

By Art Preis

ATLANTIC CITY, Nov. 11-Walter Reuther and h power machine, in bloc with the priest-dominated Association of Catholic Trade Unionists and assured of a big majority, and driving ruthlessly to smash all opposition and establish com plete control over the CIO United Automobile Workers at it 11th Convention, which began Nov. 9 at the Convention Hall CHICAGO, Nov. 12-Tears came to the eyes of Mrs. Anna Hickman as she told a jury here

Riding the tide of red-baiting reaction that flows straigh from the U. S. State Depart-+ terday when he and his lieutenant ment and the Thomas-Rankin shoved through a resolution of cap Committee, Reuther has tulation to the Taft-Hartley Sla identified Coleman as the myste- emerged at this convention as Labor Law, compelling all incom The state rested its case on Mon- rious stranger. Willis also told of a leading authentic spokesman ing UAW officers to sign the de grading "yellow - dog" affidavit inside the American labor move-A third of the delegates, under t re-baptised as the Marshall Plan, Leonard Chucus, courageously vot leader hip of the Thomas-Adde

organized by a local PAC, LEPL, or trade union body might from Grace Carlson's talk on "The place at the top of its agenda day-by-day coverage of the ac- Russian Revolution - Thirty Years tivities of the Congressman from its district. By following the After"; but distorted her remarks to Congressional Record (\$1.50 a month, Superintendent of Docu-ments Government Printing Office Washington of Docu-character. ments, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C.) the Speaking on Nov. 7, the annispeaking on Nov. 7, the anni-versary of the 1917 Revolution that placed a Workers' and Farmers' Nears Climax In Chicago committee could note every speech and vote of the politician versary of the 1917 Revolution that Government in power in Russia, In addition a study of the special reports and records pubshe explained that this mighty lished by the Congressional committees of which he is a memevent in human history had showed the workers of the entire world a of six men and six women how fire had swept through her attic room in a dilapidated Chicago ber would help keep track of his other public activities. The Political Check-Up Committee would then regularly way out of the capitalist barbarism.

report back the results of its investigation on the activity— or or for the workers of Europe and the lack of activity-on key issues of the Congressman it has un- colonial countries, but for the American working class as well.

The Political Check-Up Committee would especially fol-She attacked the Stalinist bulow how the Congressman fights-or fails to fight-for legis- reaucracy for its betrayal of the he does-or fails to do-about specific demands for action sub- in, Trotsky and the other Bolshe-

sponsible for the fire and the tragic death of the four Hickman man at a later coroner's inquest, he four deaths. children. In the Cook County Criminal

tenement last January, taking the lives of four of her children. Her husband, James Hick-

man, is under indictment for the murder of their landlord, David Coleman, whom he held re-

Trial of James Hickman

reason of temporary insanity, open- Coleman's half-brother, Percy the fire.

day after presenting eight witnesses, his father's anguished cries to God, low how the Congressman fights—or fails to fight—for legis-lation in behalf of labor. It would watch closely to see what

mitted to him by the unions.

Full publicity at union meetings and in the local trade union press would keep the electorate of the area constantly aware of how the men they put in office are acting and whose interests they are serving.

it is watching.

der the microscope.

The work of such Political Check-Up Committees would break ground for the next election. Week by week the campaign promises of the candidate would be measured against his performance in office. Step by step the lesson would be driven home that the Democrats and Republicans are tools of Big Businuess who must be swept out of office. The need for a Labor Party would become so clear and inescapable that its actual organization would be greatly hastened.

Greek Puppet Gov't Outlaws Free Press

The Sophoulis-Tsaldaris puppet government set up by the U. S. State Department has abolished freedom of the press in Greece. All working class newspapers that criticize Wall Street's Greek quislings face savage penalties. George Dala-

mangy, editor of the Trotsky-ist newspaper, The Workers' action was taken against the estab-Struggle, writes us that they lishment that printed the paper. have been unable to find any print- Another Stalinist publication, Elefer who will now dare to handle this theri, was likewise suppressed. On the following day, 10 former

paper. The decree, approved Oct. 18, members of the ELAS, the Greek bans all papers whose editorial pol- Liberation Army, were executed, and icy might be construed as "against on Oct. 21 another 13 were shot. the safety of the state." The staffs | These men were among the 52 conof papers so designated are subject demned to death since Sophoulis to arrest and court-martial with a was installed.

Set up at the prompting of the possible death sentence. All facilities used in connection with publi- U.S. State Department, the Socation of the paper are to be con- phoulis regime was designed to give fiscated, including linotypes, print- | a more "democratic" coloring to the application of the Truman Doctrine ing presses, etc

"It is believed that the suppres- in Greece. The former Maximossion of the Communist news- Tsaldaris regime, with its mass arpapers," declared the Oct. 19 Paris rests and mass deportations, had edition of the Herald Tribune, "was drawn unfavorable criticism upon the result of an agreement between the Truman Administration in the British and American ambas- America. Sophoulis announced a general ondors in Athens."

Another bill has been submitted "amnesty." But as the capitalist the hysteria against "reds" and Fire" in Nazi Germany. to Parliament prohibiting publica- press itself admits, this "amnesty" tion of new newspapers and maga- has "so far been extended only to zines without a permit from the members of semi-official organizaspecial committee. Harsh penalties against democrats and who now are are provided for underground pub- | enrolled in the 'national guard.' " (Press Agency of France, Oct 19.) lications.

On the same day that freedom of Meanwhile living conditions in lers," to coincide with the open- ing the pattern which is being fol- delphia to protest the House Un- baiting tide is permitted to spread their individual signatures to loyalthe press was abolished, police Greece continue to deteriorate. The ing of the special session of Consquads rolled up to the offices of cost of living in Greece is now high- gress Nov. 17. the Stalinist newspaper Rizopastis. er than any other country in west-They seized the entire edition, took ern Europe, being now 16,629% ently still has sources of informa- Communist Party. First the city Nov. 3: A Newark chapter of the manifestations. (See editorial cu an immediate discussion of the in relation to the Taft-Hartley down the newspaper's sign and re- above the 1937 level.

viks. Stalinism, she pointed out, ed their case this morning. Defense blocks the road the workers must follow to create the socialist world Attorney M. J. Myer's opening of plenty that will truly represent statement placed the responsibility the interests of the overwhelming for the shooting of Coleman on es added nothing to what Hickman intolerable living conditions and the mass of the people.

This is part of the mob that heckled, started scores of fist fights. frequently gave the Nazi salute and finally succeeded in smashing a Progressive Citizens of America rally in Philadelphia Independence (Federated Pictures)

FBI AND HOODLUMS SPUR RED

Following close after the fice, the arrests would be staged the CP got a court injunction for- barred from the hall it rented at civil liberties in the New Jer- I by Attorney General A. Mitchell couraging the mob. The next day police had intimidated the lyceum agreement to sign the oath, took davits to "strengthen" the UAW in sey-Philadelphia area comes a Palmer and J. Edgar Hoover. Rogge Gov. Driscoll voiced his approval. warning that the U. S. government said the purpose of this plot was Oct. 27: Hoodlums armed with and Leather Workers was then se- trayal. He challenged Reuther to is conspiring to launch a series of to create an anti-red hysteria and clubs in Jersey City try to molest cured, but was cancelled in a few a debate on the issue before a spe- urership, was the most outspok raids which will further whip up he compared it with the "Reichstag people attending a meeting of the hours after police told the manager cial session of the convention. But

Meanwhile, the reactionary vigi- (PCA). democratic rights. O. John Rogge, former high of- lante groups have become bolder, ficial in the Attorney General's steadily expanding the list of "sub- CP is prevented as rental of one First the Stalinists, then the lib- Committee minority which makes it delegates "in the interests of the Press Ministry and approval by a tions who were guilty of attacks Department, revealed that Wash- versive" organizations they feel hall after another is denied to erals, and then the veterans — that mandatory for the UAW officers small, weak locals" which they ington was preparing a "dramatic free to attack without fear of gov- them by proprietors under pressure is the pattern. Who comes next? "to immediately comply, under proround-up of dozens of Communist ernment or police reprisals. Here of the reactionaries and the police. Obviously, the labor movement is test, with the provisions of the

leaders and alleged fellow travel- is part of the recent record, showlowed:

According to Rogge, who appar- a meeting called in Trenton by the smiling. tion in the Attorney General's of- authorities tried to prevent it. When American Veterans Committee is Page 4.)

Brown, the prosecution's best witness, contradicted statements he had made earlier at a coroner's inquest. Testimony of other witnesshimself had earlier told the police.

DEFENSE WITNESS The first witness for the defense

was Will Jackson, who had lived his family's tragedy. with the Hickmans in the tenement at 1733 Washburne at the time of the fire. Jackson reported Hickman had told him after the death of the children that he no longer had any reason to live. Jackson testified that Coleman had previously threatened to burn the tenants out. Another tenant, Mrs. Julia Rodgers, corroborated this statement.

On the witness stand Mrs. Hickman recalled her husband's vow at "a voice from above" had charged him with "protecting and keeping together" his family. She said Hickman, a deeply religious man, had frequently repeated this vow. After the shooting of Coleman, she related, Hickman told her he had health.' been "compelled" to do it and that

SAW STRANGER Hickman's oldest son, Willis, 21, told the jury that he had seen a stranger in the tenement a few hours before the fire, and that when his mother pointed out Cole-

Remaining defense witnesses in- for world mastery. clude the defendant, Hickman, and | REACTION RIDES HIGH two Chicago psychiatrists, Dr. Walter Adams and Dr. Boris Ury. They are expected to testify as to Hick-

of the shooting, as a result of his accumulated grief and despair over

BLAME FOR TRAGEDY The case will probably go to the jury either Friday or Monday. Counsel for Hickman was obtained by the Hickman Defense Committee, organized in this and other cities by sympathetic individuals with the endorsement of numerous labor, liberal, Negro and

community organizations. Willoughby Abner, chairman of the Hickman Defense Committee the birth of their first child that and vice-president of the Chicago CIO Council, has placed the blame for the shooting on social conditions, "the lack of adequate housing and the racial restrictions which under conditions of congestion which

are a constant danger to life and oath. then he "felt better."

man's mental condition, at the time

vention on Sunday afternoon, Re carefully refrained from any. utterther demonstrated what his und ance of that phrase. But the atputed rule promises for the tra mosphere of unrestrained red-baiting, intimidation and terror that reigns-with "Get the Commies"

REUTHERITE FACTION GIVES UP STRUGGLE **ON YELLOW-DOG OATH**

ATLANTIC CITY, Nov. 11-A strong minority, representing a third of the delegates, fought for four hours yestercompel the Negro people to live day afternoon at the CIO United Auto Workers convention here against compliance with the Taft-Hartley "yellow-dog

> They battled for the adoption of the majority report of the Resolutions Committee which therite-ACTU bloc which controls would have instructed the in- the convention did not dare to bar coming UAW Executive Board the discussion or cut short debate "not to file financial statements as the Reuther machine had done or so-called 'loyalty' oaths and to the day before on the question of refrain from taking any other steps | holding elections of officers before committing our union to a policy the disputed issues were discussed Reuther was even impelled to asof cooperation with the Taft-Hartleyized National Labor Relations sure the convention in advance Board." (See Page 2 for full text.) that "there will be adequate de-CHALLENGE TO DEBATE bate," an indirect confession of his

Vice President R. J. Thomas, who steamroller tactics the day before. placed the issue in the hands of The burden of the Reutherite suppression of meetings and by the FBI in mid-night raids such bidding interference with the meet- the Labor Lyceum. Warnings of the convention by his refusal to argument was that it was necesas those staged after World War ing, the police disregarded it, en- violence from reactionaries and city go along with Walter Reuther's sary to sign the "yellow dog" affi-

> manager. The hall of the CIO Fur the lead in fighting Reuther's be- fighting the Taft Act. Emil Mazey who is seeking the secretary-trea proponent of capitulation.

DEMAGOGIC APPEAL He and other Reutherite spea

Reuther's position was embodied in the report of the Resolutions ers demagogically appealed to the claimed could not survive unles they could get the "services" of

Nov. 1: A PCA rally in Phila- next in line of attack, if this red- Taft-Hartley Act which require the boss-dominated NLRB. Thomas answered the capitul ors by stating, "In my opinion sign ing affidavits is not going to so So strong was the sentiment for any problems at all that we fat Taft-Hartley Act, that the Reu-(Continued on Page 2)

American Committee, is disrupted further. That is why it is the duty ty affidavits, and to file required Oct. 26: A violent mob prevents by hoodlums as the cops stand by of the labor movement to oppose financial statements." the red-baiting drive in all its

Progressive Citizens of America he would not be able to renew his Reuther ducked the challenge. beer license if the meeting was

Oct. 30: A Newark meeting of the held there.

