reuther has signified his willingness to sign. In no way can that be construed as official policy of the

UAW-CIO or as binding upon it." Thomas' letter stated that "final

Taft-Hartlev affidavits will be made

ment Store Employes. Together Atlantic City on Nov. 9.

tion votes against signing the Taft Act affidavits, observers agree, it will be a powerful blow against the Slave Labor Law.

labor resistance to the Taft Act

all along the line. A strong stand by such powerful unions as the United Mine Workers in the AFL and the Auto, Steel and Electrical Workers in the CIO would inspire labor's ranks everywhere.

The "yellow dog" oath is correctly regarded as the first serious test of whether the union leaders are

going to put up a real fight against the Taft Act. If they retreat at this early stage of the battle, it is

doubtful that they will turn and

Secretary of Commerce Harriman But the real enemy is not was associated with the Harriman Hollywood, or across the ocean. financial interests. is much nearer to Washington. Th This conspiracy has been operat- address is Wall Street.



De Gaulle's drive toward power in France is the most sinister event in Europe since the end of the war. De Gaulle has taken the trail blazed by Mussolini, Hitler and Franco.

His goal is the establishment of a capitalist police-state. one-party dictatorship and the destruction of independent labor organizations.

Of immediate concern to American labor is the support the U.S. State Department and the American capitalist press teacher referred in a current events dates, and that so far as he was are giving De Gaulle. This French Franco in the making is backed by American imperialism.

> Why are the top American union leaders silent about Truman's role in strengthening de Gaulle? Why haven't they raised their voices in defense of the French workers against the terrible fascist menace? Why haven't they organized a powerful protest against the pro-de Gaullist policy of the U. S. State Department?

> The CIO has a special responsibility here. It is affiliated, through the World Federation of Trade Unions, with the French General Confederation of Labor which is one of de Gaulle's main targets.

If de Gaulle, with the aid of the American government, triumphs in France, it will be a black day indeed for world labor. How it will embolden the fascist scum and sponsors This in turn would help to stiffen of the Taft-Hartley Law in this country!

By backing the Marshall Plan, union leaders like Murra and Green are throwing support to such mortal enemies of labor as de Gaulle. Don't they know that the money the special session of Congress is preparing to send to France as "aid to the hungry" is going, in part, to finance de Gaullist reaction? Do they remain silent because they don't want to "embarrass" the capitalist government and its Marshall Plan by pointing out the truth?

The American union leaders say they are against fascism Let them prove it in deeds!

The most immediate and deadliest fascist peril today faces the French workers. Where do the U.S. labor leader fight against the fiercer attacks to stand? Are they going to aid our French working class broth ers, or are they going to aid de Gaulle by keeping silent?

AUTO DELEGATES TO DEBATE TAFT R. J. Thomas, a vice presi-| Thomas' declaration has put a with the AFL United Mine Work-1 Workers, has informed the Na-workers, has informed the National Labor Relations Board requirements. The law demands that

and will not sign" the affidavits "yellow dog" affidavits to qualify forming you that as international the union for NLRB recognition. required under the Taft-Hartley Act, according to the Nov. ternational unions the Auto Work-N. Y. Times. ers, Steel Workers and Electrical

His defiance of the Slave Labor Workers - have so far failed to Law was issued on Nov. 1, one day comply with the Taft Act. The after UAW President Walter Reu- Steelworkers have announced they ther had informed the NLRB that are challenging the affidavit rethe UAW Executive Board had re- quirements by a court appeal. Their versed its original position and had president, Philip Murray, has given now voted to comply. no indication, however, that he will

Reuther's announcement, made continue to reject the "yellow dog" public after a poll by mail of the oath if the appeal is denied. Other CIO unions which failed to determination of the attitude of UAW Board, was promptly herald-

ed in front page headlines every- file before the Oct. 31 deadline are the UAW-CIO with respect to the the National Maritime Union and by the delegates to the internationwhere as a "capitulation" that would "break the log jam" in the CIO the Retail, Wholesale and Depart- al convention" which convenes in against submission to the "yellow





How Youngstown CIO Took Its Long Step Toward Independent **Action In Politics**

YOUNGSTOWN, Nov. 4-The campaign of the Youngstown steel workers to elect John Ausnehmer, independent CIO-PAC candidate to the City Council from the Fourth Ward, represents a heroic attempt on the part of these workers to crack through the strait-jacket of support to the old capitalist par-

tacular election campaign, which gram." will inspire union militants everywhere in their striving toward in- distributions were held; and as the

dependent political action. into the action with the spirit, thor- tion. oughness and ingenuity so typical

of the workers in their heroic battles on the picket lines. The Ausnehmer campaign began

Steelworkers of America. The idea was approved enthusiastically by the union, Local 1330.

John Ausnehmer, the candidate selected, has a long and admirable record as a union fighter. He is also a man of independent standing in the Fourth Ward, where he has resided for 16 years. -Immediately following the selec-

tion of the candidate a formal Ausnehmer for Council Campaign Committee" was formed to direct equently the entire Mahoning dependent labor campaign. County CIO-PAC, representing 40,-000 CIO members, endorsed him.

thority to the campaign and aroused deep interest among the workers by a Labor Rally where James P. throughout the entire Mahoning County industrial area. Recognizing the scope and spoke on Ausnehmer's behalf. As a

ocal 1330 proceeded to organize paign, ads were purchased in the paign. Regular meetings with these anderwritten in advance by the lo-

cal union itself. LABOR DAY PICNIC

ties. Facing over whelming plant itself. Stickers appeared on odds, not the smallest of which the giant steel columns, urging was inexperience, these steel "Vote Labor," "Support Ausnehworkers' produced a highly spec- mer" and "Beat the 'Eat Less' Prc-

At the plant gates many leaflet campaign grew in intensity, these The outstanding features of the distributions were transformed into Ausnehmer campaign were: 1. A enthusiastic demonstrations. Workthorough advance analysis of the ers carried picket signs, bearing the tasks and perspectives of the cam- campaign slogans, while others dispaign; 2. Systematic organization of tributed leaflets. Supplementing the foot troops for the battle; 3. this was a sound truck blasting Careful planning of the character forth the labor program and the and timing of publicity; 4. Plunging need for independent political ac-

GREW IN INTENSITY

As election day came closer the publicity campaign was transformed in the Political Action Committee, in quanty. The data and the trained to bring the pro-Ausnehmer sentiment from the shops and from the workers' homes to the polls. During this home stretch period all emphasis was placed on the slogan: "Vote Labor." The ward was flooded with hand stickers and placards. Ward neighborhood meetings were held at which the Ausnehmer campaigners inspired the workers to go out and elect their own candidate.

Three days before election day the entire campaign force was mohe campaign. The local union bilized and overnight a special dem-PAC committee began to arouse the onstration was held. Every availrest of the labor movement to the able placard, sticker, program and necessity of throwing support be- hand bill was stuck up on the lamp hind the independent labor candi- posts throughout the Fourth Ward. date. At first they were success- As the residents came out of their ful in obtaining not only the sup- homes the next day, they were well port of sister steel locals, but sub- aware of the seriousness of the in-The following evening a colorful

parade was staged, the first politi-This endorsement lent great au- cal parade held in many years in this city. The parade was climaxed Griffin, Director of District 26 of United Steelworkers of America, preadth of the project, the PAC of final touch to the publicity cam-

n election machine. Rank and file Youngstown Vindicator, the only here this afternoon. Insofar as leaders in the steel plants were re- newspaper in this city. One ad car- one can speak of a program in cruited for foot work in the cam- ried a statement by Griffin urging connection with the listless acsupport for Ausnehmer and a secworkers were scheduled and carried ond ad carried a picture of Ausnehon throughout the entire campaign. mer and an appeal to the voters to The finances of the campaign were support labor by voting for an insupport labor by voting for an in- slogan, "Defeat Joe Ball in dependent labor candidate.

Throughout the entire publicity campaign, the workers carried various pieces of literature from





One of "The Militant's" famous cartoons. It first appeared in our issue of Sept. 9, 1944. The labor press in a number of countries abroad has reproduced it since then. Its biting commentary on the capitalist system is just as timely now as it was during the climactic

days of World War II when factory chimneys were smoking and there was little thought of post-war depression. The artist is Laura Gray. At present she is convalescing from illness.

Stalinist Machine Loses Control At Minnesota CIO Convention

By V. R. Dunne

HIBBING, Minn., Nov. 2-Minnesota State CIO ended a colorless three day convention tions of the tenth annual gathering of the State Council the 1948," best describes the results of its deliberations.

A considerable section of the na-Symbolically enough, the first door to door in the Fourth Ward. tional CIO officialdom attended while announcement of the Aus- In a district heavily populated by the sessions. Most of them ad-

more than even the score for the | long-winded analysis of the Taft-Stalinist CIO leaders. Hartley Law. He proved to the Owing to rigid machine control convention, quite ably, that the by the opposing caucuses — one, Taft-Hartley Act is an anti-union manipulated by the Stalinists; the act! But Pressman proposed no other, by the international CIO program to deal with this act difrepresentatives - not a single conferent from that of the other speaktroversial issue reached the floor ers, who did nothing for three days of the convention.

except plead with the delegates to The best - or worst - example organize the workers to vote for of suppression of discussion was Democratic and Republican the action of Clarence Hathaway "friends" in 1948.

from UE, chairman of the Resolu-At the last moment, Mayor Hutions Committee. Forced to deal with two resolutions for a Labor darling of the Minnesota Demobert Humphrey of Minneapolis -Party, one from UAW Local 722; crats — was endorsed as Senator the other, from Local 4 of the Pack- Ball's opponent in 1948 by a majoringhouse workers, Hathaway de- ity vote. At Saturday night's convention banquet. Humphrey had mittee for two whole days. At the advised the CIO against making the end of the third day, he was finally Taft-Hartley Law the major issue pressed into an agreement for a of next year's campaign. Even so, minority report by those committee he was cheered to the echo. members who felt that the labor

Ausnehmer Polls 20% **Vote In 4-Way Contest**

(Continued from Page 1) panicky and vicious in the Fourth judge.

Ward his bets.

Democratic machine showed that both Ausnehmer and his Demo-Morley was speaking for them when cratic rival, Morley. heelers into the Fourth Ward. The crossers.

bookie joints and numbers rackets A LONG STRIDE hung signs on their doors, "Out to Vote. Will be back at 6 P.M.," and mer. They drove out in expensive for the continuation of "Good Government" under the Democrats. All these Democratic henchmen

ganged up by the dozens and in some places by the scores, around church dignitaries. And Democratic taken a long stride in their first whiskey flowed freely all day long. As if to emphasize and underline action. the Democratic preference for Republicans over CIO men in office, put on a fighting campaign such as

votes, while the Democrats were busy trying to smash the Ausnehmer campaign in the Fourth Ward.

