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NLRB THREATENS RIGHTS OF MILLIONS **Justice Dept. Issues Political Blacklist**

Truman Regime Whips Up Red Scare

By Art Preis

The Truman Administration last week exerted further efforts to whip up the red scare to the pitch of hysteria by publishing a list of so-called "subversive" organizations, including the Socialist Workers Party.

This blacklist is part of the red-baiting campaign designed as a cover for the Big Business-government attack on the labor movement and the tion on Clark's "subversive" list. civil liberties of the American Under Truman's decree, a govpeople.

It is likewise an attempt to mere suspicion, after a star-chamhousing crisis and to silence all op- the defendant has not even the position to the Wall Street-Wash- right to confront witnesses against ington conspiracy to drag this coun- him. The whole procedure reeks try into a Third World War.

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Attorney General Tom Clark issued the "subversive" list as a "guide" to the Loyalty Review Stalinist organizations and fascist Board of the Civil Service Commission in reviewing cases of government employes purged from their jobs for "disloyalty" or "doubtful loyalty.'

Truman's Executive Order for a American Silver Shirts, togethe: "loyalty" purge among 2,000,000 gov- with the Communist Party and ernment employes, isued last March, other Stalinist-front groups. This gave the Attorney General authori- was in the period when the Stal ty to designate what organizations inists were the most frenzied supare "disloyal" and "subversive." Any porters of American Imperialism government worker the Administra- and the Roosevelt war program. tion or Department heads wants to Most of the foreign fascist organifire can be charged with sympathy zations have since been dissolved, or membership in some organiza-



ernment worker can be fired on

with the Gestapo technique. Clark's list links the Socialist

Workers Party and other anti-fascist. anti-Stalinist groups with groups. It is actually two lists. The first, compiled by the Justice Department in 1943, include: a number of German, Italian and

Japanese organizations, plus the and many of their former meinbers

are now actively collaborating with the American occupation authorities against the German and Japanese workers.

The second list, based on a "new are considered under Stalinist in-

Capitulate to Ultimatum Of Anti-Labor Premier

By Joseph Hansen

Once again an upsurge of the working class that might smokescreen the government's re- ber hearing in which the accusers have developed into a successsponsibility for high prices and the act as judge and jury and where ful revolution has been betrayed by the Stalinists and turned into a bitter defeat. On Dec. 9, the Stalinists at the head of the General Confederation of Labor (CGT) in France capitulated to the brutal ultimatum of the Schuman regime to call an end to the

strike. Some of the estimated 3,000,000 strikers had been on the picket ines since Nov. 12. They had praved police clubs, tear gas, tanks and the rifle fire of troops. They had attempted to take over the :trategic centers in city after city. The workers sensed that the strugle couldn't be won without driving out the capitalist government and replacing it with their own. They had seen victory within grasp.

Then the Stalinist heads of the CGT raised the blade and sank it in the back of these heroic strik-

ers. The Schuman cabinet had contemptuously offered a "concession"

- a cost-of-living bonus of 1,500 francs (\$12.68) a month in Paris survey," is composed almost ex- and 1,125 francs (\$9.50) a month clusively of working class political, elsewhere, retroactive to Nov. 24. fraternal, civil rights and educa- When this "concession" was, first tional organizations. Most of them offered, the Stalinist chieftains rejected it as completely inadequate. fluence. This list also includes anti- On capitulating, however, they hail-Stalin'st organizations like the So- ed this miserable sop as a "subcialist Workers Party (Trotskyist), stantial gain." Proletarian Party, Revolutionary Sharing the guilt of the Stalinists Workers League, the Workers Par- for this defeat of the French workty and Socialist Youth League. ers are the top trade union bureau-Also named was the American crats, the anarcho-syndicalists and Committee for European Workers the Social Democrats. Relief, a non-political organization The Social-Democrats played the which has been sending food, cloth- role that has distinguished them ing and medicine to anti-fascist since 1914 - they utilized their offighters and survivors of Hitler's ficial positions to organize the govconcentration camps in Europe. ernment strikebreaking drive. Vin-Only two fascist-like organizacent Auriol, the Social-Democrat (Continued on Page 2) President of France, designated the Catholic and pro-deGaullist SchuDecorating the Constitution



Remington-Rand Ruling Invites Employers to **Scrap Union Contracts**

The National Labor Relations Board on Dec. 4, invited employers of more than 3,000,000 union members to scrap existing contracts and refuse collective bargaining rights to established and recognized unions.

This threat to abrogate majority rights of nearly 20 international unions, including the AFL United Mine Workers, CIO United Steel Workers and CIO United Electrical Workers, is contained in the NLRB decision in the Remington-Rand case.

Because the UE convention voted against signing a "yellow dog" oath under the Taft-Hartley Act, the NLRB has ruled that Remington-Rand, Inc., is freed from any legal obligation to recognize the union which represents the 10,000 workers in seven plants.

To drive home the deadly point of the decision, "Labor Czar" Robert N. Denham, general counsel of the NLRB, promptly re-enforced the ruling of his Buffalo and Detroit

regional directors. He publicly warned the Remington-Rand Company the union only."at its own peril." This was the go-ahead signal for Remington-Rand, which has fought with the notorious open-shop unionism with intimidation and violence for a decade, to promptly regional directors refused to recannounce that it was severing all ognize the UE even for purposes of dealings with the union.

Cf course, said the company's its contract was "forced" upon it representative of any unit of your by the NLRB ruling. Indeed, it was employes." a "patriotic" duty for "the preserva-

Lays Down T-H Law To NLRB Employes The NLRB Employes Union recently sent three letters to General Councel Robert N. Denham concerning NLRB relations with its employes. Denham did not reply. Finally this dictator condescendingly granted a union committee 30 minutes of his

time. They pointed out that Denham's failure to post job or m irgs was considered an unf. labor, practice even under th Taft-Hartley Act.

"Let's get this straight," said Czar Denham. "I'll agree to nothing When I make a decision, I am not going to change

UE would be barred from the ballo and the resulting election we "obviously be strictly on the Balkan that it could henceforth deal with pattern." (N. Y. Herald Tribune Nov. 30).

Working in complete h ington-Rand company, the NLRB an election to decertify the union. It ruled that the UE is "ineligible statement, its brazen repudiation of for certification as a bargaining

The real meaning of this decision tion of our American form of gov- was promptly recognized and hailed ernment and our American way by the capitalist press. "Large segof life." Remington-Rand "will not ments of American industry today treat with contempt either the were in the position of not being equired legally to continue

PROTEST THROTTLING OF PRESS IN GREECE

NEW YORK, Dec. 12 - of newspapers and magazines and Prominent leaders of Amer- imposes harsh penalties upon any papers which are in the slightest ican civil liberties organiza- degree critical of the policies of tions, together with a group the government. Staffs of such newspapers are subject to arrest of editors of labor and liberal pa- and court-martial with possible pers, this week sent a vigorous pro- death sentences. All facilities used test to the Greek Ambassador in in connection with publication of Washington, against the vicious a newspaper, including linotypes, press gag law passed by the Greek printing presses, etc., can be confiscated. Only such publications as Government on Oct. 18.

meet the strict censorship require-Pointing out that the gag law was immediately used to prohibit ments of the Press Ministry are permitted to be printed and dispublication of The Workers Strugtributed. gle, organ of the Internationalist

"This law is primarily directed, Communist Party (Trotskyist) and other labor papers, the signers of and has already been used, against the letter urged full restoration of newspapers of oppositional working the democratic right of free ex- class parties. For example, "The pression to all labor newspapers in Workers Struggle, organ of the In-Greece, regardless of their political ternationalist Communist Party (Trotskyist) has been prohibited views.

The letter was signed by Roger from publication. Publications of Baldwin, director, American Civil and contemptuously said: "I don't third round of wages now." they felt compelled to demand a contemptuously said: "I don't third round of wages now." Militant; E. R. Frank, editor, Fourth posed to what these papers stand workers with the hope that the Big new." International; Albert Gates, editor, for, but we are all seriously con- Business government might "roll Labor Action; Max Shachtman, cerned with this violation of such back" prices. editor, New International; Liston a fundamental principle of democ-Oak, editor, New Leader, Rowland racy as freedom of the press. We forced to concede, at least by impli-forced to concede, at least by impli-Watts, National Secretary, Workers do not believe that any working cation, that this government will spring in spite of the well-known Workers is demanding a 25-cent

Defense League. class paper, regardless of its politi- not halt the scaring cost of living. conservatism and timidity of the raise. A similar letter of protest was cal opinions, should be deprived of That is the significance of their re- union learers. sent to the Greek Ambassador by its rights of publication and circu- cent declaration that the CIO and Behind Murray and the other un- concrete wage program must be ad-Harry Fleischman, National Secre- lation. "Solely on behalf of maintaining mand "substantial wage increases." and their families clamoring for standards against constantly rising

tary of the Socialist Party and Executive Director of The Call. Text of the letter follows:

press, we urgently request your gov- ers are still praying for some mir- ther inflationary sladles in their answered these key questions. "It has been brought to our at- ernment to repeal this arbitrary acle to give them a pretext for side- living standards. tention that under a new law passed press gag law and restore unre- tracking a real wage struggle. They "Pressure from rank and file their first duty is to draw up a pro- anywhere from 10 to 20 percent," on Oct. 18 by the Sophoulis-Tsal- stricted freedom of publication to have no stomach for a fight. So far, members, protesting against rising gram of unified and peordinated says the Dec. 7. N. Y. Times.

press has been seriously restricted ban in Greece. We ask that you for one. in Greece. transmit this request to your gov-

"This decree prohibits publication ernment in Athens."

man as Premier. Daniel Mayer, the social-Democrat Minister of Labor, of suspending work will be court-from the Sophoulis-Tsaldaris cabi-ton's own forces directly into the ernment against the strikers. Jules

(Continued on Tage 3)

Trotskyists Arrested PARIS, Dec. 1 — Trotskyist militants in Paris are receiving particular attention from the Schuman regime. Three of them, signature. Jacqueline Hoden, Claude Kahn, Jacques Danos and a sympathiz-

er, Francis Piller, have been placed under arrest. Their "crime" was posting a proclamation of the Internationalist Communist Party (Trotskyist) calling for a general strike. A movement to free them is under way in the Paris factories.

A number of strike committees have already rallied in support.

Upsurge

Fight (Alenny)

leaders were deluding the believe Phil Murray is out after a

"Death-to-Strikers" Law **Passed by Greek Regime**

Death for strikers is the penalty written by the Soph-ulis Tapidaria ranging into 2 oulis-Tsaldaris regime into a the U.S. Armed Forces.

Greek version of the Taft-Hartley Slave Labor law. Workers accused of the "crime" the Taft-Hartley Law strips away forces down to the division level. maritialed. Their judges presumably will be fascist-minded officers barrassed its State Department of the royalist Greek armed forces

sponsors by staging nation-wide now operating under the "advice" of witch-hunts against "reds." When a U. S. Army staff. tens of thousands of people suspect-After the cabinet adopted the

measure Dec. 7, Parliament rubber- Greek government were herded into stamped it the same day. It was concentration camps, the Administhen rushed to King Paul for his tration found it politically uncomfortable.

Wage

Bunting has Murray's number, all will be forced to do so soon. The Na-

ot

Now these wishful-thinkers are profiteers and monopolists are not another 25-cent an hour general

Minister of Justice Christos Ladas, In consultation with the Ameri- Marshall Plan is really designed to who drew up the bill, offered as excuse for this murderous legislative can and British Ambassadors some accomplish.

blow against the Greek unions that of the puppets were jerked out of disturbance of tranquility on the the limelight and the present cabihome front is inadmissible" so long net installed with high-powered Greece is a sample of what Wall as the partisans in the mountains ballyhoo about its "democratic" continue to resist the Athens re- character. The whitewash didn't pean continent. And the governlast. gime.

Anglo-American imperialism, re- Wall Street abolished freedom of regimes it wants throughout the mains in office thanks solely to the press, making 22 a high crime to world.



Struggles

ly under the military wing of Washington. U. S. Army officers are

Passage of this Greek version of now attached to the Greek armed net. The previous cabinet had em- armed conflict.

These developments in Greece likewise strip away the pretense that the Marshall Plan is designed ed of political opposition to the to "aid" hungry people abroad. The Truman Administration exercises a decisive voice in Greek affairs; consequently, it bears full responsibility

for the death-to-strikers law. Passage of that law reveals what the

tion placed on the statute books in Street wants for the entire Euroment Wall Street has installed in

Coming

tionary period.

public policy of our Government or the rulings of its officers." gaining with unions," crowed the

This is the same company which N. Y. World-Telegram. back in 1936 authored the in-Thus, the NLRB has unmistakfamous Mohawk Valley Plan of ably bared the sharp teeth of the union-busting by private corpora- Taft-Hartley Act, which the press tion armies and company unions, and even some union leaders have and which for years violated the been assuring us is not "really" a Wagner Labor Relations Act and Slave Labor Law. defied numerous rulings of the The Remington - Rand decision confronts labor with a decisive

former NLRB. The Remington-Rand decision is choice: Either the unions agree to the direct result of a conspiracy be- crawl on their bellies before the tween the company and the NLRB. corporation-dominated NLRB and There can be no question that the submit to the Taft Act; or they UE represents the workers, as must enforce union recognition by proven by the fact that interim militant mass struggle methods contracts were signed with UE just the way collective bargaining rights last July after a bitter strike. were won to begin with.

The company, however, petitioned . (See "What the Trade Union for a decertification election, know- Leaders are Doing about the Taft ing that under the Taft Act the Act" on Page 2.)

NAM Launches Drive To End Overtime Pay

The National Association of Manufacturers last week gav The cruel and barbarous legisla- Congress the signal for a major drive to abolish the 40-hour week and overtime wages.

eek and overtime wages. Charles E. Wilson, president costs and the Marshall Plan are "an impassable bar across the path" of General Motors Corporation, of increases in wages without longer and Morris Sayre, newly-elect- hours." ed president of the NAM, called on Sayres, boasting that he was of

Washington to legislate a longer New England Puritan stock, opined: work week as an "anti-inflation" "We could use a lot of the Puritan

measure. precepts, particularly that of work." Their demand for extending the The fat parasites who applauded straight-time work week to reduce this sentiment don't mean it to overtime wages was hailed by 3,000 apply to themselves. capitalist executives at the annual What they have in mind is to

Until two weeks ago, Philip ufacturers, referred to the CIO out protective legislation on prices, wage resolution of the Thomas-Ad-Congress of American Industry held increase their profits by reducing

A bill to eliminate minimum over 40 hours a week. With a 48-The fight for wage increases put forth wage demands and more should include the demand for ad-time pay by repeal of the Wages- duction could be secured with a wages, the 40-hour week and over- hour week, the same volume of projustable cost-of-living bonuses in Hours Act was introduced in the 20% reduction in employes. right, but that doesn't mean the tional Maritime Union is asking for These bonuses, automatically in-House of Representatives on Nov. There is nothing in the law now 23 by Representative Schwabe of which prevents workers from work-Missouri. A similar bill is under ing over 40 hours - if they get consideration by the Senate Labor paid overtime wages for the extra

protecting real wages in an infla-Committee. Schwabe told the House that "in What is the prospect for the next order to combat inflation," it should its affiliated unions are going to de- ion konders are millions of workers vanced to effectively protect living six months? "In private and off- "set as de at least for the period the-record estimates some govern- of aid to foreign countries the 40the rights of free speech and free It is no secret that the CIO lead- some effective action against fur- prices? The CIO leaders have not ment economists predict that be- hour week, the time-and-a-half tween now and June, 1948, the price for overtime, as well as the mini-

If the CIO 1 miers mean business, level of 'cost-of-living' items will rise mum wage provisions."