Resolution Against

Taft-Hartley Act

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He and his allies have placed the down on the convention. stamp of the Truman Doctrine on

this convention, although he has as the Reutherite battle-cry-shows unmistakably the alien source of Reuther's policy.

tional internal democracy the been such an outstanding sive feature of the dynamic On the very first point of disp the question of whether the offi

against Reuther's surrender resolu

tion. But they could not overcom

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the reactionary weight that press

(Continued on Page 3) This was made even clearer yes-



THE MILITANT

UAW Opposition Fights Against Taft-Hartley Act

Printed below is the text of the resolution on the Taft-Hartley Act presented to the UAW Convention in Atlantic City by the Thomas-Addes-Leonard caucus, and supported by approximately one-third of the UAW delegates. In the interests of smoother reading, the "whereases" in the first part of the resolution have been omitted.-Ed.

In defiance of the overwhelming The great International Union, Hollister whose elients include the The lobbyists for the Allis-Chalmers and its leadership eliminated. nd continue to fight against all ings, and drafting the final bill. Since passage of the Act, General

PAGE TWO

In the Senate, Taft has at all Motors Corporation, Chrysler, and mes acted in the interests of his Ford have all attempted to utilize orporation clients, and the profi- the Law against the Union. All of eers rather than the people. His them have made every effort to ious assertions that the Taft-Hart- get the UAW-CIO to comply with Law is designed to help labor the so-called "loyalty" affidavits not fool the rank-and-file of and the requirement for filing of orkers — any more than it fools financial statements in order to e millionaire publishers and the trap the Union into use of the all Street interests who back Mr. employer-dominated National Lait in the Senate and who give bor Relations Board. In addition, their law business.

This infamous law was not passed have propagandized with the same a vacuum - it is a vital part of objective in mind. coordinated program to destroy

atic parties alike share the rensibility. Press, the Hearst press all over This Act was passed under the America, the Luce publications, and se of protecting the country's all other anti-labor publications alth and welfare, but the same have supported this plan of the eedy interests behind the bill auto industry to get our union to ceeded in voting out price con- fall into the clutches of the NLRB. cancelling rent control, de- These publications are attempting roying workers rights under the to convince the public that the age-Hour Act, protecting monop- Taft-Hartley Law is good for Lacrippling our social insur- bor; that only fear of the loyalty system, sabotaging the needs affidavit keeps certain union leadour farmers, delivering our na- ers from using the NLRB. The Free mal resources to the public utili- Press accused both Philip Murray and lumber lobbies, turning and John L. Lewis of acting in the our homeless veterans to the interests of Moscow because of their der mercies of the monopolistic stand against the Board.

our people.

living standards of our people Role of the Press John S. Knight's Detroit Free

lding and real estate lobbies, and One of the authors of the original envise undermining the welfare Wagner Act, who recently resigned from the NLRB, Hebert Blanken-The purpose of this Act is to horn, did so because "The Board unions powerless to resist and the Law give labor nothing ge cuts, speed-ups and the res- but hell," and the "loyalty" affiration of sweatshop conditions. davits are in his words, "a red-

the automobile industry publications

herring ... to instill in labor not or defeat of the union resting its any delay or hearing to the Steel- unionists and as citizens of a de- with all labor organizations and incoming International Executives the spirit of fidelity (but) the spirit case with the Board.

of a finger." Use of the Board would mean in effect that we let the employers He decides on cases to be handled. tell our Union whom to elect and He runs the field offices. Yet this rights are protected - under the bitter struggle. Untold numbers of pancial status of our individual Taft - Hartleyized National Labor whom we may not elect. The law man's record against labor in gent new Board procedure an employer common people have starved and members, our locals and our Inter- Relations Board, and be it further sets up a system of inspection and eral and particularly his shameful has eight major means open to him suffered, have been beaten and national no contract be approved approval of union officers by em- prejudices against Negro workers for delaying an election for union black-listed, have been exploited by the Regional Directors or the President Philip Murray, who in ployer-dominated government agencies. Labor officials must prove they are "loyal" but employers may make use of the Board without any proof of their "loyalty."

The National Labor Relations ment of Colored People.

ntest of millions of Americans, UAW-CIO, is a major target of Board, even if it were made up of Since enactment of the Law, or any other form of union security. in Flint, Pontiac, South Bend, De- union-busting liability provisions in ciple. I do not know why the Con-

he reactionary 80th Congress has those who planned and wrote the lair-minded men, is not able under Demiain has shown that he internets Taft-Hartley Law. Every major au- the Taft-Hartley Law to help labor. to use the Board for no other pur- Anti-Labor Weapons those who planned and wrote the fair-minded men, is not able under Denham has shown that he intends issed the Taft-Hartley Act. The tomobile manufacturer testified or President Truman estimated that pose than to perform as the anti-

with Taft, Ball and their cohorts. in that time a union can be crushed to study the operation of the Act, fication indefinitely, before making a policy interpreta-

Truman in a Quandary

the general manager of the Board. campaign of union-busting. during his service as a trial Exam- security. Even, if the union wins and hunted so that labor organiza- International Executive Board un- declining the services of the Board, iner under the old Board, precipi- such an election by getting a ma- tions might have a right to exist less such contracts exempt the local on behalf of the Steel Workers tated protests from all branches of jority of all workers in the bargain- and flourish as a fundamental part unions, the International Union, said: organized labor and from the Na- ing unit (not merely a majority of of a democratic society, tional Association for the Advance- all those voting) the employer can Acceptance of this Act would be- ficers, the Regional Directors and an affidavit that I was not a Com-

For representation elections the ief congressional architect of the lobbied for the law. Mr. Theodore it would take an average of five labor employer has been given an entire Louis and other cities throughout the decision that in cases pending sumptuous, because I think if they

Pennsylvania Railroad, the Gruen Corporation and the Freuhauf Financial statements which have tion. The cases he has initiated when all the world is watching the Vatch Company, the General Ma- Trailer Corporation, Mr. William to be on file with the Secretary of against the Carpenters Union, the vitality of our democratic instituhinery Company, numerous banks Ingles worked full time for many Labor and must be mailed to every International Typographical Union, tions, and the ability of Americans nd traction companies - corpora- weeks with the House Labor Com- single member offer another rich the Teamsters Union, the United to resist fascism and reaction at ons that have fought in the past mittee in staging its one-sided hear- field to employers who seek delay Mine Workers; his refusal to grant home. Our duty, both as trade

workers and other unions before mocracy, demands of us an un- other progressive groups to insure Board, UAW-CIO, is therefore inof Fido, who must lie down, roll The General Counsel of the throwing out their old Board cases; swerving determination that this the political repudiation of those structed not to file financial stateover and play dead, at the snap Board, Robert Denham, now con- his public speeches and his rulings infamous law must be erased from reactionaries who are responsible ments or so-called "loyalty" oaths, sidered "labor's biggest boss," is - all of this shows a calculated the statute books. The liberty of for the Taft-Hartley Act. Be it and to refrain from taking any workers, like the liberty of all further

the union membership, the local of-

simply refuse to grant a union shop tray the heritage of our struggles the International Officers from the munist. That is a matter of prindianapolis, Dallas, Los Angeles, St. NLRB and its General Counsel for I think the Congress is very pre-

free Americans if we permitted our stitute a law suit similar to the suit is required to file an affidavit of selves to live under any part of a filed by the Steel Workers and other this description, the Congress that law which robbed American work- unions similarly affected challeng- enacts legislation of that kind can ers of the right to strike, to picket, ing this retroactive application of readily enact a law which says to a to pick their own leaders, and to the Taft-Hartley Law, and chal- labor leader: 'What are you? A engage in those concerted activi- lenging the constitutionality of the Catholic, Protestant or Jew?' . ties which are the life blood of our "loyalty" oath provision and other The Congress had in its mind a movement.

Fight Against Act

Therefore be it resolved: That as good Americans and militant unionists we will not acquiesce in a law which makes it a crime to exercise freedom of speech, freedom of press, freedom of assembly. The Constitution remains the law of the land and we propose to enjoy its protection while we fight for repeal of this law, and for the welfare and happiness of all our people.

Expose Its Purpose

From this day forward we dedicate ourselves to the mission of obtaining a repudiation and forthright repeal of this infamous act reactionary forces which have produced this Act. We will bring our message not only to workers but to farmers, small businessmen and other groups whose economic welfare this Act threatens.

We hereby dedicate our entire membership to work unceasingly in the political field in complete unity

UAW Convention at the Militant

other steps committing our union

Resolved: That we join with

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"I stated I was unwilling to file troit, Cleveland, Anderson, Oakland, the Law. Therefore be it further gress of the United States, should Resolved: That we condemn the require me to do that, as a citizen. where the automobile workers went unions cannot appear on the ballot question of communism, they could hungry and spilled their blood so and cannot have their unfair labor do it with any other citizen about

> discriminatory in nature, and re-Resolved: That inasmuch as the volting to a citizen who believes in International Association of Ma- decency and in justice and in freedom." And be it finally

Resolved: That we instruct the drive, the UAW-CIO must march forward, without help from the Board. Before there was ever a Resolved: That inasmuch as John | Wagner Act, the UAW demonstrat-S. Bugas of the Ford Motor Com- ed its ability to organize the basic pany, M. E. Coyle, Executive Vice- sections of our industry. Briggs, President of General Motors and General Motors, and Chrysler and other notoriously anti-labor employ- many other plants were organized ers as well as Mr. Hartley, Mr. without any government aid. We Taft and the press have begun a organized these plants, and protectcampaign to get our union to co- ed our members by showing the operate with the NLRB in order to employers our own economic 'cleanse" any local or International strength, our unity, and our willingleader who objects to speed-up and ness to use that strength whenever

Our Program:

. 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!

President Truman is formally handed the 178-page report of his Committee on Civil Rights, which recommended government action against racial and religious discrimination. Truman got a lot of publicity out of the report, but now his Cabinet is said to be engaged in a dispute over what to do about it. Racial and religious minorities will not be satisfied unless action is taken on the anti-discrimination recommendations; on the other hand, Truman is afraid to antagonize the reactionary Southern wing of his party. Mass pressure is still the only way to win the fight for equal rights and civil liberties.

Reutherites Put Over "Yellow Dog" Compliance

(Continued from Page 1) a bill that every one of us heard merated ten sections of the Taft Act," and anybody who thinks so this morning is designed to enslave Act which make it "practically imlabor — and that remark was made possible, even after you sign these Discussed in Newark "is certainly making a mistake, which will be proven in the fu- by the President of the CIO, Philip affidavits and consent to go along Murray, and you all heard it." with this infamous law to count on

He pointed out that the UAW He further pointed out that the getting an election." Reutherites "damn the Act from The Reutherites never stated ex-

w was Senator Robert A. Taft, a Iserman, Counsel for the Chrysler years to handle any case involving him to perform. He has agreed to arsenal of weapons never available the length and breadth of our land under the old Wagner Act local could do that to me about this proporation lawyer in the Cincin- Corporation, was a major aid to the an election for bargaining repre- consult with the Ball-Taft-Hartley to him under the old Wagner Act. ati firm of Taft, Stettinius and Senate Committee, working closely sentative or for union security, and Committee, set up under the Law These can be used to prevent certi-

This Act was adopted at a time

Despite the ballyhoo that union our people, was won only after Resolved: That to protect the fi- to a policy of cooperation with the

Toledo, Chicago, Milwaukee, In-

that our movement might be free. practice charges processed; that we any other kind of issue. . . . It is We would not merit the name of join with Philip Murray and in- reasonable to assume that if a man

Nor will we permit the blackmail.

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UAW Convention to be

George Breitman will analyze the Labor Forum, 423 Springfield Ave.

We dedicate ourselves to an unceasing campaign against the un-American conspiracy which has produced this Act. We pledge ourther selves not to permit this Act to destroy either the economic or the **Refuse to File** political rights of the people.

the threats and the smears of legislative hatchet - men operating through the House and Senate Labor Committees to divide or deter

provisions of the law, and be it fur- diabolical piece of work, extremely

chinists has become the principal threat to the UAW-CIO, the United Steel Workers and the United Elec- Show Our Strength trical Workers by its sneak raids under the Taft-Hartley Law, that incoming International Executive the incoming UAW-CIO Interna- Board to proceed with the organitional Executive Board is hereby zation of the unorganized, the proinstructed to confer immediately tection of the membership from with the Steel, Electrical and other discrimination, and the safeguard, CIO unions for the purpose of rais- ing of our present membership and ing a defense fund of \$500,000 or contracts. Along with the Steel more to combat raiding by the IAM | Workers, the Electrical Workers, or any other union, and be it fur- the CIO Southern Organizational

who stands up for the union. The it became necessary.





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How Can USA Be Converted into Land of Plenty?