PAC CONFUSION

paign speeches placed central em- Ward."

phasis on a campaign to elect a day drew near, the Democrats grew Democratic mayor and municipal

As a result of this confused PAC Morley had placed a number of policy the workers had to vote a bets that Ausnehmer would not poll split ticket in the Fourth Ward. 500 votes. His object, of course, was That was bad enough in itself, and to try to sow pessimism in the Aus- to make it worse, PAC had been nehmer ranks by this dodge. But urging them to support the Demoon the eye of the election, Morley crats. Proof of the damage done had become so worried about Aus- by this false policy lies in the subnehmer, that he tried to welch on stantial number of ballots voided in the Fourth Ward because crosses On election morning the whole were placed opposite the names of

he said that he would rather have There is only one effective way a Republican elected than see Aus- to clear up this confusion. That

nehmer win. The Democrats strip- is to run a complete ticket of inped every other ward down to a dependent labor candidates and be skeleton crew, and poured more done with the Democratic and Rethan 300 paid Democratic ward- publican two-timers and doubleand Section 5.

Despite all these heavy obstacles, headed early in the morning for Ausnehmer polled 1,895 votes the Fourth Ward to fight Ausneh- 20% of the total. Sympathizers of the CIO independent labor camcars, plastered with stickers calling paign in the Fourth Ward, who are in a position to know a good deal about politics in Youngstown, estimated that if Ausnehmer polled 750 votes he would be doing very well. The final count gave him polling places. In more than one $2\frac{1}{2}$ times that figure. Thus, the place they were reenforced by CIO workers in Youngstown have

thrust toward independent political Ausnehmer's worker - supporters

Charles P. Henderson, the Republi- was never before seen in this city. can candidate for mayor slipped They feel that the Ausnehmer vote into office with the slender margin is a victory and that on a city-wide of 3;200 out of a total of 68,000 straight labor ticket he would have been swept into office. The march of labor on to the political arena in Youngstown has begun.

A speech at an Ausnehmer rally by Mike Pochiro, president of the

The Ausnehmer campaigners large Republic Steel Local 1331, fought hard and well against this and a Seventh Ward resident, re-Democratic assault, but they had, vealed the rising sentiment to run in addition, to contend with the independent CIO-PAC candidates. confusion created by general official "We Seventh Warders are over PAC policy. CIO-PAC endorsed here in the Fourth Ward fighting Ausnehmer in the Fourth Ward for Ausnehmer because we don't against the Democrat Morley. Yet have independent labor candidates elsewhere in the city PAC endorsed in our ward," Pochiro said. "We 8 Democratic and 1 Republican can- hope soon to ask you to repay us didates. PAC newspaper advertise- by coming over to help us elect a ments and most of its official cam- CLO candidate in the Seventh

Our Program:

1. Defend labor's standard of living!

A sliding scale of wages 🛥 an escalator wage clause in all union contracts to provide automatic wage increases to meet the rising cost of living!

Organize mass consumers committees for independent action against profiteering and price-gouging! Expropriate the food trusts! Operate them under workers control!

2. Full employment and job security for all workers and veterans!

For the 6-hour day, 30-hour week! A sliding scale of hours-reduce the hours of work with no reduction in pay to prevent layoffs and unemployment! Government operation of all idle plants under workers' control? Unemployment insurance equal to trade union wages for workers and veterans during the entire period of unemployment!

nehmer's name were distributed at Negro voters that this was not a Through the United Electrical effective cannot be doubted. It This gave the campaign a flying front. start.

publicize Ausnehmer's program far of ballots. in advance of election day. The paper carried many discussions of worker was called upon to work at

the individual points in the pro- the polls and all available cars were gram. In addition folders carrying utilized for transporting the work-Ausnehmer's program and picture ers to the polls. Committees were were circulated throughout the organized to see that poll workers Fourth Ward.

paign Committee issued a special four-page paper, Voice of Labor. paign workers had the satisfaction Its pages were devoted entirely to of knowing that every possible andiscussion and explanations of the gle of the campaign had been taken program on which Ausnehmer was care of to the best of their ability. running and the necessity of labor's Nothing had been left to chance. entry into independent politics.

chmer candidacy was made ut Lo- Negroes, a special leaflet addressed dressed the convention; but all of cal 1330's Labor Day picnic. Thou- to the Negro voters was distributed. them were feverishly active in the sands of lagel buttons bearing Aus- This leaflet demonstrated to the caucus rooms.

this picnic and scores of petitions campaign to elect an individual, Workers and a few other CIO terrorized the top CIO officials from

As election day approached the correctly labeled the right wing in During the ensuing weeks, atten- workers took all precautions against virtually all press dispatches) took tion was turned to preliminary pro- possible vote stealing. They used over control of the Council by electpaganda among the voters in the every means of pressure and were ing a big majority on the Execuward. The official union paper, successful in obtaining the right to tive Board. While not apparent to Chio Works Organizer, was used to have watchers during the counting uninformed observers, this bloc has

For election day, every available right wing.

were provided with food and re-The Ausnehmer-for-Council Cam- | freshments throughout the day. When the polls closed, the cam-

them.

POLITICAL BLACKMAIL Actually the slogan of "unity" campaign medium—could not be organization, discipline and united cal blackmail. The implied threat removed. According to rumors, used because of a conspiniety by the efforts by the workers. It was an was that if the fight of the anti- James Shields is being groomed local radio stations to keep the Aus- excellent start in the direction of Stalinists for control was carried for the editorial job. Close observindependent labor political action, to the convention floor, the Stalin-Simultaneously with this general and will inspire the workers in this ists would then consider themselves will remember Shields as the much-



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were circulated for workers to sign, but that it was a campaign of the unions the Stalinists have dominat- President Murray on down through endorsing Ausnehmer's candidacy. CIO to defend labor on the political ed the State Council for ten years. his lieutenants and even a majority Today the anti-Stalinist bloc (in- of the local union delegates.

Fullerton Fulton, regional CIO didirector - Anthony Smith, assistant director of the Steel Workers - Cecil Martin, secretary treasurer of the Gas, Coke, and Chemical a pretty clearly defined left and Workers — Smaile Chadak, na-

tional organizer of the Steelwork-It is important to note that this anti-Stalinists under the watch- stood for "unity"; that is, they word - "Unity at All Cost," which agreed not to carry on an all-out the Stalinist leaders of the Council fight against the Stalinists.

had themselves put forward. The The Stalinists gained far more Stalinists proved to be far better at Hibbing than their true strength tacticians than the leadership of or their miserable trade union recthe confused bloc which opposed ord entitles them to. This should be apparent to all even though their control of the state paper, Minne-

sota Labor is threatened. Sam K. Benson regime.

Appointment of Shields or some

Christmas Shoppers Invited to Bazaar

the American Committee for European Workers Relief will have a bazaar at 126 North St. Louis, Los

Angeles, on Saturday and Sunday, November 22 and 23. Merchants in the community

have been very generous and all types of merchandise will be found at bargain prices, including electrical appliances, ceramics, leather goods, plastics, toys, coats, suits and dresses, and books. Entertainment will also be pro-

vided with television, dancing, and a good dinner. All proceeds will be distributed

by the American Committee for European Workers Relief to victims of starvation and concentration camps.

party discussion should reach the convention floor. But, despite this Terbovich To Speak agreement, Hathaway continued At Twin City Forum his well-thought-out stalling tac-

Manuel Terbovich of Chicago will tics right up to the last few minrector — Jack Kroll, national PAC utes before adjournment on Sun- speak at the Twin City, Forum on the "Challenge to Organized Labor" day afternoon. Lee Pressman, CIO general coun- Sunday, Nov. 16 at 3:30 p.m. The sel, came to Hathaway's aid in the meeting will be held at 10 South 4th hectic closing session by making a St. and admission is free.



MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 1- until he was fired and black-listed Members of the Twin Cities branches of the Socialist Workers Party got together this eve- had in the early and middle Thir-Davis, a Communist Party leader ning to celebrate the 81st birthday ties. He was one of the militant The campaign from beginning to had been utilized by the Stalinist and Managing Editor of Minnesota of Martin Soderberg, a militant organizers who made that strike a Radio publicity—an all-important end gave the appearance of careful leaders for nothing less than politi- Labor for years, will probably be fighter for workers' rights since milestone in the history of the la-1902 when he first joined the social- bor movement.

ist movement in Minneapolis. Al- Carl Anderson, in paying tribute though Martin is just able to get to his unconquerable spirit, referred ers of the Minnesota political scene around after being hospitalized for to Martin as an example of how publicity of program, concentrated city to even greater action in future free to sabotage the anti-Ball cam- discussed Educational Director in courage is undaunted, his spirit one growing old — "keep an active four months with a broken leg, his not to become dilapitated when the State Department of Education of looking forward. "I wish I could mind." And there is no surer, during the Stalinist - dominated do more-I can't do enough," he safer way to keep an active mind, said. than to be a Trotskyist-an active,

Martin started out as a helper in militant fighter, for the right of other "neutral" of this type would the boiler room of a flour mill in workers to live as a human being Minneapolis in-1898. He fired boil- should.

ers for eight years and then was Today Martin Soderberg subsists put on as a machinist's helper dur- in a little room on an old age pening a slack period. He worked his sion, but he utters no complaints. In time for Christmas shopping, way up as a machinist, remaining He looks forward to the great toin that occupation for 23 years- morrow for the worker.



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 partyl 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 and a property and a second 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 ands! For the complete independence of the colonial peoples! Withdraw all American troops from foreign soil! 347 1

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Here are some typical headlines from the files of "The Militant." At the bottom is the historic first issue of Nov. 15, 1928, with its declaration. "For the Russian Opposition!" That is, the militant workers in the Soviet Union, who, under the kondership of Leon Trotsky, opposed Stalinist degeneration. Other headlines show the victory of Minneapolis Teamsters in the 1934 strikes.

workers in this country are tied up right to decide by referendum on

fused to remain silent.

with the activities of workers on the question of war or peace.