Stark, labor reporter for the N.Y. the CIO unions - steel, auto and er can give to this: Demand a cost- regimes in Europe to the drive for working and living standards Earl Bunting, outgoing president Times, "was so great that despite electrical workers - especially must of-living bonus clause in every un- wage cuts through ending overtime the drive to lengthen the straight of the National Association of Man- the leaders' reluctance to move with- join their forces. This is what the ion wage contract.

hours. The corporations have quadrupled their profits since 1939. Prices have more than doubled. Production is nearly twice the 1939 level. Real wages, however, are now close to the 1939 depression figures. Emboldened by the Taft-Hartley

Wilson also linked the Administration's program of loans and mili- Marshall Plan costs, Big Business daris Government, freedom of the all those papers now under virtual they have proposed no preparations prices, especially food," writes Lou's wage struggle. The "Big Three" of There is but one answer the work- tary aid to reactionary capitalist is aiming a direct blow at labor's

Act and using the pretext of the

pay. He said record government time work week.

PAGE TWO

Shape of Things to Come

asked to perform dirtier and dirtier

ican labor is being pounded by Wall

monster as an angel of philanthropy

Carey was able to score effectively

against the Stalinists on one point.

He reminded them that the Mar-

shall Plan coincided with WFTU

policy in 1945. It might also be

pointed out that the American Stal-

inists failed to wage a serious strug-

gle against the Marshall Plan at

the CIO convention where they still

had considerable forces. The Stal-

inists evaded this issue even when

Carey raised it, deciding that the

WFTU should not concern itself

with controversy over the Marshall

Plan. The reason for this crawling

There is no principled difference

between the Stalinists and the CIO

bureaucracy. Today as in 1945 the

Stalinists are once more ready to

act as lackeys for Wall Street if

only the latter come to terms with

On his return Carey boasted that

the Marshall Plan. All working

ions destroyed. But it must be borne

in mind that if they are defeated by

American imperialism instead of by

the militant workers, this could

mean the crushing of the unions

altogether. That is precisely one

of the main purposes of the Mar-

The AFL and CIO leaders vie with

are the most reliable agents of Wall

Kremlin masters no matter what

Each shields his master whil

pointing to the perfidy of the other,

icns become the independent and

crimes are committed against th

Street. The Stalinists serve their

one another to prove that the

is obvious.

shall Plan.

workers

to the European workers.

tasks. At the very time that Am

What Trade Unions Leaders Are Doing About the Taft Act

By Art Preis

Many union leaders have been kidding themselves and at once. their members that the Taft-Hartley Act isn't as tough and ficers have refused to sign the "yel vicious as it reads. Now we are beginning to see the Slave low dog" oath. But Murray and the Labor Law in life - and it looms every bit as deadly in prac- CIO Convention, including the Stal-

tice as it looks in print. ly to prove how false are the ers.

affidavits. It is becoming especially clear tion of unions are mounting. The strating daily.

The latest proof is the NLRB ruling in the Remington-Rand case. This ruling not merely permits, but urges the corporations to tear up existing contracts with international pnions representing 3,000,000 LEADERS SUBMITTING that only "at their own peril" can netable exceptions of John L. Lewis to sign "vellow dog" oaths. TAKES INITIATIVE

The NLRB has taken the initiative in using the Taft Act against the unions and sharpening its barbs. NLRB General Counsel Robert N. Denham, speaking on Dec. 5 before the NAM's Congress of Industry, demanded that employers stop "apunion shop contracts.

At the same time, he publicly supported publishers' charges against

the AFL International Typographi-cal Union four days before hearings ership, represented by CIO Presi-Big Business dailies and the NLRB a militant, united, counter-offensive the AFL International Typographi- Another section of the CIO leadthese charges were scheduled to dent Philip Murray in his capacity to destroy their union security. This on the economic and political fields. held. Even before the NLRB as head of the Steelworkers, is at battle threatens to spread through- Fight or perish-that is the choice.

Evidence is piling up rapid-hears a case, its decisions are de-termined—always for the employ-do so, to sign the "vellow doe" gaths.

requirements like the "yellow dog" of "unfair labor practices" against United Auto Workers. unions. Petitions for decertifica-

dusively to serve the employers. against unions-the latest being the Workers. That is what the NLRB is demon- A & P suit for \$150,000 against a striking AFL Meat Cutters local lo- LEWIS' STAND

cal in Los Angeles. What are the union leaders d_{0-} sounded a clarion call for uncom-

ence to it.

have joined their AFL counterparts against Reuther's capitulation. in signing the Taft oaths. They

Murray and the Steelworkers ofinists, adopted a policy of permitdo so, to sign the "yellow dog" oaths.

This was a policy of opening the notions that the unions can evade From every side, the Taft-Hartley door to piece-meal capitulation. It the Act or that they can "live with" Act is closing in on the unions. Em- gave the green light to Reuther and the Act merely by conforming to ployers are piling up complaints his red-baiting crew in the CIO

There is a third, and powerful that the new National Labor Rela-NLRB is haling into court unions which has recognized the full imtions Board cannot and will not which refuse to handle scab prod- plications of the Taft Act and elecserve labor in the slightest degree. ucts. It has started several in- ted to fight it all down the line. This governmental agency, like the junction proceedings. Corporations The boldest expression of this tenlaw which created it, is designed ex-are bringing ruinous damage suits dency is the AFL United Mine

UMW President John L. Lewis

ing to beat back the furious offen- promising resistence at the AFL sive of the Taft Act and its NLRB? Convention in October. The UMW has maintained its exemplary stand

in the face of almost universal opmbers. It tells the employers The top AFL leaders, with the position from the top AFL leaders. Following the example of the they deal with unions which refuse and Woodruff Randolph, have capi- mine workers, some 14 CIO intertulated in haste to the Taft Act re- national unions, including the 900,quirements. They are not lifting a 000-member Steelworkers, the 600,finger against it, and discourage 000-member Electrical Workers and and oppose any direct, mass resist- the National Maritime Union, have

refused to sign Taft Act oaths. A A section of the CIO leadership, strong mincrity at the CIO auto like Walter Reuther and Emil Rieve, union convention fought bitterly peasing" the unions. He pointed a give all kinds of "practical" reasons graphical Union is engaged in a Act until a union jammed it down warning finger at employers who for their capitulations. But their couragecus direct-action struggle to his throat. make agreements circumventing the leal reason is their support of the defend its traditional contractual

"get" the "communists" by any and Chicago are fighting on the picket the Taft Act by retreat and evasion.



ger of the times was to be seen imperialist masters coincided at passed the Taft-Hartley Bill also bids for about 1,000 provisional jobs as common laborers announced

for hours in the cold December weather, many waiting through the messengers for hot coffee and sandwiches.

poohed what "looked like a de- longer be utilized as agents of Amerpression nightmare." Its polished ican imperialism. More trusted

journalists hastened to reassure a lackeys are necessary-those whose jittery public that this "bad dream" undivided allegiance is to the U.S. was nothing more than a "line of State Department. men simply looking for more secure With the help of the Taft-Hartley

jobs at better pay." Law and the red-baiting drive the But the men on the line had a American monopolists have cosomewhat different story to tell. alesced a union leadership within Official Bureau of Labor statistics the AFL and even in the more proclaim the average factory wage is gressive CIO which fawns before \$49.29 a week. Employment is sup- the might of American imperialism posed to be at record peak. Yet and is ready to do its bidding these men were frantic for jobs The immediate objective is everythey knew paid only a little over where the same-to cleanse the un-\$40. Why? ions first of Stalinists and then of

(Centinued from Page 1) upsurge of American labor in the Because higher paying jobs to all real militant leadership. That is being directed against the Stalinists. While Reuther does the bidding of "They're offering \$28 and \$30 the State Department at the UAW for sheet metal work now," said convention, Carey is sent to Paris a Marine veteran interviewed by the to undermine the Stalinists in the Carey was especially fitted for his to get anything." assignment. He distinguished him-Despite the capitalist ballyhoo self over a period of years by conple. Over all hangs the threat of about high wages and full employ- ducting a red-baiting offensive Thus, the American ruling class ment, the men on the line were against the cynical and bureausratic "is tough" and getting increasingly Murray and Reuther and the AFL United Electrical Workers. Like tougher. One of them indicated heads, he renders his service gratis what they thought the future look- to his imperialist masters. He lackey in beating the drums for

CIO and AFL Peddlers Of Wall Street's Plans

JAMES CAREY

By Arthur Burch

With a vigor reminiscent of their support of the last imperialist war, the AFL and CIO top leadership are throwing S'reet's hurricane offensive, the their full resources behind campaigns to "sell" the Marshall AFL and CIO tops picture this Plan to the workers of the world, as well as of the U.S.

For that purpose the AFL has set up its Free Trade Union Committee with the prospect of setting up similar committees in the sixteen Marshallaid nations. This network is to be combined later into a single organization. With this body, the AFL leaders hope to replace the World Federation of Trade Unions to which the CIO is now affiliated, after the WFTU has been rent asunder by the sharpening conflict between U.S. imperialism and the Soviet Union.

The CIO on the other hand is waging relentless war within the WFTU against the Stalinist leadership of this organization of almost 80 million workers from approximately 50 countries. James B. Carey,

secretary-treasurer of the CIO, has Wall Street's war: ne is anxious to just returned from a mission to knuckle under to the Taft-Hartley the Kremlin. Paris where he succeeded against Law; he is satisfied with the mon-Stalinist opposition in presenting opoly-controlled Democratic Party. the Stalinists would be defeated by his views in support of the Marshall As befits a labor statesman, Carey Plan before the WFTU Executive lied to the workers abroad in the class militants would like to see Board.

best diplomatic fashion about the the Stalinist grip on the trade un-The WFTU was originally a joint "benefits" of the Marshall Plan. He enterprise of the victor powers but swore that the liberais and workespecially sponsored by the Kremers of this country backed the plan lin which controlled most of the aftiliates. The CIO and the British while only the reactionaries opposed it. Naturally, he omitted to extrade unions joined the WFTU be-NEW YORK — A harbin- cause the interests of the respective plain how the same Congress which

in New York on Dec. 3 when the time with those of the Moscow approved the Marshall Plan. Carey lied when he stated that 4,000 men stormed the Depart-The AFL International Typo- nized the Wagner Labor Relations ment of Parks Recreation House on revolutions in Europe and Asia. On by Washington, on whose orders West 59th Street to put in their this, Stalin and the CIO top leaders the Stalinists were removed from the Italian and French governsaw eye to eye.

Once the Fremin had succeeded ments; this was a pre-condition for as available by the City. Filling in its task of crushing or derailing U. S. aid. Carey peddled the most several blocks the men stood in line workers' revolutions and thus fur- brazen lie of all when he alleged ther discrediting itself before mil- that Washington was interested in The genuine militants must cleanse liens of workers, Washington found raising the living standards of the the labor movement of both the night. They huddled over curb fires itself in a position to assert its European workers, and this at a Stalinists and the red-baiters of and can stoves, sending relays of mastery and inaugurate its campaign whose ultimate goal is capi- the American people are being CIO. Only then will the trade untalist restoration in the Soviet Un- slashed ruthlessly at home.

Four days later, the N. Y. Times, ion. It is obvious that under these As capitalism sinks ever deeper democratic instruments of the workmouthpiece of the billionaires, pooh- circumstances the Stalinists can no into the abyss the labor fakers are ing class.

Our Program:

- I. Defend labor's standard of living!
- A sliding scale of wages an escalator wage clause in all union contracts to provide automatic wage increases to meet the rising cost of living!
- Organize mass consumers committees for independent action against profiteering and price-gouging! Expropriate the food trusts! Operate them under workers control!
- 2. Full employment and job security for all workers and veterans!
- For the b-hour day, 30-hour week! A sliding scale of hours-reduce the hours of work with no reduction in pay to prevent layoffs and unemployment!
- Government operation of all idle plants under workers' control!

WHO ARE THE SUBVERSIVES? ivone or any group the were hatching was a scheme to over- their political agents who are now peep'e are indeed in dire jeopardy.

ticularly narties. has just pinned this tag on the So- Labor Law with the aim of destroy-

cialist. Workers Party. "Subversive," we learn from Webster's Dictionary, means aiming to LINKED TO NAZIS

versive." Propagandists of They also were cooking up ways War. wealth and privilege surround the and means to make workers "foreword with evil implications and go" wage demands while prices shoot hurl it at the labor movement, par- higher and higher. And naturally, Attorney General Clark Washington "strengthen" the Slave

ing free unions altogether.

initalist minority doesn't like throw the 40-hour week, to end conniving to turn this country into The danger comes from men in the overtime pay and to pile up more a military barracks and grab up highest financial and political pos apt to be labeled "sub- billions in profits than ever before. the entire globe in a Third World sitions-but you will not find them mentioned anywhere on Attorney The interests of the American General Clark's blacklist.

working class political higher and higher. And naturally, they demanded that their agents in Attorney General Clark working "demanded that their agents in Attorney General Clark Weblington "demanded that their agents in Attorney General Clark Weblington "demanded that their agents in Attorney General Clark Weblington "demanded that their agents in Attorney General Clark Weblington "demanded that their agents in Attorney General Clark Weblington "demanded that their agents in Attorney General Clark Weblington "demanded that their agents in Attorney General Clark Weblington "demanded that their agents in Attorney General Clark Weblington "demanded that their agents in Attorney General Clark Weblington "demanded that their agents in Attorney General Clark Weblington "demanded that their agents in Attorney General Clark Weblington "demanded that their agents in Attorney General Clark Weblington "demanded that their agents in Attorney General Clark Weblington "demanded that their agents in Attorney General Clark Weblington "demanded that their agents in Attorney General Clark Weblington "demanded that their agents in Attorney General Clark Weblington "demanded that their agents in Attorney General Clark Weblington "demanded that their agents in Attorney General Clark Weblington "demanded that their agents in Attorney General Clark Weblington "demanded that their agents in Attorney General Clark Weblington "demanded that their agents in Attorney General Clark Weblington "demanded that their agents in Attorney General Clark Weblington "demanded that their agents in Attorney General Clark Weblington "demanded that their agents in Attorney General Clark Weblington "demanded that their agents in Attorney General Clark Weblington "demanded that their agents in Attorney General Clark Weblington "demanded that their agents in Attorney General Clark Weblington "demanded that their agents" in Attorney General Clark Weblington "demanded that their agents" in Attorney General Clark Weblington "demanded that their agents" in Att **POLITICAL BLACKLIST**

weithrow or destroy. It may be Gathered there in the gilt and tions are included in this list, the not too distant future. Wall Street them are more of a myth than a why the main drive is at this stage good or bad according to who is at-swank confines of the Waldorf-As-ku Klux Klan and the Columbians, and its political agents are trying reality. and its political agents are trying to overthrow what. The toria were representatives of Ameri-both of which have been involved to divide the labor movement with American revolutionists of 1776 were can corporations linked in inter- in cases of criminal violence. But a red scare and to smear the most called "subversive" by King George national cartels with the Nazi capitalists. They had secretly made the list most of the active native elements within the working class. What the American people have money on both sides of the battle fascist organizations including Ger- The capitalists and their govern- daily PM. Others told how restau- WFTU and its affiliates in Western to be on guard against and fight are lines. Such corporations as Stand- ald L. K. Smith's "America First" ment cannot solve any of the prob-rant jobs are paying \$28 today; Europe. Wall Street and its labor to be on guard against and right are ard Oil, Westinghouse Electric, Alu-groups who seek to "subvert" the ard Oil, Westinghouse Electric, Alu-movement and Father Coughlin's lens confronting the American peo-the Edison Company is offering \$30 better and more vulnerable target. overthrow their democratic rights, tric and more than a hundred others The Dec. 7 N. Y. Times admits: running rampant. Price inflation is a week, and a machine operator The entire record of the Stalinists and liberties and destroy their living helped to build the Nazi war poten- "Although the list included right- becoming more and more unre- who has been out of work for six is so infamous that it is easy for tial and gave their German business wing groups, it was conceded pri-strained. Rents are shooting up. months said: "I'd be willing to demagogues to obscure the vital colleagues valuable patents and pro-vately that these were window- Living standards are being slashed work for even \$30 but I can't seem class issues that are involved here. dressing,' that the real targets of deeper and deeper. Insecurity and the loyalty check were Communists fear of depression haunt the peo-Then there are the great finan- and their sympathizers." Who serve il-the very ones who cial trusts, the multi-billion dollar | To be more exact, the targets are atomic annihilation. fing the word "subversive" at work- insurance firms and investment any working class or liberal orbanks, which penetrate the whole ganization which dares to voice op- must find a scape-gcat against unanimous that getting jobs today Stalinist leadership in the CIO A rats-nest of these sinister ele- economy, control credit, and rule position to the Truman Doctrine, whom all the evils of their own sysments gathered in New York City our economic and political life from new parading under the guise of the tem can be blamed, or some fake two weeks ago to plot how to over- Wall Street. We refer to the money Marshall Plan. And ultimately, the issue which can divert the attenthrow the unions, slash living trust" like the 17 Wall Street invest- target is the entire labor movement. tion of the people from their real standards and strengthen the grip ment banks recently charged with which stands as the potentially enemies. Once more the billionaires ed like. "Next year it'll be a bread gained considerable experience as a locker in botting in botting the potentially enemies. of monopoly over the productive re- illegally seizing control over most greatest barrier to the designs of the find an answer in-the "reds."