Confidence in Capitalism Justified, Walter Dorwin Teague Maintains

ED. NOTE: In our issues of Oct. 6 and Oct. 13 we printed Joseph tired world, which, however, turns Hansen's review of "Land of Plenty" by the well-known industrial de- to us for succor: to us, who have signer, Walter Dorwin Teague. Mr. Teague responded with a criticism grown inconceivably rich in well naive as he makes out. Does evolved. which we print below. In his covering letter, Mr. Teague states: "i being because for more than five he really believe his claim In the past century, Marxists therities, decimating the Indians of tools, of the division of labor, of less plenty. You are well aware of am enclosing a comment on Mr. Hansen's review which I trust you generations we have had no truck about the unlimited possibili- vigorously defended capitalism with liquor and bullets, robbing the rise and disappearance of vari- the technical possibilities, Mr. will print. I realize that it is not the policy of Left Wing publications with the hoary formulas so many ties of plenty in the future against partisans of feudalism, Mexico of her richest areas and ous classes to see that every great Teague, as your book bears witness. to give consideration to the other side of the argument, but perhaps of our foreign friends are sadly in this instance you will display the tolerance which we Liberals embracing, and you are advocating. habitually practice."

Mr. Teague's comments follow: Editor

In Mr. Joseph Hansen's review and exercising his ingenuity for his you have given my book, Land of own and the general benefit. Plenty, a flattering amount of My book is a solid mass of inconspace, and Mr. Hansen's excerpts testable evidence proving these convey a fair idea of my summary truths. But then, as I have said, of the possibilities existing in this we are "at a loss when we must country for the fabulous betterment oppose the frenetic fervors of the of living. However, Mr. Hansen collectivist with mere reasonableconcludes that these opportunities ness. Our system is lacking in vooare an indictment of the "capitalist doo characteristics. Against comsystem" that produced them! Here pact and passionate ideologies we I face one of those extraordinary can offer only a flexible technique, mental processes that leave us free and a technique, at that, which thinkers utterly bewildered, as when admits its own imperfections." we try to rationalize the thinking I have pointed out the imperfec-

of Jesuits or Jehovah's Witnesses. tions of our so-called system much A mind dedicated to a dogma is an more forcibly than any unfriendly impenetrable mystery to the un- critic could do. I am impatient initiate. that we do not move more rapidly

It should be obvious to any open- to realize its ideals, and possess eyed observer that the possibilities ourselves of all the good that in I have outlined are conceivably real- its immense fertility it holds, in izable in the United States within store for us. But I will have no the imminent future; that this is part in the epidemic reaction of true here solely because we have these times, which, because the benefited from and still possess a freedom and dignity of the indifluid social organization which al- vidual have not as yet been fully lows the individual a large measure achieved by us, would scrap them

How Long Latin American Miners **Must Toil to Earn Their Clothing**

In a study, Workers and Democracy in Latin America, Serafin Romualdi gives the following information on how long mine workers must labor to buy the necessities of life, comparing the level of various Latin American countries with that of the United States:

- Colombia: Shirt, 1½ days; shoes, 3 days; suit, 1 month.
- Brazil: Shirt, 1 day; shoes, 3 days; suit, two weeks. Chile: Shirt, 15 hours: shoes, 20 hours, suit, 150 hours,
- Paraguay: Shirt, 2 days; suit, 1 month.
- Peru: Shirt, 2 days; shoes, 2½ days; suit, 22 days.
- Mexico: Shirt, 3 days; shoes, 7 days; suit, 1 month. Cuba: Shirt, 1 day; shoes, 2 days; suit, 1 week.
- Venezuela: Shirt, 6 hours; shoes, 2 days; suit, 12 days.

United States: Shirt, 11/2 hours; shoes, 4 hours; suit, 271/2 hours. For Romualdi's study to be complete, he would have to report the profits of the various mining companies. Thus it could be clearly seen what the capitalists extract from the labor of the

workers without doing anything themselves. -Translated from Lucha Obrera, newspaper of the Mexican Section of the Fourth International.

+as objectives and substitute the wil and limited wisdom of the few.

A "planned economy" is no new Only Revolutionary Socialism Can Open the Road to Better World thing. It is only a modern name for the most ancient recourse of the timid and defeated. We see

this wave of surrender sweeping a You will have to persuade us that

W. Oak Same

some of the experiments in con- ber of Commerce propaganda? mark the end of progress. trolled economies abroad are not a form of riger mortis, before' you stand much chance of getting them considered seriously here.

I must correct one error of fact "argument," and initiate him into States. on Mr. Hansen's part. He said that some of the ABCs of Marxism. I declared Marxism to be a variety of fascism. What I stated was the ism levels at the capitalist system feudalism. In America capitalism in the continent of its birth. What historical fact that both nazism and is that it doesn't run industry at nad a virgin continent and the most guarantee of immunity from a simfascism are sectarian offshots of full capacity and that it doesn't skilled and energetic immigrant lar fate does capitalism have on Marxism, and that in morals, ad- expand industry at the maximum workers from Europe at its disposal. ministrative techniques and effect possible te.

on human living the three are in-Now is that so difficult to grasp? had such vast resources that it distinguishable. Does that "dogma" sound like could carry even the dead weight Mr. Teague Walter Dorwin Teague voodooism? Mr. Teague, who is no of the robber barons and still make

Los Angeles, Calif. Marxist, has observed this "short- colossal strides. Caritalism in

French Cops Charge Strikers

another Marxist fundamental. I can't help wondering if Marxism views capitalism as a

Mr. Teague is actually as tremendous advance over the feuchil resistance to its development once spheres as economy.

under capitalism? Has he pointing out that no matter how smashing slavery in a bloody civil really been taken in by Cham-slavery, still feudalism did not much better feudalism was than war.

For the sake of discussion let's Marxists are perfectly aware of because, for one reason, we escaped give Mr. Teague the benefit of the what we in America owe to the the ravages of war suffered by in the universe, is subject to cause you emphasized the possibilidoubt, consider him an innocent alien, European idea of capitalism Europe. European capitalism pressed change, what new system will it ties before us in contrast to our who has heard only one side of the as it has unfolded in the United

alist war into its own entrails. But In Europe capitalism was hamp- how idiotic of an American capital- old one? How can we speed the One of the main criticisms Marx- ered by persistent vestiges of ist to mock the fate of capitalism

> this side of the pond? This land with its two ocean fronts Let's proceed to another Marxist tenet-one that may really shock major laws of the capitalist sys-

In the past three decades capital-

ism in America rose to new heights

Marxism believes in historical de-

velopment. It holds that evolution- dictions that decisively tested the validity of their general conclusions. ary processes can be observed not

Fined For Spreading Marxist Lilerature

LONDON, Nov. 4 - Bill Ainsworth, a member of the Revolutionary Communist Party (Trotskyist) and a delegate to the Brimingham Trades Council, has been fined five pounds in the Birmingham Trades Council, has "crime" of giving a German prisoner-of-war a copy of Solidaritat, a German-language Trotskyist publication. This had taken place at an open meeting of the RCP, called to protest against the revival of anti-Semitic attacks by British fascists. The prosecutor charged that the contents of Solidaritat would "upset" the German POW's and undermine discipline. He especially singled out an RCP manifesto to the German working class

After being fined, Bill Ainsworth issued a statement to the press noting that the authorities did nothing to stop the fascists from addressing groups of POW's, but were very worried about protecting them from the ideas of Marxism and Trotskyism, He declared he did not feel at all ashamed of demonstrating his people for the "will and limited international class solidarity.

By Joseph Hansen | coming" himself. Let's consider | Europe was confined within a crazy | only in the stellar systems, in the | Rockefellers, du Ponts and so forth patchwork of national boundaries, earth's crust, organic life and man who now rule as dictators over inwhile capitalism in America had no himself, but even in such sucred dustry.

Capitalism itself, says the Marxist basis for a new society of boundbefore the development of electronics and atomic energy. It was be-

torial Fighly useful in indicting the case for socialism.'

What prevents us from going forward to this new world?

The Marxist answer is that the reactionary ruling class prevents us. They rule industry. They dominate the government. They stand in the road of progress.

These rulers are far more inter-

ested in the dividends for the last the fate of humanity in the next quarter of a century. They are hypnotized by profits. They worship profits. The "profit motive" is the central dogma of their economic voodooism. That's why they are able to prepare for World War III with the same fatalism seen in the samurai of Japan when they prepare for hara-kiri.

In your book you are forced to consider the reasons for America's failure to go forward to the land of plenty that lies beckoning before us. One "explanation" you give is lack of the pioneer spirit. You appeal for progressiveness-to the monopolists

Pleading with the ruling class to mend its ways is not novel. In fact there is no mistake in politics more heary than that one. Its venerable age of course does not condemn it. But its ineffectiveness does. Hisfory has yet to see it ruling class. that deliberately abdicates for the sake of progress, not to speak of one that leads the way.

The past | 30. years' experience under the American capitalist class shows there is no ground whatsoever for confidence in either their ability or willingness to convert America into a land of plenty. wisdom of the few" Fords, Morgans,

In that time they have taken us instead, into several major depressions and through a catastrophie one such as the world had never before witnessed. They have plunged us into two world wars. They have no perspective now outside of another depression, fuscism and a third world slaughter that may

UAW Convention Swept by Red-Baiters (Continued from Page 1) He picked Delegate William Cald- erence to Addes as a "man of in- | threatened, intimidated, told that of the Thomas-Addes-Leonard cau cus | ambitious role for himself as un-

should be elected before or after | zell of New Castle, Ind., Local 371, tegrity." But he waxed fulsome barricades would be thrown around bus, where they have no standing meeting of some 1,000 delegates in disputed ruler of the mighty UAW

wages.'

Carrying clubs and riot guns, French mobile guards and Paris police break up a demonstration of 15,000 sanitation workers who protested soaring living costs with this rally outside City Hall. (Federated Pictures)



system of economy from which it it had succeeded in overthrowing It is only necessary to glance back actrine, has prepared the technical the legally constituted British au- at the long history of the evolution

advance has sooner or later become That is to your credit although you outmoded and had to give way to are only repeating what the socialsomething better, more efficient. ist agitators were able to see long capable of producing more.

If capitalism, like everything else the dagger of fascism and imperi- develop into? In what ways will present miserable standard of living

the new system be superior to the that I said your book "contains maproces.? What is the penalty for capitalist system and presenting the The founders of Marxism, Marx

and Engels, studied the capitalist

system itself, analyzed its growth and development and discovered tem unknown before their time. From their finding they made pre-

HYPNOTIZED BY PROFITS quarter of 1947 than they are about

That is why Marxism is a science. Marx and Engels discovered that capitalism tends toward increasing centralization of industry. This is so clear today in the development of the trusts and monopolies that

a man must be truly blind not to see it, especially one who works for the giant corporations. Likewise inherent in capitalism

is expansion beyond national boundaries. Is it possible to doubt this in 1947?

LAYS THE BASIS

Capitalism itself lays the basis for the world-trade integration and centralization of industry. The ultimate end of this development is the operation of world industry according to an over-all plan. Is this so terrifying? Individual

retarding it?

factories today are operated according to the plans of the owners. Cartels extend this type of planning on an international scale. The division of world industry among warring capitalist cliques gives it

all an anarchic character. If you stand on the side of progress, the problem of our times is to extend planning to world-wide proportions and to place it under the democratic control of the producers. In America this would mean substituting the will and control of the great majority of the PAGE THREE

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he depate on major point ther ran roughshod over the rights of the opposition delegates.

It was an open secret before the convention began, that Reuther and his machine intended by every means possible to forestall debate on program and policies and. if possible, to put the election of officers first on the order of business This was such a bald-faced violation of UAW tradition that the Reuther-ACTU minority on the Rules Committee finally brought in a proposal to hold elections on the third day-today. The rules committee majority proposed that elections be held on the fifth day. Thursday, after the delegates had heard a discussion of the issues.

STEAMROLLER TACTICS

While scores of delegates were clamoring for the floor, the Reutherite machine, with Reuther in the chair, steamrollered through a motion to close debate. They then shoved through the motion to sidetrack policy discussion and hold elections early.

Committee Chairman Joe Berry. of Flint Buick Local 599, opened the fore-shortened discussion with a brief statement for the Rules Committee majority. He said: "We felt that if officers were elected too early in the Convention, all the issues would not be decided." He also pointed out that the elections are utually the climax of the convention, after which the tired delegates are anxious to wind up the business and go home.

