

fought each other bitterly, but in which neither side won definitive victories. The deadlock was broken in 1947-to the advantage of Big Business, which launched an offensive on all fronts. For labor been among the chief culprits in it was a year of confusion and questioning. The war between this orgy of speculation. They have the classes was far from settled and labor's ranks were as strong and numerous as ever. But important battles had been and line their own pockets with big lost during this year, some by default. And for the time being profits in the process. the initiative clearly lay with the employers and their political

agents. The main lines of bi-partisan capitalist policy were expressed in (1) the Truman Doctrine, supplemented by the Marshall iberately shielding the big specu-Plan and the proposed European Recovery Program, designed to lay the ground for war with the Soviet Union and to promote Wall Street's domination of the world, and (2) the Taft-Hartley Slave Labor Act, designed to put labor "in its place" | names, Secretary of Agriculture Anat home.

The Truman-Marshall Doctrine (whose effects abroad which is a masterpiece of subterare examined in Joseph Hansen's article on P. 3) was accom- intimation of the operations of govpanied by a series of carefully planned reactionary measures ernment "insiders." intended to whip up war hysteria and a red scare of unprecedented scope and fury.

Truman instituted thought control and a purge of government employes; the Taft-Hartley Act called for the signing of yellow-dog affidavits in an attempt to drive the "reds" out of 4,000 Attend the union leadership; the federal immigration authorities arrested and tried to deport a number of labor leaders; the House Mass Rally of IPP Un-American Committee arranged indictments and convictions of several Stalinists and their fellow travelers; Attorney Gen- In Los Angeles eral Clark issued a blacklist of "subversive" organizations; and vigilante mobs in different parts of the country violently broke

steadily upwards creating misery in Europe and driving down the living standards of American workers.

2. Top government officials have ben using government information to send the market skyrocketing

3. The Truman administration is working with frenzied energy to sit on the lid of the scandal. It is dellators whom it dubbed only a few months ago "gamblers" and "profiteers in human misery.' In response to a demand for

derson produced a list of speculators fuge and evasion. The list gave no

It was clear that Anderson had (Continued on Page 3)

ganizing work.

action that called for: bonus clause. 3) a single termination date for turn their bargaining rights over to By Al Lynn LOS ANGELES, Dec. 18all contracts in the auto industry. Over 4,000 attended a mass The "Statement of Policy" anrally called by the Committee nounces that "We have united for for the Independent Progres- all future struggles. General Motsive Party at the Shrine Audi- ors understands only one language -power. In unity there is

Group Shelves Price Curbs aft Food Price Index Soars to All-Time Record

Reprinted from the Guild Reporter, publication of the American Newspaper Guild (CIO), this headbusiness outs up the profit melon at the expense of labor.

Even Wholesalers Are Scared by \$1-a-Pound Butter

line montage sums up the present price-profit situation. Note the extra dividend declarations as big Federated Pictures

Five Rlint GM Locals Initiate

Drive for 25c Wage Boost

FLINT, Mich., Dec. 21-Five GM Local Union Presidents, representing over 50,000 has already spent 15 billions since workers in General Motors met today and released a highly important "Statement of Pol-

icy.' Pointing out that "This conference unites the GM local presidents for the first time in the history of the Flint Auto Lo." present GM contract and its "de- signed by Joe Beiry, President of these toppled Fundamentations that would cals," the five presidents issued testable bargaining procedure." Buick Local 599, Robert Carter, Demanding the abolition of the President of AC Sparkplug Local a fighting 3-point program of present Umpire system the Presi- 651, Larry Finnin, President of Lo-1) 25-cent hourly wage increase dents point out that "the umpire cal 531, Jack Palmer, President of and a sliding scale cost-of-living system is not impartial, workable, Chevrolet Local 651, and Billy Conor satisfactory in any way, shape or nally, President of Fisher Body Lo-2) revision of the GM contract. form. Why should 200,000 workers cal 598.

\* \* \* But Washington wants to do more This Statement of Policy, inently quoted by both the Detroit and Flint daily papers, found immediate response from militants strengthen the capitalist regimes so now on. Having in mind the bad experithroughout the union. The actions that they can firmly resist the opof the Briggs and Budd Locals are position of the toiling masses. That reported elsewhere in this issue. And is why the ERP differs in important to give Washington a stranglehold their actions had repercussions in respects from the aid-to-Europeanthe top leadership. Asher Lauren,

Dino Grandi "led the Fascist Wall Street's plans to movement in the north and took part in the March achieve domination of Rome as chief of the Geter. Staff of the Quadrunvirato" and was a "member . . . of the Fas Coming a few days after the cist Party Organization 1021-2-24," states the official Bri

eign Ministers Conference in Who's Who. London, it marks an end, for the A United Press dispatch in next period at least, to any attempts Rome last week cynically repair at collaboration between Washinged that Grandi "was cleared ton and Moscow. There will be no an extraordinary court of more conferences or attempts to charges in connection with write peace treaties, Secretary of Fascist insurrection of 1 State Marshall announced, until when Benito Mussolini ser Washington has put into effect the power." ERP by which it hopes to bring Rus-

sia to terms. capitalism program carried out dur-The use of dollars to achieve iming the last two years. per alist aims is not a new policy In the past, Wall Street relied for the American capitalist class and or marily on Britain and Franco, its government. As Truman remindwhich got four and two billion doled Congress, the U.S. government lars respectively, to act as its agents in restoring European economy and the defeat of the 'Axis powers. in rehabilitating the capitalist gov-That sum of money did not sucernments. But Britain and France ceed in stablizing European capitthemselves in the throes of lism, but it did help to avert workresulting from war dov s a the breakdown of cautions have toppled European capitalism. unable to do the job, and the money The reactionary Italian Premier de spent on them made basely a dant Gasperi admitted in Rome the same inv that the ERP was presented to Congress: "If America had not helped us, no government would have survived the reaction of the unemployed and hungry workers."