Landmarks in Our Fight for a Better World

By Evelyn Atwood

The Militant did not receive ship. It hailed and helped the new paper with a world outlook. It ly headed toward war. The Militant its name by accident. It was industrial unionism of the CIC which swept through the country born on Nov. 15, 1928 as a transforming the labor movement fighting paper, devoted to the and converting it into a powerfu struggle for socialism and appeal- challenge to capitalist domination. The sit - down strikes which ing to all the fighters in labor's ranks, determined to defend the brought the haught auto magnate. to their knees climaxed this first welfare of the working class. One year after its birth, Ameri- CIO organizational drive. The sitcan capitalism was shaken to its down, The Militant pointed out foundations with the beginning of is "even more significant" as a the 1929 depression. The following weapon of mass action than an or-

every continent Thus, when the When the war broke out, The Valis were mobilizing their storm Militant and the Socialist Workers roopers, it sounded the alarm as Party courageously and consistently oday it emphasizes the menace of opposed it as a war for profits, and de Gaulle. In opposition to the not for democracy, For remaining ruinous policy of the Social Dem- true to the principles of internacrats and Stalinists, The Militant tional socialism, 18 Socialist Workalled for a united front of the en- ers Party leaders were put in prison. ire German working class against The Postoffice Department attemptthe Hitlerite menace. During the ed to suppress The Mili'unt by years were crowded with moment- | dinary strike, "precisely because i rucial days preceding Hitler's rise withdrawing its second class mailous and tragic events, both here (the sit-down) challenges the funto power, The Militant was issued ing rights. But The Militant reand abroad. At every stage The damental tenet of capitalism, the Militant explained the nature of inviolate right of private property three times weekly. these events and armed the work- in the means of production.

Emboldened by the triumphs of On V-J Day The Militant conascism in Europe, in

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"The Militant" Celebrates Its 19 Years of Struggle

By James P. Cannon

Historians of socialist America will undcubtedly view the birth of The Militant in 1928 as an outstanding milestone in the political development of American labor. The paramount need of the American workers in this period was to become aware of their own political interests as a class, to understand their great destiny, and to organize their forces in the political arena with the clear +

aim of putting a Workers' and one newspaper in the United States real meaning to the labor movement that most consciously and most made clear. Farmers' Government in pow- consistently advances the historic

interests of their class. This burning necessity was thor- First of all, The Militant supplies on political questions in their shops oughly understood in America in the most essential facts about na- and unions. They are abreast of

1928 only by the disciples of Leon tional and world events of primary the times - and ahead of them in Trotsky. They formulated it with concern to the labor movement. their political thinking. They know scientific precision in their pro- Honest reporting has always been a distinguishing characteristic of what to expect next. gram. The Militant became the rallying The Militant. From its first issue

center of those far-sighted members | it has told the truth. of the American working class who Just as important as the raw later founded the Socialist Workers | facts - if not more so - is their Party. For 19 years these militants, interpretation. The editors of The exploiting, predatory capitalist class and the many workers who have Militant use the Marxist method in and the wide mass of workers and since taken their stand on the pro- analyzing the news. With this test- poor farmers, The Militant stands gram of revolutionary socialism, ed scientific method, events are have backed The Militant as the placed in true perspective and their

With "The Militant" **On The Picket Lines**

By Art Preis

Over the years, our weekly has been a familiar sight on picket lines everywhere, inspiring the workers, reporting their struggles, defending them against all enemies.

It has been my privilege to participate in some of the

most stirring labor events of . the past twelve years.' I have hem Steel in Bethlehem, Pa., with witnessed and reported for The the ugly coal and iron cops itching minds the workers of the lessons Militant history in the making, from the early rise of the CIO to the titanic post-war strikes sweeping whole industries

Among my first articles for The blocdy Little Steel Strike of 1937. Militant were those on the Toledo I remember the quiet determina-Chevrolet strike in April-May 1935 General Motors empire. This strike at Library, Pa., as we listened to Party for adoption by the American of about 2,000 workers helped light Rocsevelt on the radio trying to working class, The Militant perthe spark that a year later flamed

coal strike in 1943. into the great CIO movement. I still see clearly that last scene in the Toledo Civic Auditorium strike of all-the steel strike of 1946 Socialist Workers Party represents when the Chevrolet workers fought -when for the first time every against a sell-out by William hearth and furnace in America lay Green's representative Francis Dil- dead and the greatest corporations lon and drove him three times from ecognizes that the struggles of the demanded that the people have the the platform. And then, because of the united might of labor. I re-

their inexperience, they finally conported this struggle from Homesented to end their strike with meager gains. But they had won a toe-hold — the first union contract blows.

in General Motors. LED THE FIGHT A few months later, the Toledo

auto workers led the fight to establish an international auto workers union. In 1936 they became a founding union of the CIO. first upsurge of the Akron rubber

Workers who read The Militant are able to speak with authority the meaning of events; they know

A PARTISAN PAPER

The Militant is a partisan paper In the gigantic struggle between the

100% against Big Business and sides speeding Wall Street's project-100% for labor. Not one single issue ed World War III. has budged from that position in 19 years.

other World War and establish con-Our paper upholds the fighting tradition of the founders of the ditions that will guarantee enduring peace, we advocate socialism. American Communist movement, Under socialism, industry could be and of the pioneers before them expanded and production raised to Eugene V. Debs, William Haywood, such heights that America would Vincent St. John, Daniel DeLeon, become a real land of plenty for Albert Parsons, and the still earlier all. Unlimited progress would open heroic figures who stood for un-

SPREAD THE MESSAGE

This is the great goal we stand for. This is the inspiring vision that will become a reality in the not too distant future for the American people

To speed that day it is necessary to spread the message of The Militant. Acquaint your friends and parade next morning as the Beth- to disastrous defeats, it explains shopmates with this revolutionary socialist paper and support it not only morally but financially as well.

> **Great Obstacles** 'Militant' Faced In 19 Year Fight

-By Joseph Hansen-

Since its launching 19 years ago, The Militant has had to face contrary winds that at times mounted to such fury it seemed impossible it could survive. The small handful of militant workers and expelled leaders of the Communist Party who published it in 1928 had neither in-Juence, money, nor powerful connections Republican reaction was in the

saddle. The prosperity of the Twenties was at its height. Who cared to listen to the predictions of this iny group about the danger of depression, fascism, a Second World War, or heed their call to build socialism? Sneers, contempt and bitter hostility beat at them from all sides. Sharpest of all was the lack of finances. Many times the editors went hungry to assure publiation of The Militant. To the capitalists, The Militant appeared as the voice of doom. calling for an end to their rule in America.

yielding struggle against entrenched wealth, reaction and tyranny. We defend the unions in their day-to-day fight to better the position of the American workers. We place this fight in its correct setting. The Militant unfailingly reto ride the workers down. And I learned in the past. Pointing out remember the miles-long victory what methods have failed or led lehem workers celebrated the how successes have been won; how avenging of their defeat in the they can be duplicated and even greater victories achieved. In advancing the program pro

-the first successful revolt in the tion of the miners in the union hall posed by the Socialist Workers break the first war-time national forms its most vital service. Taking a broad view and keeping its eyes steadily on the future, the And I remember the greatest the most fundamental interests of the labor movement. Consequently its program is indispensable in in the land were helpless against properly arming and steeling the

most advanced workers in the dif-

ficult conflict with Wall Street, and

its new war-drive. stead, Pa., where the steel workers

in 1892 and 1919 suffered terrible FOR A LABOR PARTY In defending the unions agains I also reported many historic Wall Street's anti-labor drive, the conventions, where the ranks Socialist Workers Party advocates fought against bureaucratism and putting labor's own men in office

for union democracy and militancy. and speeding the formation of a It was a thrilling moment in Sep- Labor Party. The passage of the tember 1942, when the steel workers | Taft-Hartley Slave Labor Law has finally declared themselves an innow made this unpostponable. The In April 1935 I described the ternational union. But most vivid Militant was first in calling attenof all was the auto convention of tion to the danger of such legislaworkers and how the AFL leaders 1944, when the ranks fought to tion and urging independent politiblocked strike action and beheaded overthrow the no-strike pledge and cal action as the most effective the struggle. But the rubber work- displayed the militant spirit that means of combatting it.

JAMES P. CANNON



As the only way to prevent an-

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ers to cope with them.

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unemployment spread, The Militant constantly sought to broaden the called upon the workers to resist vision of its readers and cast light wage cuts, to form unemployed or on the road ahead for organized ganizations, to place no faith in the | laber. It provided answers to the bankrupt capitalist system and its new problems arising out of the struggle. No sooner had the CIO supporters.

When Roosevelt took office, The established itself, than The Militant Militant showed that the real aim proclaimed that the advances on of the New Deal was to patch up the industrial field posed before the decaying American capitalism and workers the problem of political acadvised the workers to rely only up- tion in the shape of a Labor Party on their own strength and leader- The Militant has always been a

How 'Militant' Began **Battle for Socialism**

By George Lavan

Nincteen years ago-November 15, 1928-The Militant was born. It was born in the struggle inside the Communist Party of the newly-formed Opposition Movement against the abandenment of the program of revolutionary socialism.

Against the growing nationalism of the Soviet leadership Trotskyism was all the "discussion" and the conversion of Communist permitted. parties throughout the world into The first issues of The Militant diplomatic pawns. Against the carried Trotsky's program and docugrowing bureaucracy in the Soviet ments of the American Opposition. Union and the Communist Interna- The paper was distributed throughtional. Against the stifling of work- | out the country and hit the Comers' democracy in all the Commun- munist Party like a bombshell. Here

ist parties of the world. In America the members of this suppressed writings of the organ-Opposition were expelled from the izer of the Red Army, and co-Communist Party, after a mockery builder with Lenin of the first of a trial, for declaring their soli- workers' state in history. Here was darity with the program of Leon the true story of the degeneration Trotsky. Two weeks later the first of the Russian Communist Party issue of The Militant rolled off the and its undemocratic regime.

There was no money to publish press. It was fitting that this November The Militant but it was printed issue commemorated the Russian nevertheless. The first issue was Revolution by proclaiming the printed on credit and was sold on message of World Socialism to the the streets.

in print for the first time were the

working class. Thus the liberating Slowly The Militant increased its torch of the Bolsheviks, which the audience. Devoted supporters kept Stalinists were trying to extinguish, scraping up money somehow. Dewas lifted aloft in America. spite all financial difficulties -In its early stages The Militant when \$25 loomed as a huge sum was addressed primarily to mem- this semi-monthly kept coming off bers of the Communist Party. Its the press.

purpose was to acquaint them with Northing worth while comes easthe issues of the struggle between ily. The Militant that we have Trotsky's Left Opposition faction today is the result and the heritage and the faction of the Stalinist bu- of years of hardship and sacrifice. reaucracy, and to win them back to For The Militant of today we are inrevolutionary socialism. The mem- debted to that little band of piobers of the Communist Party had neers who had the courage to stand been kept in ignorance of Trotsky's in isolation and proclaim the truth criticism. Official denunciations of that shall free the workers.

While supporting every immodiate As the factories closed down and demand of the unions, The Militan In 1939 The Militant mobilized tens of thousands of workers in New York against the Madison Square rally of the fascists.