The reporter for the Rules Committee minority, Ed Purdy of Local 99, then tipped off the real reason why Reuther wanted to rush through the elections. If the elections were held on the fifth day, as in the past, he said, "we are going to have nothing but caucusing all over this hall, caucusing all over Atlantic City." In short. Reuther wanted the elections held befor his opponents could build up their forces by debate on the real issues. Immediately following Purdy's remarks, Reuther gave the flocr to Delegate Walter Henderson, Detroit Local 153, who again made the motion to adopt the minority report and then spoke at length in its fav-

Just one supporter of the majority report was given the floor by Reuther. Delegate Thomas May, o.' Bridgeport Local 877, merely said he favored the majority proposal and sat down. Reuther then called for a spokesman for the minority.

ate. A shout of protest rose from had "no words that can flow from large section of the delegates. me that would provide adequate ap-Reuther could have ruled Caldwell preciation for the splendid support ut of order on the legitimate that little red-head has given Phil ninority position. But Reuther in-AIDED CAPITALISM sisted on taking the vote to close lebate, and pushed it through. It was a slicked, greased-up job with perfect teamwork between Reuther and his floor machine. Reuther trampled over all opposition protest. The vote to hold elections starting the third day, instead of the fifth, was passed by a majority of about three to one, in a hand

vote. MURRAY'S DOUBLETALK

All Reuther's efforts have been concentrated on wiping out every ray stressed. vestige of opposition in the lead-Thus, Murray made clear he ership to his unrestrained rule. It

had been rumored that CIO Presiurge Reuther to modify his intendopposition in the leadership, such vention he would not sign a "loy-

principle.' tary-treasurer. This convention of the UAW, un-Murray spoke to the convention yesterday morning. In his usual like any of the others I have at-'diplomatic'' double-talk, he made tended, is saturated with an atit plain that he was supporting mosphere of fear, intimidation, Reuther all the way. He made a conservatism and backward prejusnide, condescending reference to dices. Under Reuther's inspiration Vice President R. J. Thomas, as and demagogy, all the most reacone who "makes his mistakes" and tionary elements are riding high. is "sometimes mischievous, but nevertheless not a bad guy." Thomas's courageous leadership meeting of the Thomas-Addesof the fight against the "yellow Leonard caucus last night. "Reudog" oath is undoubtedly his great- ther has put a cloak of red before est "mistake" in the eyes of Mur- the eyes of a majority of the deleray and other union officials of his gates, and they can't see through mentality.

As Ralph Urban, president of Detroit Packard Local 190, told a this cloak to the real issues." He Murray made a perfunctory ref- added: "Delegates have been

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promptly moved to close de- in praise of Reuther for whom he heir locals, administrators appointed over them, if they did not vote along with Reuther.

PROVOKING FIGHTS The Reuther strong-arm boys are ,rounds that the chairman had giv- Murray since his incumbency (as going around trying to provoke in him the floor to speak on the UAW president since March, 1946.") | fights with members of the opposition. Opposition delegates have

been physically attacked in hotel Murray went further. He helped corridors and bar-rooms. Reutherpave the way for Reuther to put ite elements are openly saying they over his resolution of capitulation to the Taft-Hartley Act. In his are going to beat up distributors of the Stalinist Daily Worker. speech, Murray said not a word on

Yesterday the Reutherite goons his own reasons for personally refusing to sign the "yellow dog" oath | even attempted to interfere with as president of the United Steel- the distribution of Ford Facts, ofworkers. He dwelt exclusively on ficial organ of Ford Local 600, repthe fact that the CIO Convention in resenting 65,000 workers. Ford Facts Boston had left the matter entirely attacked the action of Reuther in up to each affiliated union. "We announcing the UAW would sign gave emphasis to the point," Mur- the "yellow dog" oaths.

The atmosphere of red-baiting and intimidation extends even to would raise not the slightest ob- the press correspondents. The Mildent Philip Murray intended to jection to the UAW officers sign- itant reporter was deliberately exing the Taft Act Oaths, although cluded from the assignment of ed purge, and retain some of the he himself stated at the CIO Con- press seats. When he protested, he was told that only "metropolitan as George Addes, incumbent secre- alty" affidavit as "a matter of publications" and "only daily papers" were assigned reserved seats

He pointed out that the Militant is a national labor paper published in New York and that Big Busines. weeklies like Time, Newsweek and Business Week were given special seating.

He also pointed to the table where he was standing. There was the official reserve sign for the Detroit ACTU weekly, the Wage Earner! But he had to scramble for a place

at the press table. SINISTER TIE-UP

The sinister tie-up between the Social Democratic Reutherites and the ACTU was further indicated when the Wage Earner was placed on every delegates' seat and spread

by the thousands throughout the convention hall. It is the real organ of the Reutherites. No union convention in American history was ever so penetrated and manipulated by the machinery of the Catholic Church hierarchy. operating through the ACTU. Its agents are everywhere, secretly pulling strings, inflaming the red-baiting, working up reactionary sentiments under the cloak of religion. While working with this unsav ory machine, Reuther hypocritically steamed up the convention abou-"outside interference" of the Communist Party.

The Stalinists are actually a pitiful handful in this convention, with fight after the convention. almost no influence. They are just managing to hang on to the fringe this fight in his address to the

vhatsoever. Their sole role in the the Chelsea Hotel Auditorium Sun- on behalf of American imperialism. onvention has been to muddy the day night. He was cheered to the But he has not reckoned with the vaters a little, by bucking the elec- echo when he announced forth- militant ranks.

tions strategy of the Thomas-Addes- rightly that "regardless of how the Peonard caucus and running a can- vote goes in this convention. I am lidate of their own against Reuther | going to continue the fight against | n defiance of the caucus decision one-man rule and to preserve unto support no candidate for presi- ion democracy in the UAW." lent. He stated further that he would

REAL ALIEN INFLUENCE Reuther himself represents the

eal alien, outside influence in this enunciated a program of militant action on the wage front and convention. He sceaks for the polagainst speed-up. He scored Reuicy of the U.S. State Department. He is aligned with the ultra-reac- ther's aid to the speed-up drive of tionary power machine of the the corporations by his "more pro-

ACTU, a direct agency of the Cuth- duction" statements. olic hierarchy designed to split the He ridiculed Reuther's notion trade unions along religious lines. that the Republican-Democratic bi-In his opening speech to the con- partisan Congress could be influvention, Reuther offered no pro- enced to "roll back prices." Thomas gram to solve the problems of the confessed, "I fell for that stuff | take the full blame if that leaderauto workers. His only reference to years ago, but now I've learned these problems of high prices, better." He stressed the need for speed-up and company provoca- a "fight for higher wages now" to tions inspired by the Taft Act, was defend labor's living standards vague, high-sounding demagogy and from inflation. And he raised spe-

statistics on profits. When it came cifically the demand for cost-ofto a program of action, Reuther living bonuses automatically rising made the harmless threat that if with rising prices. Congress doesn't "roll back prices' SIMILAR SPEECHES then the UAW would have to think

Other leaders of the caucus, inabout launching a "fight for higher cluding Addes and Leonard, are speaking in a similar vein. On political action, he said mere-Contrasted to the free, militant v what everyone knows, that poliatmosphere in the Thomas-Addestical action in 1948 is a "top prior-Leonard caucus here, where redity issue." But nothing on what baiting is scorned and openly dekind of political action. Dead sinounced, is the oppressive, reactionlence on any concrete program. STRUCK NO SPARK

None of this welter of words struck a spark in the delegates. Only when Reuther came to his eal program—his sole program—did his floor machine come to life and vhoop it up. The biggest hand he ot was when he called on the convention to "reaffirm in clear and unmistakeable language the policy

f the CIO when it says that the CIO resents and rejects the inter-'erence of the Communist Party.' It is unquestionable that Reuther has gone a long way at this convention in consoligating his rule nd imposing a bureaucratic "WE'VE got the majority." stranglehold on the UAW. But it Then he pointed to his lieutenis likewise clear that his ruthless, ants and running-mates on the reactionary drive is generating a platform-Emil Mazey who is oppowerful and bitter opposition posing Addes for secretary-treasuramong the UAW militants. The er, Richard Gosser and John W. wo days of this convention and its Livingston who are running against ample of Reuther's rule have al-Thomas and Leonard for the vice eady hardened the determination presidencies-and bragged: "Here's of the militants to continue the

where the power will be.' AMBITIOUS ROLE Thomas sounded the key-note of Reuther has cut out a big and

"He may offer a red herring, but

the folks back home are looking to the union to fight for food, clothing and shelter," said one speaker at the Thomas-Addes-Leonard caucus meeting. not yield on the issue of the Taft-

Hartley Act, come what may. He Those words hit the nail on the head. The corporations are squeezing down on the auto workers. They cannot get their grievances settled Soaring prices are slashing their living standards. Union militants are being victimized. The Taft-

Hartley Act is blasting away their union security and protection. Reuther aims to take full responsibility for the leadership. He must

ship fails to produce results for the membership.

He has already shown what his course will be-an attempt to stifle all militant expression in the union, to repress all fighting spirit, to retreat before the Taft-Hartley forces.

REVOLT IS BREWING

The auto workers won't stand for that very long. Underneath, in the ranks, a revolt is brewing. The third of the delegates who stood up under the fire of the redbaiters and opposed capitulation to the Taft-Hartley Act, are a far truer expression of the real feelings

of the auto workers than those who fell under the sway of Reuther's machine. This large minority of tested mili unts is going back home from this convention determined to build a progressive force that will have its day of reckoning with Reu-

not distant future.

ther's reactionary coalition in the

By the way, can you give us the be willing to print our side of the



THE PENALTY This is the penalty for holding back on replacing capitalism with

the planned economy of socialism. In face of this hideous reality, people like Teague still retain their smug confidence in rotting, collapsing capitalism, dogmatically repeating the Chamber of Commerce itual about its being the best of all possible economic systems. When America becomes a land of plenty under the socialist regime

that will make this possible, technicians like Teague will be able to olay an honorable and worthy part. They will receive far more recognition than they do today under the big corporations, forced as they are by what they deem their personal economic needs to act and write like bootlickers.

One more item. Teague's contention about the ulleged relationship between Marxism and fascism can be read any day of the week in the Hearst press. The historical fact is that fascism in both Italy and Germany was lucked by finance capital and represented the most brutal form yet seen of capitalist dictatorship. Marxism on the contrary is the political science. developed by the working class and its leaders. It is the pour opposite of fascism.

The repetition of Hearst's slanders about Marxism. Mr. Teague, along with your servile support of the power trust, to cite one unsavory item from your book, mark you as belonging to the camp of political reaction

address of any newspapers owned by your capitalist friends that would argument?

ary atmosphere that prevails in Reuther's caucus. The latter is a one-man show of adulation and back-slapping for Reuther. There is scarcely a pretense of a real program of struggle for the auto workers. The only thing that gets a rise is a sneering reference to the "commies"-which

covers any worker who doesn't go down the line 100% with Reuther and the Truman Doctrine. Almost the first words of Reuther's speech to his caucus Sunday night were the boast: "At last I'VE got a majority of the delegates." Then he hastily corrected himself-

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American soil. There is much in favor of the idea that from the standpoint of revolutionary order. Europe and the East stand ahead of the United States. But a course of events is possible in which this order might be broken in favor of the proletariat of the United States. . . We must not for a minute lose sight of the fact that the might of American capitalism rests more and more upon a foundation of world economy with its contradictions and crises, military and revolutionary. This means that a social crisis in the United States may arrive a good deal sooner than many think, and have a ferverish development from the beginning. Hence the conclusion: It is necessary to prepare."

"In the last historic analysis, all the problems of our planet will be decided upon

-Leon Trotsky, 1929

Monday, November 17, 1947

The Need for a Congress of Labor

When Truman called the special session of Congress he placed two points on the agenda: inflation and "aid" for Europe. The inclusion of inflation, its agenda the same points the special session of we maintained was window-dressing designed to appease the nation-wide demand for action on skyrocketing prices.

The preliminary reports to Congress made by Truman and Marshall confirm this analysis. So far they have evaded the problem of inflation. They have dwelt on "aid" to Europe; and their reports show that what they mean by this is the warming of the "cold" war against the Soviet Union.

These facts again point up the necessity for labor to find some means of making its voice heard and its influence felt in Washington.

The Socialist Workers Party has suggested many times that an effective way of doing this would be through a CONGRESS OF LABOR-a grass roots assembly in Washington of elected delegates from all labor organizations, CIO, AFL, Railroad brotherhoods and independents.

Such a body, meeting on the very doorsteps of Wall Street's Congress, could place heavy pressure on that gathering of machine politicians. Representing the overwhelming majority of the people, the Congress of Labor would voice the real sentiments of the great mass of voters.

A Congress of Labor could begin by placing on Wall Street's Congress is considering-inflation and aid to Europe.

To solve the problem of inflation it could consider two simple, practical proposals: (1) Organization of mass committees of union members, consumers and farmers to exercise price control by fixing price ceilings, rationing scarce necessities, confiscating food and other goods hoarded for speculation, and exposing fraudulent and profit-gouging practices. (2) Expropriation and nationalization of all food-processing industries as a first step toward the nationalization of all monopolies.

On aid to Europe, the Congress of Labor could consider: (1) Labor supervision of all loans to Europe to end political discrimination and stop the diversion of funds into imperialist military machines. (2) Wthdrawal of all occupation troops so that the peoples of Europe can work out their own destiny free from Wall Street's domination. By mobilizing millions of workers to back up its demands, a Congress of Labor could begin the job of ending Wall Street's political monopoly in Washington.

Wall Street Cracks the Whip in Chile

When Wall Street cracks the whip in its South American empire, the puppets heading the so-called "republics" move with an alacrity that is anything but dignified.

Take Chile's President, Gabriel Gonzales Videla, for instance. He won office last year at the head of a coalition cemented together by the Stalinists. He stood on a "people's platform," one of the main planks of which was a pledge to oppose "imperialist intervention" in the internal affairs of Chile.