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And the job pays only \$41.54 per week. out the country The Remington - Rand decision now confronts the CIO United Electrical Workers—and ultimately all unions which refuse to sign the degrading "yellow dog" oath-with the necessity of mass action struggle

to enforce recognition and collective bargaining rights. Virtually every union in the coun-

try won recognition and contracts only through bitter strike struggle. That was how the CIO was organized. No employer ever redog-

Taft-Hartley ban on closed shop or foreign policy of the enacters of the rights from the open-shop invasion necessity to fight as they did a Taft-Hartley Law and their aim to of the Taft Act. ITU printers in decade ago. They will not defeat lines against the attempt of the They will project their present po-

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tandards.

NAM REAL "SUBVERSIVES"

owning class and the political agents ers' organizations.

sources and labor power of this of the securities and investments. Wall Street war-makers and their country and the world.

This was the convention of the particular list which includes; the 000, most of them subsidiaries of cians who legislate the laws for that has already put over the Taft-Thise central holding companies and Big Capital; Truman who breaks Hartley Slave Labor Law. trusts, are 250 super-giants that hold the United States.

Among other conspiracies 'they the whole gang of capitalists and American capitalists of a renewed

cesses in return for "spheres of in-Who are they? They are the tiny fluence" over world markets.

We could go on and on with this government. This attempt to brand as "sub-National Association of Manufac-military and government officials versive" and "disloyal" any group turers (NAM), representing 16,000 who "got theirs" in connection with Street-Washington Axis and the adcompanies which between them war contract procurements; the ministration's policies, is part and tion in this land. Among these 16,- Democratic and Republican politi- parcel of the whole reactionary drive

two-thirds of the plant capacity of strikes; the Supreme Court that en- drive is reaching new heights be-The red-baiting aspect of this forces anti-union injunctions. Yes, cause of the frenzied fear of the

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and "communists" long enough and loud enough that this will keep the people's minds off their real needs Billionaire Ford Pays and "communists" long enough and people's minds off their real needs **A** Visit to Reuther This red scare is being pumped up artificially. It may distract and confuse the workers for a time, es-Billionaire Henry Ford 2nd, busting Allis-Chalmers Company,

pecially because the Stalinists have lauded Reuther before the NAM's such a reactionary record in the boss over 102,000 auto workannual convention. In the same labor movement. This makes it all ers, on Dec. 5 paid a private breath as he told how the Taftthe easier for the government to visit to Walter Reuther. The Hartley Law has helped in the obscure its real target-the labor UAW-CIO president has been open-shop drive against unions and hailed by the anti-labor press strikes, Story praised Reuther as But the red-scare cannot succeed one of the "forceful non-Communist

in permanently blinding the mili- for his red-baiting victory at labor leaders." tant workers to the mortal danger the recent auto union convention, Now the auto barons, like the rest of the anti-labor drive. It cannot and Ford had been one of the first of the unon-hating profiteers, don't take the place of food, clething. to heap praise on Reuther. pay "friendly" visits to union leadshelter, medical care. It cannot Ford and Reuther, according to ers and praise their merits simply relieve the terrible weight of inse- press accounts, "chatted informally

out of good will. Every gesture of curity that presses upon the masses today like a pair of college chums.' that type is added up in their ledg-The task and the duty of every After Ford left, Reuther glowingly ers on the side of material assetsindividual and organization that re- described the auto mogul as "a more profits. It is unusual for a capitalist like mains loyal not to the predatory very decent sort of citizen." Ford minority of rich but to the working said nothing. He let his visit speak Ford to place himself on a social

population, is to stand firm and for itself. footing with a union leader like fight with all their strength and re- What did they talk about? Noth- Reuther. This means he considers sources against the red-baiting as- ing related to collective bargaining, the stakes very high and the ultihigher wages or similar matters of mate dollars and cents gain to be The labor militants will rally concern to the auto workers, Reurealized must be exceptional. against the reactionary red-baiters ther said. "Ford merely dropped We can believe it is. Militant and mobilize on every front to de- by for a talk. I was going to call union leaders who fight to raise fend the rights and liberties of all on him myself within the next ten the wages and standards of their days. We had a general discussion members have always been the tar-That defense must also include of general problems facing the get of hatred and abuse by the an attack—an attack against the country." It was "very satisfactory employers. Only those union ofprofiteers and monopolists, their and very pleasant all around." ficials who have given exceptional conspiracy to drive down the living Ford isn't the only auto labor assurance of their willingness to exploiter who has a warm spot in "play ball" with the corporationsand their plot to plunge this coun- his heart for Reuther. The evening what Reuther calls having "satisfactry again into a frightful imperial- before in New York City, H. W. tory labor relations" — get a pat on Story, vice-president of the union- the back from the bosses.

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Nation-Wide Strike Wave Rocks Capitalist France

The following article, giving a first-hand account of the crucial gain their ends by bluffing, rather 000 workers therefore did not vote. French strike struggle, was mailed from Paris nine days before the than by struggle. ignominious capitulation of the Stalinist leadership. Although the strike was thus ended, the article retains its full validity as an analysis of the nature, course and scope of the struggle and of the basic political problems and tendencies involved in it.-Ed.

(Special to The Militant)

PARIS, Dec. 1 — The scope of events here is much broader than one might gather from the lying bourgeois press and and the German Zone not more Stalinist bureaucrat, push his classradio. At present nearly 2,500,000 strikers are out. Mines, steelworks, railways, electricity are tied up, even though all the workers are not on strike. One can say without exaggeration that, at least in Paris, the strike has had the same

effect as a completely success-* ful general strike would have had.

to now, no call has been Up issued for a nation-wide general strike. The Executive Committee of the General Confederation of Labor (CGT) discussed only the possibility of such a call. Twenty trade unions, mostly of key importance, voted for immediate action, 18 against. The federations favoring immediate action have proclaimed nation-wide stoppages in the industries under their jurisdiction.

Naturally, the refusal of the 18 reformist-led trade unions to go into action was gratefully seized by the Stalinist bureaucrats as a pretext to get around the rank and file demand for a nation-wide general work stoppage.

Their motivation is very clear. perately tried up to now to keep joined the demonstration (reports The Stalinist leadership has desthe strike within the framework would mean the beginning of the must be shed in order to "clear up racy advances the program of Trot-French revolution.

Even without a formal call, the strike has gone far beyond the limits of economic demands, not only in scope but in the extraordinary militancy and ripening political consciousness of the striking Stalinist leaders nor the bourgeoisie workers.

DECISIVE BATTLE

The strikers clearly feel this strike s a decisive battle. They know that course, is very plain: the basic they will not be able to repeat forces of French society have been such a showdown every three moving inexorably toward a definimonths. They feel that what is at tive showdown since the Renault stake for the capitalist class is the strike. For the last nine months whole authority and strength of we Trotskyists have been patiently its government and all its class explaining this to the working class privileges. And they therefore sense of France. Events have now most quite clearly that a showdown is strikingly confirmed that prognosis. in the air.

From the moment the workers Leon Trotsky once said that a showed their readiness to fight for general strike was a potential civil their standard of living regardless war. Actually, we are already be- of their Stalinist leaders, two things vond the stage of potentiality. became clear: (1) that the Stalin-There is incipient civil war in the ists would have to make a sharp militant actions of the striking turn to the left in order not to railroad workers and miners. It is lose control over the working class; Moch, the Social-Democrat Minisbeginning in the actions of the gov- (2) that this would ultimately lead | ter of Interior, deployed the armed ernment itself which is sending toward civil war because the French forces against the strikers. It was armored cars into the mine areas bourgeoisie, in the present totter- his office that relayed Schuman's and using its armed forces to dis-ing state of its economy, is abso-order to fire on the demonstrators. lodge the workers from the occupied lutely unable to guarantee food to the working class. factories.

The high point of those develop-The subjective explanation is this: ments to date was reached Nov. both the Stalinist and capitalist 28 when 100,000 demonstrators at leaders, while unwilling to engage the great industrial center of St. in a decisive battle, felt that things justifiable hatred of Stalinism, per- own native French forces to put der the influence of de Gaulle. The capitalist government that put down portant question of who shall run Etienne tried to occupy the City had reached the breaking point and mitted themselves to be sucked in. down the workers. When these so-called "center" parties, formerly bictory confined the struggle promises now being made to them. Hall. For the first time troops that they had to do everything

About 2,000 voted for the strike,

The bourgeoisie knows that it is 4,000 against. On that basis - a unable today to halt a real work- bare 20% for their line! - the ers' upsurge. The French govern- reformists boasted they had twoment is scraping the bottom of the thirds of the workers behind them. barrel of its dollar resources. All If, however, it is quite natural imports of petroleum, wheat, coal, to see a Jouhaux, as rotten and etc., are blocked. In all France treacherous as the most rotten than 80,000 French troops were collaborationist line to its logical under arms. conclusion: if, as always, strikebreaking leaders try to mobilize the

SCRAPING THE BARREL

most backward layers against the In the department of Pas-demovement — still there is also no Calais, 5,000 Stalinist workers closdoubt that some advanced layers ed all the pits with flying squadrons. do really oppose the strike, espe-On that day the government had cially workers influenced by the an armed force of exactly 200 in anarchists and left centrists. the same department to "prevent"

A HEALTHY ELEMENT such violence. . . . It is clear that

under such conditions, the bour-They argue that the Stalinist geoisie could only bluff and not leaders opposed strike when the dewage a successful civil war.

fense of their living standards was The Stalinists on the other hand at stake, consequently they see no experienced a frightening spon- reason why they should strike now taneous revolt in their ranks a for political reasons. Obviously this month ago during the subway strike, is a result of Stalinist treason; but when even the lower ranks of the there is also a healthy element in it. These workers have freed themselves from the Stalinist demagogy. But no Marxist can deny that as a whole this reaction is one of leaders grasped the meaning of that demoralization and retreat. These lesson. They had to stage a demonworkers, hypnotized by Stalinism, stration in order to win back the lose sight of the decisive point: confidence of French militants. that this is a life-and-death class But they also wanted to bluff battle. Defeat of the strike would

not actually to start something be a disastrous setback for the which could lead to civil war. Forced working class that would place de against their will to go along the Gaulle's bid for power on the order road toward mass mobilization, the of the day!

Stalinist leaders are learning the Great political events have this bitter lesson that, on the one hand, great advantage - that they comwithout real workers' democracy pletely expose all false ideas. It is great gains cannot be made, and now clear how criminal was the on the other, that workers' democ-

gists" gave the Trotskyists to form skyism wherever it is applied. a "united front" at this stage with The bourgeois press has played the "left" anti-Stalinist workers up the so-called "workers' resistagainst the Communist Party. Such ance" against "Stalinist-led strikes." How can one explain this develop- Its lies are exceeded only by the lies of the reformists, who have once again exposed themselves as de Gaulle and the bosses to Joucynical betrayers. They are not an iota less gangsterlike than the Stalinists when their own posts are archists.

at stake, only more cowardly. One However, not only the criminal a genuine strike committee. example among dozens: the reform- past policy of the Stalinists, but The Trotskylsts explain to the

In reality, the slogan of both the strike by bare committee vote, with- committees; that they have to de- Stalinist party speakers in the called for full mobilization of + cestablishment of a "Jewish state;" In reality, the slogan of both the state by bare committee vote, while committee vote, while committee vote, while both the slogan of both the slo boycott the government-sponsored trying to trample opposition, even under these conditions to desert the the words of the Trotskyists about 17 and 25. plebiscite. Some 14,000 out of 20,- with physical violence, and spread- strike means not to be "anti-Stalin- the need to kick out the reaction-



Robert Schuman, 61-year-old member of the Catholic Popular Republican party, is interviewed after his appointment as Premier of France. Immediately after forming a coalition government, he launched a drive to smash the strike wave through use of police, armed forces, and passage of anti-labor legislation.

Federated Pictures

selves.

"advice" certain faraway "strate- ing the impression that this was ist" but to desert the working class. "their" affair and not the work-An all-important feature of the ers'.

situation is the complete change in The Communist rank and file ele- attitude of the Stalinist rank and ments, however, displayed a healthy file and even lower apparatus people a "united front" has in fact been reaction. And wherever Trotskyists toward the Trotskyist militants in formed - it is the united front were present, they succeeded very factories and even toward the Trotof the strikebreakers, reaching from quickly in turning the tide in favor skyist party as a whole. By the of workers' democracy: At the Re- thousands, one can say without exhaux, Marceau Pivert and the an- nault plant, for example, the Stal- aggeration, rank and file Stalinists inists had to relinquish control to have come to understand the cor-

rectness of the program of Trotkyism. They have witnessed the con-

Jews, in their exultation over the ahead.



turning it. In return they expected, conditions will again force the work- press. When Schuman took office, mark among wide sections of the Wall Street to make concessions to ers to move forward; however, un- the Nov. 23 N. Y. Herald Tribune working class, especially the most the Kremlin. der more difficult circumstances. observed that "He may remain in politically-conscious militants.

The petty bourgeoisie, disappoint- power . . . as long as General de Wall Street and its French agents followed the policy the European ed by the failure of the workers to Gaulle wants him to stay, for he capitalists had found successful in take power when they had the was elected with the general's help." city and area strike committees in which most of the conflict thus handling the Social-Democrats, par- chance, will be inclined to shift The Dec. 7 N. Y. Daily News saw under terrific pressure. They were far has taken place. Leon Jounaux, another Social-Leinotrais, par Democrat, utilized his high posi- ticularly after World War I. They more decisively toward the camp a parallel between the 1947 strike thrown haphazardly into battle with tion in the CGT to start a strike- accepted the counter - revolutionary of de Gaulle.

breaking "back to work" movement. services of the Stalinists for the At the same time the government mune of 1871. It likened Schuman bare-handed. The Stalinists main-Many anarchists, blinded by their time being while they built their itself will come more and more un- to Adolphe Thiers, who headed the tained dead silence on the all-imthat of Thiers in 1871?" De Gaulle maneuver the masses for their own

slyly asks the News editorial.

ary, strikebreaking government, caused fresh hesitation among thos This tremendously increases the workers opposed to the strike. The prestige of the Trotskyist militants. anarchists especially see that this The Trotskyist paper La Verite law is directed not so much against (The Truth) is read with sympathy the Stalinists as against the miliby all the CP militants who see tant workers. it. Big groups form around its The Trotskyists are now trying distributors. For the first time, to broaden the authority and sig-

animated discussions occur as hun- nificance of the strike committees. dreds of workers collect around one They urge (1) that the committees or two Trotskyists explaining their should organize the workers' deprogram. fense, food supply, truck transpor-

Everything now depends on the tation, etc.; (2) that they should outcome of the strike. The governset up permanent local, regional ment tested the combativity of the (and later national) bodies to coworkers on the political field by ordinate the struggle and authoriseizing an issue of the two Stalinist tatively represent the whole workdailies, L'Humanite and Ce Soir. ing class. Such committees could The answer of the Paris workers play the role in France that was was very clear — that would mean played by the Soviets in Russia in civil war! establishing a Workers and Farm-

The government, which had planned to proclaim martial law, prudently substituted a law increasing the penalties for disorder, violence, sabotage, etc., and mobilized 80,000 reservists to have enough soldiers under arms to defend itself.