In January, 1938, The Militant announced the launching of the Socialist Workers Party. This revolutionary party was founded, it declared, at a "crucial moment" in American history when "the most powerful capitalist nation of the earth has proved incapable of feedng, clothing and housing the masses of the population." No less men-

acing than unemployment and the anti-labor moves was the drive oward war.

As early as Roosevelt's "Quarantine the Aggressor" speech in 1937, the Trotskyists warned that Roosevelt's administration was deliberat€-

Our Proud Record In the Negro Struggle

Throughout the 19 years of its existence the pages of The Militant have genuinely reflected the bitter anguish and the dauntless struggle of the Negro minority against the vicious hatred and brutality of Big Eusiness and its hirelings who strive to keep the Negro people in helpless degradation.

But The Militant has done more than just espouse the cause of the Negro people. It has analyzed the causes of Jim Crow and offered a program to combat

At every opportunity The Militant has sought to educate the white workers concerning the intolerable conditions of the Negro people and to dispel prejudices instilled in them by the capitalist class. It has likewise shown the way for the Negro people to solidarize themselves with the workers' struggles, while at the same time combatting discriminaticn within the labor movement

itself. During the difficult war years The Militant remained true to its trust. When the Stalinists and the entire Negro press capitulated to Wall Street, The Militant continued to tell the Negro people that they stood to gain nothing from the imperialist war, and that the struggle for socialism alone will end racial prejudice.

ers fought on to build their own led to the great strike battles of tinued to tell the truth to the work-The Militant defends the interests fascists began to raise their heads. ers An its famous declaration: international union and swell the 1945-46. which American labor has in other "THERE IS NO PEACE"-so long mighty tide of the CIO.

Whoever has had the privilege, as lands as well as its interests here as capitalism prevails. Since 1940, I have reported many I have, to watch at close range the at home. Big Business is now at-The Militant has grown together events of the war and post-war tremendous fighting power of Amer- tempting to seize new strongholds with the American labor movement. period. But there are a few that ican labor can only be imbued with abroad in preparation for world It has a spotless record of 19 years stand out in my mind. I remember hope and confidence. That is the conquest. The success of these of truth-telling and service in the that dark, rainy night in March inspiring story The Militant has schemes would mean serious weakcause of the emancipation of labor. 1941 on the picket line of Bethle- told in every issue for 19 years. ening of the labor movement be-



MANIFESTO

National Committee of the

Socialist Workers Party WORKERS, FARMERS - TOILERS OF AMERICA

The second imperialist world war has ended. Si ears of wholesale slaughter and devastation hav een brought to an awful climax with the discover of the atomic bomb and its use, with frightful effec

of the atomic bomb and its use, with frightful effect, against the people of Japan. The din of battle has ceased. Mankind now must contem-plate the destruction and the ruin, the pain and the heartbreak, which the war has caused. Deople in every land are celebrating the end of the carnage, not so much with joy as with a sense of relief that it has come to an end. They do net and cannot feel secure. Over their celebrations, like a lowering cloud, hangs a grim foreboding of things yet to come. Here in America, where the civilian population has been spared the monstrous agong endured for iong, unbroken years by the peoples of Europe and Asia, joy that the war has ended is also tinged with dread for the future.

Revulsion and Anxiety

Revulsion and Anxiety The atomic bombing of the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagaski, with a combined population of 600.000 men, women and children, has sent a wave of revulsion and anxiety throughout the world, especially among the toiling populations who are the principal victims of war. It is universally realized that marking thas been saved from total annihitation in World War II only because the atomic bomb was invented so late. There is also the conviction, amounting to certainty, that another world war will mean the doom of the human race. Hatred of imperialist war, and fear of what the future holds, is driving the workers to revolutionary political con-clusions. The imperialist rulers, bito alone have profited from the war, seek to prevent this at all, costs. They want to side-track the workers from the struggle to end the capitalist system and establish socialism, which is the only sure guarantee that

ick the workers from the struggle to end the capitalist system d establish socialism, which is the only sure guarantee that

nother war will be impossible One of the outstanding issues of "The Militant." While the

capitalist press hailed the close of World War II as the dawn of

capitalist hunt for profits, markets, colonies, spheres of in-nce. It is a lie that war can be prevented by treaties and rements among the imperialist bandits. The League of agreements among the imperialist bandits. The League of Nations could not prevent war. It was deal and buried before World War II broke out. The United Nations organization of "peace by force" implies war and not peace. In unguarded moments the imperialists admit that they know of no way to prevent war. The admission is implicit in the maintenance of gigantic armaments. First Washington dispatches on the atomit ownb quoted official quarters as saying this new weapon would "revolutionize all future warfare." Courd anything oe plainer?

America Will Not Escape

America Will Not Escape Nor should any man deceive himself that America will escape the annihilating blasts of the atomic bomb in a future war. Air power and sca power will afford no sure protection. Scientiss already tell us that an air force will not be necessary to carry this new missile on its deadly mission. It will be fired immense distances in the form of a jet?propelled rocket that will speed to its taget at a lipitning rate and with unerring accuracy. New York or Detroit or Los Angeles will be as vulnerable as Hirothima and Nagasaki. It is at this point that the liberal apologists and defenders of the bloody capitalist system come forward to explain that the new weapon makes future wars "unthikable". Decause its extensive use would mean the utter annihilation of the human race. Thus another dangerous illusion is sown. After World War I these same liberals declared that an-other war was "unthikable". Now that mankind has suffered another terrible blood-bath, do they seek to mquire why the 'unthikable" came to pass? They do not. For honest induiry leads straight to the conclusion that under capitalism wars are inevitable and inscarable and that once "war begins all the diabolical instruments of killing and destruction are brought into play. The liberal fakers are employed, and generously paid. to cover up for capitalism, to wised the masses by sowing illu-sions, and thus divert them from the struggle for socialism which alone can end the horrors of war for all time. That is why, while quaking in their shoes at the realization of what eatom to the mass. "Unthikable." THEY know of no way! Ervol UTTON!

capitalism continues, we pointed out, lasting pance is impossible,

To the trade union bureaucrats, The Militant was a thorn with its constant insistence on how their crimes and betrayals weakened the labor movement.

To the Stalinists, The Militant sounded like a voice from the grave —the voice of Lenin, warning against the bureaucratic degeneration of the Soviet Union and calling for a return to the program of revolutionary socialism.

The Militant's defense of the Soviet Union called for resolute struggle against both the imperialist danger abroad and the Stalinist counter-revolution at home. This type of defense frightened and enraged the Stalinists. They tried to stop The Militant by terror, beating up its distributors and calling or their expulsion from labor's anks.

But workers who sought the truth segan rallying to the program advocated by The Militant. It made its way in the labor movement despite all this fierce opposition. 🚈 During the war, the Roosevelt Administration tried to suppress

The Militant and to terrorize its supporters. Eighteen leaders of the Socialist Workers Party were rail-'oaded to prison for the "crime" of opposing imperialist war and advocating socialism. The second class mailing rights of The Militant were suspended.

But the Trotskyists did not yield, They withstood this storm too. Today The Militant is the most re spected political newspaper in the labor movement. It has demonstrated its ability for 19 years to stand up under reaction and even to make headway against it.

THE ONLY VICTOR

THEY know of no way! But there IS a way - THE WAY OF THE SOCIALIST. nation could learn the secret in about five REVOLUTION

enduring peace, we told the truth: "There Is No Peace." So long as



"It is quite self-evident that the radicalization of the working class in the United States has passed only through its initial phases, almost exclusively in the sphere of the trade union movement (the CIO). The prewar period, and then the war itself may temporarily interrupt this process of radicalization, especially if a considerable number of workers are absorbed into war industry. But this interruption of the process of radicalization cannot be of long duration. The second stage of radicalization will assume a more sharply expressive character. The problem of forming an independent labor party will be put on the order of the day . . . Ahead lies a favorable perspective, providing all the justification for revolutionary activism. It is necessary to ultilize the opportunities which are opening up and to build the revolutionary party." -Leon Trotsky, 1940

Labor Cannot Exist Half Slave and Half Free

Abraham Lincoln once said that a nation cannot exist half slave and half free. We can say today that organized labor cannot exist half slave and half free.

It cannot, as most of the top union leaders would have us believe, submit to some of the restraints of the Taft-Hartley Slave Labor Law and evade the rest.

Either the labor movement will fight the Taft-Hartley Act all the way-or it will go down to defeat all the way.

Last week, we saw a rush of the union leaders to get under the wire to sign the "yellow dog" oaths demanded by the Taft-Hartley Act. We heard these union leaders declare at the same time that this didn't mean they were not going to fight the Act.

What does this assurance in words mean, when we have the evidence of their deeds before our eyes? If they grovel on their bellies at the sound of the first shot from the Taft-Hartley Act, are they

going to show more fortitude when the whole barrage is unloosed?

What these union leaders hope is that they can "live with" the Act in part and yet escape the most deadly features of the Act. They think they can sign the "yellow dog" oaths and that will be as far as it goes:

This is an empty illusion-and a most dangerous one. By submitting to any section of the Act, they establish a precedent for submission to other sections. By sanctioning any section of the Act, they strengthen the Act as a whole.

Not all the union leaders, however, think labor can exist half slave and half free. There are some notable exceptions, like John L. Lewis and R. J. Thomas, who have sounded the warning call.

The ranks of labor, under peril of crumbling before the full assault of the Taft-Hartley Act. must heed this warning, call a halt to retreat and fight back now.

The political motivation behind the report is

Fruman Committee Report on **Civil Right**

President Truman's Committee on Civil Rights ssued a report Oct. 29 which deserves careful study. The 178-page document can be secured from the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., for \$1. It is titled "To Secure These Rights."

The report presents a general survey of the state civil rights in America today. It points out the vils of lynching, segregation, discrimination, the oll tax, police brutality, court bias, and so on. It calls for legislation to remedy these evils, proposing such measures as a Federal anti-lynching law, an FEPC, new powers for the Civil Rights Section of the Dept. of Justice, the outlawing of police brutality, and the provision of stiff penalties for violations of civil rights.

The report conforms so closely to the views of ogressive trade unions, Negro organizations, and liberal groups and suggests remedial legislation so closely along the lines they have long advocated that at first sight it does not seem possible the Truman Administration could have produced it. How does this report fit into Wall Street's anti-labor drive, the House Un-American Committee's redbaiting witch-hunt, and Truman's own "loyalty" purge of Government employees? How do the progressive legislative proposals contained in this re-

avowed by the Committee itself. First, it is designed to counter the adverse criticisms abroad of the hypocrisy of the Truman Administration in calling for democracy in other lands while doing nothing about the crying abuses of democracy at home. By admitting the well-known evils in the United States and making a show of doing something. about them, Truman's brain trust hopes to take the sting out of the critics abroad.

