**Italian Strike Struggle Betrayed by Stalinists** -See Page 2-

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# "Big 4" End Conference Hickman Is Saved; Free on Probation

CHICAGO, Dec. 16 - The campaign to win freedom for James Hickman ended in victory today, when he walked out of Cook County Jail, free to return to his family and his job.

The State had attempted to convict him of murder in the first trial, which ended Nov. 15 with a "hung jury." Faced

with mounting protests from +all parts of the country, the State dropped the murder charge this week, and recommended a two years' probationary sentence based on a manslaughter conviction. Under these terms Hickman agreed to plead guilty to the charge of manslaughter.

In his speech recommending probation for Hickman, Assistant State's Attorney Samuel Friedman testified to the powerful public sentiment that had been aroused in the case when he held up a sheaf of letters, resolutions and telegrams urging freedom for Hickman, that had been received from all parts of the U.S.

These, he said, were only a small part of the flood of communications that had poured in to his office from labor unions and other organizations, as well as from prominent individuals of the stage, screen, radio and clergy.

### CRITICISM EXPECTED

Friedman predicted criticism of the state's recommendation to free Hickman from "some quarters" an obvious reference to the real estate interests and the reactionary press. In motivating the recomthat the first trial had resulted in a mistrial, and predicted that another trial on the murder charge James Hickman: would probably end the same way.

Judge Rudolph Desort accepted



JAMES HICKMAN

## **Committee Hails** Hickman Victory

following statement was issued ference was in session. But Wall

On Dec. 16 James Hickman walked out of the Cook County Jail olph Desort accepted a free man free to return to his ing class upsurge indation and sentenced family and pick up the pieces of a Marshall therefore we years' probation. A

few hours later Hickman was set to save Hickman's life and liberty in Western Europe. Then he whited free and welcomed amidst much constitutes a great victory for the to see whether the Kremlin would jubilation by his family, friends and labor and progressive organizations run up the white flag.

Committee. He expressed his deep the defense of this unfortunate vic- ply to test the firmness of the op- macaroni and beer. appreciation to the Committee and tim of social injustice. It consti- posing positions. When neither side

In Blow-up Find No Way to Bridge Moscow-Wall St. Rift ers Dec. 15 demonstrates once more that the "Big Four" cannot bring enduring peace to a war-weary world. After bick-

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ering for three weeks over treaties for Germany and Austria, the parley ended in bitter mutual denunciations.

The blow-up occurred over Moloov's insistence on \$10,000,000,000 in reparations from Germany, Molotov indicated willingness to continue horse-trading. But this mo e was designed to place responsibility for the conference failure on Marshall who called for the adjournment. The truth is that Washington and Moscow could find no bridge for their differences. Wall Street aimed at winning major concessions from the Kremlin to permit economic penetration of Eastern Europe and eventually the Soviet Union it elf. This would have undermined the base upon which the Stalinist bureaucracy rests, paving the way for its destruction either at the hands of the outraged Soviet masses or under the grip of Wall Street. The Kremlin on the other hand tried to blackmail a pact out of the

imperialists by threatening to touch off revolutionary mass struggles in Europe. Moscow expected favorable onsideration in return for its counter-revolutionary services in de-

ailing such struggles. To convince Wall Street of the reality of its threats, the Kremlin, CHICAGO, Dec. 16 - The gave the signal for demonstrations in Italy and France while the con-

mendation, he recalled the fact today by the Hickman Defense Street's representatives are well Committee on the release of aware of the Kremlin's inability to follow through with any anti-capit-

alist mass movement and its profound fear of an unrestrained work-

Marshall therefore decided to sit

members of the Hickman Defense and liberal people who rallied to Thus the conference served sim-

# DEMOCRATS, REPUBLICANS Find No Way to Bridge Moscow-Wall St. Rift The break-up of the London Conference of Foreign Minis-DASS THE BUCK ON PRICES

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Workers of the World, Unite!

Police Violence Against Rome Strikers



Driving over the curb, these Rome cops charged their American-made jeep at hundreds of strikers as the Italian government mobilized to break the general strike. After two days the Stalinist union heads called off the strike, claiming a "victory." See story on page 2. Federated Pictures

# **Economic Crisis Forces** Moscow to Devalue Ruble

### By John G. Wright

By a decree announced over the Moscow radio Dec. 14, the Kremlin devaluated the ruble, ended rationing of food and consumers goods, and lowered the price of certain basic items on an average" from 10% to 12%.

The net effect of these measures was to cut the national debt to about one-third its Hickman to two years' probation. A shattered life. The successful fight tight and let Stalin stage his show former size, reduce the currency in circulation to one-tenth its former volume, and toss a mea-

ers in the form of a price roll- Kremin's suicidal foreign poncy, the mally low standard of living. back on bread, flour, cereals, market imposed by Wall Street and Increased labor productivity its satellites.

The mechanism was simple. The currency reform by itself in turn to agricultural production. all of its supporters, whose splendid fight was responsible for his free-victims of the housing shortage and concessions, it collapsed. his rubles. For 10 old ones he got The people of Europe are the one new one. Holders of bank ac- most critical stages of the crisis in the Soviet Union. The monstreus therefore still lie ahead.

means more consumer goods, a spur

tracks. This is hog-wash.

# **Congress Fails To Act** Against Raging Inflation

Congress rushed toward its pre-Christmas adjournment this week without adopting a program to halt the inflation that is boosting prices 2 to 3%a month. Its only action was to spur the rising cost of living by passing<sup>+</sup>

Truman's inflationary "Stop-gap foreign aid" program.

**By Taft-Hartley Law** The Taft-Hardcy Law isn't Republican and Democratic savage enougn for some capitalagents of Big Business were ists. Having tasted labor's blood in complete accord on this they thirst for more. phase of the Truman Doctrine. On Dec. 16, for instance, Mc-

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They had little trouble in coming Graw-H.ll, one of the biggest into agreement on bolstering antidustrial publishing outfits in the labor reaction in Europe. country, ran another of its full-On Dec. 15, the Senate and House pushed through their joint bill to pour another 597 million dollars in

money and military supplies down the drain-pipe of bankrupt capitalist regimes and monarchist dictatorships in Europe.

On the same day, after a debate limited to 20 minutes for each side, the House disposed of the only socalled "anti-inflation" bill to reach the floor. House Democrats, under a two-thirds majority rule, blocked passage of a Republican measure anti-trust laws. When the Republithat contained half of Truman's cans included this in their bill, Tru-

10-point "anti-inflation" program. PASSING THE BUCK Democrats and Republicans are as presented by Secretary of Course playing a buck-passing game. They merce Harriman, contained alm

will try to pin the blame on each the same proposition as Taft's other for Congressional failure to Truman hastened to "explain" he was for the Harriman proposal. do anything about prices. The Democrats, in particular, will

So far as labor is concerned, the now claim that if only Truman's full issue boils down to this: Price rises program had been adopted, infla- in the next four to five months will tion would have been halted in its discount in advance such limited wage raises as the unions might

man denounced it... Then it was

pointed out that Truman's plan,

page anti-labor advertisements. Its theme was the "failure" of the Taft-Hartley Law to go far enough McGraw-Hill insists that Congress now go ahead and "finish

**Blood-Thirst Whetted** 

PRICE: FIVE CENTS

the job of eliminating" what it calls the labor 'monopoly" (militant trade unions) and "industry-wide bargaining." exempt the corporations from the

dom.

ing conditions under which he had of the landlord.

### CLEAR CUT VICTORY

The Hickman Defense Committee hailed Hickman's freedom as a clear cut victory, attributing the outcome of its campaign to the widespread support received from labor and liberal organizations, as well as to the excellent legal defense provided by attorneys M. J. Myer, Leon Despres and William Temple.

The committee announced it would instruct its branches and representatives throughout the country to cease the collection of funds. It announced further that the balance which remained in the defense fund, after all bills had been paid, would be presented to the Hickman family.

The committee also plans a victory celebration to be held early in January.

racial ghettos for whom Hickman

Hickman had spent five months has become a symbol. main victims of this shameful dip- counts got a better rate, as did in the county jail, without bail, on This triumph can be attributed lomacy. Now, more than ever, this holders of government bonds. the charge of murdering his land- to the whole-hearted response of unhappy continent will become the lord, David Coleman, whom he held hundreds of thousands to the ap- arena for the maneuvers of the big vage the disintegrating fiscal struc- degree or another. "All" must sacresponsible for the death of his four peal of the Hickman Defense Com- powers. As the Kremlin tries to ture of the USSR and at the same rifice. ("It will be the last sacrifice," youngest children in a disastrous mittee. The most powerful support strengthen the buffer zone it holds time, to appease the ominously in- promise Stalin and Zhdanov, the attic fire last January. Hickman came from the ranks of labor, but in Eastern Europe, Wall Street plans creasing discontent of the masses. signers of the decree). had never denied killing Coleman, support flowed in from many other to proceed to consolidate the westbut the defense movement came to sources: from the Negro people, ern zones of Germany, set up a puphis aid because the real cause of veterans, the churches, the store- pet German government, and mothe killing was the intolerable hous- keepers and the professions. They assisted in every way that Marshall Plan in preparation for the suffered and the criminal actions they could: through mass meetings, projected attack on the Soviet

(Continued on Page 3) Union.

### **Detroit Unions Backed Hickman**

DETROIT, Dec. 17-As the good news arrived here that James Hickman had won his freedom in Chicago, the Detroit chapter of the Hickman Defense Committee was meeting with an excellent response in its campaign to rally moral and financial aid for him from the powerful labor movement in this city.

Already the Greater Detroit and Wayne County Industrial Union Council of the CIO had solidarized itself with the victimized steel worker, and had circularized all its affiliated unions for financial support to the Hickman Defense Committee.

The first responses from the local unions in this area were very encouraging. Among the unions that have voted to send financial contributions were Briggs Local 212, Ford Highland Park Local 400, Cadillac Local 22, Chrysler Local 7 and Plymouth Local 51-all of the UAW.