COMPROMISE SOUGHT the French working class, together The Stalinists in the National with the development of the Trot-Assembly filibustered for three days skyist party into a leading working against passage of the anti-labor class party, would inspire the greatlaw. Jouhaux and his reformists est hopes for the future. were disturbed by its threat. The A defeat, on the other hand, danger of a split in the CGT now

would encourage the bourgeoisie to seems delayed; a compromise is be- speed up civil war preparations, ing sought to permit the Stalinist and de Gaulle would again come leaders to call off the strike move- to the forefront. ment without discrediting them-The Fourth International can be

ers Government.

proud of the French Trotskyists. The emergency law proposed by What they have done in three brief

A strike victory would almost im-

mediately transform the French and

European situation, which is now

pre-revolutionary, into a fully revo-

lutionary one. The enthusiasm and

confidence which it would create in

PACE THREE

the government also had another weeks now ranks as an essential important result. It forced the contribution to the building of the Stalinists to include a political point Fourth International. The outcome in the strike demands ("Immediate of their struggle can decide the withdrawal of that law!"), and future of the European continent.



By I. Dale

The first result of the UN partition of Palestine was the fact that "two-thirds of the work- dling of the strike situation fos- strike and not the CP's; that work- the Stalinists to take over slogans the Middle East. While the heads of Arab governments held fact that "two-thirds of the work-ers" voted against strike at the ters demoralization. Wherever they ers have to lead it themselves advocated for many months by the a "war council" in Cairo, the Jewish Agency for Palestine

implication of the strife that lies

The Zionist leadership is proceeding to paint up their miserable fake "independence." A Jewish army is being established in Palestine and plans are being made to float a "state loan" to purchase heavy military equipment. They are making plans to replace the British in polic-Under Stalinist leadership they city of Tel-Aviv which is next to ing the environs of the all-Jewish found themselves forced to organize the all-Arab city of Jaffa-the area

wave in France and the Paris Com-inadequate preparation, virtually in almost all countries—blinded by Unfortunately, the Jewish masses the miserable fate of the Jews during the war and by the glowing The Social - Democrats likewise forces became strong enough, they based on the petty bourgeoisie, will history give him a place similar to to economic issues and tried to are supporting the Zionist leaders. The Jews of the Middle-Eastern countries, however, are not in such whole-hearted_sympathy with the who commanded Thiers' troops and things will inevitably come to the "Jewish state." Despite the conflict later replaced Thiers as dictatorial conclusion that such life-and-death which has existed in Palestine, Jews head of France. "Will Gen. Charles matters as the fundamental aim of in other Arab countries have lived the story of Marshal MacMahon?" in advance. They will conclude that murdered in Aden and other Arab the betrayers and political gangsters lands. The partition plan has Wall Street views the Schuman in the labor movement must be jeopardized their position to the regime as an interim government driven out of leadership and re- point where the Chief Rabbi of that may be replaced by de Gaulle placed by devoted, self-sacrificing Bagdad called for Jews in Iraq to as early as March. It is obvious revolutionaries. These conclusions support the Arab cause. In response to this call the Jews collected \$2,-000,000 to help the Palestinian The end result of the strike wave Arabs. thus can be a rapid spread of Trot-A break in the Arab front oc-The victory of fascism, however, skyist ideas among the workers and curred when the mayor of Jaffa any time and thus got them to end ceded by transitional regimes that is still far from assured despite the a catastrophic decline for Stalinism. proposed a truce to the mayor of How well this is understood by French workers. A strike wave of of a Workers and Farmers Govern- halt the negotiations. The Arab the capitalists can be judged from the proportions just experienced ment in France on the order of the mayor feels the direct pressure of the population who are endangered by the struggle as well as that of the Arab bourgeoisie who stand to lose business in the conflict. The Higher Committee represents the interests of the Arab feudal lords the last, attempted to prop up and, crats to meet the fascist threat. American workers who are ing capitalist structure in Germany. hour was so late that the fight Middle East. They are committed Of all possible solutions to the worst for the Arab and Jewish masses and the best for the imperialists. To drive the imperialist for the Jewish and Arab masses to unite in common struggle. Parti-

sts claim as a great "victory" the also their present bureaucratic han- workers that this is the workers' fused and precipitate attempts of sharpening of relations between Arabs and Jews throughout

party apparatus refused to carry out strikebreaking orders of the Central Committee and came out in support of the strike. The Stalinist

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but they refused to shoot and some of them seem to have actually are not clear).

of general economic demands. A It is obvious that the temperageneral strike would put the politi- ture is rising. Workers in the big cal issue squarely before the work- metal factories of Paris are openly ing class. In actuality, proclama- oiling their Sten guns and capition of the general strike today talist circles are saying that blood the mess." Minor incidents can

precipitate civil war at any mo-

ment provided the present conflict

ment since obviously neither the

wanted civil war at this time?

There are two explanations which

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The objective explanation,

complement each other.

continues.

were sent against the demonstratcossible to win at least a semblance share responsibility for passage of ors — the famous 17th regiment — 'of victory. They both hoped to the Taft-Hartley type legislation

International Notes

The Ceylon Parliament on open- ian Section of the Fourth Internaing did its best to ape the "color- | tional, was held Nov. 16-17 at Fogful" ceremony of the British Par- gia, Italy. Among the cities repliament. The Governor read a resented were Rome, Milan, Naples, peech from the throne. The Army Puglia and Campana.

and Navy big brass added their bit The agenda included the interto the pageant. The Senators and national political situation, national ers envisioned a victory in France scarlet-clad judges marched in pro- political questions facing the Italian cession to the House. workers, trade union problems, the

Yet something went awry which relationship between the POC and the London Times did not fail to the Fourth International, party observe. "The ceremony," it de- statutes and a report on the accomclares, "was boycotted by the six plishments of the outgoing Political members of the Bolshevik-Leninist Bureau. On the question of the character Party, who held their own meeting

issues.

Despite sharp debates, the con-

ference ended on a note of cordial-

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When General MacArthur's head-

quarters threatened the Japanese

coal miners with slashes in their

already meagre food rations unless

This militant action won an im-

mediate concession from the Japa-

ed the miners a cost-of-living bonus

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is devoted to military expenditures.

In the past two and a half years.

Some 13,000,000 people are on

nation-wide strike.

in another part of the building." The entire BLP fraction refused decided to hold over taking a definito participate in this ludicrous and tive position until the party ranks deadly repetition of the one folservile pageant.

Comrade D. W. T. Perera, a leading member of the Bolshevik-Leninist Party, Indian Section of the Fourth International, was elected to the Senate by the House of Representatives.

His first action at the opening ity and unanimous loyalty to the session was to demand abolition of Fourth International. the Senate to make way for a onechamber parliament. Comrade Perera is the only Trotskyist in the Upper House.

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How little freedom can be expectthey at once stepped up production, ed under the Nehru government in they responded with a call for a India is shown by its action in the case of Comrade Mandekar, a leading member of the Bolshevik-Leninist Party of India, who is still connese puppet government. It grantfined in a Bombay dungeon.

The measure under which he is for October and November amountbeing held was labelled by the Con- | ing to 220,000,000 yen or 1,000 yen gress Party itself as the "lawless (\$20) for each miner. law." That, of course, was in the days when the Congress Party was in opposition to British rule and its leaders suffered under its brutal provisions.

Comrade Mandekar was arrested for leading a strike of textile mill workers in Bombay. An intensive 80% of the Chinese national budget campaign is now under way to secure his release.

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17,454 cases of graft and corruption The first conference of the Com- in government office have been ofmunist Workers Party (POC), Ital- ficially reported.

that now threatens the entire labor tinued to swear allegiance to French ed with guilt for its strikebreaking man and man and man and man and a ma movement in France.

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SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES

energies of the workers.

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THE MOST GUILTY Nevertheless, chief responsibility for the defeat lies squarely on the Stalinist leaders. Because of the Soviet victory in World War II and the memory of the November 1917 revolution, a decisive majority of

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Leon Jouhaux, another Social-

the organized French workers placed their confidence in the leadership of the Stalinists. These workcomparable to that of the Russian workers under Bolshevik leadership in 1917.

They had found the wrong address, however. To the Stalinists, this confidence was only political capital to be expended in the interests of the Kremlin's foreign of the Soviet Union, the conference policy. For two years after the war, they followed a policy that was a have had an opportunity to become lowed by the Social-Democrats after more fully acquainted with the World War I.

They took posts in the capitalist The conference reaffirmed its afgovernment to bolster it up and filiation to the Fourth International to prevent the workers from overand recognition of its authority

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the payroll of the Chinese govern-.....by Kamel and Soliman ment bureaucracy. This does not STAGES IN THE VIET NAM include the 10,000,000 men in the **REVOLUTION** .. by Lucien armed forces or the 350,000 students subsidized by the government. About tional

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ousted the Stalinists from office. lose the last remnants of support. For a while the Stalinists con- The Social-Democratic Party, load- is compared with General Mac- despicable bureaucratic ends. capitalism and its government. role, will splinter and disappear as

Then on orders from Moscow, these an effective political force. opportunists turned adventurist, The polarization of reaction in once again demonstrating that op-once again demonstrating that op-one camp and the working class in litical talents, more or less repeat ganization must be worked out well many years. Now scores have been murdered in Aden and other this sides of the same coin. point where class tensions will be-

come unendurable. A qualitative On an arbitrary date, chosen to to coincide with the opening of the change must occur. And it will oc-Foreign Ministers Conference in cur - either socialism or fascism London, the Stalinists loosened the will come to power.

brakes and permitted the workers This process occurred in Ger- that no matter what temporary will lead them straight to the proto move forward. The Stalinist ob- many. There the Social-Democrats oscillations may occur, Wall Street gram of Trotskyism. jective was to frighten the Amer- and Stalinists blocked the road to calculates on bringing a fascist govican imperialists. Wall Street could socialism and thus assured the vic- ernment to power in France. have conceded to the Stalinists at tory of fascism. Hitler was pre-

the strikes. But these aspirants to bear startling resemblance to the treacherous stab in the back the If that occurs, then the next great world rule, armed with the atomic present Schuman regime in France. Stalinist bureaucrats dealt the upsurge will find the establishment mittee immediately forced him to

saved even then had the Stalinists come out for a Workers and Farmers Government and coordinated

The situation could have been a few sample remarks in their does not recede without leaving its day.

Page from Trotsky's the energies of the entire working

possible the immediate establish-By Evelyn Atwood ment of such a government. This would have required all-out efforts to organize workers committees to ganize squads to defend the working class from the capitalist counter-offensive that was certain to The fight would have been more power in Germany. The situation

difficult than two and a half years ago when the Stalinists were raised tures. to key government posts on the In Germany then, as in France shoulders of the working class, but victory was almost certain, as was

clearly demonstrated by the universal fear expressed in the capidriven steadily downward, trementalist press at the outbreak of the tions of the population.

Trotsky pointed out that the des-The consequences of the defeat perate and declassed petty bourare grave. First of all, strikes of geoisie, which was wavering between workers if they offered a bold, revo- that program. By the same token reaction is lutionary program and showed the

The fundamental causes that the aggressive fascist movement.

watching events in France to- What they actually did was to pave against the Nazi menace must at to a last-ditch fight against partiserve as the base of that govern- day and wondering what the way for Hitler. Similar regimes first take on a defensive character, tion. ment and heroic attempts to or- comes next, can learn a great in France today (Ramadier, Schu- but it would soon pass over into an deal from Trotsky's book man) perform a like role. De Gaulle offensive struggle under the slogan Palestine problem, partition is the "What Next? Vital Questions for in France is preparing his forces of "All Power to the Workers and the German Proletariat," written in and biding his time to make his def- Farmers Government." Such a pro-1932, a year before Hitler came to inite thrust for power, just as Hit- gram would inspire the whole peoler did in 1932. But he can succeed ple to extraordinary efforts and lead rulers out of Palestine it is necessary in France has many parallel fea- only if the workers fail in their rev- them to victory against the storm olutionary task. troops of reaction.

When the masses are in motion But Stalinist policy then, as to- tion works to divide them even more today, the capitalist regime was and the capitalist ruling class is day, was dictated not by the needs deeply. shaken to its foundations. As the badly shaken, the time becomes ripe of the people but solely by the buliving standards of the masses were for the establishment of a Workers reaucratic aims and dictates of the and Farmers Government. But the despots in the Kremlin. In Ger-

dous discontent mounted in all sec- fulfillment of this task, as Trotsky many the Stalinists covered up their warned the German workers, re- capitulatory policy with the boast: quires more than numbers and "Let Hitler come to power; he will fighting capacity. It requires a last only a day and our turn will

> Today the Stalinists are repeating The terrible defeat in Germany in the role they played in Germany by

invigorated and emboldened. The capacity to carry it out in action. 1933 resulted from the failure of blocking the French workers from danger of fascism is brought much Failing this, he warned, the middle the leading working class parties heading off the threat of de Gaulle. class elements would swing behind to adopt such a program. In its But if General de Gaulle rides to suicidal course, the Communist power, his main task, like Hitler's, drove the workers onto the road of In this critical pre-revolutionary (Stalinist) Party, with five million will be to smash the organizations action still remain - inflation, sky- period, a succession of coalition cab- members and followers, refused to of the workers and clamp the iron rocketing prices, hunger, cold, lack inets (Bruening, Von Papen, mobilize the workers into a united bands of a military dictatorship on of housing, the general ruin. These Schleicher) each one weaker than front with six million Social Demo- the French workers.

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revolutionary program, a clear per- come next." such widespread character, if they the two decisive forces of labor spective for a socialist goal and a Millions of German workers paid lead to nothing, deeply drain the and Big Business, would follow the leadership capable of carrying out for this treachery with their lives.

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THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY **OF MOTHER JONES**

The Fight Against Child Labor (Determined to focus public attention on child. labor, Mother Jones in 1903 organized a march of young, children employed in the Pennsylvania textile mills, then on strike.)

From Jersey City we marched to Hoboken. I sent a con mittee over to the New York Chief of Police, Ebstein, ask for permission to march up Fourth Avenue to Madison Square where I wanted to

hold a meeting. The chief refused and forbade our



entrance to the city. I went over myself to New York and saw Mayor Seth Low. The mayor was most courteous but he said he would have to support the police commissioner. I asked him what the reason was for refusing us entrance to the city and he said that we were not citizens of New York . . . Well, finally they decided to let the army come in. We marched up Fourth Avenue to Madison Square.

neeting be held in Twentieth Street. I pointed out to the captain that the single-taxers were allowed to hold meetings in the square. "Yes," he said, "but they won't have twenty people and you might have twenty thousand."