Videla gave three posts in his ministry to the Stalinists as a reward for rounding up the winning votes. They served in a decorative capacity, the idea being to trick the Chilean labor movement into believing it had won a big victory at the polls.

Came the Truman Doctrine with its demand on all Wall Street's satellite powers to "contain communism."

Videla responded by throwing the three Stalinist ministers out on their ears. "Soon afterwards," reports the Nov. 8 Business Week, "he sent an economic mission to Washington to seek financial aid. It was under the leadership of Chilean financier Guillermo del Pedregal. The mission came back empty handed. Del Pedregal told the President that he'd better clean out all the Communists is making the world safe-not for democracy-but if he expected help from Washington; even ap- for Wall Street's investments.

proval of Chile's application to the World Bank for \$40,000,000 depended on this."

A strike among the poverty-ridden Chilean miners was seized as a pretext for spectacular action. Videla's secret police announced "discovery" of a "plot" hatched in the Yugoslavian Legation. Videla at once broke off relations with Yugoslavia and followed this with notice to the Soviet Embassy and the Czechoslovakian Legation in Santiago that they were no longer on speaking terms with Chile.

Troops were ordered into the strike-bound mines. Strikers were exiled to distant parts of the country; scabs moved in under protection of bayonets to replace them. A nation-wide witch-hunt was staged with hundreds of arrests. The U.S. Navy supplied coal from its stores to help break the strike.

"Santiago now believes it will get the World Bank loan," explains Business Week. "There are also reports in the capital that funds and equipment may be forthcoming for a petroleum refinery . . . Many important U. S. businessmen have told Gonzales that they would invest in Chile if he got rid of the Communists . . . "

By T. J. Peters PARIS, Nov. 1 — The French municipal elections have been followed not only by

its Communist Party will have the determining influence." The Socialist Party is denounced as traitors playing the game the top" - not in the policy it- perspective of a decisive class battle. of de Gaulle in what is de-self — that of class collaboration. scribed as the "American His solution is only an organizaparty." be formed in all factories, leaders

The new CP turn is a direct result of the fact that the victory the whole Stalinist party - the ranks of militant workers as well as the bureaucracy which, more than anything else, feels the crumbling of its big patronage machine. There must have been a good

deal of questioning in the Stalinist vate property and colonialism, is to the policies of the reformists and positions as it has since 1944. Thorez therefore went into "self-criti- remain the same. The form is to Stalinists. It calls for the prepara-

cism" much sharper and more devto control because of their

In line with the declaration of the

mise with its own ruling class.

THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY **OF MOTHER JONES**

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VICTORY AT ARNOT

Before 1899 the coal fields of Pennsylvania were not organized. Immigrants poured into the country and they worked cheap. There was always a surplus of immigrant labor, solicited in Europe by the coal companies, so as to keep wages down to barest living. Hours of work down under ground were cruelly long. Fourteen hours a day was not uncommon, thirteen, twelve. The life or limb c the miner was unprotected by any laws. Families lived in company owned shacks that were not fit for their pigs. Children died by the hundreds due to the ignorance and poverty of their parents.

Often I have helped lay out for burial the babies of the miners, and the mothers could scarce conceal their relief at the little ones' death. Another was already on its way, destined, if a boy, for the breakers; if a girl, for the silk mills where the other brothers and sisters already worked.

The United Mine Workers decided to organize these fields and work for human conditions for human beings. Organizers were put to work. Whenever the spirit of the men in the mines grew strong enough a strike was called.

In Arnot, Pennsylvania, a strike had been going on four or five months. The men were becoming discouraged. The coal company sent the doctors, the school teachers, the preachers and their wives to the homes of the miners to get them to sign a document that they would go back

The president of the district, Mr. Wilson, and an organizer, Tom Haggerty, got despondent. The signatures were overwhelmingly in favor of returning on Monday.

Haggerty suggested that they send for me. At Roaring Branch, the nearest train connection with Arnot, the secretary of the Arnot Union, a young boy, William Bouncer, met me with a horse and buggy. We drove sixteen miles over rough mountain roads. It was biting cold. We got into Arnot Sunday noon and I was placed in the coal company's hotel, the only hotel in town.

Sunday afternoon I held a meeting. It was not as large a gathering as those we had later but I stirred up the poor wretches that did come.

"You've got to take the pledge," I said. "Rise and pledge to stick to your brothers and the union till the strike's won!

The men shuffled their feet but the women rose, their babies in their arms, and pledged themselves to see that no one went to work in the morning.

"The meeting stands adjourned till ten o'clock tomorrow morning," I said. "Everyone come and see that the slaves that think to go back to their masters come along with you.'

At eleven o'clock that night the housekeeper knocked my door and told me that I had to give up my room; that she was told it belonged to a teacher. "It's a shame, mother," she whispered, as she helped me into my coat. I found little Bouncer sitting on guard down in the lobby. He took me up the mountain to a miner's house. "And did they put you out, Mother?" "They did that."

"I told Mary they might do that," said the miner." He held the oil lamp with the thumb and his little finger and I could see that the others were off. His face was oung but his body was bent over.

He insisted on my sleeping in the only bed, with his wife. At eight o'clock she came into my room, crying. "You must get up. The sheriff is here to put us out for keeping you. This house belongs to the Company."

The family gathered up all their earthly belongings, which weren't much, took down all the holy pictures, and must be elected, etc. Insofar as tion of a conscious vanguard. This put them in a wagon, and they with all their neighbors went to the meeting. The sight of that wagon with the vanguard exists in the International sticks of furniture and the holy pictures and the children, Communist Party (Trotskyist). In with the father and mother and myself walking along through the streets turned-the tide. It made the men so angry that they decided not to go back that morning to the mines. Instead they came to the meeting waere they determined not to give up the strike until they had won

Then the company tried to bring in scabs. I told the men to stay home with the children for a change and deal of questioning in the Stalinist and other interview of the defense defense defense defense defense and let the women attend to the scabs. I organized an army danger was permitted to arise, with of the bourgeois Republic, of the layzes the growing threat of the of women housekeepers. On a given day they were to the CP occupying such powerful Constitution which consecrates pri-the CP occupying such powerful Constitution which consecrates pri-the neligibles of the meligibles of the meligibles and castigates bring their mops and brooms and "the army" would charge the scabs up at the mines

be changed, there are to be elected tion of a General Strike by united picturesque appearance. She had slept late and her hus-I selected as leader an Irish woman who had a most astatingly self-revealing than has committees — which the Stalinists front action to beat down any at-band had told her to hurry up and get into the army. present great forces — but to carry partist dictatorship, and to form a thick cotton night gown. She wore a black stocking and a white one. She had tied a little red fringed shawl over her wild red hair. Her face was red and her eyes were tive anti-capitalist program: the mad. I looked at her and felt that she could raise a rumpus I said, "You lead the army up to the Drip Mouth. Take that tin dishpan you have with you and your hammer, and when the scabs and the mules come up, begin to The annual conference of the PCI, hammer and howl. Then all of you hammer and howl which meets next week, will occupy and be ready to chase the scabs with your mops and itself more thoroughly and con- brooms. Don't be afraid of anyone."



Bankrupt Policy Continued In French CP's New Turn

General de Gaulle's demand for a referendum on a new constitution that would bring him to power, but also by a sharp Stalinist "left turn," announced by Maurice Thorez at a CP Central Committee meeting here this week. Mass struggle to beat back the "neo-Fascist" danger is called for, and a new "democratic" government in which the "working class and

The proper utilization of this wedge, so as to make a revolutiontional one: broad committees must ary working solution possible, depends upon the successful interven-

by de Gaulle's RPF has shaken up policy is concerned, it is summed up by him in the aim set: "A government which will defend with the current issue of its paper, the energy the Constitution and the PCI carries a joint manifesto with Republic against the RPF and all the Socialist Youth who have rethe plotters grouped around de cently broken away from the party Gaulle.

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In other words, the policy of Entitled "On the Alert Against

Growing Assault on Civil Liberties

The most ominous threat to civil liberties yet is the FBI plot centering around the special Federal Grand Jury hearing in New York. Such hearings are supposed to be secret. But the red-hysteria master-minds aren't bothered by such trifles as the law. News "leaks" from the Justice Department were given to the press so they could help build up the greatest "red" scare in U. S. history.

The plot behind all this came to light when O. John Rogge, former special assistant to Attorney General Tom Clark, revealed that the stage was being set for large scale midnight raids to round up "reds" coincident with the opening of the special session of Congress.

Labor must realize the danger to it inherent in these governmental assaults on civil liberties. It must do all in its power to expose and stop them.

Equally sinister is the stirring of fascist-like repression in the New Jersey-Philadelphia area. The history of the growth of fascist gangs in Italy and Germany make these events ring out like an alarm bell in the night.

The only way to stop the organization of street gangs which destroy the rights of working class

Amnesty for the CO's by Christmas

Truman's Amnesty Board met in Washington last week and, according to a Scripps-Howard report, decided to recommend against restoring civil rights to a majority of the 16,000 men convicted of violating the draft law during World War II. Eight hundred of them are still in prison.

While most of the conscientious objectors have been released from prison and work camps, they still have the status of "convicted criminals" and are denied such civil rights as the right to vote and hold office. According to the above cited report, the Amnesty Board "will urge President Truman to deny amnesty to draft-law violators in all but a few cases. Those involve unusual circumstances, such as a hill-billy farmer who honestly didn't know about the war."

But those who did know about the war and refused to participate in it for religious or political reasons are apparently to be denied civil rights which are still enjoyed by the militarists, war Thus country by country the Truman Doctrine

organizations is for the workers to organize their

The police and the courts will not protect work-

ers' organizations against storm troops. How clear-

ly is this seen in the case of the Trenton and Phil-

adelphia meetings! In both cases the meetings

were "guaranteed" by court injunctions. In both

cases the injunctions proved to be scraps of paper.

In all the cases of suppressed meetings the police

forces have encouraged them. *Starting with the

Stalinists they have now proceeded to the AVC,

whose meeting in Newark was banned by extra-

legal methods. Already they have dared tell trade

unions to whom halls can and cannot be rented.

The next step in this process is clear: Trade union

meetings will be assaulted by fascist elements al-

nal. It must declare that it will defend the rights

of all working class organizations to meet and

speak freely. And it must organize to defend these

profiteers, warmongers and politicians who are

responsible for hundreds of thousands of deaths

appealing for a presidential amnesty by Christmas

and the release of the CO's still in jail. The labor

movement and all progressive organizations are

duty bound, in the name of defending civil liber-

publicity out of the report of his Committee on

civil rights to which he gives so much lip-service.

Among other things, mass pressure should be ap-

plied to force him to reject the reported recom-

mendations of his Amnesty Board and to restore

the civil rights and freedom of all CO's by Christ-

Truman got a lot of unwarranted favorable

Now he should be made to do something about

Defenders of the conscientious objectors are

The labor movement must heed this alarm sig-

The easy successes won by these reactionary

were in cahoots with the hoodlums.

own defense guards.

lied with the police.

rights in action.

will kill millions more!

ties, to support this appeal.

Civil Rights.

mas.

been the case in the past with sucl lope bureaucratic comedies. It entailed a' review of Stalinist

laboration line. policy since the beginning of the The accent of the whole policy is People's Front in 1935 and going to be more than ever on chauvinism. through the "National Front" of the war years and the Committees on "defending the national sovof National Liberation. The trouble ereignty of France" — this time in this whole course lasting a dozen directed against the United States, years, Thorez declared, was that in accordance with the line laid agreements had been arrived at down by the Kremlin for its Belonly at the top; the movements grade Bureau.

had not been based on genuine participation of the masses. BANKRUPTCY ADMITTED

conference of the "Nine," the whole tactic prescribed by Thorez centers around "greater orientation toward Then, going into the resistance the masses." He quotes the Warsaw movement, Thorez became even

declaration which says that the sharper: "It must be considered," greatest danger "for the working he said, "as a grave mistake that class" at present is the underestiwe tolerate in the organization and mation of its own forces and the conduct of the resistance the same overestimation of the forces of the faults which were fatal in the opposite camps. But, just as on People's Front, and which were rean international scale, the declaravealed to be just as pernicious for tion written by Kremlin spokesman the movement of national libera-Zhdanov continues to lay stress on tion. . . . The men of the reaction the bureaucracy's belief in "peaceregained their courage and got into the saddle once more. . . . Today, assembled around de Gaulle, the to lay stress in his belief in nareaction is pushing on its offensive tional unity. against the working class and the More specifically, national unity Republic."