Hickman's freedom is undoubtedly due in great part to the fact that so many important unions in this and other important industrial centers wrote or wired to the State Attorney in Chicago. supporting the demand that the charge of murder against him be dropped.

The devaluation of the ruble hits The decree was intended to sal- all sections of the population to one

It is a gesture at carrying out the In its immediate effect, however, long-standing promise of ample it hits hardest the well-to-do layfood and consumers goods to the ers of the agricultural population, bilize all Western Europe under the population after the long years of the millionaire farmers, the new merchants, traders and speculators cruel privation.

However, the most decisive pres- in the cities. At a single stroke the sure by far was the difficulty of currency hoarders have been

carrying on planned economy with stripped of nine-tenths of their capa dislocated fiscal structure. Things ital, while the holders of governhad reached such a point that the ment bonds lose two-thirds of their bureaucracy was finding it impossi- holdings.

ble to maintain any longer even the pretext of fulfilling the fourth 5- lation, above all the workers, stand Year Plan. It was impossible to to gain-provided that the regime stabilize the economy without a is able to maintain the flow of food stable monetary unit. If the bu- stuffs and consumer goods into the reaucracy hoped to salvage the plan, market.

This is the first time in years this reform was imperative. that the Kremlin has made even a It is true that food conditions have eased as compared with last gesture toward shifting away from the privileged layers of farmers and year, and the Kremlin has even sicity petty bourgeoisie, which constiphoned off a "surplus," but this tute its main social and political only emphasizes the depth of the prop, and granting even an appareconomic crisis facing the regime. ent concession to the industrial 5-YEAR PLAN The fact is that the latest 5-Year workers.

Plan is running up against insuper- KREMLIN'S AIMS

able difficulties — the dislocations One of the objectives the Kremlin incident to grotesque bureaucratic had in mind in making this gesture privileges, the devastation of the was undoubtedly to increase the Labor. Two months before he at violent odds with the AFL leadwar brought on the country by the productivity of the workers by a

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Truman's vague program for hope to get by next spring and "some" price controls tied to a wage summer without a major wage privileges of the bureaucracy have freeze would end up as Roosevelt's struggle. This dictates the need war-time policy did — just a wage for labor to launch a wage drive freeze. The OPA - contrary to administration propaganda — be- on a nation-wide basis now. Serious came a joke. Real price rises were preparations for a militant strugconcealed under fictional price ceil- gle must begin at once. By next

Both Truman and Taft propose only to nibble at a few of the symptems of the inflation. Neither attacks the fundamental cause of the inflationary disease.

spring the workers may not be the penny ahead of today in real wages, even if they get boosts of 10 or 15%.

The wage program should pro-

vide protection of real wages against The gargantuan war debt and future price rises. There is only swollen military budget are fueling one such immediate and effective ing monopolists are fanning the defense - the adjustable cost-offlames by price-gouging. This year living bonus or escalator wage the corporations are raking in four clause. This means a clause in times as much profits as in 1939. every union contract, in addition Revealing, but little publicized, features of both the Truman and to the basic wage, ensuring an auto-Taft programs are proposals to matic wage increases for every rise permit monopoly price-fixing and in prices.

# Lewis Silent About His Program As Miners Withdraw from AFL

John L. Lewis on Dec. 12 Roosevelt and the Third Term. Two satisfaction with the way the AFL announced the withdrawal of years later, the UMW left the CIO. leaders propose to "fight" the Taft the United Mine Workers from with the AFL. the American Federation of Once again Lewis finds himself

AFL top leaders at the San He has called for bold and aggres-Francisco convention for urg-ing submission to the Taft-Hartley Act by signing "vellow dog" or the the the cringing attitude of AFL lead-Act by signing "yellow dog" oaths. ers like Green, Tobin and Meany. The manner of Lewis' announce-

ment showed his contempt for those AFL have made it clear they intend stately asses." He sent a five-word tional field has expanded far be-

It is especially important to note "Green AFL. We disaffiliate. affiliation followed the setting up of the AFL Labor's Educational and

This is the second time the UMW Political League, from whose foundof commodity buying and selling by and AFL have parted company ing sessions the UMW representaeral Clark have been denouncing Senate investigating committee, has money for campaign contributions Before the Senate Committee he high government officials has cor- within 11 years. In 1936 the UMW tives were conspicuously absent. Most of the AFL leaders, it apmajor cause of zooming food prices Republican - dominated Congress ticians. He served as Treasurer of tions in the commedity market was ernment orders which sent the mar- unions were suspended when they pear's at this time, are scheming "something less than a million dol- ket zooming. Speculating with ad- refused to disband the Committee to use the LEPL as a vote-catching lars." He seemed surprised that vance knowledge of government or - for Industrial Organization, for - machine for Truman in 1948. For George W. Elterdorfer, a director In 1946 Truman nominated him anyone could object to this "profit- ders would have brought fortunes mally established as the Congress Lewis to go along with them would of Industrial Organizations in 1938. mean to back the President who

big-wigs are threatened with ex-big-wigs are threatened with ex-big are threatened with ex-traction that led to a two mil-Pauley defended his speculation know which government officials He led the CIO in its epochal strike and initiated the infamous posture. It is already hinted that have been dabbling in the grain filled the air. Secretary Ickes, whose talist system" and "I am not so- the top grain speculators are. No down from the CIO presidency after lion dollar fine against the UMW. matter which Wall Street Party the defeat of Republican Willkie, HOW TO FIGHT

whom Lewis supported against Lewis has shown his utter dis-

program of his own. Not even his own members know how he proposes to fight against the Slave had bitterly denounced the ership over principle and method. Labor Law and its sponsors. It is u fine thing to call for militant and uncompromising resistance to the Taft-Hartley Act. But that is not enough. How to resist is the vital question. Lewis has The craft-minded moguls of the

not even advocated the elementary program of joint AFL-CIO action. His political views are buried in a fog

This has led to much speculation. Will he spurn a reactionary Truman for a reactionary Dewey? Will he waste his great moral capital as the most militant of the top union leaders in petty maneuvers and cheap bargaining between Republican Tweedeldums and Democratic Tweedledees?

'The way out of labor's political blind alley - the road to victory against the Taft Act — is independent political action through a labor party and labor's own caudiattempted to smash the 1946 mine dates. Will Lewis break with his narrow and conservative political past? That is what every far-seeing union militant in the country is

asking today.

**PAULEY CASE LIFTS LID ON GOVT. FOOD SPECU** General Hannegan are involved. | instructed Attorney General Tom | had tried to get, him to perjure | had held on to his holdings a little By George Lavan Secretary of Agriculture Ander- Clark to investigate commodity his testimony. The hearings ended longer he would have made another

retary Anderson and Attorney Gen- ator Styles Bridges, head of the oil interests. Raising huge sums of he quietly assumed his post. and as "profiteering in human mis- among those to be investigated by the Democratic National Commit-

If the investigation is not stymied former Secretary of the Treasury market."

his committee. tee.

by powerful forces, other high gov- of the Chicago Board of Trade, as- Under Secretary of Navy. The Sen- eering in human misery" which he in return. erament officials and Democratic serted there would be no big in- ate hearings on his nomination regarded as normal business. Morgenthau and former Postmaster Last October 16 Truman publicly ed that the Truman administration His only regret was that if he they are in.

Another scandal involving son, who at first refused to turn profiteers. The Department of Jus- with the withdrawal of Pauley's hundred thrusand dollars. He also he had described in his convention to undercut Lewis' base, particularly high government officials has over a list of 600 leading speculat- tice, always zealous against unions nomination and Ickes' resignation. explained that he had entered the speech as "intellectually fat and UMW's District 50 whose organizabroken. Edwin W. Pauley, ors, now says he will divulge the and left-wing organizations, has not But it didn't take Truman's pal commodity market "to protect my-Truman's close personal friend and special assistant to the and special assistant to the Although the spotlight has so far Pauley, an old favorite of Tru- Pauley was appointed Special As- a profit in, in the good old Amer- crayon on scratch-paper. It read: that the UMW's decision for dis-Army Secretary, has been ex- been focused on the Democrats, the man's, is no stranger to scandals sistant to the Secretary of the ican way," said this model of a posed as a food speculator and Republicans also fear a thorough- and investigations. He gained no- Army. This appointment didn't patriotic business man. profiteer. Truman, Agricultural Sec- going investigation. Republican Sen- toriety as a political fixer for the have to go through the Senate and It is charged that the pattern

hands were pretty oily also, reveal- cialistic in my views."

The American people want to Lewis was founding president.

Lewis."



speculation in commodities as a refused to include members of the gave him great influence over poli- guessed that in 1947 his specula- responded to the release of gov- and nine other industrial-type

### PAGE TWO

# Wallace Still Angling for **Deal With the Democrats**

Despite the growth of talk about an independent Wallace PCA MOVE ticket, he is still following the policy of putting pressure on the Democrats in the hope of arriving at a deal with them.

tour of up-state New York.+ "My attitude today is the same as it has been right along. If it is apparent that the Democratic Party is a war party, I will do all I can to see that there is a third party," he declared in Syracuse.

Evidently it is not yet apparent to Wallace that the Democratic Party is a war party. True, much of his popular support today is the result of his criticisms of the bipartisan foreign policy in Washington. True, he points out that the Truman administration's policy is leading toward war. But he still refuses to flatly brand the Democratic Party as the war party that it is. The

"strongest" statement he would commit himself to on this question was the following: "As yet I am not satisfied that the

Democratic national administration if he would be available to head a bark on such a venture, unless he is is working for peace and not for third ticket. His answer was: assured that it has the possibility This can be interpreted in "Frankly, I'd like to see what Presi- of making a real splash and retainonly one way: Wallace still leaves dent Truman has to say when he ing his reputation as an "important" open the possibility that he and the sends his annual message to Con-politicians. Thus an important aim Democratic Party can come to terms gress." Those again are not the of the PCA move may have been to third party presidential slate, Walfor 1948. words of a man ready to carry on put pressure on Wallace.