LIVING EXAMPLES OF CHILD LABORERS

We marched to Twentieth Street. I told an immense crowd of the horrors of child labor in the mills around the anthracite region and I showed them some of the children. I showed them Eddie Dunphy, a little fellow of twelve, whose job it was to sit all day on a high stool, handing in THE STOIC, by Theodore builds a mansion in New York and cere attention being paid her by this the right thread to another worker. Eleven hours a day ensconces Aileen, now his wife, as fascinating young man. She fleet- he sat on the high stool with dangerous machinery all about mistress there. Interwoven with ingly thinks of her husband and him. All day long, winter and summer, spring and fall, for

And then I showed them Gussie Rangnew, a little girl from whom all the childhood had gone. Her face was like a masseusse, a hair dresser, boot an old woman's. Gussie packed stockings in a factory,

We raised a lot of money for the strikers and hundre pleting this mammoth work when moting traction interests; but like can buy. She has lost some of her of friends offered their homes to the little ones while w were in the city.

The next day we went to Coney Island at the invitation of Mr. Bostick who owned the wild animal show. The children had a wonderful day such as they never had in a their lives. After the exhibition of the trained animals, Mr. Bostick let me speak to the audience. There was a back drop to the tiny stage of the Roman Colosseum with the audience painted in and two Roman emperors down in front with their thumbs down. Right in front of the emperors were the empty iron, cages of the animals. I put my little children in the cages and they clung to the iron bars while I talked.

I told the crowd that the scene was typical of the aristocracy of employers with their thumbs down to the little ones of the mills and factories, and people sitting dumbly by.

"We want President Roosevelt to hear the wail of the children who never have a chance to go to school but work eleven and twelve hours a day in the textile mills of Pennof them. A mausoleum is erected sylvania; who weave the carpets that he and you walk upon; to house his remains. Everything and the lace curtains in your windows, and the clothes of the people. Fifty years ago there was a cry against slavery and men gave up their lives to stop the selling of black children on the block. Today the white child is sold for two

dollars a week to the manufacturers. Fifty years ago the black babies were sold C. O. D. Today the white baby is sold on the installment plan.

"In Georgia where children work day and night in the cotton mills they have just passed a bill to protect song birds. What about the little children from whom all song is gone?

"I shall ask the president in the name of the aching hearts of these little ones that he emancipate them from slavery. I will tell the president that the prosperity he

"In all countries the same historic laws operate, the laws of capitalist decline. If the means of production remain in the hands of a small number of capitalists, there is no way out for society. It is condemned to go from crisis to crisis; from need to misery, from bad to worse. In the various countries the decrepitude and disintegration of capitalism are expressed in diverse forms and at unequal rhythms. But the basic features of the process are the same everywhere. The bourgeoisie is leading its society to complete bankruptcy. It is capable of assuring the people neither bread nor peace. This is precisely why it cannot any longer tolerate the democratic order. It is forced to smash the workers by the use of physical violence." —Leon Trotsky, 1934, "Whither France," P. 8.

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The SWP is Loyal to the Working Class

the Socialist Workers Party on his blacklist of "disloyal" organizations.

Who and what are the Trotskyists "disloyal" to? To Truman? To the Democrats and Republicans, the Big Business Congress; monopoly capitalist "free enterprise," Wall Street? To American imperialism and its conspiracy to drag this country into a Third World War?

The Socialist Workers Party can't be disloyal to any of these, because it never promised loyalty to them to begin with. As a matter of fact, the SWP has openly and consistently maintained an implacable opposition to the capitalists, their system of labor exploitation, depressions, oppression and war.

The SWP prides itself on its steadfast fight against the political rule of American Big Business. and its two-party political monopoly.

Trotskyists pledge their loyalty only to the working class, the exploited, the dispossessed that and no one will swerve it from such loyalty.

Lovett Gives the Tip Off

Despite some haggling in Congress over the precise amount of interim aid to be allotted various countries under the Marshall Plan; both Republicans and Democrats are solidly behind its reactionary aims. The bill was passed by the Senate, after a debate so perfunctory that neither party took all the allotted time. The House is now preparing to place its rubber stamp approval on the bill.

The interim aid plan is being played up in the press as "relief" for the stricken European peoples. But Congress is not being moved by charitable eelings toward the hungry Europeans. In voting this money they are concerned solely with mopping up the existing anti-labor governments in France, Italy, Greece, etc., and to further Wall Street's drive for world conquest.

Testimony at hearings in Washington brings out with deadly clarity the true nature of the Marshall Plan's "interim relief." On Dec. 5 Under-Secretary of State Robert A. Lovett urged Congress "not to be frightened out" of subsidizing this imperialist plan, no matter how costly it might be, because of the militancy displayed by the millions of French workers in their mass strikes. He lauded up their own governments.

Truman's Attorney General Tom Clark has put is, to the overwhelming majority of society. To profess or demonstrate loyalty in any way to the capitalist rulers and their agencies would indeed be disloyalty-to the workers.

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During the war, the Trotskyists demonstrated their loyalty to the fundamental interests of the American working people by opposing the imperialist war and warning it was a war for imperialist profit and plunder. For that loyalty, 18 leaders of the SWP were railroaded to federal prison.

But the SWP did not yield an inch. It has continued and will continue to fight for the working class. It puts forward the program of independent labor political action through formation of a Labor Party. It urges the labor movement to fight uncompromisingly against Wall Street rule, to win political power, to establish a Workers and Farmers Government, to replace corrupt and decayed capitalism with the planned economy of socialism. The SWP is loyal to this program. Nothing

the Schuman government, which had ordered out some 230,000 troops against the striking workers. Thus he plainly indicated how U.S. backing would stiffen the anti-labor forces abroad.

Lovett also explained that the bill empowered the President to terminate aid to any nation when it is considered no longer necessary "or desirable." This, he said, should give assurance that if the "Communists" gained control over the governments in France and Italy, interim "relief" could be promptly cut off.

What Lovett really meant is that regardless of the needs of the people, if any governments should be installed which resisted Wall Street's dictates, the U. S. would promptly attempt to starve them into submission.

To remove any remaining misunderstanding, Republican Senator Homer Ferguson drove the same point home more bluntly. The interim "aid" program, he said, "is the same as spending money

on guns here." In other words, "relief for Europe" really means aid to the anti-labor regimes abroad in their efforts to keep the workers from setting The Financier, and continued two meets his approval. years later in The Titan. Dreiser was within one chapter of comdeath struck him down. The last his counterpart, Yerkes; his scene embonpoint, and anticipates conof his posthumous novels shows of action is London, England. Un- fronting Cowperwood once again, him at his mightiest; nothing is loading his Chicago holdings, and hoping to rekindle his desire. Gone lacking in Dreiserian method ex- with the aid of excellent espionage is the caked powder on her face,

It is a dying man's testament to cording the legal and near-legal lects objets d'art, and makes behis prowess and genius.

1947, \$3.

Frank Algernon Cowperwood is a control of these lines. character modeled on the famous financial swindler, Charles Tyson prestige, and financial status is wit-Yerkes, who began life in Philadelphia, son of a moderately successful interests himself in Aileen. She of whom he has dispatched to vari-Quaker banker. His meteoric rise has long since passed the age of begins when as a youth he buys ravishing beauty. Never a possesseveral cartons of soap at whole- sor of social poise and acumen, she hood grocer. This starts him off on social intrigue with the titled set his career which leads to the sacking in England. Despite her dogged de-

15, having left high school, he ob- affection for her has faded. He the study of Yogism in India; and ains work in a grain commission cannot understand that she should from her inheritance sets in motion house; at 22 he has his own broker- wish to continue as his wife, when the building of a hospital which age business, and at 25 he is in the there is no longer a bond between Cowperwood wanted. Litigation, panking business specializing in them. His current passion, Bernice, claims, counter-claims, court ac-

"For heaven's sake, don't let the servants see you in that

of the city treasury. At the age of votion to him, he realizes that his Bernice, after his death, takes up has everything Aileen lacks-social tions, process servers, and haggling

cus capitals in Europe when he tired sale and sells them to his neighber-is a detriment to Cowperwood in his his historical counterparts have done.

methods by which he comes into quests for the building of a hospital

home as a museum for the public. An interesting sidelight on power, He parcels out largesse to his former associates and mistresses, some nessed in his supplying a gigolo who

high grade bonds. His exploits, both financial and poise, bursting beauty and a re- over the remainder of his estate imorous, are graphically described alistic understanding that in time causes much of his philanthropy to either of them is likely be disregalded. Aileen witnesses the by Dreiser. Having partially served sad spectacle of her home being tired of the other. his sentence in prison for marketauctioned off piece by piece. She Dreiser swiftly charts Cowpering city bonds, he strikes out for refuses to attend his funeral be-Chicago with his mistress. Aileen wood's course. Bernice, devoted, Butler. The Titan deals with his impeccable, aids him by her ingra- with Bernice. Upon her death, she they will not listen. machinations in obtaining control tiating manner with the English firequests that she be laid to rest beof the street railway systems in nanciers who are wary of this Amerside, her fabulous husband.

Dreiser, Doubleday, 310 pp., his financial dealings are his affairs Bernice, but her admission into three dollars a week. The Stoic completes Dreiser's of the heart. He seduces his secre- continental society placates her Trilogy of Desire begun in 1912 with tary or any likely prospect who somewhat. She is worked upon by

Santa Claus costume - they might ask for a raise!"

The Stoic, while an entity in it- makers, dress makers, and beauti- eleven hours a day for a few cents a day. self, continues his exploits in pro- cians. In short, everything money

cept, happily, extraneous detail and work by his agents, he ingratiates impressionably noted by him, and wandering speculation. Apparently himself to various of the London her habiliment and general appear-The Stoic was taken up and put financiers who hold rights to underaside again and again during the developed and undeveloped systems, course of some thirty years. It does most of which are in embryo. Dreinot suffer from its late appearance. ser is painstakingly precise in re- ate himself into posterity. He col-

French Workers Demand Sliding Scale

fought for in the great strike wave in France was a sliding scale of wages. They wanted this provision to protect their wage standards against further increases in the cost of living. They demanded that wages be adjusted every three months to bring them into accordance with the latest price jumps.

The Schuman cabinet admitted that this demand was "logical." However, they "unanimously" rejected it. They argued that it would be "disastrous for French finances" if it were applied.

There is an instructive lesson here. It was the Trotskyists who first suggested that the workers should fight for a sliding scale of wages to safeguard their living standards. In America, the Socialist Workers Party advanced this demand in 1938 and The Militant has consistently advocated it ever since, explaining its special applicability in periods of inflation.

In France, the publicity given this slogan by the Trotskyists, has now borne important fruit.

Cheers from Taft Law Supporters

The French and Greek capitalist governments have just written into their statute books anti-labor laws that match the savage measures invoked in the days of Hitler and Mussolini.

Run-of-the-mill strikebreaking devices, including police orders to shoot to kill, proved unavailing to break the ranks of strikers in France. Thereupon Premier Schuman jammed through the "democratic" French Parliament legislation that strips labor of elementary civil rights and virtually outlaws strikes.

The French Minister of Interior is henceforth empowered to employ troops against strikers. "Inciting strikes" is made a crime punishable by long prison terms and heavy fines. Doubly severe penalties are imposed for "sabotage."

The Greek "democrats" dispensed with all camouflage and flatly outlawed all strikes, fixing not only prison terms but the death penalty. This bestial decree, which goes beyond even the Nazi labor code, will be enforced not by regular courts but by court-martial.

One of the demands some 3,000,000 strikers It has become one of the main demands of the working class of an entire country. Here is another convincing proof of the validity of the program of Trotskyism and its ability to solve the problems of the workers.

> This demand has served to call sharp attention to the utter inability of the capitalist system and its government to guarantee the workers a decent standard of living. The Schuman cabinet was compelled to admit that they cannot maintain real wages. Their only "solution" to inflation is to hold down wages while prices soar. Naturally they said nothing about limiting the profits of the capitalists.

> Rejection of this demand leads to only one logical conclusion: the necessity of replacing the capitalist government by a Workers and Farmers Government and the building of the planned economy of socialism. For if capitalism cannot guarantee the living standards of the masses then by that fact alone it has shown that it is not fit to run the country.

> These acts of naked reaction are cheered and defended by the American capitalist press. And why not? As the N. Y. Times, Dec. 8 points out, the principle that underlies them-that "there is no right to strike against the government or in cases of a national emergency"-has been "established" here in the U.S. "not only in the Boston police strike but also in the railroad and coal strikes and is specifically laid down in the Taft-Hartley labor law."

> In other words, the anti-labor laws passed in France and Greece are nothing less than adaptations to conditions in these countries of the basic propositions contained in the Taft-Hartley Act. They are all part and parcel of the Truman Doctrine and Marshall Plan.

And for that reason they constitute a serious warning to American labor. The laws in Greece and France foreshadow what the Taft-Hartley Act will mean to labor when it is drawn to its logical conclusion in this country.

that city. Here can be ascertained ican man of action. It is a stream-A voluptuary at heart, Cowper-Dreiser's ability to effectively use lined Dreiser we now read in this, documentation without resorting to his last testament. As an after wood found little permanent satisthought, it would seem that he is faction in either his mistresses or journalism.

racing with time to get all of his the power which his money gave Cowperwood, an alien in the city, story finished before death can him. Dreiser, ito his very end, attempts to buy himself into favor catch up with him. by donating a fountain to beautify Aileen, meantime, spends her time in his works what he saw of life. a park. Later he endows the University of Chicago with a telescope. in Paris, under the tutelage of her and allowed his portrayals to teach He attempts to crash Chicago so- hired gigolo, who with carte blanche their own lesson. No more could be ciety, but the avante garde is wary from his employer, moves in the most asked of any artist. of this brusque, individualistic and exciting and exclusive circles, Aileen somewhat vulgar interloper. He is flattered with this apparent sin--Norman Johnstone

The "Aid-Europe" Debate

Congressmen at Work -

Wall Street's hired hands down in Washington have been bringing their giant brains to bear on the proposed "stopgap aid" bill for Europe. While Austria gets a smaller share, the bulk of this "aid" is to keep the French and Italian governments functioning till the Marshall slan can be put into effect. By something more than coincidence these are the countries where gigantic strike struggles broke out.

The debate in Congress shows that the Congressmen know better than to share the belief, widespread among newspaper readers, that the into the bill.

aid is humanitarian. Senator McClellan (D., Ark.) "The contract of which the Senator (Vandenberg) speaks could be so drafted that it would preclude any of this aid or relief to strikers in wartime we are not averse to using: vital industries, could it not?" flame throwers, incendiary bombs,

Senator Vandenberg (R., Mich): and atom bombs to achieve victory. "I would think it could. I can un- Had the Germans used poison gas, derstand the Senator's point of we, too, were prepared to use it. view, and I sympathize greatly with But we seem unwilling to meet the his ultimate objective." threat of internal force (in France,

Vandenberg, however, knows the and Italy). In this undeclared 'cold way to discriminate against strikers war' we somehow have failed to reais at the administrative end. He lize that we are not meeting the doesn't want to put it down in black challege merely with economic aid on white for all the world, including and an information service." the French workers, to see. So he suggests it is wiser not to write it "We have the means to assist gentleman from Tennessee,"

France and Italy to combat internal force. It may not even require force on our part but it will certainly require action."

ance serve to lighten her spirits.

Cowperwood, nearing his end, i

making grandiose plans to perpetu-

to bear his name and financing his

Lodge wound up by urging his fellow politicians to resort to "actions" and not to be "squeamish."

When Lodge was asked exactly what actions he had in mind he replied "that we are in a cold war and that, as I remarked in my speech, a disclosure of details might compromise the aims."

should not know.'

But nobody paid much attention to that point.

with equal agility. The following exchange is illustrative. Rep. Gore (D., Tenn.): "...If

we finish the foreign-aid program living before Congress goes home for Christmas."