Secondly, the Truman Administration is worried about the 1948 elections. It is worried especially about the labor vote and the vote of the minority groups, Negroes, Jews, Mexicans, Filipinos, Japanese and other minorities who are getting tired of being pushed around. In this respect, the report constitutes campaign propaganda prepared for 1948.

No confidence whatsoever can be placed in either the Democrats or Republicans that any of the progressive measures suggested by the civil rights report will be put into practice. The few gestures they have made in the past against violations of civil rights resulted from their fear of political pressure from labor and its allies.

Only labor's own candidates can be depended upon to actually take major steps to end Jim Crow. Only by organizing their own forces on the politiort square with the mass of savage anti-labor laws cal arena and putting their own representatives in





Picture of barn at 1252 Clarence St., St. Paul, Minn., in which Mr. and Mrs. Gail House and their 10 children finally found shelter. St Paul Dispatch Picture

Evicted Family of Twelve Move Into Vacant Barn

By Winifred Nelson

Twelve Houses in the family the children in boarding homes." and a barn for a home! That is the situation for Mr.

and Mrs. Gail House and their well cared for and happy, children ten children, ranging in age from who shouldn't be separated from 1 to 18 years, who yesterday pre- their parents. pared to move into a barn because "I don't want my family broken they were being evicted from their up," Mrs. House continued. "I love home.

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my children, every one of them. Reading the plight of the Gail I want a house where we can be to-House family in the local press, gether. People have a right to have we went out to see them. Mrs. a roof over their head!" she added. House greeted us cordially as we entered the living room of a 6-room dwelling on the outskirts of the city. Not a very handy place to landlord was living in a basement live-we had difficulty even in findhimself with his four children.

ing it—but a home is a home these days, and Mrs. House had made this home a very cheerful place. She works long hours. The oldest son, and her husband were getting ready. to go and look at the barn that had ters, after the story of their predicament appeared in the papers.

NO HELP the Houses said that county wel- of high prices caused by the greed fare authorities wouldn't do any- of a few.

thing to help. "They came out to The Houses nodded their agree- is as good as a house when you see us," the mother related, "but ment. "Things aren't right the way haven't got a house."



Robert, the baby, who had been hanging on his mother's skirts. plopped to the floor and let out a wail. She picked him up and kissed him. Frank and Mathilda the two oldest, smiled at the baby and tried to coax him to the floor again.

We asked why the owner was put-From the kitchen, we could hear ting them out of their home. Mr. House explained to us that the the familiar sound of dishes being washed, and knew what the other children were doing. It was a busy household, twice as busy as usual A member of AFL Ice and Coal because of the moving preparations. Drivers' union local 756, Mr. House We decided we had better say good-Frank, works too, and it takes the bye, and let Mr. and Mrs. House been offered them as living quar- income of both of them to feed and go to seek a home-even if it was clothe the family and pay the rent. only a barn that had been offered We expressed our opinion that or- them.

ganized labor must take the lead Next day the paper reported that: Despite the fact that they were jority of the people-to get ade- barn for \$950.00 Mrs. House was being put out on the streets to live, quate housing and food in a world quoted as saying: "I'm taking the place because I don't want my family broken up. Any good barn

office by a three to one majority.

made a beginning. One of the two

delegates elected to the national

The Stalinists no longer control the

state board. Despite the opposi-

tion's lack of program, many a dele-

gate will go home conscious of his

organization will die," the opposi-

tion will not fold up. Daily and

from the Stalinists and the need of

a fighting program will feed and

Overpaid Politicians

And Minimum Wage

Congressmen are paid \$15,000

a year, not counting the gener-

ous expense account allowed

them. What does that \$15,000 a

year mean in hourly earnings?

If Congressmen worked 40 hours

a week, 52 weeks a year their

hourly pay would be \$7.21. How-

ever, everyone knows that Con-

gress is in session only part of

the year. If Congress stayed in

Washington for seven months of

the year (practically unheard of)

then the hourly pay would be

\$12.10 assuming the Congress-

men "worked" 40 hours each

These facts were presented to

a House sub-committee by Russ

Nixon, representative of the CIO

Electrical Workers. He was

pleading that the legal minimum

wage of 40 cents an hour be in-

creased to 75 cents. The \$12.10-

per-hour politicians were not

very much interested.

week of the seven months.

strengthen the opposition

OF MOTHER JONES Installment 3-

A STRIKE IN VIRGINIA

It was about 1891 when I was down in Virginia. There was a strike in the Dietz mines and the boys had sent for me. When I got off the train at Norton a fellow walked up to me and asked me

if I were Mother Jones. "Yes, I am Mother Jones.'

He looked terribly frightened. "The superintendent told me that if you came down here he would blow out your brains. He said he didn't want to see you 'round these parts'." "You tell the superintendent that I am not

coming to see him anyway. I am coming to see the miners.' As we stood talking a

poor fellow, all skin and bones, joined us. "Do you see those cars over there, Mother, on the

siding?" He pointed to cars filled with coal.

"Well we made a contract with a coal company to fill those cars for so much, and after we had made the contract, they put lower bottoms in the cars, so that they would hold another ton or so. I have worked for this company all my life and all I have now is this old wornout frame."

We couldn't get a hall to hold a meeting. Everyone was afraid to rent to us. Finally the colored people consented to give us their church for our meeting. Just as we were about to start the colored chairman came to me and said: "Mother, the coal company gave us this ground that the church is on. They have sent word that they will take it from us if we let you speak here."

I would not let those poor souls lose their ground so I adjourned the meeting to the four corners of the public roads. When the meeting was over and the people had dispersed, I asked my co-worker. Dud Hado, a fellow from Iowa, if he would go with me up to the post office. He was a kindly soul but easily frightened.

As we were going along the road, I said, "Have you

"Yes," said he, "I'm not going to let any one blow your brains out."

"My boy," said I, "It is against the law in this country to carry concealed weapons. I want you to take that pistol out and expose a couple of inches of it."

As he did so about eight or ten gunmen jumped out from behind an old barn beside the road, jumped on him and said, "Now we've got you, you dirty organizer." They bullied us along the road to the town and we were taken to an office where they had a notary public and we were tried. All' those blood-thirsty murderers were there and the general manager came in.

'THAT WASN'T GOD'S HOUSE''

"Mother Jones, I am astonished," said he.

"What is your astonishment about?" said I.

"That you should go into the house of God with anyone who carries a gun."

"Oh that wasn't God's house. Don't you know that in solving the problems of the ma- the Houses were going to buy the God Almighty never comes around to a place like this!"

He laughed and of course, the dogs laughed, for he was the general manager.

They dismissed any charges against me and they fined poor Dud twenty-five dollars and costs. They seemed surprised when I said I would pay it. I had the money in my petticoat.

I went over to a miner's shack and asked his wife for a cup of tea. Often in these company-owned towns the inn-keepers were afraid to let me have food. The poor

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THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY

hat both Congress and the State governments have office can labor and the minority groups hope to placed on the books in the past year?

British Labor Party Suffers Setback

The Nov. 1 municipal elections in Britain regisered a serious setback for the Labor Party. Out of 480 councils, the Tories increased their control from 268 to 292, the Laborites losing their majority in 24 councils. In this shift the Tories gained 636 council seats and lost 18. The Labor Party gained only 43 seats and lost 687.

This was sufficient for Winston Churchill to declare that the Labor Party had lost "any mandate they obtained at the general election." He prazenly demanded a new general election, saying that the Laborites "henceforward . . . will govern without the moral support and against the will of the people."

What the voters indicated by this shift, however was not support for the Tories who plunged Britain into World War II. It was a vote of displeasure with Attlee and his cohorts for not carryng out the mandate they were given in the general

cut out the cancer of racial prejudice in America.

election two years ago to establish socialism in

possible to block the establishment of socialism.

They have continued Churchill's imperialist foreign

policy without change, maintaining enormous

armies of occupation in Europe and in the colonies.

At home they have imposed a regime of "austerity"

on the British workers and poor people just as

severe as anything the country suffered under they

course was to bolster and maintain British capital-

Either British labor must go forward by doing

away with capitalism and establishing socialism, or

reaction will recuperate from its 1945 "disaster," as

Their purpose in following such a disastrous

The Nov. 1 election results are a grave warning.

The Attlee government has done everything

Great Britain.

Tories.

ism

On Minnesota Farmers Union

learn that more changes in me-,

Stalinists Keep Stranglehold

By Joe Simpson

WILLMAR, Nov. 1 - Op- stroy bureaucratism. Nor will an trol of the government from the ponents of the Stalinist state opposition based solely on the de- grip of speculators and bankers. It eadership within the Minne- mand for a change of regime oust would have spoken the fighting

sota Farmers' Union were the Stalinists. The defeat of the language of the Farm Holiday movement, not the sniveling, cowagain defeated at the annual marily to a lack of program. Dur- ardly double-talk of the Stalinists convention held in Willmar ing the discussion on the program and of their "legislative" program. Oct. 28 to 30. The bureaucrats for 1948, the opposition played the heading the organization, back- part of little more than critical consistently follows the Stalinist grammarians and careful proofed by the prestige of support readers. from the national leadership and The spineless, typically Stalinist officials of affiliated co-ops, easily program, after citing the grave danovercame the leaderless, unorgan-

ger existing for the co-ops and ized opposition, mostly made up farmers movements, called for vigof farmers from western Minnesota, orous "non-partisan" political acsteeped in the militant tradition tion. It urged the locals to work of the Farm Holiday movement. for the defeat of politicians "not State official followed state offifriendly to us" and to elect those cial to the platform, utilizing their who are. A return to the discreditprivilege of making official coned OPA-this was the only answer vention reports to attack the opin the program to inflation, which position. Some of these Stalinist is taking more away from the farmhacks dared even to suggest that er than it pays him. The big marthe opposition was instituted by the ket speculators, who really profit National Tax Equality Association. from rising farm prices, are to be a reactionary group seeking tax leg- disciplined by "price-fixing" - by islation to destroy the co-ops. the government they control. A Only on the second day did the return to the "policies of FDR" was

opposition finally get the floor. of course touted as the way to avert They succeeded in passing a proatomic destruction posal to democratize the state

board of directors, which had been MISERABLE PROGRAM dominated by the Stalinists. The The Stalinists still continue to opposition, charging that "author- peddle the politics of choosing beity is slowly creeping away from the tween "good" and "bad" capitalist grass roots," demanded that the politicians as a solution for the terfive man board be replaced by the rible problems facing the working chairmen from the 24 organized people. Then, with this miserable counties. The Stalinists argued that "action" program in their hands, this system would prove unwieldly | Stalinist speakers before the conand inefficient. Only about a doz- vention dared to blame the en of the 150 delegates rose to vote "apathy" of the farmers for the

for the old system. Rank and file prevailing conditions! resentment against Stalinist bu-"There was no complacency out reaucratic methods was evidenced here in the prairie lands in 1932 when three-fourths of the locals and '33," one speaker insolently presented resolutions demanding charged. An opposition worthy of the change itself would have replied fittingly The opposition was guilty of no to this petty bureaucrat's contempt red-baiting. They attacked the for the mass movement. It would leadership for its undemocratic have placed the blame where it bemethods. One opposition speaker, longs-on the bureaucratic strangufor example, pointed out that unity | lation of the organization by its and loyalty to the Farmers Union Stalinist leaders and their para-"does not seem to include the right lyzing, cowardly program. It would to disagree on leadership and pol- have called for mass consumers' icy." Of course, the Stalinists committees to enforce price control. howled that such arguments were It would have called for a March on "red-baiting," intended to split Washington by farmers to prevent working peoples' organizations. the passage of laws and taxes de-The rank and file still has to signed to wreck the co-ops. It soul was so happy to have me there that she excused herself to "dress for company." She came out of the bedroom with a white apron on over her cheap cotton wrapper.

would have called for the organiza-One of the men who was present at Dud's trial followed cannics or organization will not de- tion of a Labor Party to wrest conme up to the miner's house. At first the miner's wife would not admit him but he said he wanted to speak privately to Mother Jones. So she let him in.