Henry Wallace still refuses to commit himself to a break a political war against Truman, but But what is far more with the Democratic Party in the 1948 presidential election. rather of one who is still hoping for the PCA endorsement remains witha deal.

in the general framework of the Wallace strategy to exert maximum pressure for a deal with Truman. It

Following Wallace's tour the exhas the Democratic bosses worried. ecutive committee of the Progressive it permits him to continue to talk This was plainly demonstrated during Wallace's recent Citizens of America issued a stateout of both sides of his mouth-and ment backing Wallace as an indeat the same time it commits him to pendent candidate for president.

This action, it is reported, will be nothing. A third party and a Wallace presipresented for ratification to the dential slate cannot be excluded. PCA convention next month and however, especially if the deal Walwill be followed by a national nominating convention of the PCA and lace is after depends on any imother groups to launch a third par- portant change in the administration's policy of "cold war" with Rusty and a Wallace campaign, if Walsia. But what kind of party would lace accepts.

This move by the PCA is being it be? widely interpreted as a sure sign LITTLE LABOR SUPPORT

that Wallace will head a third par-In the first place, Wallace has ty next year. But such an interprebeen deserted by the top labor oftation overlooks or simplifies severa! ficials who were his loudest supimportant factors. It must be borne porters during Roosevelt's adminisin mind that Wallace is not bound by PCA decisions, which are dictated by the Stalinists and those liberals willing to collaborate with them. are enthusiastic supporters of the gress. Both the Stalinists and their fel-Truman - Marshall get-tough-withlow travellers, subservient to the Kremlin, want a Wallace ticket very badly, no matter how much or how run today by a combination of Stallittle support it wins. But Wallace Wallace was asked by reporters himself is more reluctant to em-

character of a Labor Party movement.

Furthermore, even if there is a



of Chicago students took a "recess" from classes and held a campus rally to protest against racial discrimination in the college hospital Federated Pictures and medical school.

tration. Not because they have any to give in 1948, as I did in 1946, all any sense. On the contrary, Walimportant differences with him on possible aid to all possible progres- lace not only admits but boasts that want to build the IPP into a strong ing Independent Progressive Party. domestic policy, but because they sive Democratic candidates for Con- he is a devout supporter of capitalism. The program he offers is a resented in every phase of the IPP In other words, Wallace does not continuation of the New Deal-the movement, this element has declar-Russia policy, which he criticizes. intend to make a clean break with same program that could not do ed itself vitally concerned with

The Wallace movement therefore is the Democrats under any circum- away with unemployment in the building and strengthening the new stances. While building his own party, he would asso continue to straight to World War II. inists, fellow travelers and liberals party, he would also continue to straight to World War II. without a base, and lacks the neces- build and strengthen the Democratic The PCA promises that a Wallace

sary labor support to give it the Party. This would leave the door ticket would give the voters a real open, after the 1948 elections, for alternative in 1948; actually, it Wallace to return to the Democratic would offer only a choice between fold by a merger of the two parties. various programs to uphold the cap-The program of the proposed par- italist system responsible for most lace stated in Syracuse, "I do hope ty would not be anti-capitalist in of the evils of modern society.

140,000 Sign Petition For California I. P. P. By Al Lynn

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 11-Over 140,000 signatures have been obtained to date in the petition drive to place the Independent Progressive Party on the ballot in California, according to statistics released by the organizing committee last

week. Requirements for plac-+ ing a new party on the ballot fornia. This is another indication that a political organization domiin this state are 275,000 signanated by the labor movement has tures, or 27,000 registered voters. great attractive power for other The IPP Committee is aiming at a goal of 500,000 signatures since Townsendites couldn't have declargroups in the population. The many are likely to be invalid due ed support on the basis of a "libto moving, failure to register, etc. eral" movement, since such a move-Left wing forces in the movement is obviously not present in ment had proposed that the camthe IPP. On the other hand, labor paign be based around registration has always shown its sympathy and with a perspective of a clean break support for the needs of the aged. with the old boss-controlled parties. The California Socialist Workers However, they were outvoted by a Party has consistently been supportmajority influenced by the Stalinist ing the fight of the progressive secpolicy of keeping one foot in the tion of the unionists in this movecamp of the Democratic Party.

The existence of this tendency.

and the role of unionists in spon-

soring the party, reveal that labor

THE BACKBONE

the unions.

ly a greater mass base.

ment, and calls upon all readers of This left wing grouping consists The Militant to work to build it in the main of CIO unionists who by gathering petitions and registerindependent Labor Party. Well rep-

> Youngstown SWP At Celebration

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Dec. is the backbone of the IPP. Al- 13-The Youngstown Branch though the Stalinist - influenced of the Socialist Workers Party leadership has been seeking des- tonght sent fraternal greetings to perately for liberal politicians, none The Militant from its banquet celehave appeared on the scene. In brating the 19th anniversary of the addition, much of the practical founding of the paper. More than 50 comrades and

work of organization is based on friends gathered to honor The Mili-Sentiment at the recent California tant. "We salute The Militant," State CIO Convention revealed a said the telegram, "and will work great majority in favor of support- for the continued spread of its mesing this party, but an unnecessary sage to the workers." compromise resolution lost a won- A fine dinner was served. A pro-

derful opportunity for gaining of- gram followed during which many ficial endorsement and consequent- readers of The Militant expressed their appreciation for a paper that A significant grouping which has tells the truth. The evening wound just declared in favor of supporting up with singing and a skit.

this party is the Townsend Old Guests were present from Can-Age Pension organization, represent- ton, Akron, New Castle and Cleveed by numerous clubs all over Cali-land.

# **ACEWR** Statement **On Clark's Blacklist**

NEW YORK, Dec. 15-The following statement was issued today by Rose Karsner, chairman of the American Com-

"The inclusion of the Ameri-+ furnish the best grist for the hypo-Petkov, head of the Bulgarian op- politicians in Europe and above all critical propaganda of the Anglo- Workers Relief in the list of Its functions are solely and strictly 'subversive' organizations submitted confined to sending food, clothing. by Attorney-General Clark to the medicine and similar means of re-Civil Service Commission could lief to working class victims of war, Objectively their counter-revolu-have been based only upon a com-fascism and hunger in Europe. The tionary policy can only serve imperi- plete misunderstanding or misrep- Committee's publicity deals only

## Stalinists Betray Heroic Italian Workers Struggle desire to end capitalism with its The Stalinists climaxed their The Stalinists began the strike, struggles from assuming a coordi- from leadership in time

By Joseph Hansen

Intionary struggle and how far from push the Stalinist bureaucrats at ing the masses in a decisive battle onto the road to socialism. for government power.

The Italian Stalinists boast a BY DEFAULT

600 are in Stalinist hands. In addi- at great risk have indicated their tion, the Stalinists have at their sympathy with the masses. The partisans.

have repeated'y demonstrated their

ple this hated capitalist regime and the countries of Eastern Eurset up a Workers and Farmers Gov- ope from the Nazi occupation, position, was hanged (despite the a sworn enemy of the working class. American imperialists and their re-Rattle U. S. Arms ernment. They wanted just enough genuine revolutionary movements violent protests of the Anglo-Ameri- We have not forgotten that Pfeif- formist lackeys. action to demonstrate that they arose spontaneously everywhere. can powers). held the power to set off a socialist But they were liquidated under or- At present, Maniu, head of the dition of the white guards of Horthy Over Heads of revolution in Italy. ders from the Kremlin or shunted Rumanian Peasant Party, must face and of Imredy, representatives of The Italian masses, feeling the into collaboration with the bour- his judges. Will his fate be the the big land owners. **Italian Workers** loosening of the brakes, quickly geoisie, since the Stalinist bureauc- same as Petkov's? surged forward. In Milan, where racy is opposed to all revolution in CLASSIC PROCEDURE On Dec. 13, the day before U.S. they were provoked by de Gasperi's view of the danger to its dictatortroops left Italy, Truman implied removal of the mayor, they took ship and its privileges. Whatever the sentence, we see in Europe cannot better their lot. But USSR! the readiness of his régime to in- over the city for a day. Workers If the Stalinists had not crushed these trials all the classic machinatervene in any civil conflict that and partisans occupied the strategic the revolutionary movement in tions of the GPU-spontaneous con- themselves! centers Nov. 28, demonstrating their Eastern (and Central) Europe in fessions, falsified documents, witmight develop there. "If, in the course of events it readiness for a showdown struggle. 1944-45, the masses would have nesses for the prosecution who obligquickly toppled the capitalist par- ingly make sensational revelations, becomes apparent that the freedom OBLIGING TREACHERY and independence of Italy ... are When de Gasperi ordered the ties which had plunged their coun- etc., etc. . . Juridically, none of it San Francisco to Hold being threatened, directly or indi- armed forces in Lilan into action, holds water. Of that there can be tries into the abyss of war. rectly," he said, "the United States they refused to budge. Instead of However, the Stalinists preferred no doubt. will be obliged to consider shooting at the workers, they indito keep these parties alive and to Not wishing to be hanged like his what measures would be appropriate cated their solidarity. Without the collaborate with them in coalition Bulgarian colleague, Mikolajczyk, for the maintenance of peace and least bloodshed; the workers had governments. This concession did head of the Polish Peasant Party, not change their anti-Soviet atti- fled to England. His collaborators p.m., at 1739 Fillmore Street, on tivities will begin at 9 p.m., Wedsecurity. won the Chicago of Italy. What type of "measures" would Had this dazzling victory been USSR still remained the non-capi- an border. tude in the least. To them the were arrested at the Czechoslovakibe taken can be gathered from the extended, a Workers and Farmers talist country, heir of the October Tataresco, Minister of Foreign demonstration staged on Dec. 11, Government could have been es- Revolution. The bourgeois politi- Affairs in Rumania and liberal the day Rome workers began a tablished in Italy in short order. Revolution. The bourgeois point leader, already suspended for sevgeneral strike. American warships But the Stalinists, instead of con- mising partisans of Anglo-American eral months, is headed for complete "maneuvering in Italian waters solidating their hold and moving imperialism. stripping of his governmental funclaunched 200 carrier-based planes forward from this base, dropped As the bourgeois opposition be- tions as a result of "revelations" in in a mock attack against northern Milan like a red-hot iron. They came stronger and stronger, the the Maniu trial. **Devaluation of Ruble** Italy," according to INS. obligingly turned the government Stalinists grasped how dangerous In Hungary, Pfeiffer, leader of "The U. S. carrier Midway and back over to de Gasperi and this these agencies of imperialism were an extreme-right party, inspired two destroyers which arrived at political hatchetman of the capital- inside the strategic and economic by the example of Mikolajczyk, pre-Genoa from Naples," continued the ist class at once moved three dividispatch, "carried out maneuvers sions of more "dependable" armed be destroyed. ing arrested . . . that included large-scale aerial re- forces into the city. Based on a completely counter- In Czechoslovakia, advance post cate the beginnings of planned econconnaissance of all roads from the Next the Stalinists staged a pa- revolutionary bureaucracy, Stalinism of the USSR's ramparts; the influ- omy in the Soviet Union. Within coast toward Milan." rade in Rome of 30,000 partisans. could not combat them with a ence of western imperialism remains the USSR the laws of the market These bristling war maneuvers For a day the capitalist correspond- working class movement-they pre- stronger than in the other countries continue to operate. over Italian soil "were so impres- ents wondered if the Stalinists had vented that in 1944-but only by listed as "friends of the Soviet sive" that 'the Genoese again began decided to launch a bid for power. police terror in which the Stalinists Union." Eut there also, under more talking of the location of wartime But after the march the Stalinists have been past masters since the difficult conditions, the Kremlin's air-raid shelters." sent the partisans home. sinister Moscow frame-up trials. agents have begun the struggle against the anti-Stalinist elements. A severe political crisis is now shaping up there. Mail This Coupon With 50c For A 6-Month Subscription to We have no political sympathy whatever for any of these bourgeois opposition parties nor for their THE MILITAN' We have not forgotten, leaders. among the workers. They expect a moreover, that Mikolajczyk is not quick improvement. The applause at all a "hero of democracy," but that was reported is in reality no the editor in 1939 of an anti-A WEEKLY NEWSPAPER cause for the Kremlin to cheer. If Semitic rag in Lille which resembled 116 University Place, New York 3, N. Y. the expected improvement does not occur, it means trouble, for the con-