A more clear-cut avowal of bankruptcy is hardly possible. Thorez admits black on white the complicity of the Stalinists in breaking than others. Just as the Kremlin the revolutionary upsurge of 1936 which led to the war as well as that of 1944 which has led to the rise of de Gaulle. But does this devastating self-criticism mean a real change?

and are free to lay the ground for a new war that NO REAL CHANGE

That it means no real change in A WEDGE IS OPENED policy is clear. Thorez finds the rest of the error only in the form

DETROIT Which Way for the Auto Union? An Analysis of the UAW Convention Speaker: HOWARD LERNER Chairman: Detroit SWP Sunday, Dec. 7, 3 P.M.

tempt to set up the projected Bonacut the same nationalist, class col- government of the workers' parties based on mass control and a posiestablishment of a living minimum wage, the sliding scale of wages to combat inflation, workers' control of industry.

of Blum and Ramadier

HOMAS

cretely with the specific elaboradeveloping showdown struggle.



woods on a seven-mile front in

York) but it was diverted from ful cohabitation between socialism burning into the 27,000-acre estate

earlier at Lake Sapphire in the with the capitalists in the moving fifteen-mile Sterling Forest tract, picture, automobile, aviation and also owned by the Harriman famsimilar industries threatened with ily." - New York Times, Oct. 23. American competition more directly

Now we know why the U.S. Department of Commerce is moving policy aims to utilize the world mass movement it seeks to unleash heaven and earth to get the conin order to arrive at a comprostruction industry started on a lowcost housing program. Why every mise with Wall Street, the new policy of the French Stalinists aims available carpenter, plumber, paint-

at doing the same for a comproer, electrician is working like a beaver to erect bungalows, apartment buildings and low-rent housing projects becomes crystal clear. But the extent to which Thorez No wonder you don't see precious building materials used to put up indicative of serious unrest in the night clubs, swank country watering places for the rich and recreasituation drives the workers to more tional centers for tired business decisive class struggles than the men. Harriman is worried about the Stalinists have felt constrained to more than a few dozen buildings lead up to now. The gains made in on these crowded acres, and one the strikes are being wiped out of them has already burned. Besides, with all these tenement

de Gaulle takes on a serious aspect buildings collapsing around the after the municipal elections and country, Harriman can't tell when brings pressure for a showdown one of his town houses might cave from the right. Thus, the new turn in.

tions, opens up a wedge in the presa fifteen-mile forest tract and a ent situation which leads to the 27,000-acre estate. There are no

Up the mountain side, yelling and hollering, she led tion of this program and the means the women, and when the mules came up with the scabs to bring it to the masses in the and the coal, she began beating on the dishpan and hollering and all the army joined in with her. The sheriff tapped her on the shoulder.

"My dear lady," said he. "Remember the mules. Don't frighten them."

She took the old tin pan and she hit him with it and she hollered, "To hell with you and the mules!"

He fell over and dropped into the creek. Then the "A forest fire licked through mules began to rebel against scabbing. They bucked and kicked the scab drivers and started off for the barn. The scabs started running down hill, followed by the army of southern Orange County (New women with their mops and pails and brooms.

From that day on the women kept continual watch of the mines to see that the company did not bring in and capitalism," Thorez continues of the Secretary of Commerce, W. the scabs. Every day women with brooms or mops in one Averell Harriman. . . . Rangers said hand and babies in the other arm wrapped in little blankets. they believed it started from embers went to the mines and watched that no one went in. And of a summer home which burned all night long they kept watch. They were heroic women. In the long years to come the nation will pay them high tribute for they were fighting for the advancement of a great country.

I held meetings throughout the surrounding country. The company was spending money among the farmers, urging them not to do anything for the miners. I went out with an old wagon and a union mule that had gone on strike, and a miner's little boy for a driver. I held meetings among the farmers and won them to the side of the strikers.

Sometimes it was twelve or one o'clock in the morning when I would get home, the little boy asleep on my arm and I driving the mule. Sometimes it was several degrees below zero. The winds whistled down the mountains and drove the snow and sleet in our faces. My hands and feet were often numb. We were all living on dry bread and black coffee. I slept in a room that never had a fire in it and I often woke up in the morning to find snow covering the outside covers of my bed.

The last of February the company put up a notice that all demands were conceded.

"Did you get the use of the hall for us to hold meetngs?" asked the women. "No, we didn't ask for that." "Then the strike is on again," said they. They got t hall

I was going to leave for the central fields, and before I left, the union held a victory meeting in Bloosburg. The women came for miles in a raging snow storm for that meeting, little children trailing on their skirts, and babies of the Stalinists, despite its motiva- housing situation. He has only It was one night of real joy and a great celebration. under their shawls. Many of the miners had walked miles. (Repirnted by permission of Charles H. Kerr & Co., Publishers, Chicago, Ill.)

of organization - "agreements at has gone in his "self-criticism" is CP ranks. The worsening economic splintered, partial strikes which the by raging inflation. The threat of

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New York 4,500

Twin Cities 1,000

Los Angeles 1,500

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San Francisco 1,250

Chicago 1,500

The Real Murderer Isn't James Hickman

On Nov. 5 James Hickman went trial for his life, charged with ling his landlord. He had been many four of Hickman's children.

His landlord had previously threatened to burn him out. With this in mind, Hickman shot and killed his landlord.

There is nothing unusual about a tenement burning down and taking whole families to their death. The Hickman case is only one example of the horrible conditions under which the working class and oppressed minoriities are forced to live...

James Hickman is on trial for murder, while the real murderer, the murderer of his children and the potential murderer of others is still at large. That murderer is capitalism.

Its weapons are firetrap tenements. Its victims your family. This murderer must be stopped. The working class and all oppressed minorities must unite and let the worst killer of all, capitalism, Editor: know that we will take no more. We must raise our voice so that the whole world can hear us.

Let us save the life of this Neeverywhere against the capitalist the church submit to the state." courts and the capitalist society. **Josephine** Sweeney

Worked For 45 Years And Still Has No Savings For Old Age

of and go over to a pile of bricks vorce.

being around this plant so long, I encourage every person to become wanted to get his idea of it all. "John," I asked, "how long have

you been here?" around here fast enough." told me to a smaller mill with the same concern where he would have

less to do. your life. So you must have a sizable bank account and could retire Editor:

and live moderately." He looked at me rather peculiar capitalist Socialists cannot in the and smiled. "I worked here way, primaries capture the Democratic way back for about \$12 a week, 12 Party and make it the political mahours a day, 7 days a week. Living chine for abolishing capitalism and

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

living in the attic of a firetrap like seniority rights. A young man gets "homes" of workers. This your former job and goes through miserable attic burned up, killing the same cycle you did. And when things slow down, you are laid off, never to be recalled again. There is only one genuine solu-

tion to it all-socialism. Then you get out of society everything you put into it as a worker. All power to the new social order.

But I don't advocate becoming dormant. Sell subs to the Fourth International, to The Militant, sell pamphlets, talk to all potential leaders, drop seeds for the new social order whenever possible, to individuals or crowds. Do your share

so we can once and for all live under a system where there won't be wars, famines and need in your old age.

Youngstown, Ohio

For Church Hierarchs

According to a recent Associated Press dispatch the Vatican denied that "church and state could be 'entirely' separate." The Pope degro, whose fight now exemplifies nounced "all totalitarianism," said the fight of all oppressed people the dispatch, which seeks "to make If the Church is not supposed to bow to the state, then the govern-San Francisco, Calif. ment and laws of any country

> church. Catholic Church and various gov-

and sit down. He did this again in It seems to me that what is needabout 15 minutes, so I went over ed is cooperation between the to him. Because of his age and church and state so as to help and

a better human being. What the Pope, bishops and priests need are wives and chil-"Forty-five years," he said. "I'm dren of their own. Then they

getting an easier job, as I am not would have a better understanding able because of my age to hustle of morals, marriage and divorce. I asked where he was going . He worry about the behavior of others.

"Well, you don't have to worry," Holds It Is Possible I said; "because you have been in the company better than 40 years Tc Capture Machine and have worked pretty steady all Of Democratic Party

Calls Swamp Couple In \$13 a Week Offer Editor:

My husband and I had an expeience which strikingly demonstrates the declining standard of while.

mother works. Week ends off. Will pay \$13 per week."

\$2 a day.

Joe

Advocates Marriage

After thinking it over, I threw

should not be expected to conform to the desires of the Pope or any The controversy between the

ernments concerns personal or moral issues and the differences

his noon shift I noticed a work- between church and government oil up the bearings he takes care laws regulating marriage and di-

phone ring.

Thus they would be too busy to

Anna K. Sager Toledo, Ohic

I deny that the true, honest, anti-

By Rose Karsner

National Campaign Director Response to our circular letter to subscribers asking for contributions to the Militant iving of the American workers, Be-cause of the inflation I had to take Fund are still coming in. The job and board out our baby for following inspiring letter tells simply and clearly how much After long discussion and hesi-The Militant is appreciated.

tation; we ran an advertisement in "Please find enclosed \$5 which the paper: "Wanted. Housewife to represents my gurt of the expenses board 8-months-old baby while of keeping The Militant going. (Our emphasis.)

"I appreciate very deeply the ef-That was more than we could af- fort and self sacrifice you people of ford, but who, we wondered, could The Militant' must go through to afford to take a baby for less than keep this paper going and alive. that? Milk, oranges and baby food You do a wonderful job and you alone would cost the housewife are to be congratulated by all who something more than \$3 a week. have the working class interest at That left \$10 a week in wages, or heart.

"I regret that I am not able to send in a much larger amount than

For two lousy dollars a day, the above stated. I hope the campaign housewife would have to do the will be a great success and The baby's laundry, make the formula, Militant will always be with us, as feed him and bathe him and dress I read it each week with great inhim. She would have to train him terest and always look forward to n toilet habits, wean him and receiving it, although some times I liscipline him. She would have to do not get it, until the following carry 21 pounds of wiggling huweek and occasionally it does not manity around her house and she get to me at all as it seems to get would have her nerves worn thin lost in the mail. So with the greatby an infant in the process of beest admiration and respect for The coming a social human being. Militant and the noble people who She would have to do all of this keep it going I say:

in addition to caring for her own "Happy birthday and many of children and going through the them. I am sincerely yours, L. Martin." endless grind of her daily routine.

Then we have the note from Mr. Block: caution to the winds and bet my "I am sending you \$10 It's little husband a chocolate cake that no

George Kotchish." enough when one realizes the imone would answer the ad. Today I portance of the task and the im-

mensity of the problems you face." The calls started coming in the Letters like these are very com- \$.50; Barbara \$10; Crook \$1; Deday before yesterday at 4 in the forting. They help us far more sando \$1; Feingold \$.50; Rhoads afternoon. I sat by the phone from 1 until 8 P.M. when my husband Even the staunchest fighters need \$1; Goosby \$1.22; West \$1.25; Laws cook over until 10 P.M. Since we encouragement-and that is what \$1; Andrews \$10; Pace \$1; Terrell both had to get up at 5 in the these letters are for us. norning, we went to bed and shut

the door in order not to hear the Am an oldster of limited means and Our irate neighbor, who is on the what I can spare is for another through a friend. same party line, informed us the cause." This reader, however, is next day that the phone rang until not hostile as is the following: midnight. At 6:30 the next morn-

day, as I write this, it is still going **German Workers Resist Dismantling of Factories** strong. All in all we must have had about 50 or 60 calls. Who were these women who call-

ed and practically begged us to consider them? As they gave their

baked a chocolate cake.

qualifications, most of them also Oct. 18—During the second gave their stories. They were all week of September the British the same. They, too, wanted to go to work, but most of them had two, Military Government ordered act by a small vanguard often suf- for an "immediate moratorium on ership. hree or four children and so could- the dismantling of the Holmag fices during a profound crisis to all dismantling," the working class In the course of this struggle, as n't leave their homes. plant in Kiel, Germany.

Inflation was eating deeper and leeper into their husband's pay checks, and this was a way they could earn a little something and war. The British authorities them- mantlement of a long list of fac- The great hunger protests of ing population and will pave the emain at home. There had been selves had called it vitally import- tories totaling a billion dollars in March and April, we emphasized at way for the immediate struggle for sickness in the family ... Christ- ant for the economy of the British value. The complete list of these that time, were only the beginning power.

By Ernest Germain workers is maturing.

EXAMPLE BEARS FRUIT

scope. Not long after the action at tion, division and pillage of Ger- strikingly demonstrated, the prole-This plant had been completely Kiel, the American military gov- many has from this point on as- tariat will win the confidence of all reconstructed since the end of the ernment announced the coming dis- sumed an organized form.

tical consciousness of the German | workers; with the ensuing threat proletariat becomes capable of orof a general strike on the railroads; ganizing this struggle under its with the appeal of the Independent own banner, with its own methods An audacious and demonstrative Social Democratic party of Berlin of action and under its own lead-

touch off movements of unexpected political opposition to the occupa- the example of Holmag has just the unorganized masses of the toil-

Sub Drives Gain Ground

New and renewal subscriptions | End Kids are in the lead with 22 registering the actual accomplish- campaign." ment of the branches in spreading The Militant, for many thousands

and other party activities. * * *

New York not only led the cities with 62 new subs during October, street meetings but also throughout ing to Agent Charles Carlson, the city. On Nov. 1, the last Saturday night of the Harlem campaign for Robert Williams for State Senator, New York comrades sold with sale of tickets for its Russian 157 copies of The Militant, al- Revolution Anniversary meeting. though it was such a cold night people hated to take their hands Philadelphia Branch sold all its

were distributed. Boston, with some of the liveliest

very strongly opposed to your ideas. Militant Fund at an earlier date, sub-getters in the country, sold 40 Enclosed find money order. We subs for second place. Most of another sub came this week from excect to be able to send the bal- these were renewals, representing James W. Connery of Kewance: ance before the end of the month." consistent call-back work. At the That makes seven for Connery in Youngstown-M. Jones: "Enclosed same time Boston supporters of The October. find a money order to apply on our Militant conducted a spirited elecquota in The Militant Fund. We tion campaign for Lawrence P.