> "Mother," he said, "I am glad you paid that bill so quickly. They thought you'd appeal the case. Then they were going to lock you both up and burn you in the coke ovens at night and then say that you had both been turned loose in the morning and they didn't know where Although Einar Kuivinen, who you had gone.'

line, and his clique, was returned to Whether they really would have carried out their plans I do not know. But I do know that there are no limits the opposition has nevertheless to which powers of privilege will not go to keep the workers in slavery.

WAYLAND'S "APPEAL TO REASON" convention was from the opposition.

In 1893, J. A. Wayland with a number of others decided to demonstrate to the workers the advantage of co-operation over competition. A group of people bought land in Tennessee and founded the Ruskin Colony. They invited organization's bad leadership and me to join them.

program. Although the Stalinists "No," said I, "your colony will not succeed. You have closed the convention with the to have religion to make a colony successful, and labor threat-"if you leave this convention as divided as you arrived, this is not yet a religion with labor."

I visited the colony a year later. I could see in that short time disrupting elements in the colony. I was glad insistent bureaucratic provocations I had not joined the colony but had stayed out in the thick of the fight. Labor has a lot of fighting to do before it can demonstrate. Two years later Wayland left for Kansas City. He was despondent.

> A group of us got together; Wayland, myself, and three men known as the "Three P's" - Putnam, a freight agent for the Burlington Railway; Palmer, a clerk in the Post Office: Page an advertising agent for a department store. We decided that the workers needed education. That they must have a paper devoted to their interests and stating their point of view. We urged Wayland to start such a paper. Palmer suggested the name, Appeal to Reason.

"But we have no subscribers," said Wavland

"I'll get them," said I. "Get out your first edition and I'll see that it has subscribers enough to pay for it."

He got out a limited first edition and with it as a sample I went to the Federal Barracks at Omaha and secured a subscription from almost every lad there. Soldiers are the sons of working people and need to know it. I went down to the City Hall and got a lot of subscriptions. In a short time I had gathered several hundred subscriptions and the paper was launched. It did a wonderful service under Wayland. Later Fred G. Warren came to Girard where the paper was published, as editorial writer. If any place in America could be called my home, his home was mine. Whenever, after a long, dangerous fight, I was weary and felt the need of rest, I went to the home of Fred Warren.

Like all other things, The Appeal to Reason had its youth of vigor, its later days of profound wisdom, and then it passed away. Disrupting influences, quarrels, divergent points of view, theories, finally caused it to go out of business.

Churchill puts it, and eventually smash the British labor movement.

Open the Books of the Landlords

The members of the North Side Tenants' League in Chicago have raised a demand which strikes us as highly reasonable and one which can prove quite effective in puncturing the claims of rent-gouging landlords who say they are suffering such "hardship" a rent increase is justified.

This demand is "Open the Books of the Landlords." It arose during the energetic and militant fight which the North Side Tenants' League has been conducting against a number of predatory Chicago landlords.

The Area Rent Office had granted a series of ent increases to landlords who maintained they ere suffering "hardship." The League demanded that these increases be suspended pending re-examination of the landlords' claims and hearings at which the tenants would be given an opportunity to contest these claims.

In order to remove the dispute from the uncertain grounds of sheer assertion, the League asked that the landlords be required to submit their books or public inspection.

The general conviction that the giant real estate nterests have been shaking down the biggest profts in history is well founded. During the war they

were able to rent anything with a roof and walls to hold it up. They cut down services outrageously.

Then they began the racketeer practice of soaking prospective tenants heavy bonuses before agreeing to rent out vacant units. At the October council meeting of the North Side Tenant's League, nine checks totalling \$995 were handed out to tenants who had been illegally gouged in this way. The money was recovered through the efforts of the League.

How many similar cases of illegal charges have not come to light? Figures, of course, are not available; but the practice is well known to be widespread. Public inspection of the landlord's records would help to recover some of the loot taken in this manner.

The real estate sharks are looking forward hungrily to Feb. 28, 1948, when the Federal Rent Act expires and rent controls end. Tenants cannot afford to delay organizing mass pressure for continuation of controls. By opening the books of the landlords to public inspection they can prove that these bandits are not suffering "hardship" by any stretch of the imagination.

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I'm sure any industrial worker could capably answer the letter of Mr. B. I. Stafford, III, but I'd es- Another Worker pecially appreciate the privilege because I work in an area whose edu- Answers Stafford cational level is so much lower than that inhabited by Mr. Stafford.

Here in the deep South, construc- my notice. I am one of the "puny tion bosses haunt the cradles for little" jobsters out in industry. In hands. Old working men of 18 are my opinion when the workers take the usual thing and attendance in over the industrial plants and put ures of the newspaper since such a the third grade is a proof of higher in their own government the man- reported upset in favor of Lerner education. But no one, least of all agers will be glad to stay on the job would be checked before being rethe plant managers, personnel and and contribute whatever they can leased to the press and since the flunkies that Mr. Stafford stands in for the benefit of the workers in- area reported was one in which such awe of, tries to kid us that we stead of the useless owners as at heavy campaigning had taken place can't run the plant without their present. help

Stafford's letter of doubt about district was shown as 4 instead of revolutionary victory came under 101 votes we cannot say. We tend to believe the early fig-

like results.

I work in chemicals. The process mainly upon the efforts of the for an explanation has been sent constitutes a victory of Wall Street nartners. Together they kent Lais anything but simple; a burst line workers at the benches, on the as- to the City Clerk. The final re- reaction in this city. The banks is anything but simple; a burst line can mean gallons of hot acid down your neck or a flood of chlorine to choke you to death. Mistakes can choke you to death. Mista happen and cause serious trouble, ents and all other supervisory work- the Free Press. What happened to "Throw the Communists out of the incidental to carrying the lost votes is still a mystery.

When the "final returns" were Already a subscriber and keeping a published by the office of the City file I want a second paper to give Clerk, Lerner's vote in the above away where it will do most good." Nathan Berman, our reliable the earlier 105. What happened to friend, came to the office and got

> By George Clarke resentation system of electing Liberal Party has not deviated by October 31st, the New York Local fare will suffer the same fate as PR.

Council" as their main scare control of city affairs.

New York Coalition Politics Brings PR Defeat and the GOP, has been bartered for tion was confined to a cheap state- erendum would probably have saved a few posts, pitiful favors and elec- ment of neutrality. NEW YORK, Nov. 5 - The tions of "friends of labor." Singing In an open letter addressed to the along with it. Separately, the defeat of the Proportional Rep- the tune of anti-Communism, the ALP and the Liberal Party on danger exists that the five cents

After all, production depends A letter of protest and demand members of the City Council not their erstwhile Stalinist whether OP wh Guardia or Tammany Hall in power these parties to reconsider their po- leaders learn the lesson and put

by this inflation."

Subgetter's Devotion Stirs Wide Enthusiasm Among hundreds of Militant Oregon, frequently send in subs for

readers who help to spread this friends there and even far away. paper's socialist message by selling J.E.M. just sent us two subs for subscriptions to acquaintances and Chicago residents. W.E.B. is a fairly fellow workers, James W. Connery regular sub-getter and, like J.E.M. of Kewanee, Ill., stands out as a also often sends occasional donaglowing example. His inspiring let- tions to The Militant. * * *

for reference.

in that state.

This week, as often, V.L. of Port

Jervis, N. Y., sent in another sub

from that area. He has obtained

new readers in a number of towns

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Jarvis Dusenberry of Rochester,

* * *

a second sub for himself this week.

copy to pass on to someone else

We can thank J.B. of Plentywood.

There are hundreds of vounger

Connerys, J.E.M's, W.E.B's, V.L's,

Dusenbery's, C.R's and J.B's in our

from them all in the last week or

Mont., for a wide circle of readers

C.R. of Stillwater, Minn., took out

of New York and Pennsylvania.

immediate and spirited response. "Isn't it wonderful!" exclaimed many New York readers, "A gem!" Since he became a subscriber only last July, in Toledo, Comrade Connery, 75 years old, has sold about 25 subs in and around Kewanee, 60

who also writes poems and letters "His devotion will be a thrill and on labor subjects for us, does a big a boost to every reader," said Rose job of distributing not only The Karsner. "Especially it gives the Militant but other literature of the younger comardes something to Socialist Workers Party.

"That kind of work by a man 75 years old is a jolt to some of us so he can always have an extra younger people to take inventory of

ker. "Every one of us gets around more and easier than Connery, and we could sell a lot more subs if we bing. Connery's devotion and pur-

doesn't let himself forget that pur-There are many others like Com- two. It is only this sort of devo-

old. We do not know all their tant appearing week after week in his letter, there are thousands for labor's progress and for social-

LOS ANGELES ANNUAL XMAS BAZAAR Sat., Nov. 22-6 p.m. to 12 p.m. Sun., Nov. 23-2 p.m. to 8 p.m. 126 North St. Louis the five cents fare and carried PR

Auspices American Committee for European Workers Relief

PITTSBURGH Benefit Dance

Floor Show Featuring: Benny Brown

These coalition politics seriously Both parties denied the report. crawl in the corner formerly re-

Phila. — Irene: "Enclosed is a

for a year's sub to begin at once. Harrison \$1; Stannard 56c; Bonome \$1; Judd \$1.30; B & C Zanada \$1.70; Martin \$3, and from three anonymous friends \$1.70. FROM THE BRANCHES

lections are a little slow but we like The Militant and need only to thus far. know we will make our goal. After be introduced to it.