misery, fascism and war. The pov- "scare Wall Street" campaign with without preparations for defense. nated nation-wide character. Where swer to that question will not be The nation-wide demonstrations in Italy that were touch- have on their own initiative moved They confined strike demands to strikers, clubbed them and arrested faster than the Stalinists had exed off by the Stalinists in hope in on the big estates and attempted three items: (1) punishment of po- hundreds. After the second day, pected, they hastily headed off the of frightening Wall Street into granting major concessions to granting major concessions to occupied the factories, seized stra- appropriation of 10,000,000 lire The Stalinists thus demonstrated the Kremlin at the London Confer- tegic centers, battled with police (\$17,000,000) for public works; (3) how much they fear a mass upsurge ence, ended up by demonstrating and army, taken over city adminis- a bonus before Christmas for the of the workers and how they try how much the Stalinists fear revo- trations-have done everything to 80,000 unemployed in Rome.

They exercise decisive control over only by default. Their despised while it ordered the police into ac- narrowest possible economic frame- Will the Italian workers succeed This is the great hope for a coming the trade unions. About 60% of government, put in office by the tion against the strikers. the working class is under their di- Allied conquerors, has no more than rect influence. More than 3,000 280,000 armed forces, including pomunicipal governments out of 7.- lice, and sections of these forces

disposal between 280,000 and 400,000 forces of fascism, while gathering Most important of all, the masses unprepared for a showdown battle.

By K. Manfred strength, are still half underground, Yet the Stalinists refused to top-

CP BRINGS DEFEAT to divert the struggle to serve their The de Gasperi cabinet coolly own bureaucratic interests. They their minds is any thought of lead-big the material in the basic purchase agreed to "investigate" the shoot-limited the number of workers on and stinging defeats. This treach-and stinging defeats. This treach-the the basic purchase agreed to "investigate" the shoot-limited the number of workers on and stinging defeats. ing, appropriate a few more billion strike, not even calling out the erous leadership could not pave the tastrophic decline in influence. paper lire for public works and see unions in such key industries as the way for the resurgence of fascism

if "something" could be done about railways. They did their best to any better if it were on the direct membership of more than 2,000,000. The Italian capitalists hold power a bonus for the unemployed. Mean- keep strike demands within the payroll of Italian capitalism. work. They prevented the strike in ousting the Stalinist betrayers victory of the working class in Italy.

Moscow's Latest "Trials" in Eastern Europe

against the principal leaders of the ite press!

long in coming. The swift growth of the Italian Communist Party after the war was not a measure of the attractiveness of Stalinism, but of the will of the Italian workers to build a party on the Bolshevik model. As events In Italy as in France in recent weeks the Stalinists brought the disclose how little the Italian Communist Party corresponds to that workers only demoralizing failures

> Under the same acid test the ideas of Trotskyism can gain in popularity at phenomenal speed.

> > caricature of justice, the Stalinists

They organized judicial farces | the infamous products of the Hitler- | ers by police terror, by a revolting mittee for European Workers Relief:

As the Soviet Army freed big capitalist parties in Bulgaria We have not forgotten that Ta-(Petkov) and in Rumania (Maniu). taresco is one of the most corrupt

fer stands for nothing but the tra-



One Way to Make a Living Stanislaw Mikolajczyk, exiled

leader of the Polish Peasant Party who is in the U.S. to help whip up the anti-communist drive here, "will have his expense accounts OK'd by the National Association of Manufacturers," according to the Dec. 16 World Telegram. "Any anti-Commie leaders who want to come to the United States to fight the battle will get a hearing on what it will cost," an NAM official prom-

Without overthrowing the capital- lice, but only the working class acter and work. ists, without liquidating their politi- struggle in all countries can prevent "The facts concerning the ACEWR relief work.

these tasks belong to the masses In liquidating the bourgeois lead- Belgian Trotskyist newspaper).

Newark Invites Readers New Year's Celebration For New Year's Eve San Francisco SWP branch ex-Militant readers are invited

tends an invitation to celedrate celebrate New Year's Eve at the New Year's Eve, beginning at 8 Newark branch of the SWP. Fes-Wednesday, Dec. 31. Buffet Supper | nesday, Dec. 31, at 423 Springfield served at midnight.

Ave. Food, entertainment, dancing, **Soviet Crisis Forces** 

classes that exist in the Soviet Continued from Page 1) Union. world economy continues to disloanalysis, the decree is fresh evidence of the correctness of Trotsky's view

that the Kremlin bureaucracy is not a new ruling class but an oligarchy The workers at their low wages state. The Kremlin is now deswill be able, as before, to get only a minor share of goods. The fixing of price controls will tend to drive and abroad before the war. more goods into the villages where mains exceedingly elusive; primarily cialist Workers Party. prices range higher, once again

shifting the division of necessities because the bureaucracy itself is the Don't let this happen to you. sharply in favor of the countryside. biggest obstacle to stability both at Watch the date on the address lab-The enthusiasm over the decree home and abroad. At best the el or wrapper. That's the expiration occurred in the cities, primarily Kremlin can gain only temporary date when your subscription will respite.



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alism! Not the Stalinist secret po- resentation of the Committee's char- with the urgent need for such aid

'Renew My Sub,"

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as a reader.

and with appeals for support in its

cal parties, the masses of Eastern an imperialist attack against the are these. Our Committee is not "Regardless of the Attorney Genaffiliated with any political organi- eral's list, the ACEWR is determined (Translated from the Nov. 15 zation and does not impose any to carry on work of providing food; issue of LA LUTTE OUVRIERE political requirements upon either clothing and other relief for as its members or supporters, or the many needy European workers as recipients of its aid. It engages in possible."

# THE MILITANT ARMY

satisfaction of a worth-while achievement is the "only" reward Writes Former Reader for Militant sub-getters, but what a solid and lasting reward it is! "I am writing to see if you are

\* \* \* still sending out The Militant," says Gladys and Frank of Bedford-E. S. of Baltimore. "If so please let me know at once as I want my sub Stuyvesant branch, Brooklyn, came renewed. Will send the money just in beaming with three subs from as soon as I hear from you, as I knocking on four doors. (No one was am very anxious to get the paper. home at one place.) One hospitable. Hope to hear from you at once." woman greeted them: "I've been so We don't know where E. S. has anxious to get this paper again. been for 20 months since his sub When I first subscribed I was very From the viewpoint of Marxist expired, but we welcome him back ill and just gave the girl 50 cents to get rid of her. The papers piled up unread. When I got out of bed You, too, run the risk of falling again I was about to throw them out out of touch with the paper you when a cartoon caught my eyegoverning in a degenerated workers just can't get along without, if you that cop in Freeport, L. I., shooting fail to renew promptly when your down the Ferguson brothers beperately trying to regain the rela- sub expires. You may even lose the cause they had tried to buy coffee tive equilibrium it enjoyed at home address and have difficulty locating in a Jim Crow restaurant. I read us if you are in a community where about that case and then read

That equilibrium, however, re- there is no large branch of the So- all the papers. They're the best Five seen." A visitor there at the time also took a sub.

> It was "a very spirited group" end. Renew well in advance so as that returned from a Detreit renewal callback mobilization. Sending 30 subs (plus two for Fourth Interna-D. Saunders, New Britain, Conn., tional). B. Allen reported further: writes: "Enclosed please find four "We also sold tickets to our special 6-month renewals which represent meeting on the UAW. E. Drake carabout a half hour's work. As soon ried off top honors with seven subs. as we entered the homes of these Three very valuable contacts made. "We also covered union meetings welcomed. Besides being anxious to and sold 17 copies of Fight the renew, they also promised to at- Slave-Labor Law at the Budd meettend our classes and forum. Here's ing. Despite the bitter cold, workers hoping we can do as well during the actually lined up to buy."

\* \* Only those who have tried it can newed for a year and sent subs for A North Dakota subscriber reknow the thrill of such half hours, four friends.