> Milwaukee, Flint, San Francisco, newal work in their subscription ac-

Reporting on Flint's last dozen Allentown Branch is the surprise Campaign, but we have had a little subs, Jerry Kirk said they were obof the week. From 7% this branch financial difficulty. However, you tained on a mobilization. "The "Sirs, Please cancel my subscrip- jumped in one leap to 84%. Rob- may rest assured that we will have branch is divided into four teams. At the moment Sid Bannon's Dead



picked up in October after the sum- to their credit, followed by Jim mer vacation lull. The month's Kramer's Stump Jumpers with 13. total of 391 surpassed either August | The Ridge Runners have 8 and the or September figures. However, Hollow Tree Gang 3. We have our even this figure falls far short of sights raised on 200 subs in this

Milwaukee is also holding weekly of individual copies were sold in mobilizations. Literature Agent connection with election campaigns | Carol Andrews reported: "We are contacting the pickets who were arrested in the AC strike."

* * * Seven of Buffalo's 12 subs were but every week sold hundreds of turned in by T. D. who is "our single copies, mainly at Harlem leading sub-getter in steel," accord-

> * * * New Haven combined sub-getting

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out of their pockets. At the same last dozen subs right in the headtime 45 pamphlets were sold and quarters, most of them at a social. several thousand election leaflets That's one way to bring in the subscribers instead of going out to call on them.

Of course (of course, of course)

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	Lynn	5	
	Pittsburgh	5	
	St. Louis	5	
	Akron	4	
	Detroit	4	
	St. Paul	4	
	Seattle	2	
	Morgantown	1	
	New Britain	1	
	Calumet	0	
	Reading	0	
	Rochester	0	
	Tacoma	0	
	General	31	

with our type of government and unable to send a remittance to The FROM OUR READERS Santora \$1.25; Callender \$2; Cron in a few weeks."

\$1; Tromm \$1; Morey \$1; Lapin that we will meet our pledge in and New Haven also stressed re-Garcia, of Los Angeles, writes: \$1.50; Fox \$1; Webb \$.50, and three full." "Received your appeal for funds. anonymous friends sent in \$2.35. H. L. of Newark sent us \$3

ing it started in again and the next tion at once, because I'm satisfied ert writes: "I regret that I was 100% paid."

than the writers of them realize. \$1; Martin \$5; Elock \$10; Hernea hope to be able to raise the balance. Trainor for the School Board. Seattle-Joyce: "I am confident

gret the fact that we still have zero

Massillon-Canton-Mac: "We re- tivities. on the scoreboard in the Fund



Diary of a Steel Worker -

Revolution Is a Natural Thing,

By Theodore Kovalesky

"The Great Unwashed," they used to call us. A "many-headed monster," the "mob" . . . those were feels much differently. The way you think is the



the names given to the people in arms, the workers way they think. Not all of them read The Militant on the march. The fight for like you do. No, not all, but plenty. When the paper freedom, either a small one like a is banned by the government, you're awfully sore strike or a great one like a rev- about it . . . but you manage to get hold of it any-

But a strike is a natural thing,

for a few moments that you have ever read the newsing with them, carrying black lunch pails to the to direct traffic. steel plants, the shops, the mines, the flour mills trains and trucks across the land.

in the open. You begin to feel trapped, desperate. the soldiers have their councils too. The life you have been living can't go on, and even if it could, you don't want it to. You've had enough it, along with strike committees the whole country of it. There has to be a change.

fellows you work with feel the same way. You talk were for it. Everybody, almost, that you knew was about pulling the pin and shutting the plant down. for it, and so it came to be.

olution, was called "anarchy"! how. You read it and think seriously.

Then something happens, perhaps a very little a thing like eating or drinking thing, but it's the straw that breaks the camel's or breathing, you feel, when back. The workers boil over, and Bethlehem, Reyou're in one. You're on strike, public, or Carnegie - Illinois is shut down. What your brothers are on strike, and you've felt like doing they went ahead and did. And even your wife and kid may take it spreads, how it spreads! The whole town around a turn on the picket line or help out in the soup the struck plant shuts down. The news hits you and kitchen. It's part of life, and the people who strike the boys in your plant, the enthusiasm hits you, and with you are the people you live with and work with. all of you pile out of the gate. You form your com-And a revolution is a natural thing too. Forget mittees, and contact the other plants in the area.

All over the land it's like that. No other worker

This strike is a lot different from others you repaper denunciations of anarchists and agitators. member. It's so big that your strike committee has We're talking about you and me and the millions to assign workers to help get food moved into town, of others just like us, kissing their wives and quarrel- to keep electricity and the phone system operating,

You've made a big step, but where are you going and warehouses, working ships across the ocean and from there? Are you going to give the town back to the old authorities and have the cops and troops Look at it this way: Life has moved on with each break the strike? It's like this all over the country. year growing worse, each paycheck buying less of the The question is, what to do? Your strike committee things you need. Here and there strikes break out, and the committees in the other towns have control and troops are sent in with orders to shoot to kill the of the land. Who will rule next? You read The strikers. Corruption and graft in the highest branch- Mili'nut, and it says "All power to the Council of es of the government become worse, exist almost out Workers, Farmers, and Soldiers!" And, true enough.

Finally your strike committee goes on record for over. So you do it . . . and what do you know! . You're not alone, holding a minority position. No, it's a revolution. Funny, it didn't seem radical or Slim and Johnny and Frank and all the rest of the strange. You were for it. All the boys in the shop

when a grinding wheel flies to pieces in the shop, 7, 1917, in Russia. And that's a lot like what it will you get particularly angry. It scratches a raw sore. be in America . . . but you fill in the date yourself.

Condemned to Eviction

Careful With Those Adjectives! Like millions of Americans the McDonalds were hunting for a new home - any adequate place to bring up their nine children. But Brooklyn housing authorities refused to wait, condemned their present apartment, and ordered them out. So Mrs. McDonald barricaded herself inside with two children and

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The Negro, trade union and liberal press last week and won't be of much use in the bitter struggles went off on a literary binge over the report of the that lie ahead.



ed the dawn of a new day for will have no more effect than a snowball in hell."

By Albert Parker

or at least that some substantial victory against Jim in by the liberals last week, and to check them both Crow had been won.

Actually, c. course, nothing has changed. Truman has received some favorable publicity. His com- so many rosy hopes are being expressed? Because mittee has gone on record for some good legislation, we have studied history, especially American Negro which the Negro and labor organizations have been history, and because we have tried to learn from demanding for decades and which both the Demo- our own experiences in the last 15 years, and we cratic and Republican majorities in Congress have have come to the following conclusion: The op-

lation and try to enact it? Then why didn't he do it That is why we have no confidence at all in Jim last year when his party was a majority in Congress? Crow governments and parties. Will the Republicans carry out the committee's pro- The oppressors and exploiters and their stooges gressive proposals? Then why didn't they do it earlier would like to have the Negro and working people this year when they had the votes to do it easily? believe that the government wants to protect their

as before if we want legislation against Jim Crow would stop fighting for these rights themselves. Our and we still must defeat the Jim Crow capitalist job is to destroy all such illusions: Relying on the parties if we intend to win these laws. Anybody Trumans and Tafts is like putting your head into who doesn't understand that is only kidding himself, the lion's mouth.

Truman Committee on Civil Rights. They dug up Almost a whole year ago, when the Truman comand used every adjective in the mittee was first appointed, William E. Bohannan dictionary; they yelled hallelujah write in this column: " . . . we can predict with until they were hoarse; they hail- the greatest confidence that Truman's committee

> minorities in the United States. That was a pretty accurate prediction, and one If you didn't know what was going we are still willing to stick by today. We urge the on, you would have thought the readers of The Militant to remember it, and also to second emancipation had come, remember the extravagant wishful thinking indulged about a year from now and see who was right.

Why are we so sure about this at a time when refused to pass for decades. And that is about all. pressed and exploited never get anything from the Will Truman force his party to adopt this legis- oppressors and exploiters except by fighting for it.

In other words, we have to fight just as hard civil rights; then maybe the Negroes and workers

declined to budge unless the city got them a decent place to live. (Federated Pictures) Her husband is about to kiss son Jimmy. **PR Defeat Followed by** Drive to Raise 5c Fare

By George Clarke

NEW YORK, Nov. 12-Encouraged by their election victory over PR, the Wall Street gang has now gone into action to raise transit fares without consulting the people.

This drive is being openly and brazenly led by Mayor O'Dwyer, who only eight months Democrats and Republicans wherago was making political capital as a champion of the nickel fare. Despite the lavish praise ever they could, running independ-

time by ALP, Liberal Party, will shell out from two cents to a through higher fares. The banks ment. Coalition politics paid off Stalinist and trade union lead- nickel more for each ride. ers. we warned that O'Dwyer's Since memory can recall, it has mined to make the workers of this representation system of voting for defense of the five cents fare would been an unwritten law of New York city pay the higher fare as only City Council, which will tend to be short lived.

The danger now is that O'Dwyer's posed the nickel fare was buying a plan will be put over without meet- ticket for oblivion. How does ing any organized opposition. O'Dwyer now so blithely propose to Neither the ALP nor the Liberal raise the fares-and raise them Party has given any indication of without in referendum? organizing a fight to force a refer-Stories are current in the local

press that O'Dwyer secured, him-O'Dwyer would never dare to pro- they intend to do the same next endum on the question. Without a struggle for a referen- self against reprisal by deals with um, their statements of opposition ALP and Liberal Party leaders. It

ruary.

there were some surprises in this and AFL backed Rep. Havenner. field.

cause in many places the labor movement did not devote much elections of importance: In Ken-Nevertheless, certain conclu- tucky the Democrats threw out the sions can be drawn: The swing to the Benublican Barty which he Mississippi, Bilbo's U. S. Senate seat to the Republican Party, which be-gan last year, appears to have been was won by John C. Stennis, the only one of the four Democratic checked for the time being, and candidates who did not stress there was the beginning of a slight "white supremacy," although he bemiddle class shift back to the lieves in it too.

Democrats. This was due partly to resentment against the more The Democrats swept the Repubblatant high prices program of the licans out of Buffalo, Erie and Mc-GCP. Present indications are that Keesport: made a clean sweep in next year's election will be a close | Pittsburgh, Gary and Warren; won easily in Cleveland, Paterson and the 12 biggest cities in Indiana;

The 1947 elections gave only a partial picture of national

political trends because they were conducted chiefly around

ocal issues, because they were not held in all states and be-

At the same time, the CIO-PAC and AFL policy of supporting and in Reading beat the Socialist "friendly" capitalist politicians got a new test, and again proved its utter bankruptcy in several im- San Francisco, Akron and Phila-

portant communities. Attempts at delphia, although in the latter their independent political action were percentage dropped from 60 to 56 few and were weakened in two They won the office of Mayor in ways: 1. By the over-all PAC policy, Youngstown, partly as a result of which confused the workers in areas the Democrats' determination to where independent candidates were concentrate on the Fourth Ward run. 2. By the absence of a na- and prevent the election of an in dependent labor candidate. (See tional Labor Party which could inspire and give confidence to local story in last week's Militant.) independent campaigns. Even so, In San Francisco both the CIO

this page.)

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Elections This Year Emphasize Need for Labor Party in 1948

attention to them.

thing.

NEW YORK, N. Y.

There were only two state-wide

4850 Votes Cast For Trainor in **Boston Elections** BOSTON, Nov. 10 - La

rence P. Trainor, candidate a Democratic hack with a liberal the Socialist Workers Commitreputation. But his Republican optee for the Boston School Component was elected. (See story on mittee, received 4,850 votes last Tuesday's election.