Two "old socialists" in Portland,

all, the comrades too have been hit

\$181.10 for The Militant Fund. Col- too, who are looking for something world would never have progressed

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Diary of a Steel Worker-

Homecoming of the War Dead

By Theodore Kovalesky -

The line has curved around. The circle is com- of France, Germany, Africa, Italy and the Orient.

they travel no more. Little more than children, many

dren, grim, silent children, and review.

bugles instead of school bells and a curriculum of fire? murder and mayhem instead of history and algebra.

would have said, "Adventure," because you were very young, boys just out of school with a football field and a baseball diamond behind you. Adventure they gave you! You lived an adventure . . . if you call the torment of sleepless nights amid mud and muck adventure. And you died in an adventure . . . if by that can be meant hellish fear and hellish anguish in the inhuman mass-production war of the imperialist era.

What did you ask of life? Young, all of you, you were not all schoolboys. Most of you had at least tasted of life, had lived a little while, had known factories and shops, mines and mills, the firm grip on the plough and the smell of the earth. What did you ask? What does anybody ask? Not millions, not yachts. None, perhaps, would push aside the glitter of luxury and wealth, but how many of and anguish of war. Never forget the casualty lists. us could be so stupid as to hope for it? You asked And never forget that these things happen only beof life what all of us want: not millions, but se- cause we let them! When the workers of the world enrity; not yachts or limousines, but a good little rise up and throw aside their masters, war will be car; not mansions or palaces but a clean, decent no more. place to live; not so very much for yourselves, but for your children all that your toil and sacrifice could we would build a monument to them, that monugive them. You asked of life peace, the right to ment must be a world which will have no more of work and earn your way.

Their ragged bones were dug from the ground a world of Socialism.

plete. The sun which shown upon them as they Their shattered remains were crated, shipped, and went away looked down upon them as they came delivered. The native soil that first felt their foothome after the long voyage. Now steps now holds them close again beneath the calm grass. For them there is nothing more to be said.

* * * The curving line has closed. The circle is comof you, laughing, boisterous chil- plete. The chapter is finished, and it is time to

scared, large-eyed children, you These few broken bodies are but a fraction of were snatched from the high the havoc that was wrought. Other millions lie unschools, factories, and farms. disturbed. Once more good grain sways in yester-Young boys and men, you were day's battlefields . . . but how many harvests will herded into a new school with there be before these fields erupt again in shell-

Yesterday's soldiers, those who lived and kept What did you ask of life? Some of you, perhaps, their arms and legs, sweat in today's factories, sit in today's union meetings; but how long before they or others younger, stronger than they, will huddle in the mud of battle, fighting for no cause of their own?

The hypocrites in Congress who speeded those boys on their way, who spoke grandly of a wonderful postwar world but did all they could to make the American workers labor and exist like the Chinese laborers, who wept croccdile tears over the casualty lists that they had helped to create, these and their masters, the capitalists, are brewing another world-wide slaughter, a thousand times worse than the last . . . and they'll get away with it if we let them.

Never forget, brothers, never forget the horror

But meanwhile, we have our war dead. And if such as they . . . a world without imperialist armies, a world without wars, a world of peace and plenty,

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NEW YORK, N. Y.

N. Y. Building Unions Reaffirm **Escalator Wage Clause Demand**

Federated Picture

Responsibility for this setback to



NEW YORK, Nov. 5 - The powerful AFL Building Trades Council of Greater New York, representing several hundred thousand workers in 38 crafts, has unanimously restated its demand for a cost-of-living escalator wage clause in

Employers Association.

At their last meeting, it was disclosed yesterday, the Council delegates also unanimously rejected 'the employers' counter-proposals for a $2\frac{1}{2}$ -year wage freeze and imposition of a drastic speed-up.

wage freeze from Jan., 1948 to June the lowest bid was for \$1,500,000. 30, 1950, while prices are soaring and profits have hit a scandalous peak, has been backed by Democratic Mayor O'Dwyer.

Union negotiators stated that they had been discussing a wage Of course, O'Dwyer did not propose stabilization agreement with the employers and not a wage freeze or profiteers who are forcing up prices. a supplementary contract on working conditions. They had proposed the cost-of-living escalator clause to stabilize real wages by providing automatic wage increases when living costs rise.

On Oct. 17, the employers rejected the union proposal. They refused any wage increases for a majority of the 38 trades and agreed to only small increases for 15 crafts. Their position was: "We feel that if an escalator clause is included there is no wage stabilization. We feel there are a certain amount of risks which must be taken, and that is one which the

It is clear, however, that the emand bear the full burden of the in-

The Employers Association had gall to demand that the unions "take steps to provide for an increase in the production of the work of its members" and agree in advance to permit any methods that would cut preduction costs. Experience has taught the building workers that all benefits of increased production both through speed-up and technical improvements have accrued only to the bosses in the form of bigger profits. O'Dwyer came into the picture on Oct. 21 when he likewise called for a building trades wage freeze and

tions with the Building Trades has opened the eyes of many construction workers to the real role of this alleged "friend of labor."

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1947.

O'Dwyer complained that construction costs are too high and that this has blocked much needed residential construction. He cited the example where exerienced city engineers estimated the cost of a The employers' demand for a new sewer project at \$900,000, but

> His solution is to freeze wages, although purchasing power of building wages has been cut in half since 1939 and mechanics are living worse today than eight years ago. to examine the books of building

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255,-NEW HIGH **OCT. 21** 235 291.65 230 \$25 . 220 215 -210 -ORIGINAL OPA ENDS JULY OCT JAN APR JULY AUG SEP OCT. Prices of basic commodities

soared to a new all-time high Oct. urged quick adoption of the em- 21 and forecast still steeper retail ployers' insulting proposals. This prices.

Those Who Did Not Die in Vain — By Evelyn Atwood— The real tragedy of the war dead has been care- for. We must be rid of capitalism. We must build

fully concealed by the capitalist press, which has a socialist world."



DAUBER 1922-1944 world. But among these young men — although the capitalist press conceals this fact also - were many who were not deceived about the character of the

war. They knew that over the bodies of millions of young workers on both sides of the battle lines, rival mperialist nations were taking out their claims to world dominion. Yet these young men took their their cruelly deceived brothers. Why?

gles against the corporations for better wages and hesitations." working conditions. They were together with the them by corrupt professors in the classrooms.

These revolutionary workers and students did not

played up the hypocritical ceremonies performed over One such young American revolutionist was Marc the corpses just returned to this Dauber, killed in action at the age of 22 on November

build a "brave new world, free later he was one of those millions taken from the from fear and want." They died classrooms and sent to the European battlefronts. An to protect the profits of Wall unusually gifted student, Marc was, awarded the Street and to help build up the Distinguished Service Cross, second highest medal,

> explained simply: "I did what the Old Man (Trotsky) would have, expected of me. What he expected of his students and followers; total and uncompromising, but not unquestioning acceptance of his creed and unflinching determination to see it realized, regardless of personal well-being.

places in the army, fought and died together with and today in concentration camps and prisons, everywhere. Millions more suffer because these ideas The reason is that they remained side by side haven't materialized internationally. When I took with the militant workers in war as in peace. In up his banner, I took upon myself responsibilities, the shops and plants they participated in the strug- commitments, which countenance no retreats or

There were Marc Daubers not only in the U.S. ocial-minded students who challenged the capitalist Army but in the armies everywhere. There were lies and propaganda in the education imposed upon Marc Daubers in the merchant marine who went down in torpedoed seas together with their fellow workers

Philadelphia PCA Rally Disrupted by Hoodlums

smash the meeting if it was held. Commander of the Pennsylvania unions must take." By C. Blake Not until 10:30 this morning was Railroad Chapter of the American

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Nov. a Federal District Court Injunction Legion, who were among the insti- ployers want to make the building -How swiftly the threat of granted, over-ruling the City's de- gators of this fascist-like demon- trades workers take all the risks ascism can arise in America cision as contrary to the Bill of stration. Rights. The only one arrested was Sam- flation.

These Galion, O., cops are policing picketlines even after the North Electric Co. agreed to meet with

if labor does not take proper Some 50 hecklers, many in former uel Nocella, Jr., a young PCA phoprecautions has been dramatically servicemen's uniforms, surrounded tographer who had been taunted illustrated in the past week in the the speakers' stand, booing, shoutand attacked several times by New Jersey-Pennsylvania area. ing and inviting trouble even before hecklers. When he finally fought Last Sunday fascist-minded hood- the meeting began. These hood- back, the cops hauled him off on lums broke up a public meeting at lums were backed by another 300 charges of "inciting to riot" He Trenton of the Communist (Stal- to 400 in the crowd of 1,500. was later fined \$10. inist) Party. On Monday night a The meeting was finally com-

As Joseph Myerson, PCA Chairmob armed with clubs attempted to man, began speaking, the shouting pletely broken up. It was a red letbreak up a PCA rally for Senatorial rose to such pitch he could not be ter day for reaction in Philadelphia. candidate Frank Kingdon in Jerheard over the microphone. When sey City. During the week Newthe organized core of hoodlums be- labor rests in part on the Stalinists. venting the Stalinists from renting gan pressing-closer to the platform, They made no attempt to bring the numerous scuffles broke, out and Philadelphia labor movement into a public meeting place anywhere in the protest rally as an organized fists began to fly. the city. Today in Philadelphia One woman who spoke up indig- force. They made no attempt hundreds of hoodlums, abetted by nantly against these terrorists was whatsoever to initiate labor defense the Philadelphia police force sucknocked down and trampled. squads to protect the meeting cessfully disrupted a PCA rally in Before the Chairman could in- against hoodlums and disruptors.

Independence Square in the very shadow of the Liberty Bell.

The Philadelphia PCA meeting

was called to protest the House Un-

power of the most menacing for his courage in action. imperialist ruling class in the

In a letter witten-just before he died, Marc

"Trotsky died for, it, millions have in the past

country. The real tragedy is the 18, 1944. Dauber joined the Socialist Workers Party fact that these young men did at the age of 17 and thereafter lived and worked for not die, as they were told, to the emancipation of the working class. Two years

the CIO United Auto Workers. For months the men have been striking against company refusal to negotiate. Intensive mass picketing, despite company-called cops, resulted in a union victory.

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separate themselves from their brothers when the Phese young revolutionists suffered and died in capitalists turned their "cold war" into "shooting the tragedy of their generation. But their example war." Trained in Marxism, they had a message to is the hope for the future. When the long fight is convey: "This imperialist war is not our war. Ours won and the working people have freed themselves is the fight of the working class against the capi- from the bloody grip of the capitalist rulers, they will talist class. Only in the victory of that war can be remembered with gratitude and honored as pio-

all of us really win the brave new world we long neers of the new society they helped to forge.