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started, breaking the ice that usual- Rena Breshi sent 19 Boston area ly greets solicitors. But The Mili- subs. "Comrades Tommy L. and tant is just what millions of work- Henry D. are responsible for most ers are looking for. And what won- of these. Belle Patch is also doing derful new friends they make. The some fine work."

tempt to maneuver between the

struggle.

to withhold the grain "surpluses"

from weakness. It is another at-

market, the situation can become explosive within a very short time The Kremlin's latest move thus 32 pages clearly flows not from strength, but

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"All talk to the effect that historical conditions have not yet 'ripened' for socialism is the product of ignorance or conscious deception. The objective prerequisites for the proletarian revolution have not only 'ripened'; they have begun to get somewhat rotten. Without a socialist revolution, in the next historical periocl at that, a catastrophe threatens the whole culture of mankind. The turn is now to the proletariat, i.e., chiefly to its revolutionary vanguard. The historical crisis is reduced to the crisis of the revo lutionary leadership.

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-Leon Trotsky, The Death Agony of Capitalism, 1938, P. 6.

# Note to Our Readers

The readers and the friends of The Militant, and the branches of the Socialist Workers Party, have again outdone themselves in their devotion to The Militant by oversubscribing the goal of the Sustaining Fund Campaign, as reported on this page.

It is a matter of profound regret that we must accompany our grateful acknowledgment of this generous support with the announcement that a measure of retrenchment has been forced upon us by the raging inflation. We are obliged - temporarily, we hope — to reduce the size of the paper to four pages. As things stand now we cannot continue the six-page issue without incurring a weekly deficit which would soon devour the special sustaining fund so generously subscribed.

Our circulation and our circle of friends and supporters have grown, but they have not kept pace with the dizzily mounting costs of publication. It costs more now to publish a four-page paper than we originally had to pay for eight pages. Last week we were confronted with another stiff increase in the printer's bill, with the clear intimation that other increases are to be expected.

Other publications, caught in the same inflationary spiral, have compensated themselves for the increased costs by raising subscription and advertising rates. Neither of these solutions is open to us. We carry no commercial advertising; and we can't increase our subscription price without making it-more difficult for the worker victims of the same inflation, for whom The Militant is published, to get the paper.

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torials.

each in foreign countries.

We are not facing bankruptcy, thanks to the special fund that has been over-subscribed. But the inflationary situation imperatively requires that we eliminate every possible avoidable expense and operate during the next period on the most economical basis possible, in order to avoid an imprudent dissipation of the sustaining fund and assure regular publication.

By eliminating the added cost of the extra two pages for the time being we hope to conserve the limited resources of the paper and forestall greater difficulties later.

The Militant is needed more now than ever. It must continue regular publication under all circumstances and at any cost. That is the main thing to keep in mind now.

National Campaign Director The \$15,000 Militant Fund campaign terminates with this

ssue of the paper. It was a hard pull, and at imes it looked doubtful whether ome of the branches were going to be able to fulfill their quotas by Dec. 15.

Everywhere the going was tough ecause of inflationary prices. Seattle found it especially difficult to meet it quota on time as did Toledo and Rochester; also San Francisco, where one of their ranks got a settlement for an injury sustained on he job and made a donation of \$200 "in the nick of time." None of these branches however succumbed to the local circumstances.

Instead, they put forth' extra efforts and each made its 100%. Chicago too had some rough sledding even with the help from its Calumet branch where \$500 was raised "without digging into our own pockets."

Reading branch did not foresee he special circumstances which arose after it undertook to raise a nuota of \$100, nor did the Militant office. Under the present conditions the figure of 50% reached by this pranch represents a real achievement, comparable to that of some ranches which reached 100%.

In New York, where the members divided their pledges by 12 from the start and made regular weekly payments, collections proceeded at an even pace throughout the campaign. Each of the eight branches the Local fulfilled its quota.

In general, all cities wrote to the ame effect: due to the high cost of living pledges were smaller than isual and collections slower. The exceptions were St. Louis and Cleveand. These branches found it comparatively easy to go over the top. In spite of these hardships, we finished with a total of \$16,935, which exceeded all expectations. Credit for this magnificent showing goes in the first place to the nembers of the Socialist Workers Party who gave so generously of their meager earnings; to the branch fund directors who plugged at collections without let-up, week in and week out; to the many riends and sympathizers who contributed locally, and to the readers

### **Trotskyist Youth** Expose Militarism

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 - Wall Street's militaristic plans were exposed by the Internationalist Soialist Youth, youth section of the Socialist Workers Party, at last Satrday's session of Hearst's Fifth Annual Mirror Youth Forum.

an anti-war leaflet. Then a repre-



who sent their donations and in-| meager amount, considering the exspiring letters direct to The Militant | tra cost of printing the paper, which office. is a real source of enlightenment

TOTAL .....

It was a great privilege and honor to me and to every worker." Cleveland - Your sympathizer, George P. S., wanted to make sure his contribution would be recorded in the final scoreboard, so he wired Branch: Your friend "Hutch" sent a \$15 with this message: "Credit this coin card with \$1.70 and a note in to the Cleveland Branch. I owe my landlord, who took advantage of his which he says: "Dear Sirs- Please knowledge of the movement to desperate plight to extort \$100 from find enclosed my contribution to the them."

Coin cards continue to come in. Militant Fund. Sorry I cannot send more at this time. I have al- The following were received in the ready donated to your fund through past week: Field \$1; Scherff \$1.50 a worker in the shop where I am Carter \$2; Gilbert \$1; S. T. \$1 and employed. I feel I am giving a Hutch \$1.70.



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# Victory For Hickman Hailed By Committee

lists, and attending the sessions of cape. the trial, Organizations represent-

ing more than a million people from all parts of the country threw their support to Hickman's fight for freedom. Thousands of dollars were donated to assure the best possible defense.

James Hickman was a laborer at International Harvester's Wisconsin Steel Mill, who had spent most of sissippi. He was an obscure working man, without money, prestige or influence. How then explain the tremendous support that came to his defense? In part, it flowed from man's natural compassion for a fellow man in distress, but it was far more than that. It was a splendid demonstration of the instinctive solidarity of working men and wom-

### DOOMED BY SOCIETY

Hickman's entire life and his indescribable tragedy dramatized the plight of tens of millions who are doomed in our society to poverty, exploitation and discrimination. He was born in Mississippi, condemned from boyhood to a life of backbreaking toil in the cotton fields, which permitted him to eke out the very barest existence. He came north, to Chicago, in 113

search for a better life for his family. He was deprived of the first prerequisite: a decent place to live. There were mansions for the rich, but no home for the Hickman fam-

ily. His family of nine was broken up and scattered in three different in an uninhabitable tiny attic room without water, lights, gas or toilet. He was swindled by an unscrupulous

his meager savings for the promise of an apartment which he never got. He was then ordered to move, and threatened when he refused. Final-

resolutions, letters, financial con- material values: his four youngest tributions, placing collection cans in children burned alive-caught in a their stores, circulating collection trap from which there was no es-AN ACCIDENT? Was this an accident, for which no one was to blame, as the state's attorney declared to the jury? An act of God? No! It was no acci-

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dent. His landlord had threatened fire if Hickman did not move. At the coroner's inquest, evidence of arson was introduced. Coleman, the landlord, admitted before he died, his life as a share-cropper in Mis- that he had set the fire. Even if he did not, was it really an accident?

Was it an accident that the Hickmans were compelled to live in this man-trap? Or was it because the government, under orders from the real estate interests, refused to build homes for the needy?

Was it an accident that there was no fire escape, no fire extinguisher. no water, no protection whatsoever? Or was it because of a greedy landlord and public officials who permit these inhuman profiteers to violate all of the fire and health ordinances

Was it an accident that the Hickmans were compelled to find shelter within the confines of the horrible slums of the black ghetto? Or was it because of racial segregation and restrictive covenants fostered by real estate interests, supported by the legislatures which refuse to outlaw these practices and upheld by the courts?

No, it was no accident. No more than the fiery death of dozens of other human beings in Chicago in the past year. And, if these condiplaces, and finally brought together | tions are not remedied, there will be many more such "acidents,"

> That is why the people rushed to the defense of James Hickman; They did not justify his action in killing the landlord, but neither did they blame him. They understood that he was driven to this deed out of desperation and despair, and they knew that the real criminals had not been indicted. Many of them said, as Willard Motley did, "..... perhaps I too, or almost any other man, would have done the same thing as he had done, given the same circumstances."

They did not want the state to persecute Hickman any further, they wanted him to be permitted to return to his family, so that he might try to recover some measure of peace and happiness. Above all, they wanted to expose and indict those guilty of the social crimes which led to this tragedy, and to demand justice for the millions of underprivileged. END THESE CRIMES The Hickman case has drawn to a conclusion. If our campaign has done nothing more than win liberty for Mr. Hickman, it has been worthwhile. But we hope it has done more than that. We hope it has served to indict the powers that be for crimes against the people, in refusing to stay on, the fight we're going to provide adequate and safe housing continue until we end this crazy and in herding the Negro people insystem. The SWP is the party to Nazi-like ghettos that breed whose every thought and action : disease, misery and death. designed to hasten the day when We hope that our campaign will the working class and all of society will enjoy real social justice help bring about a powerful moveand all the fruits of socialism. Small ment that will put an end to these wonder the capitalist-class governoutrages so that working men like ment calls the SWP "subversive"! James Hickman and their families S. T. may live out their lives in peace,

# 'Expanding" the Bill of Rights

Some of the Big Business newspapers last week managed to find a few odd inches space amid their attacks on labor, denunciations of "reds" and reports of last quarter dividends, to "commemorate" Bill of Rights Day, Dec. 14.

The New York Times, daily mouthpiece for the House of Morgan, ran a three paragraph editorial in its usual oracular style. It says the Bill of Rights is endangered-in Russia. It must be defended-from Russia.

You'd never think, from the Times, that 14 million Negro Americans still have second-class citizenship. You wouldn't know there's a Taft-Hartley Law. You'd never suspect that Truman and Congress are whipping up a red scare and trying to put over thought-control in this country.