Lodge hints at "real" measures: politics that usually comes from the until they were fourteen years of age.

boasts of is the prosperity of the rich wrung from the poor and the helpless. "The trouble is that no one in Washington cares. I saw our legislators in one hour pass three bills for the relief

cause of his unconscionable deceit of the railways but when labor cries for aid for the children

STEAL A RAILROAD AND BE SENATOR

"I asked a man in prison once how he happened to be there and he said he had stolen a pair of shoes. I told him if he had stolen a railroad he would be a United Stat Senator.

"We are told that every American boy has the chance of being president. I tell you that these little boys in the preached no sermon. He put down iron cages would sell their chance any day for good squar meals and a chance to play. These little toilers whom have taken from the mills-deformed, dwarfed in body and soul, with nothing but toil before them-have never heard that they have a chance, the chance of every American male citizen, to become the president.

You see these monkeys in those cages over there." I pointed to a side cage. "The professors are trying to teach them to talk. The monkeys are too wise for they fear that the manufacturers would buy them for slaves in their factories.'

I saw a stylishly dressed young man down in the front of the audience. Several times he grinned. I stopped speaking and pointing to him I said, "Stop your smiling, young man! Leave this place! Go home and beg the mother who bore you in pain, as the mothers of these little children bore them, go home and beg her to give you brains and a heart."

He rose and slunk out, followed by the eyes of the children in the cage. The people sat stone still and out in the rear a lion roared.

The next day we left Coney Island for Manhattan Beach to visit Senator Platt, who had made an appointment to see me at nine o'clock in the morning. The children got stuck in the sand banks and I had a time cleaning the sand off the littlest ones. So we started to walk on the railroad track. I was told it was private property and we had to get

off. Finally a saloon keeper showed us a short cut into To this, the questioner ventured: | the sacred grounds of the hotel and suddenly the army ap-"Too many things are being kept peared in the lobby. The little fellows played "Hall, hail, from the American people under the the gang's all here" on their fifes and drums, and Senator specious argument that the people Platt when he saw the little army ran away through the back door to New York.

I asked the manager if he would give the children breakfast and charge it up to the Senator as we had an invitation In the House debate another point to breakfast that morning with him. He gave us a private elating to the "aid" program and room and he gave those children such a breakfast as they its effect on living costs was ignored had never had in all their lives. I had breakfast too, a reporter from one of the Hearst papers and I charged it all up to Senator Platt.

We marched down to Oyster Bay but the president, Theodore Roosevelt, refused to see us and he would n too soon, then a lot of questions answer my letters. But our march had done its work. might be asked why something is had drawn the attention of the nation to the crime of child not done about the high cost of labor. And while the strike of the textile workers in Kensington was lost and the children driven back to work, not long afterward the Pennsylvania legislature passed a child Rep. Keefe (R. Wis.): "That is a labor law that sent thousands of children home from the demonstration of the little cheap mills, and kept thousands of others from entering the factory

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In the House Rep. Lodge (R. Conn.,) who has been touring Europe at the taxpayers' expense intimates that this "aid" is as good as far as it goes but maybe troops should be sent, too. Says Lodge: "In

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THE MILITANT

PACE FIVE



fine appreciation real militants have young mind was unable to comfor our work." prehend the poor workers' struggles.

against the Jewish people or any

"I find The Militant more inter-

FROM OUR READERS Last week we received 25¢ from

I would like to attend some of young Spencer of Ohio who writes: | your meetings. "In the recent elections here, my "Gentlemen: Enclosed find 25¢ for check brings us to 100%. We have your fund, I am sorry I couldn't send any; more, but I am only in the Democratic ticket. He's only a the world today, . . . Wish I could The spiraling cost of living plus the junior high school. I wonder if small business man. Comes from a threat of lay-offs has cut our reg- there is a youth division of the So- large family, all poor workers. Well! He was cheated out of that office. ular income, while our expenses cialist Workers Party? If there is, have increased. We are able to I would like to become a member." A quarter may seem like a small not receive more votes was because come through with the help from the Oakland Branch and Bobbie, sum in a \$15,000 fund, but the ex- he was Jewish. He is no more our local director, who has done pression of solidarity it represents Jewish than I am. Now please don't misunderstand me. I am not"

an excellent job under the circum- cannot be measured in dollars. From Mrs. P. S., of Pennsylvania to make our 100%, but even our contribution of \$2.20. I would have see, that's racial discrimination. His Militant. Fourteen persons visited in, I just thought I had to do my buy your way into office or out of nated 85c.

anything for that matter. I'm "There is one article in The Mili- neither Democrat nor Republican." for."

bent for the post of secretary- independent labor candidates." Ev- A militant union couple celebrated time too, especially the miners. I A post script says: "Grace Carlerything possible was done by the their 8th wedding anniversary at also find that she was one of the son's articles I also find very in- Beverly Wise, Oakland agent. by the New York Local of the leaders to bury this resolution. The our Saturday night social. In honor organizers of the 'Appeal to Rea- teresting." resolutions committee was told it of the event they made a contribu- son.' I just thought I had to let

actions like this that prove the was born in 1907. At that time my \$1.70.

THE MILITANT ARMY

Direct Subs and Renewals Supplement Branch Sales

You have a date with The Mili- | two new subs were obtained by one tant. It is printed right under the of our most active comrades; one name and address on nearly all from a shopmate and one from a address labels and wrappers. That housewife." date is the expiration date of your

subscription. We try to remind readers direct totaled 334 in November, 57 less by mail about a month before their than in October but 44 more than subs expire, and a second time whenever possible. But you can branches were as follows: avoid missing any issues by watching your "date with The Militant" and renewing well in advance.

A few address plates still have volume and issue numbers instead of date, but we are rapidly replacing these with month and year, for readers' convenience. * * *

During November, 61 readers subscribed or renewed direct with The Militant office, while many others turned their renewals in to Socialist Workers Party branch offices. These 61 included two Canadian readers, one in Scotland and one in imperialist-torn Palestine. SWP branches received credit for any subs received direct from their cities.

* * * "I do hope I don't miss any issues," wrote V. O. from Canada

I wish you had headquarters here. when he renewed for a year. "I look forward to The Militant each week for a working class answer husband's uncle ran for sheriff on to the many events taking place in but we have just come through a very strenuous financial campaign He was told that the reason he did ourselves. . . . Revolutionary greetings to all the comrades."

> New York held a brief mobilization on the lower East Side last Sunday and signed up 19 new sub-* * *

New York painter comrades, conducting their own sub campaign, esting after each issue. Success to have obtained 43 readers in two anoverer errownert -+ 10r

"Enclosed are five subs," wrote "Three are from one comrade's Socialist Workers Party as a reac-In addition to the above two do- shopmates who liked the UAW art-

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* * * New and renewal subscriptions in September. Totals from the C Stat NOVEMBER SUBS

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	San Diego	0
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	General	19

November Total 334



Tammany Hall's maneuver to deny the Communist Party the right to name a successor for the City Council seat held by the late Peter Caccione was branded today tionary attack on the rights of

workers and minority groups. The Democrats are using every

Reporting on four subs from Mil- legal device they can find, the waukee, Carol Andrews wrote: "The statement continued, to disfranchise the 75,000 voters in Br

are open to the opinions of the readers of "The Militant." Let-Who Are the Real ters are welcome on any subject "Subversives" in U. S.? of interest to the workers. Keep them short and include your Editor: name and address. Indicate it

The name of the Socialist Workers Party stands out on the list of "subversive organizations" prepared day.

You are guilty of what? Standing for a liberation of colonial people and against all brands of imperialism. Defending with your Yes, fighting for humanity against through my mind that it would all Not only are the wages inade- Bedford Stuyvesant. Chelsea and its capitalist enslavers. Guilty — of go to purchase food, clothing and quate, except for the people at the Harlem assure us they will top being the faithful friends of the shelter for the workers that are in top, but I am no longer a free man, their quotas next week. East Side people.

No, Mr. Clark. The Socialist Workers Party is not subversive. It is you who are subversive, and Clark & Co

Bayport, New York has discarded in Asia.

Criticizes UAW Convention Article

Editor: I have long been interested in

your paper, especially in the style of the articles. I used to try to imitate it sometimes in my high chool themes (I just graduated) and once brought an article to class to read. Some day I will write you another letter and tell you what my teacher said.

That was why I was surprised to find one of your correspondents,

Art Preis, call the UAW convention Reuther. Surely, The Militant does- vesterday. But they could not pren't condone such tactics as the vent a fight on the floor around recent action of the old UAW ex- the demand by progressive deleecutive board in forbidding Reuther gates for independent labor politito send out any statements to the cal action. membership unless he first submitted them to the secretary-treas-

urer for approval? E. S.

Indignant About The Nature of II S "Relief"



Workers' Forum

The Workers' Forum column

but they also must reject the cut to be working for the government. nomenal achievement, considering for Europe. The pay may not be the highest, Friends, after reading as far as they say, but at least it is steady. the above, I started to feel the After the war I got a civil servvery lives the cause of labor. Fight- same as the writer would want me ing Jim Crowism, anti-Semitism and to, because I assumed that I could ice job after getting out of the all other brands of racism. Expos- associate the word "relief" with the Navy. This pleased my parents Four of our branches went over the ing the warmongers. Fighting for destitute conditions of the workers very much. But, I am sorry to say, 100% mark: East Side. Central. a free ballot and a free electorate. throughout the world, and it flashed it leaves me highly dissatisfied.

> absolute need because of this rotten or at least not as free as if I was branch came from behind in a drasystem that brought capitalist war working elsewhere. I cannot ex- matic whirlwind finish and now

press my opinions freely any more, leads all New York branches with upon them. Further down in the same edi- for one thing. Freedom of speech 130%. The Youth Group, which Harry S. Truman, and J. Parnell torial, this scribbler for the capi-Harry S. Truman, and J. Parnell torial, this schooler for the capi-Thomas and all the rest of the talist system also stated that ap-Democratic - Republican - capitalist parently the committeemen think unimportant one, you've got to In addition to money from the party who fear the might of the Chinese aid must be given at the watch every word you say." If you branches, we also collected from workers. You, ward-heelers, witch- expense of aid to Europe. But, he are not careful, you get tagged as a friends and sympathizers and netted hunters, defenders of imperialism says, there are ways to help China radical or scinething, then you are over \$200 at the Annual Militant lynchers, poll taxers, strikebreakers, which would not interfere with the on a blacklist, and the next thing Frolic? are really un-American and sub- money appropriated for European you know you are unemployed. The Lynn-Franklin: "Enclosed find versive. The record is clear and aid, and he quotes Governor Dewey spirit of intimidation is so great our final payment. We feel proud we hurl it back in your face, Tom as confirmation. One of these pro- that one instinctively glances to be among the 100 per centers." posals is to give China the surplus around before saying anything if Los Angeles - Myra: "Enclosed George R. Stryker war equipment which our Army one is going to discuss anything but find check which puts us over the

The Troubles of a

Editor:

Government Worker

When I was a child, my parents

In other words, this "relief," in- tine, etc. stead of being something to help Working for the government that

the working people, is guns, bombs calls itself "the bastion of democ- payment on our quota. Every efto pay such high taxes.

Debated at Connecticut CIO Parley

the reactionaries in the national CIO and UAW conventions, Tacoma - Herbert: "Sorry we we received the following interesting other race. The point that I'm try scribers besides selling 16 pamphof the article, the convention seem- the leaders of the Connecticut CIO (members of the Associa- waited until so close to the end letter: "Enclosed find my small ing to make is this. Don't you lets and 51 single copies of The ed to be very far from dull and tion of Catholic Trade Union-picket was carried on the hood of small quota seemed hard to raise." sent more if I had it to spare. opponent had money and my hus-small quota seemed hard to raise." sent more if I had it to spare. opponent had money and my hus-cialist Workers Party and asked to very lively indeed. And I must ists and Reutherites) steam-admit I was surprised to find The value of the car for a quarter of a mile. Share of a mile ist workers Party and asked to band's uncle did not. So there you' he notified of meetings. One do admit I was surprised to find The rollered their way to victory at The state police jailed the pickets of meetings. One do the other readers send are. You have the money, you can be notified of meetings. One do Militant on the other side from the state CIO convention held here and didn't even detain the driver.

> John Driscoli, victorious incumtreasurer, was the leader of the red-baiting, union-splitting provi-

Montague City, Mass. sional Metalworkers' Committee which last year bolted from the was in the hands of the PAC com- tion as their anniversary gift to us. you know that my father was an nations we received as follows from icles." Mine, Mill, and Smelter Union. n.ittee and the PAC Committee was Emily Post would say the gift was enthusiastic subscriber to that pa- readers: La Polla \$2; Eamuel \$1; Mitchell Svirdoff, Reuther hatchet- told that the resolutions committee given in reverse - but it's little per. I was rather young then. I Martin \$1; Kusmit 45c; Schwen man in Connecticut, was elected had it.



Joe Youngstown, O. Philadelphia, Pa. Need for Independent Candidates

try.

NEW HAVEN, Dec. 8 — Bolstered up by the victories of stances."

We'll be sending in more money. But the big headache for the ad- yet. I bought 20 Repeal Taft-Hart- little bit. ministration was the minority reso- ley Law neckties at the UAW conlution that called for the election vention and am selling them at cost tant that I enjoy thoroughly, that of a five-man committee to make plus \$1 contribution to the Militant. is the story of Mother Jones. Very all practical preparations for con- That's \$20 for the paper. You'll interesting reading. The workers your paper and everything it stand months.

tacting other unions and "launching be interested in the following story. were being pushed around in her

and bullets to suppress them. And racy" means enjoying less democ- fort is being made to send in the that is why we wage earners have racy than anyone else in the coun- full amount in time and we hope to succeed.' "Gag and Padlock" San Francisco - Anne: "Enclosed been having a very difficult time.