Elsa Maxwell and Karl Marx -By Ben Stone

Elsa Maxwell, the widely-read syndicated column- charges with proof. Instead she blandly continues: ist, writes authoritatively on nothing and everything, "According to him (Marx) individuals are just from party-throwing to world events. She decided to nuisances." Now, Miss Maxwell, aren't you too old

devote two full columns on Oct. to make "a nuisance" of yourself? 17 and 18 to none other than Karl



Marx. hers. Miss Maxwell is extraordi- tant Fund.

solence, matched only by her ignorance. There Maxwell then proceeds to knock it down. Here is is something bordering on the pathological in her her coup de grace to Marx: "Marx is over-rated inability even to accurately name the very titles of and hopelessly outmoded." That explains once and Marx's works. For example, she refers to the Com- for all why Marx and Marxism is on everyone's munist Manifesto as the "Manifesto of the Communist tongue, including glib Miss Maxwell's. Doesn't it? Party." Marx's "Critique of Political Economy" becomes "The Criticism of Economic Policy." Marx's as Karl Marx and his school of thought." theoretical method, "historical materialism" is dis- Even the most widely read columnist should show missed as "political materialism."

columnists can make ignorance their capital stock- every country and every continent. In fact, they in-trade, so can she. Marx, according to her, "was number many times the readers who follow Miss so fluctuating, so unreliable, that it is difficult to Maxwell's column. find a consistent line in all his writings and actions." Come, come, Miss Maxwell, don't you owe it to like the countless others that have preceded it, is your readers to cite at least one instance of when to quote Mark Twain - slightly exaggerated. Miss and where Marx failed to be "consistent?" But Maxwell need only look in the mirror and she will this dauntless spirit, who apparently has never really locate something that is obsolete - not her-

"fluctuated" in her life, is completely undeterred self so much as the rich parasites and the school of by any such considerations as backing up her wild thought she represents.

That was never Marx's approach to individuals. He never said or implied anything of the kind, It is impossible within less than although many a male and female Maxwell in his a volume to correct the innumer- own day doubtless was a "nuisance," if not someable errors committed by Miss thing worse. At any rate, we would be willing to Maxwell in these two columns of wager that you can't produce from Marx the silly hers. But one cannot but marvel generalization you attribute so blandly to him. And we are further willing to offer cdds of 100 to 1, at this political performance of with the total to go to our favorite cause, The Mili-

nary above all for her boundless But to resume, having set up her straw man, Miss "Nothing," concludes Miss Maxwell, "is as obsolete

a bit more respect and knowledge in talking about a Miss Maxwell probably figures that if her fellow- man whose ideas have millions of followers today in

This latest report of the "obsoleteness" of Marx,



DETROIT, Nov. 1-Workers at the Michigan Tank and Furnace Co., a small plant on the West Side here organized by the CIO United Auto Workers, have an effective defense against rising living costs. It is an escalator wage clause. From the time the clause was inserted into their contract in April, 1946, until July, 1947, the workers gained automatic hourly wage increases totalling 28 cents. Every three months the cost of living index of the Bureau of Labor Sta-

tistics is checked and a one cent raise is given for each one point rise. Here is a schedule of this index

as it has worked out in the Michigan Tank contract:

April	1946		131
Oct.	1946		148
Jan.	1947		153
April	1947		156
Since t	hese	statistics are	usually

six weeks late in being published, the contract provides for retroactive pay. The contract was originally signed for three years, covering an extended period of continuing price

The Taft-Hartley Act, however, has necessitated renegotiation of the contract. But the company has consented to continuance of the escalator clause.

The workers in the plant feel a greater measure of security. Few quit and there is a long list of applicants desiring to work there. The escalator clause would be even greater protection if it were based on the AFL-CIO joint report on cost of living increases rather than the very conservative figures of the government.

Gray.

They made the fatal mist the first speaker, 81-year ake of de. old Francis Fisher Kane, former U. pending on the Republican-domi-S. Attorney, handfuls of steel chips nated police and courts to protect and metal coins were thrown at the labor's rights.

American Committee's witch-hunt-This experience must serve as a faces of the speakers. The glasses ing "probe" of "Communism in of a photographer standing beside warning to labor. Fascist-like in Hollywood." Friday the city ad-Kane were broken and his face cut. | cidents such as this are today diministration refused a permit for Malone, the City Commissioner rected against the Stalinists and the meeting under pretext that it of Public Safety, stood by compla- their front organizations. Tomorwould damage the Square's grass cently with his squad of plain- | row, however, they will be turned clothes men and 150 cops. He made | against the unions. To protect the no pretense at establishing order. labor movement from this threat

As a matter of fact, I saw Malone we must begin now to prepare a de-Harry Knable, Purple Heart Com- Union defense guards must be set recommendation of the Chicago+ mander, and Charles Leininger, up.

Sample of Labor's 'Rights' **Under Taft-Hartley Act**

As an example of labor's pany claims you are using force rights" under the Taft-Hartley against the strikebreakers. Did nated Chicago Rent Advisory anybody use profanity on your Board." Law, CIO News Oct. 27 cites | side? the following record from the ex-

Vail: This scab had been using amination of Business Agent Ira Vail, Local 6 CIO Longshoremen & day. He shouts vile language at Warehousemen: them. Examiner: Did or did not one of Examiner: That hasn't got anyyour girls on the picketline open the thing to do with it. door of a car carrying a strike-

breaker? Vail: Why, yes, I believe she did. Taft-Hartley Act, even if a scab curses at you, you are not allowed Why? to answer? Examiner: On those grounds, un-

lev Law, if you swear at them for any reason you are using intimida-**Rocking the Cradle** tion...The law does not concern itself with the conduct of anyone -Jim Crow Style TOWARD the picketline. Ronald Gray, three years old of Casper, Wyoming, has been did not use profanity. What hapordered out of a local baby conpened was that our girl told this test. Ronald was understood to scab, "Will you please be more be one of the leading contenders with 1.950 votes. Ronald was ruled out of the contest because he is a Negro.

der the Taft-Hartley Act, the com-

Mrs. Effie Grav, the mother, and her veteran husband were told by officials of the Women's Auxiliary of the Order of the der the Taft-Hartley Act. Moose that their child must be withdrawn from the contest. Mrs. Gray had entered her windows? child after being invited to do so. She had taken Ronald to contest headquarters and registered him. She and her friends sold chances on a victory bond inside. (each 30 cent chance meant one vote). Then the Women's Auxgot?

iliary decided that white supremacy had to be defended lev Law? against three year old Ronald have asked.

Roused Chicago Tenants Fight 15% Rent Gouge

CHICAGO, Nov. 4-Tenants in this second largest city in the U.S. are up in arms aver the 15% rent boost recommended before the rally fraternizing with fense based on our own forces. by the landlord-dominated Chicago Rent Advisory Board. The

Board goes to Federal Housing North Side Tenants Council an-Expediter Woods in Washington for acceptance within 30 days. Among organizations in Chicago

calling for action to stop this rent gouge is the North Side Tenants Council, 4348 N. Broadway. Officers of the council wired Woods demanding that he "immediately dismiss the entire real estate domi-

Simultaneously a "council of war," a special meeting of the vulgarity toward our girls every North Side Tenants League, was called for Sunday, Nov. 9. At this meeting a plan of action to block the proposed increase will be presented.

The storm of protest following Vail: You mean that under the the Rent Board's announcement already has forced the City Council to ask Woods not to act until it has looked "into this matter thor-Examiner: Under the Taft-Hartoughly."

The Chicago Rent Advisory Board was appointed by Illinois Governor Green. Its chairman is J. J. Ryan, a real estate man. So are two other members of the board. In addition Vail: It so happened our people there is an insurance agent, a lawyer, a merchant, a foundry owner and a YMCA secretary. This landlord-controlled board

careful of your language?" I supheld no public hearings. Its depose we can't even call them scabs? cision to recommend a 15% boost Examiner: I believe there was a for all tenants who had not "volunjudicial decision recently which al- tarily" given in to the rent gouge lows pickets to use the word scabwas arrived at in cecret session. but we're not sure how the usage Rent Advisory Boards throughout of the word scab is interpreted unthe country are similarly dominated by real estate interests. Last week's Vail: How about the scabs throw- Militant proved this by anlaying ing things at our people from the the composition of these boards. which supposedly were appointed to

aid the Federal Rent Control Office Examiner: The Taft-Hartley Law in protecting the American people is only concerned with the conduct during the housing shortage. of the pickets toward the people The Louisville, Kentucky, Rent Advisory Board last month recom-Vail: What protection have we mended an overall 5% rent increase for its area. The Federal Housing Examiner: Under the Taft-Hart-Expediter, who preceeded Woods,

quickly accepted the recommenda-Vail: Pardon me, I shouldn't tion.

nounce a protest mass meeting Nov. 12 at Marigold Gardens, 817 W. Grace St.

The North Side Tenants Council declares:

"This attack can be defeated if we act now! If we arouse a storm of protect, the Federal Housing Expediter, Tighe Woods can be convinced that he had better not agree to this monstrous fleecing of the people."

Laxity in Tresca **Murder** Inquiry **Hit by Committee**

BOSTON, Mass., Nov. 3 -A conference of the Justice for Tresca Committee yesterday worked on plans to bring pressure against New York State authorities to run down the slayers of Carlo Tresca, the well-known Italian editor, labor organizer, and opponent of fascism who was murdered in the 1943 dim-out.

Delegates from labor, liberal and civic organizations in 7 states declared at the Boston meeting that 'the laxity of the office of District Attorney, Frank Hogan of New York County in the Tresca investigation has violated political and judicial ethics, and encourages enemies of freedom to commit other similar 🗺 murders."

Hogan has kept in charge of the Italian end of the investigation Louis Pagnucco, an Assistant District Attorney who received honors and award from fascists and fascist sympathizers, including a gold medal from Mussolini's government. The Justice for Tresca Committee s calling on labor and liberal forces throughout the country to demand an end to the laxity in the investi-

A press release by the Chicago gation of this murder.



by a Kingdon-for-Senator group in New Jersey stated that Wallace and ciation of Manufacturers (NAM), which hollered and

THE HOUSE I LIVE IN-Mrs. NURSES KILL JIM CROW - The Kentucky Loretta McDonald, mother of nine, has barricaded State Association of Registered Nurses ended its Jim herself and two of her children in the dilapidated Crow membership rule at its annual convention held basement apartment from which N. Y. City authori- this month in Louisville.

never joined. that promise. * * *

Notes from the News

Kingdon were co-chairmen of PCA. advertised all over the country that prices would S Wallace made the main speech at go down if OPA were repealed, now denounces as PCA's founding but apparently "sheer nonsense" and "barefaced lies" reminders of

rises.