Nevertheless the Times is all for the Bill of Rights. In fact, it thinks the Bill of Rights should be "expanded." Not to strengthen freedom of speech, a free press and the righ of assembly, however. The Times says:

"Other freedoms, vaguely recognized before but never fully enforced, are being worked out in France and Italy, including

the basic 'right to work,' which Left-Wing leaders have tried to deny. It is not likely that the United States, the very pillared citadel of liberty, will lag behind." The Times forgot to mention Greece.

We know this "freedom" the French, Italian and Greek rulers have decreed. In France, it is a "shoot-to-kill" order to troops against strikers. In Italy, it is rubber truncheons, clubbed rifles and grenades against strikers. In Greece it is the death penalty for strikers.

By the "right to work," the Times doesn't mean the right to employment. It doesn't mean that a boss can't fire a union man. It doesn't mean that a boss must hire Negro workers. It means the "right" to scab.

In short, the Times defends the "right" of a strikebreaker to steal an honest worker's job, to smash his union, undercut his pay.

First the ISY members distributed sentative took the floor at a pane

to conduct this campaign. To all who made this tremendous success possible—our thanks. Special Attention - Reading

## J. S. Imperialism in Panama

ism!" is sounding in Panama. The people of the tiny Central American country through which the Panama Canal passes are aroused over an "agreement" cooked up between the State Department and the servile Panamanian government granting Washington longterm leases on 14 military bases used during World War II.

Upon announcement of the "agreement," Panama's Foreign Minister, Ricardo J. Alfaro, resigned, scoring the "unjustified demands" made by Washington. News of the deal entrenching U.S. armed forces in 14 separate areas in Panama besides the 10-mile. wide Canal Zone, at once touched off wide indignation.

National Institute students called for a protest rally before the National Assembly Building as that body met to consider ratification. When the students paraded, Interior Minister Filos, a Washington puppet, set the police in action. According to a Social-

The cry, "Down with Yankee imperial- ist Party member of the Assembly, Jose Brower, the police besides using tear gas fired pistols at women and children.

Some 33 were injured, one student receiving a bullet wound in the spine. Twentyfive arrests were made and five teachers were given 30-day sentences on undisclosed charges.

Washington's record in Panama is one of ruthless imperialism. Panama was once part of Columbia. When the Colombian Senate refused to ratify a treaty granting Washington perpetual control of a zone in which to dig the Canal, a "revolution" was engineered under Theodore Roosevelt's administration, setting up Panama as a separate country with a puppet government that at once met Washington's demands.

The present "agreement" imposed by the State Department clearly continues that imperialist policy. Formal recognition of the entrenchment of U.S. armed forces in Panama simply brings the record up to date.

### **Negro Unemployment Rising**

In the present period of so-called pros- dred white workers are unemployed to nine perity and full employment twice as many Negro as white workers are unemployed. This alarming unemployment in the Negro community is but a foretaste of the mass unemployment and hunger that Wall Street has in store for the Negro people in the coming depression.

Figures released by the National Council for a Permanent Fair Employment Practice Committee show that while unemployment on a nation-wide basis has declined, the proportion of Negroes without jobs has increased since 1940. Thus in New York City unemployment among Negroes is 63% higher than among white workers. In Chicago two out of every hundred white workers are unemployed while seven out of every hundred Negro workers are jobless.

In the South where the Jim Crow system attains its full viciousness the figures are naturally higher. In the Norfolk-Portsmouth-Newport News area of Virginia 350% more Negro workers than white are deprived of work; that is, two out of every hun-

out of every hundred Negro workers. In Atlanta Negro unemployment is 1000% greater than white. This shows that even in periods of peak

production the Negro people suffer from economic discrimination which threatens their very right to live. "Last to be hired and first to be fired" still holds in the bosses' rule book.

The above figures show the pressing need for immediate action to mobilize the Negro people and the labor movement behind the drive for legislation to end discrimination in industry. The best time to act on this is now -not when the coming depression has already arrived and mass unemployment sets in. The way to act on this is through an aggressive political struggle against both capitalist parties in Washington, which share equally in the responsibility for killing the wartime Fair Employment Practices Committee and preventing establishment of a permanent FEPC with the power to really stamp out industrial Jim Crow.

meeting on universal military train-Editor: ng and began to speak against capitalist militarism. After he was expelled from the hall by the adults who really ran the forum, another got the floor. This time pressure

forced the chairman to take a vote on the speaker's right to continue; about 40% voted in his favor. Then the adult goon squad expelled him By the time the meeting was over

he ISY had prepared and distriuted a leaflet protesting the expulsions. Many of the youth present expressed their sympathy with the ISY's vigorous and efficient behav-

Hitler, when he was seeking power, stated over and over that he intended to preserve and defend the capitalist profit system, and he did. Henry Wallace has made the same statement several times to my knowledge. Yet William Z. Foster, head of the Communist Party, would support Wallace for President. But a real true militant socialist will not be deceived into fighting for any- How Trotskyism

thing short of a cooperative commonwealth administered by the democratic control (and ownership) of the workers.

In the Dec. 8 Militant James P.

### **REUTHERITES PUSH FOR LOCAL** COMPLIANCE WITH TAFT ACT

DETROIT, Dec. 16 - Continuing to buckle under before the anti-union attack of Big Business and the government, the Reuther machine at Ford UAW. Local 400 last Saturday carried a membership meeting attended by less than 300 and instructed the local's officers to sign the Taft-Hartley "yellow dog" affidavits. to capitulation had not organized

The opposition to this move well to bring supporters to the was strong, and discussion last- meeting. The vote against the moed almost an hour. Fully one- tion therefore reflected a strong third of those present were opposed to signing the oaths, oaths explained that compliance with a large number of the Reu- would further handcuff labor and therite followers abstaining and that the law was designed as one some even speaking against the of the most detrimental pieces of motion.

And all this - despite the fact | Reuther supporters, led by Kenneth that the motion on the floor was Bannon, the newly appointed head made under the guise that all local union officers were instructed to demanded compliance under the sign by the UAW national conven- guise of the national convention tion!

Actually, of course, the UAW con- signing the oath at this plant would vention did nothing of the sort. accomplish anything for the mem-Under the guise of helping "weak" bership. locals, the Reuther machine had instructed the incoming national of- ever, still refuse to sign. They have ficers and executive board members to sign. But there was no provision in this attitude, they will be thrown their class. ordering local union officers to do out of the union.

### STRONG SENTIMENT

This move capitulating to the Motor Company in this plant has Tom Mooney and Warren Billings Taft-Hartley Act was made easier started a systematic campaign of the Haymarket Martyrs, the Minbecause two of the spokesmen opposed to signing the oaths are taint- of the local is in the hands of the ed by the speed-up policies followed Reutherites, a sizable organized opby the Communist Party during the position to "labor-management cowar. Furthermore the opponents operation" remains.

on Page 6 the one about the labo fakers getting ready to support capitalist politicians in 1948 is tops. As a member of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, I am going to send President A. F. Whitney a copy of this issue and ask him to read the article by Cannon.

> A Railroad Worker Minnesota

> > Australia

ation.

### Came to Australia Editor:

In April, 1933, a member of a local dissident Stalinist group received a copy of The Militant-organ of the Communist League of America (Left Opposition). This single copy of The Militant was responsible for the introduction of Trotskyism into Australian politics.

Contact was established with the Communist League of America and a file of The Militant back to 1931 was sent to Australia. We still treasure that file.

Ever since The Militant has arived regularly. It has acted as an invaluable guide to Australian Marxists. May it continue to grow! N. Origlass

The opponents to signing the No Wonder SWP Is On Blacklist Editor:

So the U.S. Attorney General has legislation ever passed in the U.S. added the Socialist Workers Party to the list of subversive organizations. The SWP has nothing, absoof the Ford division of the UAW. lutely nothing to be ashamed of! Which side are we on? It's a darm cinch we're not on the side of Tom ruling. They did not show how Clark, the NAM, the venal boss press, the professional "pay-triots' of the American Legion, the corrupt capitalist parties of the Demo-

crats and the Republicans, and the labor misleaders who haven't got been warned that if they persist the guts to stand up and fight for

The side we're on is the side of Hand-in-hand with the campaign Sacco and Vanzetti, Joe Hill, Wesley to housebreak the union through the Taft-Hartley Law, the Ford Everett, Gene Debs, Bill Haywood

Two officers of the local, how-

speed-up. Although the leadership neapolis 18 and the countless numbers of lesser known victims of capitalist class brutality, Negro and

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### Diary of a Steel Worker

on the calendar.

and the visitor leaving the shadowed porch says,

You see stacks of toys dumped into provoking dis-

lighted with strings of colored bulbs, sponsored by

But where is the peace, where the good will?

Peace on earth, good will to men!

him used to this age of violence.

the Merchants' Association.

from buyer to seller.

The Negro Struggle-

## The Christmas Spirit

### By Theodore Kovalesky

You hear it in the frosty bells and in the crunching You've read the books and papers and ads. Where snow. The sugary carols seeping through your radio is the peace and good will? proclaim it, the newspapers ad-There is none. There is no peace and pathetically



"Merry Christmas."

vertise it, and the store windows little good will. glisten with it. A sick woman leaves a hospital after a long Once again the wheel of time illness and stands weakly before a desk, a hospital has swung around to December clerk berating her for her inability to pay her bill

and the age-old merrymaking that in full. clusters about the red-lettered "25" A corporation executive snorts, "Let them strike, damn them! We'll use the Taft-Hartley Act to the There is still time for laughter, limit!"

still a little time left for holiday A well known speaker gets up and explains to the spirit, still a little room to dance on the edge of Rotary Club why "we" should use the atomic bomb the cliff above the hellish pit of war and reaction. on the Soviet Union.

The federal government launches a sweeping purge At hight you see through the windows of the broken houses the tinkling melody of colored lights to fire any of its employes who have "dangerous strewn over the Christmas trees. A dark door opens, thoughts.