Seattle - Joyce: "Here is another

U. S. "Relief"	president.	When continuous pressure finally			n salah s		chise the 75,000 voters in Brookly
Editor:	There were three high points in						who put Caccione in office in t
An editorial entitled "Gambling	the convention. The first occurred when Gov. McConaughy walked	inattentive, almost empty hall fill-			AND AAADS		1945 elections. The City Chart specifies that in the event of
th World Peace" caught my eye	toward the platform expecting to be	ed up and became quiet as the	U. J. UIL N	RATIONING	HIAN MHUB	HALL PLAN	vacancy occurring through death
the Youngstown paper the other	greeted by cheers. Instead the Gov-	delegates instelled calefully to both	· 영상 이상 · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		in a () bill the all immonial	who formerly operated these yes-	resignation, the party whose se
y. I read that the House Foreign	erner was showered with boos and	sides in the debate.	Dy Joint I touction	year, twice the present export rate.	will foot the bill, the oil imperial- ists will pocket more huge profits.	seis are on the beach, unemployed	has been vacated is entitled
fairs Committee has added 60	pennies as a reminder of the dele-	Most observers agreed that at	One of the many phases of	Given the present capacity of	To increase oil exports to the	because of government action. And	
1	gates' attitude toward the sales tax	least half of the delegates did not	the Marshall Plan will be sup-		noint proposed in the Marshall Plan	in Saudi-Arabia one million barrels	in urging the labor movement
MINNEAPOLIS	which he had sponsored.	vote in spite of the tremendous	1	the quota can be met is by the	is impossible without seriously cur-	of crude oil are being pumped back	support the right of Simon Gers
Children's Christmas, Party	Considerable enthusiasm was also		000 worth of oil and netroleum	immediate institution of gas ration-	tailing the domestic consumption of	into the ground every month, be-	CP designee, to assume Caccio
Sunday, Dec. 21	evoked when the delegates report-		products annually. American		gasoline and fuel oil. The House	cause of lack of shipping space.	post, the SWP by no means s
3:00 - 6:00 P. M.	ed on the plans to combat police	not disheartened by their defeat	foil barong plan to increase their	government is already acting on the	Committee which reported on the	The American worker is being	the Stalinists. It was these
10 S. 4th St.	A company our intentionally ran	but instead were taking measures to	chinments abroad to a point where	question and is expected to an-	exact nature of European aid under		policies which have led to the p
Make reservations by calling	into three momon nickots from the	solidity their forces ground a mili-	by 1051 they will achieve a volume	nounce rationing plans with			ent episode. The Stalinists s
Main 7781, Minneapolis; Gar-	rubber workers union who had vol-	tant program in preparation for	of 78 billion metric tons of oil per	few weeks. The American worker	could only be increased by 30%	his home. American seamen are	ported O'Dwyer and the Tamma
field 2785, St. Paul	unteered to help the strikers. One	next year's convention.			by 1951 The natural consequence	thrown out on the beach while	Gang in the 1945 elections.
			BIB . B		of nouring American oil on troubled	American ships go to foreign capi-	move to deny Gerson Caccion
			Red-Baiters Run	vviid at LIV	European waters will be a period	talist interests. The U.S. imperial-	post is part of the inevitable pa
Come and meet other	'Militant' Readers at th	ese Local Activities of			of five years in which American	ists say all this is a necessary part	for that treacherous policy.
			State Convention	in Now Jercev	workers will do without sufficient	of "renapilitating Europe."	
THE CACIA	LIST WORKE	RS DARTY	JIGLE CONVENTION	III BACH JUIJUY	heat for their homes, and less gaso-	The real reason is the insatiable desire of the American capitalist	READ
				ne red-baiting right wing in the	line, or none at all, for their cars.	class to reap ever mounting profits	
a set a set a set			Nour Larcon CIO ran wild at	the organization's tenth state	Crude oil production in the United States is at an all time high. Re-	and to establish a world-wide oil	
	MILWAUKEE-Militant Bookshop,	PITTSRIBCH 1419 Difth Ave and	INEW JEISEY CIO Ian which at	esterday. The result is a threat-	fineries are producing more gasoline	monopoly. 1947 profits are twice	Fourth
KRON-2nd floor, 4 S. Howard St. Open Mon. through Friday,	608 S. 5 St. Open evenings Mon-	floor.	convention, which ended here y	r divide and seriously weaken	than ever before. Foreign oil fields	those of 1946 and 1946 profits were.	
St. Open Mon. through Friday, 3 to 5 p.m.; Saturdays 2 to 4 p.m.	day through Friday, 7:30 p.m. to	A MULTINE REAL AND THE REAL REAL AND THE REAL AND THE	ened split which may further	A divide and borrenory	cwned and controlled by American	twice those of 1945. Yet even these	Internationa
	9:30 p.m.	Open meetings every ist and		where there were no right-wing	interests are producing more crude	profits are not enough to satisfy	KARAA ALAA AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
urdays 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesdays	MINNEAPOLIS-10 South 4th St.,	third Sundays at 3:30 p.m. Marxist Study Class every	The right wing lined up squarely behind Wall Street's program for		oil than ever before.	these scoundrels.	
7:30 to 9:30 p.m.	open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily ex-	Thursday 7-9 p.m. 1418 Fifth Ave.	world domination by pushing		Yet only last week the Sun Oil	Carl Consider a Carl	
	cept Sunday, Phone Main 7781	A	through strong endorsement of the	gation nad plened buildes president	Co., which produces little crude	DIANEED Backs	and Pamphlets
UFFALO — Militant Forum, 629 Main St., 2nd floor. Phone MAdi-	Library, bookstore.	SAN DIEGO-Headquarters 432 F	Marshall Plan for Europe. The	as no nomine of the account of for the	from its own wells, raised its of-		
son 3960. Open every afternoon	Sunday Forums, 3:30 p.m.	St., 10. 213. Open I desuay, Indis	vote was about two to one, with a	wight winger Ernest Bollack Vet	fering price for crude by 50 cents per barrel, on the assumption that	Are Gifts of	Lasting Value
except Sunday.	NEW HAVEN—Labor School, 855	Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 7	considerable number of non-Stal-	Pollack was elected.	by raising the offering price it could	TWO SPECI	
HICAGO-777 W. Adams (corner	Grand Ave., 3rd floor. Open every	to 9 p.m.	inist delegates voting against it.	the second secon	more readily obtain crude for its	until Decem	
Halsted). Open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Monday, 8 to 10:30 p.m.	SAN FRANCISCO - 1739 Fillmore	The red-baiters then sought to	ITE delegates and many others	many refineries. This was soon	I. By James P. Cannon, Nat'l Se	
daily, except Sunday. Phone		SAN FRANCISCO - 1759 Finnore St., 4th floor, San Francisco 15.	pass a resolution prohibiting "com- munists" from holding office in	walked out of the convention, and	followed by the same offer from	AMERICAN STALINISM AN	
Dearborn 4767. Library, book-	NEWARK - 423 Springfield Ave.	Open noon to 4:30 p.m. except	the State CIO Council, but they	have since announced that they	Socony-Vacuum Oil Co., Sinclair	THE COMING AMERICAN	
store.	Phone BIgelow 3-2574. Library and reading room open week nights,		eculd not whip up sufficient sup-	will not hav dues to the state	Oil Co., and Sinclair-Prairie Oil		
LEVELAND - Militant Forum	7-10 p.m.		port for this. Instead, they pushed	Council until they begin to get some	Co. The net result is an overall increase in the price to the con-	HISTORY OF AMERICAN	
every Sunday, 8:30 p.m. at Peck's	Friday night forum, 8:30.	Annua Cauth & Washington	through a resolution denouncing in-	Trenresentation along white caracion.	sumer without substantially increas-	Regular Price for the 3, \$1.2	5-SPECIAL OFFER only \$1.00
Hall, 1446 E. 82nd St (off Wade	A THUR, MIGHT AUTUM, UTUV	Our Man them Oat moon to 5	terference in union affairs by "com-	This, of course, uses not dispicase	ing the production of crude oil by		. A MARTIN CONTRACTOR
Park Ave.).	NEW YORK CITY HQ., 116 Uni-	Thoma OF 0459 Tibuomy	munists and fascists" and called on		so much as one barrel.	II. FIGHT THE SLAVE LABOR	
ETROIT - 6108 Linwood Ave.,	The second	Bookstore. Fridays, 8 p.m. Branch	all local unions to "fight and de-		Meanwhile the U.S. Government	Nat'l Committee of Social	
phone TY. 7-6267. Open Monday	HARLEM: 103 W. 110 St. Room	Meeting.	feat for office a'd members of the Communist Party and their fascist	Today's papers give some addi-	is holding 96 idle tankers as part		OW!—by George Clarke, .10
through Saturday, 12 to 5 p.m.	23. MO. 2-1866.	ST. LOUIS-1023 N. Grand Blvd.,	adherents." The voice vote on this	tional facts. The right wingers had	of the "mothball fleet." These mod-	-AMERICAN WORKERS NE	
Current events forum and open	Every Thursday Open Discus-	Room 312. Forums, Fridays, 7:30-	measure was close, but President	joffered a deal whereby they would	ern government-owned tankers are	by Joseph Hansen	
house, Saturday from 8 p.m.	sion, 8 p.m.	10 p. m. Phone Jefferson 3642.	Carl Holderman declared it adopted.	ic. McLeisn be elected state vice	lying idle while deals are being		30c-SPECIAL OFFER only 200
LINT-215 E. Ninth St., Flint 3,		ST. PAUL-540 Cedar St., St. Paul	The blow-up came in the elec-	president only if the Stamists per-	made to sell them to foreign ship-		SUC - SI LOIAE OT LK UNIV 20
Mich. Open every night 7-9 p. m.,	BRONX: 1034 Prospect Ave., 1st	2, Phone Garfield 1137. Open	tions of vice presidents and execu-	I mitted a right winger to be elected	ands of American union seamen,	PIONEER PUBLISHERS,	and the second second
Saturday nights Open House, Sunday nights Meetings and For-	floor, phone TI 2-0101.	daily 2:30-9:30 p.m.	tive board members. The tradition-		and of milerican union scamen,	116 University Place, New York 3, N. Y.	
ums.	BROOKLYN: 635 Fulton St.,	TACOMA, Wash Meetings every			LOC ANOSI FO	Send me your SPECIAL O	FFER No. 1 T No. 2
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OS ANGELES—Militant publish- ing Assn., 316½ W. Pico Blvd.		Hall, 6th and Fawrett. Discus-	their own choice for the posts.	peatedly expressed a desire to keep	New Year's Eve		States and the second
Open daily, 12 noon to 5 p.m.	CHELSEA: 130 W. 23 St., phone	sions on current topics. For infor-	When this was done, vesterday	the state CIO united, had suported	Orchestra, Dancing	I enclose \$	
Phone Richmond 4644.	СН 2-9434.	mation, write P.O. Box 1079.	the right wing proceeded to ignore	this deal as "reasonable." When	Réfreshments, Fun		
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AN PEDRO — Militant publishing	write to P.O. Box 1351, Oaklanr, 4	floor. Open daily.	influenced internationals and elec-	the right wingers went ahead to	2118 South Hobart		
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YNN, Mass. — 44 Central Square,	PHILADELPHIA - 1302-05 W. Gi- rard Ave., 2nd floor. Open daily.	Bldg., Room 302, Youngstown 3,	from these unions. The only ex-	the State Council, Holderman placed	1 block S. of Washington)		the state of the second s
Room 11. Discussion every Tues-		and a second second in the second	ceptions to this procedure were	the major responsibility for the threatened split on the Stalinists	Auspices: The Militant	City	. zone
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Diary of a Steel Worker -

The Class

· By Theodore Kovalesky

"C-M-C," it said on the old blackboard in the from us and were about us. front of the room. I stirred a little uncomfortably on For me the class was gone. The girl and the the straight wooden chair. Jimmy, sitting beside me, blackboard were gone. Only three letters remained,



modities .

was listening intently to the girl C-M-C. How strange and wonderful to find a tiny who stood next to the blackboard. formula like that to explain all of life!

I turned a little and looked at My mind went out to the furnaces and the sweaty the other people sitting in the gangs panting there in the heat of cast time and the room. There were perhaps a doz- cleanup. I thought of the skinny assistant manager en this evening, all sitting quietly, of the supermarket in our neighborhood, kidding with all listening intently, trying very the housewives on payday. I saw the engine room hard to understand and learn. and the forecastle of a ship with ocean all around "C-M-C," the girl was saying it, ocean and sky and nothing else. I caught a vague in the front of the room, "was the glimpse of a dentist bending over his drill and his formula Marx used to explain the circulation of com- victim; of a professor of anatomy lolling back in his chair in the front of a classroom, twisting half around I smiled inwardly. How many years ago would to point over his shoulder at a diagram on the black-

I have sat here like this? Here I was, old enough to board. be this girl's father, listening, straining every nerve,

They were all there, railway clerks, machinists, every mental cog and wheel to get the full meaning of bakers, postmen, lawyers, ditchdiggers. They were what she was saying. Age didn't matter any more. all there in that one formula, C-M-C. That formula The youngest or the oldest listened, asked questions, explained their whole lives, and it explained the world or spoke up with some fact or idea that fitted into they live in. It painted a picture of me and Jimmy and the girl at the blackboard, of the youngest and "Labor power," she went on, "is a commodity, as the oldest of the workers sitting in the class,

The girl was explaining the other formula, M-C-M, to the labor market. For it he is given money. With which demonstrated how the capitalist operated unthe money he buys other commodities. C-M-C-Com- der capitalism, how he started with money, bought the modity-money-commodity...that goes on every hour commodity, labor power, and endeet up, with money of every day. That is the pulse and the bloodstream again, only this time, with more money than he of the capitalist system. That is the life of every started with.

I looked once more around the room at the inwho works for a living as a factory worker, a clerk, tent, interested faces, at the heatly lettered sign over the literature stand near the door, "Knowledge It was no later than nine o'clock, and life out in sis Power." I was suddenly filed to the bursting point the streets was pouring past the party headquarters with a great, calm joy. for here was the workshop of Lights blinked off and on at the marquee of the movie tomorrow!

Here in this room and in other rooms like it across through the window, silhouetting the words, "So- the land were being forged the weapons, the tools to cialist Workers Party," printed backward. Claxtons build a new society. These workers learning econblared, trucks roared as they climbed into motion at omics, learning from old Karl Marx himself how the the intersection, and occasional street cars rattled and capitalist system operates, were much more than workers: these were the officers of the people's army Jimmy and the rest of the class sat there still gniet of tomorrow, the army that will one day sweep all and intent, still laboring with these ideas which were before it in its march to victory.

The Negro Struggle-

clattered past . . . C-M-C.

Politics and the '48 Elections

By Albert Parker –

Will the Negro elect the next president? That is mum as a tomb when confronted with this question. the question Walter White, secretary of the NAACP, Precisely because the Negro vote is going to be very

we have explained. The worker takes this commodity

one of us here in this room and everybody else outside

across the street throwing a dim, intermittent flash

a professional . . . anyone who works."



politicians, have given rise to a the back after elections. whole series of questions which are perplexing the masterminds talist politicians scrambling both for the answers and

ways to garner the Negro vote right now. Truman's scramble. Stassen's demagogic remarks about lilywhite Republicans in the South was another; the Reand practically all the other Negro leaders are as ship.

discussed at some length in the Nov. 22 Colliers. In important, the capitalist politicians are going to try it he showed that there are enough all kinds of fancy tricks to cover up the Jim Crow Negro voters now to swing any character of their parties. If the Negro people aren't "reasonably close election" next on the alert, large numbers will go to the polls next year. And he pointed out: "These November and help to elect an administration that facts, very disturbing to old-time talks good before elections and then stabs them in

This places a special responsibility on so-called of both major parties; for the next year you'll see Negro leaders. If they are to be of any use at all, they should be helping the Negro people to avoid them scrambling frantically to learn the answers." Negro leaders. If they are to be of any use at all, That's true enough; in fact, you can see the capithe hypocritical reasons behind the capitalist "scramble" for the Negro vote. And-much more important -they have got to speak up and indicate where they

More and more the Negro struggle for equality bepublican leaders' promise to act on anti-lynch and comes a political question; less and less can it be anti-poll tax bills in the near future was still another. separted from all the other big political developments But there is "a whole series of questions" perplex- in the country. The old-time Negro leader, with no ing the Negro people as well as the politicians. The leadership to offer on the political field, is fast bemost important is: How should the Negro people coming obsolete. What the Negro people need and vote in 1948? You might expect Walter White and what they are going to get is a leadership that functhe other Negro leaders to take a stand on this, which tions in the fight against Jim Crow on all fronts, inreally gets to the heart of the 1948 political problem cluding the crucial political front. And the Negro so far as the Negro people are concerned. But White people themselves will have to form such a leader-

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Unions with 15 Million Memberse Set Up Political Action Groups



Under pressure from the rank and file for another wage increase to meet skyrocketng living costs, 1948 elections. CIO Pres. Philip Murray and the CIO's nine vice presidents meet in Washington to discuss what to do when present contracts expire. (See story on Page 1.) Seated left to right, Rieve, Murray and Haywood. Standing, Curran, Fitsgerald, Green, Potofsky, Reuther, Knight and Buckmaster.

Hickman Defense Chairman

Outlines Committee's Plans

Federated Pictures

Labor political action organizations have now been set up by unions representing more than 15,000,000 American workers. This is the most significant political development in the United States in decades. America's union men and women.

The CIO, with 6,000,000 The question which remains to be members, is represented by its answered is what will this tremen-Political Action Committee which dous organized political force and has a nation-wide network of es- these great political funds be used tablished and functioning groups. | for?