When the returns were com-

pleted, the Socialist Workers Com-

School Committee. Their vote was

In Detroit the Stalinists at the eleventh hour forced through the CIO Council a motion to support Mayor Jeffries, a capitalist politi- mittee made the following statecian with an unsavory anti-labor ment to the press: "It is extremely and anti-Negro record, whom the gratifying to know that 4,850 work-CIO had opposed several times in ers voted for a Trotskyist for our the past. Jeffries lost.

a strict class-vote because Trainor COALITION POLITICS was the only candidate who cam-In New York, the American Labor paigned on a strictly class basis. Party and Liberal Party supported The capitalist press, in their numerous articles about the election, made sure that the people were heaped on O'Dwyer at that on record, but the strap-hangers lated in terms of dollars and cents talist parties rejected their endorseaware of Trainor's political affiliations with the Socialist Workers Party. with the defeat of the proportional

"Despite our meager resources, as contrasted to the tens of thousands of dollars spent by the capipelitics that a politician who op- the first of a series of sales taxes. eliminate minority parties from talist candidates, we were able to impress 4,850 workers with the fact Despite the sabotage of the top 000 votes to save PR. Wherever union leaders, who continued to Many times this number of workthey ran independent candidates support capitalist politicians even ers would have voted for Trainor their percentage of the total vote after passage of the Taft-Hartley

that labor must vote its own class. if we had had the resources to rose. This is a tremendous power. Act and have already indicated reach them with his message." pose a higher fare without a ref-pose a higher fare without a ref-backware for independent for independent



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By Frank Barbaria

Reactions to an SWP Campaign

Notes from the News

Board of the New Jersey CIO Council last week voted Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church warns

support to the defense movement for James Hick- against anti-communist "hysteria," declaring an "in-

"The Kentucky election will reflect to a large degree tional Committee has strengthened the Southern wing

which party will elect a president in 1948. As Ken- of the party by giving four extra convention votes

Baltimore for shooting a white hoodlum who tried to guards who murdered eight Negro prisoners last

keep him, his family and other Negroes from escap- July were acquitted by a lily-white jury in 13 minutes.

ing from their home after it had been set afire by Even if convicted, their maximum sentence would

I would like, for the benefit of The Militant's read- lem, I could see an awakening interest. tour of many union locals in San Francisco. ing, the face of the sergeant-at-arms would take stopped.

on a pained look. I could see what he was thinking: "What another politician!" But in bored resignabe admitted.

a good proportion of colored members. They would workers. all stand at the three raps of the gavel as I was

the idea of such a young man running for Mayor.

how the cost-of-living bonus would handle this prob- sure don't pull any punches.'

SUPPORT HICKMAN - The State Executive

ANYTHING BUT AN INDEPEN-

MARBLES IN MOUTH - Sen. Tait is still trying

SURPRISE - Carnell Simmons was acquitted in

BUT WILL THEY VOTE? - There are over 5

City election law, a City Councilman who dies must per eviction.

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be replaced by a member of his party from the same

year (out of about 71/2 million nationally).

to explain what he meant when he said on Oct. 15:

DENT — Drew Pearson says Henry

man of Chicago.

Truman.

tucky goes, so largely goes the nation."

"white supremacists."

Brooklyn Stalinist.

ers, to report on the typical reactions we received By the time I had dealt with the organization from union members during the Socialist Workers of consumer-union committees to investigate business Party campaign for Mayor, which took us on a prices and climaxed it with the slogan of "Open the Books of Big Business," I had the undivided atten-When I would knock at the door of a union meet- tion of the members. All private conversations had

Then I launched an attack on the main task - expose the outworn policy of "reward your friends." A tion he would present my credentials and I would brief review of the record of these "friends" caused several heads to nod in agreement. When I ex-In a typical AFL meeting there would be from plained "the only road - labor into independent 75 to 200 members, with a sprinkling of young politics," it was plain to see that this was a novel people among the older ones. Often the meeting idea for most in the audience and that it amounted would be almost half-composed of women; many had to a full-fledged challenge to the bosses by the

No doubt, few were completely convinced by what escorted to the rostrum. Eyebrows would raise at we had to say, but they were certainly aroused to the point of reading our program, and thinking about

HIT ANTI-RED HYSTERIA - The House of.

quisitorial investigation of men's personal beliefs is

SHIP STRIKE ENDED - The 19-week Bethlehem

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POLL TAXERS HELPED - The Democratic Na-

NO SURPRISE - The Georgia warden and four

BUSINESS PICKING UP - There were 726 evic-

When I started introducing myself as a working it, and talking about it. The fighting class angle class candidate, active in the labor movement since was what received their approval. There was always 1934, I would get just a slight amount of attention. a good solid hand, and a fine response on their faces Members looked bored and whispered to each other. as I walked out. Later on the outside, a few work-I would then present a brief analysis of the causes ers would invariably come up to me and shake my of the rising cost of living, pinning the blame where hand. "You were the first one who has really said it belonged, on Big Business. When I would analyze something," was their most frequent comment. "You

a threat to freedom of conscience."

to states that went Democratic in 1944.

have been one year in jail.

Wallace is talking about backing Shipyard Strike was settled last week with a 12-cent

Eisenhower for president next year. raise, no change in seniority rules and a slight weak-

But Walter Winchell says he'll back ening of vacation and grievance clauses in the

contract.

a great movement is aroused to raises for transit workers and muhalt him in his tracks, O'Dwyer nicipal employees have been couwill ask the Republican legislature tled with an increase in the fare. in Albany to pass an amendment The motive of the Liberal Party is to the Rapid Transit Law which said to be a deal which will permit will give power to the Board of them to occupy the place in a coal-Transportation to raise fares with- ition with the Democrats from out submitting the question to pop- which the ALP is being ousted. ular referendum. After that, state- PAVED THE ROAD ments of opposition may look good Regardless of the accuracy of these stories, the entire past poli-

Protest Trend in New Haven Vote

By F. Nelson

Without a program to raise fi-NEW HAVEN, Nov. 10nances for city services by taxing The two capitalist parties here here the real estate interests to the limit were startled by the extent of and taxing stock exchange securithe opposition to them at last ties, the ALP and Liberal Party Tuesday's election, as 20% of leaders played directly into O'Dwythe voters cast their ballots for him to go to Albany and get a larg-Alfred E. Tong, Socialist Par- er subsidy for the city. O'Dwyer ty candidate for Mayor. readily acceded, knowing full well that Dewey would refuse and there The SP, which is part of the Mc-

Levy state organization, not con- would be no other apparent alternected with any national party, native than raising fare. The same miserable game was campaigned on a program of muplayed in the last election. Demonicipal reform, with little mention crats and Republicans hammered at cf the ideas of socialism. Few voters were interested in the SP as a PR but the ALP and Liberal Party continued their coalition politics. party; but they did use it as a vehicle of protest against high O'Dwyer was given favored treatprices and taxes (especially the ment because he personally maintained a position of neutrality while sales tax) and anti-labor legislaevery ward heeler in his party raged up and down the city to kill

The CIO Industrial Council endorsed the entire Democratic ticket, which lost to the Republican. This ing a terrible blow at the ALP and doubtless confused many workers who would otherwise have voted for in their position. Tong. The AFL did not endorse

tion.

candidates. The SP vote was heaviest in the working class wards, although the only reference to labor in the SP platform was for labor representation on city bodies. From the vote directed against the two capitalist parties, it is obvious that if labor had put up a strong labor program, it would have

million Negroes old enough to vote in the South next tions in New York City in August, last month for which figures have been released. The 83 City 100 active campaigners. A Labor Marshals, whose duties include carrying out eviction ANYTHING GOES - According to the New York orders, are not paid salaries but get a fee of \$7.50

FAVOR DISCRIMINATION - The Los Angeles borough. Tammany Hall is reported trying to get around this after the death of Peter Cacchione, City Council turned down a request for a city FEPC arena. by 8 to 5.

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lum if he feared this power in to raising the fare aren't worth the is reported that the ALP will not the next election. labor political action. paper they are written on. Unless make a real fight because wage The split in the labor vote may be

In the last election the ALP and that body.

and real estate interests are deter-

Liberal Party rolled up close to 600,-

It is significant that where the used as a pretext by Liberal or ALP ALP and LP ran their own candipoliticians to abstain from a strug- dates in New York City, they got ers of this section will be given the gle for the referendum. But the ar- a higher percentage than ever begument is false to the core. If one fore. Their combined city-wide vote of these parties took the lead, the was 25% of the total, or more than other could not obstain except at last year.

almost 30% of the vote.

the risk of complete discreditment. The working people of New York are against higher fares. But with-

out organized leadership they will not get the opportunity to express tics of the ALP and Liberal Party this opposition. Without independleaders prepared the road for O'Dwyer to take his present posicublican tools of the banks and the Democrats ran a joint slate. political affiliation. tion without fear of opposition landlords wil escape punishment Here the Independent Progressive from them. Neither party exfor their tax-the-poor program. posed O'Dwyer's cheap demagogy during the fare hearings last Feb-ALP and Liberal Party. They have 000 straight votes, or 16% of the

fare.

A referendum can save the nickel decisively, and its top candidate barely missed election.

Encouraging Vote for San Francisco SWP

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 5 - Frank A. Barbaria, Socialist Workers Party candidate for Mayor of San Francisco, polled 1,654 votes in yesterday's elections. This successfully rifices in trying to elect a "friend" completed the first municipal election in which the SWP has to office."

participated, and also marks+ date for Mayor.

The elections climaxed a bitter dates. His opponents used every meetings.

were; Robinson 116,937; Havenner tions of labor. 101.408. and MacPhee 60,508.

CENTRAL ISSUE Barbaria conducted his campaign apparatus of the party county maidea that now is the time to break gains.

danger is that the loss will be trans- Havenner's sizable vote came in has nothing to show for all its sac- campaigns.

independent Workers Party has conducted in New England. It marks a turning point in the SWP's growth and activity here. From now on the workopportunity to vote for a genuine socialist party and program.

An interesting sidelight of the In Dayton, O., the two PAC nom- Stalinist, Otis Archer Hood, election was the vote cast for the inees for City Commission, although had the first place on the be defeated last week after a good In 1945, being the only candidate showing in the primaries, polled with an old Yankee name among

a field made up of candidates The big surprise came in the Irish descent, he received 27, ent politics the Democratic and Re- Chicago judicial elections, where votes through ignorance about his

When he drew first place for this Party, a new organization with little election, the Stalinists "smelled" The responsibility rests with the groundwork or publicity, got 110,- the possibility of victory. They spent thousands of dollars on radio the power to force a referendum. total cast. It carried many districts time, printing, mailing and subway advertising. Typical Stalinist demagogy was used in appealing to the

various minority groups. Outside of these appeals his cambaign was no different than any of the capitalist candidates: that is, he sobbed about the welfare of the school children, was against corruption, etc. He received 12,656 votes — far lower than all political commentators expected because of his place on the ballot.

Barbaria carried the SWP camthe first time in decades that great part through the efforts of paign into many unions, public labor. He had no support from the school meetings, consumer and civic the city had a socialist candi- daily press which split evenly in groups, colleges and onto the streets endorsing the other two boss candi- in street corner and waterfront

three-cornered struggle between the means to blast away at Havenner's The SWP candidate was first met capitalist candidates in which few | "left-wing labor ties." Actually, | by silence from the press, but as holds were barred. Judge Elmer E. Havenner's program and speeches the campaign unfolded, they were Robinson, who used every trick in were slanted above all to the middle forced to make frequent mention of the book, emerged as the victor. class and white-collar vote. But him. As election day drew near, MacPhee, who was backed by Mayor instead of holding middle class sup- he was well known as the "Social-Lapham and the shipping interests, port through this means, he lost ist Workers candidate who advofinished a poor third. The voters support of the more militant sec- cates a Labor Party." His speeches were received with great interest

A Democratic wheelhorse, Haven- and in question periods his answers ner ran his campaign through the were invariably met with applause. It is estimated that Barbaria around the central issue of "Build chine. While most of his campaign spoke before audiences that total the Independent Labor Party." In workers came from labor they were over 12,000. A 500 word statem spite of the pressure on the labor forced to work through this Demo- of his program was printed in one novement "from on top," he was cratic machine. Thus labor emerges of the daily papers with a circular able to aggressively bring home the from the elections without any tion of over 100,000. Each voter received an election pamphlet in

with the boss parties and build In discussing this point Barbaria which Barbaria's record and prolabor's own political organization. stated: "Had labor used the effort | ram were printed. His vote was

PR. Even the election results strik-Liberal Party did not force a change The fight to save the nickel fare can only be made by spiking O'Dwyer's plans to dispense with m referendum. This fight can only be made by mobilizing the labor

campaign of petitions, mass meet-

movement of the city, by a huge ings and demonstrations. Speeches by ALP legislators in Albany may slate based on the unions and a publicly clear their skirts of responsibility but only a mass movement

received a great response. The SP can make a referendum possible. spent less than \$1,000 and had only QUIT DIRTY POLITICS Above all, it is necessary for the Party could have had many more ALP and Liberal Party members to Both the AFL Union Labor Party and funds it spent on this campaign a clear-cut conscious one for Social-

activists and aroused much more compel their leaderships to guit and the CIO Political Action Com- to build its OWN political appar- ism and for a Labor Party. Out enthusiasm. The next period will playing capitalist politics. This mittee, under pressure of their lead- atus, it would be in a far better of the rich experiences of this camtell if labor can take advantage of game has already cost the working ers, went all-out in support of position to defend itself as well as paign the SWP has laid the ground its opportunities on the political people the loss of PR. Now the Havenner as a "friend of labor." to fight for future gains. Now it for 1948 and other larger and better