The Wall Street imperialists reach the fingers of their government in Washington deep into the pockets You pass the department store windows in a of the American workers to finance arms and aid glare of light. You look at the statued forms of for European fascists and reactionaries to use in women in soft furs, children in warm snow suits. defeating the European workers.

"Peace on earth, good will to men," murmur play, wonderful little electric trains, mechanical toys the preachers, and the echo of their pious voices to teach the child to become useful with his hands, is taken up by advertisers, senators, mayors, generals, books to exercise his young mind, and guns to get newspaper publishers and capitalists in honor of the legendary birthday of a man who said, "It is On every corner clanging their monotonous bells harder for a rich man to get into the kingdom of shiver the tired Santa Clauses with their open pots heaven than for a camel to pass through the eye yawning for coins. The downtown streets are gaily of needle," and who was lynched for his radicalism.

Peace on earth, good will to men. . . . Only one force on earth will realize that aim. Those who take a day off each year from their warmongering to Everywhere you see the glitter of commerce, the preach peace and good will will never do it. Only packed windows beckoning the buyers. From the the working class can bring this peace. We call soft-spoken good taste of the most expensive jeweler it Socialism, the society of peace and plenty, of good in the city to the tobacco-chewing loudmouth who will and cooperation between all men, for the good hollers at his customers in a lot filled with bound-up of all men.

Only Socialism will bring peace on , earth. And pines and firs, there is only the passage of money only you and your brothers will bring Socialism. You have heard the bells and the Christmas carols. Merry Christmas!

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# THE MILITANT

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# Murray Pleads for Joint Action As Taft Act Deals Double Blow



nsey-Montgomery for the Economic Outlook, CIO

This chart from the November CIO Economic Outlook shows statistically what every worker already knows from experience-that price rises have far out stripped wage boosts. Federated Pictures

name of a militant organization always the danger of fascism, which will strike at you belong to, included on some the American Negro as ruthlessly as it did at the political black list handed out in Washington. If German and European Jew.

Let Us Subvert Jim Crow

– By Albert Parker –

Do you want to overthrow the vicious Jim Crow Of course there is more involved here than the

miliation, insult and violence by have much choice. It's either fight or resign yourself

system? Do you want to destroy the century-old question of tradition. The struggle against Jim Crow

pattern of segregation, discrimination, abuse, hu- is a matter of necessity. The Negro people do not

or something worse

things, and to withdraw from the fight against capi- great educational significance. talist oppression. That would please the White House and Congress and the Department of Justice very Negro struggle. It thus disproves the theory, acmuch; the main aim of their blacklists is to scare cented by many Negro leaders, that the government and intimidate people into deserting the fight for is "impartial" in the fight between the pro- and a, better world. It would also please the Ku Klux anti-Jim Crow forces. That is, the struggle for Klan and Rankin and all the other avowed enemies full Negro emancipation is a struggle against the of the Negro people.

to be cowed into silence and inactivity. If they did, fight. To win it, the Negro people must work out they would be unworthy of the fighting traditions a political program aimed at ending the political of Nat Turner, Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglass power of the capitalist class and its two Jim Crow and the thousands of others who, in their day, were parties. The sooner that is recognized, the sooner denounced as subversive and disloyal to slavery. the fight will be won.

which Negro people are "kept in to the status of permanent second-class citizenship; their place"? Are you ready to there is no in-between. And conditions don't stand fight to the death for equal rights? still; if they don't get better, which is possible only If your answer is yes, don't be as the result of militancy, then they get worse. If surprised to find your name, or the capitalism isn't replaced by socialism, then there is

your answer is yes, then you can expect to be de- So the struggle will go on, despite blacklists, witch nounced as a "subversive" and accused of "disloyalty," hunts, thought control, etc. The question is - how to make the struggle most effective? And in this

Some people are liable to be frightened by such connection the very issuance of the blacklist has One of its aims is to discourage and weaken the

government too.

Most Negro militants, we believe, are not going In other words, the fight for equality is a political

11 times as many laborers die of tuberculosis

# **CIO and Liberal Groups** Hit Government Blacklist

blacklist of so-called "subver- Clark. sive" organizations, which included the Socialist Workers CLARK'S YARDSTICK Party.

The CIO News, in an article be the yardstick for what was "subby its editor, Allen L. Swim, versive." condemned Clark's action as a basic civil rights."

"It was a foolish thing to do belovalty'," says the CIO News. "It was a cruel thing to do because the organizations were 'black- tees and therefore un-American."

listed' without being given an op-

Widespread labor and lib-rights of the Nazi defendants in munist (Stalinist) Party was barred eral protest has been aroused the postwar trials had been respect- from speaking at New York's City by Attorney General Clark's ed more than those of the allegedly College on the grounds that his subversive groups blacklisted by party was on the "subversive" blacklist. Other universities took similar

over the meaning of 'subversive' and employes for alleged subversive its annual Lenin meeting. views as acts that "are themselves

violations of constitutional guaran-

As Washington aimed double blows with the Taft-Hartley Act club at labor's economic and political rights, CIO President Philip Murray addressed another appeal to AFL President William Green for joint AFL-CIO action.

Murray's letter, published + "(1) The general counsel of the in the Dec. 8 CIO News, NLRB has practically authorized voiced "the urgent desire of employers to engage "investigators" our affiliated unions and their who would ascertain whether unions members to join with the AFL for are engaging in unfair labor practhe purpose of taking immediate tices within the provisions of the steps to defeat the attempts of re- Taft - Hartley Act. This simply actionary forces to undermine and means the reinstitution of the abuse weaken the labor movement." of employer-paid spies within the

UNDERSCORE NEED

dog" oaths.

The facts cited by Murray not

the idea that the unions can "live

with" the Slave Labor Law if the

The CIO News reports that the

CIO Southern Organizing Commit-

tee "has been organizing plants and

building unions without the help of

the NLRB." If a company questions

the union's majority, the CIO re-

quests a card check by some third

agency—"anyone but the NLRB."

Where employers still balk, "a

strike or threat of a strike is ne-

cessary to convince managemen'

Van A. Bittner, head of the Ca

Organizing Drive, states: "The

The CIO appeal was issued in the labor movement. "(2) The brutal law of injuncweek that the National Labor Relations Board pressed major attacks tions in labor disputes has been on collective bargaining rights and completely revived by the NLRB and its general counsel. union security. "(3) Several complaints that had

In its Remington-Rand ruling, the NLRB brazenly incited employ- been issued by the NLRB against ers of more than 3,000,000 union both AFL and CIO unions reveal members to tear up existing union an interpretation of the T-H Act. contracts. It stated, in effect, that which would practically eliminate national unions which refuse to the right of workers to strike even sign degrading "yellow dog" oaths though engaged in a dispute involvhave no legal collective bargaining ing basic seconomic demands." rights

NLRB General Counsel Robert Denham, in a speech before the only underscore the need for joint National Association of Manufac- labor action, but further disprove turers, declared in advance of an NLRB hearing that he supported the Big Business publishers who are union leaders merely sign "yelfow trying to force the AFL International Typegraphical Union to sign an open-shop contract in violation

of their long-recognized closed shop policy.

He threatened employers who agree to contracts that seek to evade various restraints in the 'Taft-Hartley Act and assailed any "appeasement" of labor. He made it celar that the NLRB will actively and aggressively enforce every feature of the Slave Labor Law.

### DRIVE AGAINST LABOR

These government assaults on colbeautiful thing about the new prolective bargaining and union secedure is that we are building uncurity are now accompanied by a ions not merely winning elections." developing drive against labor's po-"Even the international unions licital rights. that are qualified under the Taft-The Dec. 15 CIO News reports Hartley Act," says the CIO News,

that G-men of the Federal Bureau "are fighting shy of NLRB elecof Investigation (FBI) have twice tions. It takes too long, calls for In Hartford the Connecticut quizzed Philip Murray and Allen L. the services of too many attorneys State Youth Conference has been Swim, CIO News editor, on the and complicates what should be a refused the rental of a hall for its CIO's challenge of the Taft-Hartley fairly simple proposition-pan ex-The government - inspired red annual convention because it was ban on the use of union funds in pression from the workers whether 'purge'' list and "trampling on scare was also protested by the on Clark's blacklist. Similarly Madi- federal election campaigns. Last they do or do not want union rep-Council of Methodist Bishops. The son Square Garden has informed summer the CIO News, defying the resentation." Council adopted a resolution con- the Stalinist Party that the Gar- Taft Act, supported the Democratic Those union leaders who nibble at cause there is wide disagreement demning the firing of government den is "not available" this year for candidate in the July 14 special the "anti-communist" bait of the

Congressional election in Baltimore. Taft oaths and the alleged "bene-Murray's letter to Green cites fits" of the NLRB are helping to other dangerous threats to the AFL spring a death trap on the entire labor movement.

Clark's personal opinion seemed to

the Brooklyn Navy Yard for more The drive against civil liberties

action as college presidents and deans goosestepped into line in the The Guild also asserted that thought-control campaign.

NAVY STANDARDS

George Gorchoff, a machinist in and CIO from the NLRB.

\* Estimated

### By Grace Carlson

**Tuberculosis:** The Dread Killer

Did You Get Your \$3,458?

By Art Preis

"Protect Your Home From Tuberculosis" is the chief slogan of the 1947 Christmas Seal campaign. Carried on by the National Tuberculosis Association,

er's Chances of Dying from Tuberculosis":

2 times as many farmers die of tuberculosis as

4 times as many bakers die of tuberculosis as

4 tmes as many plumbers die of tuberculosis as

5 times as many truck drivers die of tuberculosis

7 times as many miners die of tuberculosis as

9 times as many waiters die of tuberculosis as'

Now Enjoys Record Peacetime Era of Prosperity."

Those tickets sell high today. In fact, too high for



do bankers

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do bankers.