From present indications, they Four more unions entered the political action field with new organ- will be mobilized only in the servizations last week-the AFL, 18 rail- ice of one or another of the Big road brotherhoods, the independent Business political parties and cap-International Association of Ma- italist candidates.

More particularly, it is now apchinists and the Telephone Workers parent that most of the union leaders, CIO and AFL, are deliberately On Dec. 5, the AFL, with over scheming to corral labor's votes for 7,000,000, members, set up the ma- the Democratic Party and Truman.

chinery of its Labor'd Educational So tremulous are the CIO leaders and Political Loague. A national for Truman's reputation, for incommittee, including presidents of stance, that they have not even all affiliated unions but the United dared as yet to comment on his Mine Workers, was organized. proposal for "some" price control

Two days later, presidents of 18 linked with a wage freeze. railroad unions organized Railway Scarcely a line annears in the Labor's Political League to inform labor pres) recalling Truman's intheir 1,250,000 members of the recfamous strikebreaking against the ords of political candidates and morailroad and mine workers, his debilize the rail workers' votes in the mand for a draft-strikers law, his capitulation to the meat trust, his

A F Whitney's Brotherhood of universal compulsory military train-Railway Trainmen and the Broth- ing program, his inflationary tax erhood of Locomotive Engineers, and war-preparations policy. headed by Alvanley Johnston, are When the Democratic-controlle not in the new RLPL. Whitney has 79th Congress was in session last called all state legislative agents of year, the union leaders denounced his union to Cleveland on Dec. 10 it as the most reactionary Congres to map out the Trainmen's political of modern times. Now they are nouncing the Republican-dominataction program. The IAM, with 600,000 members, ed 80th Congress as the most reac-

and the independent Telephone tionary. Workers Union likewise set up their All these union leaders are con-

by Abner, chairman of the The new trial starts Jan. 5. \$300 in the space of a few short months huge political funds in preparation That is why they must now make Hickman Defense Committee, is needed to print the record and has mobilized the support of labor, for the 1948 election campaign. The the pretense of "independent" labor in outlining further plans to win hundreds more for publicity and Negro and progressive organizations AFL is seeking a dollar per member, freedom for James Hickman, Negro other expenses. (Send contributions representing close to a million as is the CIO. Together the political steel worker facing a second trial to Hickman Defense Committee, people. Additional endorsements of action groups may raise a total of ganizations. 4619 South Parkway, Chicago 15, the fight to win freedom for Hick- \$20,000,000.

man will mean added pressure on "2. Strengthen and enlarge your the State of Illinois, which still case following a trial that ended only effective weapon that will bring first trial failed to secure one. Every country ought to act on this ques- These dollars will represent millions could sweep the whole univory crew

Hickman had been tried for shoot- publicity and protest. "3. Send a wire or letter to States tion without further delay.



CHICAGO, Dec. 9—"We're going to see this thing through to the finish," said Willough-to the finish and request that the charg-se dropped." The Hickman funds. The Hickman funds. The Hickman Defense Committee the finish is and request that the charg-se dropped." The Hickman Defense Committee have launched campaigns to raise That is why they must now make CHICAGO, Dec. 9-"We're "The Hickman committee again Attorney William Touhy, Chicago, own political action organizations. cerned about is keeping the workers political action and organize the workers politically in their own or-

Union.

Even if only half this sum is raised, it will still be a tremendous Abner outlines the status of the Hickman Defense Committee. The demands a conviction although the fund for organized labor to use in the mightiest political force in the Hickman's release is mass pressure, labor and Negro organization in the the next President and Congress. didates and in their own party they

the national political campaign for land. United behind their own canof hours of toil and sacrifice by of Democrats and Republicans out Winchington.

No one is more acutely aware of ment and the two old parties. That political organization. That is why

Fifteen million workers organized

politically in their own union-spon-

sored organizations are potentially

A Silk Hat for Santa

- By Mary Wood

I've always had a sentimental liking for Santa Claus, in spite of all his faults. Like most other kids whose parents had to work for a living, I was some-



times puzzled about the way he saved his best presents for the rich kids who didn't need them, and gave the rest of us just the leftovers. But I forgave him. He meant well, I thought, even if he didn't have much judgment. Even later, after I realized that Santa Claus had to act that way because he was hired by the big department stores to make people buy presents, I didn't really object. Behind all the commercial build-

up of the jolly gentleman lay a good

idea. Santa brings out the best in people, and gives them a good excuse for releasing their generous impulses. He makes people behave, once a year, like warm-hearted human beings.

The Christmas spirit at its best, I've always felt, was a sort of preview of the way we'll all be under socialism. Only then our generosity won't have to be artificially stimulated by profit-making merchants. It will come naturally, all year round.

That's why I'm so mad about an article I saw in the press a little while ago. Read it yourself:

"An up-to-the-minute note is struck by M. A. Knight, of Newport Landing, Nova Scotia, in The Strike in Santa Claus Town, an exercise for five in-The first pupils speaks:

"All the work had shut down in Santa Claus Town, like Papa's boss.

The trains would not move from the station: The elves all did shirk; not a brownie would work; They, every one, took a vacation. Said one, with a yawn, well the strike is now on; I think we shall find that it pays. Down hammers and saws until Old Mr. Claus Has decided to give us a raise. Our pay is outrageous; we want better wages Before we are put on the shelf: For a bottle of pop and a chocolate drop

Is a very small wage for an elf."

This inspired ditty according to the news item, then describes how awful things were on Christmas morning, until the boss, Santa Claus himself, came in to promote a back-to-work move. Did he offer to pay two chocolate drops? Or even an old age pension for worn-out elves? No such thing! He told the elves they had to work for the sake of the poor kids (not a word about the rich ones, of course).

Thus the rosy, laughing Santa Claus is just a glorified capitalist, putting the screws on his workers while he parades as a philanthropist. Apparently the bosses, not content with making him a salesman, have now turned him into one of themselves.

And to the poet's delight, he wins. The elves and the brownies go back to work without any gains, convinced that

" 'Tis beter than pay to labor each day For others less happy than we." I don't think the kids are going to like this silktermediate pupils, printed in the Canadian Teacher. hatted Santa, who makes the elves work for nothing while he grabs all the glory. He sounds too much

was oblivious of the housing and of the entire capitalist press, personal difficulties of a law-abid- his plan to sock the working people ing and absolutely harmless family, with a 60 % tax on subway fares, for a crime which he is not guilty cents. of. "It seems to us that the Hick-

NOT SURPRISED

on a murder charge.

children.

In a letter to all supporters of Illinois.)

the Hickman defense movement,

with a "hung" jury last month.

ing the landlord he held respon-

vocal group was for conviction. . .

"The Hickman Defense Commit-

man case epitomized the whole brutal housing shortage, racial remany other evils of the post-war the workers. Although both the world. To permit this man to be American Labor Party and the Libconvicted, while thousands of land- eral Party are committed by a lords are waxing fat on circumstances which may lead to future nickel fare, neither party has an-Hickman cases, is an insult to any nounced any program of action to man with a progressive point of fight O'Dwyer on this issue. They view.

"The Hickman case is a challenge bilizing their members for a camto all liberal forces: does a society paign against it. The leaders of which attempts to convict a man of both the AFL and CIO are followa 'crime' have to undertake re- ing a similar course of discreet sisponsibility for its own lethargy lence on the question. and criminal neglect or doesn't it?

... No one helped this family when mechanically and 'legalistically' is assured by ALP, Liberal Party and eight cents fare. It must not happen!

there is a genuine and rapid turn will not only not mean improve- aganda against the workers being NEW YORK, Dec. 10-One there is a genuine and rapid turn will not only not mean improve-on this question, the leaders of the ment in other city services, it will politically organized-one example tee is not surprised at the failure week has passed since Mayor ALP and Liberal Party will stand not provide funds for much needed being the McGraw-Hill ads "Polito gain an acquittal. We bitterly O'Dwyer announced over the convicted of trading the living raises for the transport workers. condemn the social system witch radio, to the joyous acclaim standards of the workers of New STILL TIME

York in return for a secret electoral deal with Tammany Hall. O'Dwyer's proposals were deliber-

The week has passed without any addition to raising the fare he pro-working people and turns it over to votes for alleged 'friends of labor" indication of a serious counter-ofposed to raise taxes on real estate the real estate interests. If the who will stab the workers in the fensive to save the nickel fare by and increase the borrowing powers Eoard of Transportation is given back the day after elections. brutal housing shortage, racial re-strictions for Negro tenants, and the parties claiming to represent of the city so as to provide funds the uncontrolled power to raise The vital, unpostponable task for hospitals and other city serv-ices. The program was a transpar-ent fake. While fares would rise the uncontrolled power to raise ight cents fare will soon be re-placed by ten cents and that won't the uncontrolled power to raise ight cents fare will soon be re-placed by ten cents and that won't the uncontrolled power to raise to join the political organizations of all the unions, consolidate the greatest political apparatus this thousand declarations to save the immediately, any other benefits end the raises on bus and subway country has ever known, launch a would be postponed until the fiscal rides. vear 1950-51.

There is still time for a move-Governor Dewey and the Republidid not follow O'Dwyer on the radio can majority in Albany have now ment to save the five cents fare. to blast his plan, nor are they moexpressed their opposition to most But it must come from the rank of O'Dwyer's program with the ex- and file of the unions, ALP and ception of the fare increase. O'Dwyer Liberal Party. A public repudiablusteringly replied that his pack- tion of O'Dwyer, an announcement age could not be opened and separa- that he is through as far as labor ted. But that won't prevent him is concerned, combined with huge

There is therefore ample reason from making a compromise in which protest demonstrations opposing any it needed help, yet now the state to believe that O'Dwyer was safely the only tangible change is the attempt to interfere with the right of referendum on the fare ques-

trying to railroad Hickman to jail. trade union leaders that he need As the stage has now been set, tion-that alone can save the nickel expect no serious opposition to his and as we have warned time and fare.

tical Action-Labor's Blind Alley." That is why the Taft-Hartley Act. specifies that it is a "crime" for O'Dwyer justified his proposal to unions to contribute funds to feder-

circumvent a referendum on the al election campaigns. but now tries to prosecute the father raising them from a nickel to eight ately couched in a fashion designed the matter "cut of politics." In re- the morass of political helplessne fare by claiming a desire to take Labor will only sink further into to permit ALP and Liberal Party ality his proposal takes the fare if it uses its great new political o question out of the hands of the ganizations merely to scrape Labor Party and run labor's own candidates.

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Red Scare Couldn't Stop Formation of CIO

the workers began to reassert their militancy in strikes. These

device-the red scare. Trotsky- terrified Wall Street. Anti-red,

organized cities in the country. were shot and burned to death.

Under his leadership the steel baiting was used in Minneapolis, anti-labor propaganda was now giv- corporations met the strike with a

while the San Francisco strike was en first priority in the nation's howling red scare and ruthless violence. In every steel town the Barely had the CIO been organ- newspapers cried "Red!" Like edi-

ganizations be crushed. Vigilantes ed the newspapers with ads and re-lice were used against the strike. defended "Americanism" in the 1919 leases linking the CIO with com- Hundreds of local strike leaders and style by throwing typewriters out of munism. In the steel and other in- pickets were arrested without windows, smashing the furniture dustrial centers the "free" press charges. Armored cars patrolled the in workers' halls and beating up called John L. Lewis and his aides picket lines. In Johnstown, Pa., "reds." The Los Angeles Times, "reds." Mayor Shields received \$31,456 of

branding the strike as an "insurrec- Despite the witch hunt atmos- Bethlehem Steel money to organize tion," declared: "There is but one phere, workers by the millions vigilantes. The capitalist press thing to be done-put down the flocked into the CIO. After the hailed him as a national hero when revolt with any force necessary." victorious sit-down strikes in auto, he personally led assaults on picket This was re-echoed throughout the U.S. Steel capitulated and signed lines and personally sentenced those a contract. In Little Steel the boss- arrested. nation's press.

Virtually every newspaper in the bayonets. In Chicago police slaughganda, vigilantism, police brutality union. In May, 1937, the Little country with few exceptions, poured tered 10 strikers in the companyabuse and slander on the CIO. Col- ordered Memorial Day Massacre.

weak trade unions. In 1934 enabled them in a few years to gist, had served his anti-labor ap- Dorothy Thompson descended from lice and vigilante and military viomake San Francisco one of the best prenticeship in Colorado during the their heights to scream against the lence broke the Little Steel strike. Ludlow Massacre, when evicted unions. Westbrook Pegler found Many employers recovered their strikers, their wives and children his "mission" as a reviler of work- confidence and unions met "with ers in this period. Radio commen- greater opposition in their organtators added their venomous bit. izing drives. In the South employ-Sermons were preached against the ers financed the revival of the Ku CIO.

Klux Klan.

The press continued to grind out With the red scare in full swing, anti-union and red-scare propaganthe Ohio National Guard was called out, although Ohio laws banned use da. Employer organizations put out of the Guard to break strikes. The booklets entitled Join the CIO a commanders of the troops met in Help Build a Soviet America. News secret conference in Youngstown papers agitated for the deportation with top officials of Girdler's Re- of foreign-born labor leaders. The red scare of 1937 was but public Steel. The strategy was doped cut. The Guard made a big swing limited and temporary victory for through Ohio breaking picket lines, Wall Street. The unionization of arresting local leaders, in each steel Little Steel was completed in a few. center. In Canton these were imprisoned in the basement of Re- more years. The American workers public Steel's plant. Workers' chil- had shown that they had the powdren were driven off a Canton play- er to defeat and overcome both red ground by the troops, several young- scares and the thugs, troops and sters under 16 being badly cut by politicians of Big Business.

House of Representatives. The but only 180 were delivered. House Banking and Currency Committee is conducting the blockade, Straus says.

RIGHT HAND, LEFT HAND- a monthly magazine. For three years in a row General

Flectric has rejected UE contract demands to bar tion in industry.

NEGRO SHERIFF OUSTED-The first Negro sheriff in Savannah, Ga., was forced to resign after people in his district.

Notes from the News

too much loot. A combat GI, 100% disabled, can re-

ceive at the most only \$138 per month.

EVICTIONS - Despite a city ordinance to proholding office nine days. His offense was a state- tect tenants, 40% of all landlord applications are ment that he would defend the rights of the colored being granted, the New York City Rent Commission revealed.

HOUSING SABOTAGED-Nathan Straus, former A MILLION EACH-A House subcommittee inves-S. Housing head, asserts that "not a single pro- tigating wartime activities of the Reconstruction Fiposal for easing the housing shortage" has been per- nance Corporation learned that Consolidated Vultee mitted to come on the floor of the Aircraft Corp. received \$187,000,000 for Navy planes



* * * EQUALITY OF SACRAFICE-Major General Benracial discrimination. GE's President, Charles E. Wil- nett E. Meyers was retired on a disability pension of son, was chairman of Iruman's civil rights commit- \$550 per month. He never saw combat and his physitee which recommended an end to racial discrimina- cal injuries apparently was a strain from hauling off

Despite this newspaper propa-, es decided they could break the By George Lavan The American workers went and the calling out of troops, the Steel Strike began.

into the great depression with workers won a partial victory that Tom Girdler, Little Steey's strate- umnists like Walter Lippmann and This combination of red stare, po-

strikes, in Toledo, Minneapolis and TERRIFIED WALL STREET San Francisco, were met with Wall The strike victories of 1934 and Street's tried and true anti-labor the formation of the CIO in 1935 RUTHLESS VIOLENCE

smeared as a "subversive" uprising press.

inspired by the communists. The Frisco papers ran front page ized than the Iron and Steel Insti- tors, steel town officials were serveditorials demanding all radical or- tute and other boss agencies flood- ants of the steel barons, and the po-