Prosperity Express.

ing at June 1947 prices.

as do bankers.

as do bankers. The big majority of the farmers, bakers, plumbers, the Christmas Seal campaign is truck drivers, miners, waiters and laborers who die

used to raise funds to educate from tuberculosis each year are young people. Bepeople about the cause and cure tween the ages of 15 and 44, tuberculosis causes more of the dread killer, tuberculosis. deaths than any other disease. The disease is the seventh But it is not easy for workers cause of death in the United States today.

to protect their homes from tu-But tuberculosis is a preventable disease. No one berculosis. Living in crowded, should die of tuberculosis in 1947 when medical poorly-heated homes, wearing in- science has perfected so many techniques for treating TB patients. Unfortunately, the doctors, who adequate clothing, eating insuf- know so much about how to cure tuberculosis, don't ficient amounts of the protective know how to prevent it. Of course, they know that foods, workers and their children are an easy prey tuberculosis is a disease of poverty. Of course, they for tuberculosis germs. The National Tuberculosis know that society must wipe out poverty if we want Association shows us the tragic end-results of these to wipe out tuberculosis. But that's as far as mediterrible living conditions in a table called, "The Work- cal scientists can go.

Dr. H. E. Kleinschmidt, Educational Director of the Tuberculosis Association, said recently, "Tuberculosis is only one of the evils growing out of greed and social injustice, but it alone is enough to justify zealous crusading for the day when every family will be assured a decent standard of living."

The Socialist Workers Party would welcome Dr. Kleinschmidt and all other Tuberculosis Association leaders into our ranks in order to crusade "for the day when every family will be assured a decent standard of living." They are putting up a valiant fight against tuberculosis, but that isn't enough. The main enemy is Capitalism!

portunity to attempt to establish took on renewed energy following Local 556, International Association Clark's publication of the blacktheir innocence.

"And it was a dangerous thing list. A wave of suppression hit the to do, because democracy is threat- colleges as speakers appealing con- brought out the sinister standards encd when the head of a govern- tempt of Congress citations were mental agency is compelled to as- banned from speaking.

sume the role of investigator, prose-Howard Fast, well known novelist, cutor, judge and jury." was prevented from addressing a The National Lawyers Guild student club at Columbia. Arnold pointed out that even the civil Johnson, an official of the Com-

# **Need for Labor Party Debated in Cleveland**

### **By George Tobin**

CLEVELAND, Dec. 12-Labor's need for a political party of its own was discussed at CIO Hall tonight, in a debate arranged by the UAW Cleveland Council on Education.

The affirmative was taken ests to win. "We can rule the by Anthony Pirc, president of United States, if the laboring people UAW Local 337 and chairman of get together and quit fighting the 32nd Ward Political Action among themselves." Unity with the Committee. He was assisted by AFL is necessary, he said, before Lucille, Clifford of UAW Local 363. a Labor Party can be started.

The negative side was given by Alex In his rebuttal Pirc pointed out Tuma of UAW Local 474 and Lester that only seven out of 90 labor-Hupp of UAW Local 70.

endorsed Congressmen voted against Pirc began by saying that the Truman's bill to conscript the rail Taft-Hartley Act is the result of road workers and break their strike the bankrupt policy of "rewarding last year. "Voting for Democratic your friends and defeating your or Republican politicians," said he, enemies." The Democratic Party "is like voting for a company man as well as the Republican Party is running for union president."

Democratic administration which Many questions were asked by lifted price ceilings, threatened to the audience after the debate. Most conscript the railroad strikers and common was fear that a labor party West speaking tour in Januinvoked injunctions and fines would "split the progressive vote." against the miners. "Truman and One worker said he thought the Socialist Workers Party. His Taft are both strike-breakers," said workers could take over the Demo-Pirc, who advocated running inde- cratic Party in the primaries. In pendent labor candidates by the reply, Pirc showed that the Demo- for Power in Europe."

now is not the time for it. The American people are not interested evil in office each time.

Only 21% of Cleveland CIO mem-Hupp, who thought that this lack Party, seven against, and many on any Labor Party. A third party, be discussed more widely among vote and allow big moneyed inter- ing year.

subversive beliefs. His appeal has employed by the government for purging federal employes.

> The Navy made public its official instructions for the witch 'specific criteria" were the follow-

"You frequently visited in 1945 and 1946 with Mr. ...., your brother - in - law, who constantly followed the announcement chine, claimed "the Milwaukee metpraises the Communistic form of that the remaining feeble ropolitan area is too big to function government and with whom you horse-traders of the once-pow- without a liberally-inclined endorsso frequently associate that it sug- erful Socialist Party of Mil- ing vehicle in so-called non-partisan gests you likewise advocate Com- waukee have set up endorsement elections." Without this "demomunism." Another sample charge machinery in alliance with capitalist cratically inclined committee to reads: "You have advocated the interests. Russian form of government in

own home."

'subversive" beliefs make plain the a so-called Municipal Enterprise herent philosophy of government." degree to which civil rights are Committee. This will function as being violated as well as the Ges- an endorsing vehicle for SP canditapo methods of spying on families dates and their capitalist allies. Zeidler, last remaining hopeful

and homes which the Truman administration is employing. of the dying SP office-holders ma-

# Hansen to Tour Midwest **On "Struggle for Europe"**

News Editor of The Militant, is scheduled to make a Midary under the auspices of the subject will be "The Struggle

PAC and the formation of a na- cratic Party has kicked out Wallace The tour will include West Virand all the other "liberals" from its ginia, Pittsburgh, Youngstown, Ak-Tuma said that he "would like councils, and is no more progressive ron, Cleveland, Toledo, Chicago, to see a Labor Party some day, but the Deputitions the Republicans. falo.

"We have got to build a political The topic he will discuss is a timein a Labor Party." Lucille Clifford movement that we own and con- ly one. The recent wave of strikes replied by asking, "When will be trol," said Pirc. "Workers responded in France and Italy drew world atthe time?" She said that the labor with real enthusiasm when we ran tention to the "cold" war now being novement, trying to see which is an independent labor candidate in waged in Europe between Anglothe lesser of two evils at the polls, the De Vito campaign last fall. American imperialism and the has ended up by getting the greater Workers don't trust the boss, and Kremlin bureaucracy. they don't trust boss candidates."

The mounting impatience of the After the discussion a vote among European workers over the inability

aims and the Marshall Plan fit into the struggle for power in Europe. during peace can have colossal consequences not only for Europe but Hansen will speak will be an-Exact dates and places where said he, would split the progressive militant workers here in the com- for America and the entire world. nounced in coming issues of The Hansen will discuss how Stalin's Militant.

Local 556, International Association of Machinists, was fired for alleged subversive beliefs. His anneal has **Boulton for Mayor** 

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 9 - James E. Boulton, a founding hunt. Included was a sample case member and organizer of the Socialist Workers Party branch to guide purgers. Among the model here, will run as the Trotskyist candidate for mayor in the spring non-partisan primary. The SWP candidate is an industrial worker with a splendid record of labor militancy.

His nomination as an independent working-class candidate

construct a municipal platform and The SP politicians under the lead, to endorse or draft candidates and

many social gatherings within your ership of Frank Zeidler, School to support them, no body of men Board member, have joined with and women can be elected to public The above rules for determining liberal capitalist politicians to form office with a constructive or co-

> The Milwaukee SWP answered with a statement, that said in part: "The SWP, in the belief that thousands of Milwaukee workers desire a genuine socialist candidate selected and endorsed by, and respon-

sible to the Party, has endorsed James E. Boulton, 1951 N. 19th St., who will enter his candidacy in the spring mayoralty primary.

"Under the leadership of Frank Zeidler the Socialist Party politicians have abandoned the last semblance of principle in a desperate effort to collect votes that may enable them to follow in the footsteps of deserters like Andrew Biemiller, Dan Hoan, John Brophy and others who have gone over to the boss political parties.

"Control over candidates was the last principle that the decrepit and disintegrating Socialist Party had clung to for several decades. It alone was salvaged from the rich socialist past of the party of Eugene V. Debs. Today, in an obvious capitulation to the Milwaukee Journal and its influence over votes, this last vestige of principled socialist conduct has been sacrificed by Frank Zeicler and his 'comrades'."

READ JOSEPH HANSEN -- 6



tional Labor Party.

bers voted in the last election, said the audience showed 16 for a Labor of the "Big Four" to forge an enof interest in politics would doom the fence. The subject will surely



trying to stretch that non-Sanforized (shrinkage work 52 weeks a year. Of course, there are farm higher than government standards) dollar. We can't workers and laundry workers and millions of others, seem to scrape up enough cash to buy a ticket on this who receive far less-as little, in fact, as \$16 a week at the present 40-cent hourly minimum.

Now don't get any notions about the prosperity you about 80% of the American people. Because if you're will enjoy when you latch onto that "modest but adea husband and wife with two growing dependent quate" living standard the government says you need. children, you'd need "between \$3004 and \$3458 a year If the wife bought a heavy wool coat last year, she's to maintain a modest but adequate" standard of liv- still got to wait another three years to acquire that "new look." And hubby will have to wear another

It's sure peculiar how the newspapers and radio ures. They were submitted on Dec. 16 to the Senate-House economic subcommittee by the Bureau of Labor can pour out an ocean of prosperity and the people Statistics. They are based on a 2½-year study of can't seem to soak up a drop of it.

that we're eating too much-have to cut down on the steaks and turkey legs and pie crusts and eggs to leave \$3347; in Milwaukee, \$3317; in Boston, \$3310; in Detroit, \$3293; in Pittsburgh, \$3291; in Minneapolis, The same Bureau of Labor Statistics tells us that

average manufacturing pay today is about \$50 a week





Those are the government's own conservative fig- year's shine on last year's suit.

At this moment I'm trying to squeeze a little nourish- income of \$3458 a year in Washington, D. C.? We ment out of a recent Scripps-Howard headline: "U.S. could name a few hundred Senators and Congressmen who get more than four times that. But not many That's been Truman's theme-song in his periodic government clerks and blame few Negro workers who "Economic Report." He even told us a few weeks back form the bulk of the city's useful population. How many in Seattle earn \$3388; in New York,

If the American workers could feed their families living costs in the country's 34 largest cities. on "good times" propaganda, we'd all be mighty fat. How many today enjoy a "modest but adequate"

controlled by Big Business, he said, and pointed out that it was a MANY QUESTIONS

Joseph Hansen, Foreign\*