the whole world.

collapse of the "Big Four" For-

Now Wall Street and Washington are stepping aggressively into murore to try to do the job themselves More and more Britain and Flance are pushed aside-as in the case of Greece, a British protectorate for

up meetings of the Communist Party and other organizations. The two capitalist parties worked together like a team against the working people, despite maneuvering on both sides to win votes in 1948. The Republican Congress and the Democratic White House clicked to attention and executed every (Continued on Page 2)

# Stop Waste of Funds, **NMU** Leaders Insist

NEW YORK Dec. 21- The on operating the Union above its General funds of the NMU income. They scraped the bottom of the barrel at the Nov. 15 payhave been completely milked roll and by Nov. 30 there was nothdry by a cynical bunch of Stal- ing there.

inist Union Officers or "Hacks" According to 'the Emergency Reas the seamen now call them. They port of Treasurer Stone published in have been unwilling to cut down the Pilot, official publication of the their huge patronage payroll, pad- Union, the current expenses of the ded during the war years, to conunion are about \$100,000 per month form to the lowered peacetime in- | larger than the income.

come of the Union. This is the sum and substance of a heated de- mined to run the Union into bank- already participated in the organibate which has been going on in ruptor, President Curran was forced zational work of the party. the Union ever since its national to bring the question to the mem-Convention.

After reading the Report of the Union at New York, Curran the Longshore Union went on record Treasurer M. Hedley Stone, the con- exposed the "hacks" and showed this week supporting the Independvention delegates instructed the that when confronted with the fact ent Progressive Party. Officials of Stalinist-controlled National Coun- that the Union was broke, the Stal- this union are already prominent in cil to cut its expenses to meet the inists, instead of cutting expenses, the leadership of the IPP. budget requirements. The "Hacks" cynically proposed to slap a morton the other hand had hoped that gage on the buildings of the NMU. the Convention would raise the dues payments. were forced to make some adjust-

Angered by the refusal of the ments in the budget. However, the Convention to make the member-Finance Committee, composed exship pay for their expensive maat \$90 per week each plus expenses, chine padding, the Majority group seems to have spent most of its of the National Council kept right

#### Like Asking Hogs **To Give Up Swill**

Congressmen are reimbursed for their traveling costs to and from Washington at the rate of 20 cents a mile, although regular train fare is 3.5 cents a mile. The recent special session of Congress cost the taxpayers \$222,000.

As the special session drew to a close last week, a proposal was made in the House that Congress "make a little sacrifice" at a time when the American peole are being asked to "make very considerable sacrifices" and give up their mileage allowances. The proposal was defeated 143 against, 27 for.

torium last night. strength." The audience heard Dr. Sidney Jones of the Chicago Independent IMMEDIATE INCREASE Progressive Party who polled 200,000

The Flint Presidents' meeting votes in the recent election. Eugene was called by Jack Palmer, newly Connelly of the American Labor installed president of Chevrolet Lo-Party of New York, and Dr. Francal 659, who released a statement to cis Townsend who has just come the press upon his installation to out in favor of the party. office, calling for "a substantial Over \$13,000 was collected for orand immediate cost-of-living wage increase." Robert Kenny, former State At-

The Flint program marks a big torney General refused to participate. Up to now he has gone along forward step in the UAW. For the with the various Stalinist front or- first time a segment of the auto ganizations. Several other local union leadership has put forward a politicians previously associated real solution to the inflationary have also refused to participate des- problem. In their statement the pite Stalinist pressure. There was Flint local presidents declare: much greater labor participation, "We know a wage increase in and however, than before. Over 40 of itself is only a partial answer to As the Stalinists seemed deter- unions in Los Angeles alone have our problem. The wage increase will form a base minimum. Under the new clause, wage increases will Over 150 delegates to the northern automatically be granted to cover bership. At the Dec. 1 meeting of California Regional Conference of every percentage price rise. This is the answer to galloping inflation

in our times." The Presidents' statement further

calls for drastic revision of the

any one man who doesn't under stand and is incapable of comprehending our problems?"

> ences of the Flint workers during the 1945 GM strike with Reuther's disastrous "one-at-a-time" strategy, the Presidents demand "A' single termination date for all contracts

in the auto industry." This statement of Policy was

Gravy Train Hitched Onto Marshall Plan The Marshall Plan includes few rich plums for Big Business

which aren't publicized in the press. The bill Truman submitted to Congress contains a provision that the U.S. government guarantee dollar-for-dollar private American investments in Western Europe, up to 5% of the total amount of the Marshall Plan. This guarantee applies to investments by U.S. corporations or foreign corporations in which

Americans own an interest. If Congress votes the full \$17 billion, this means the government could underwrite against loss \$850,000,000 in private corporation investments!!

labor writer of the Detroit News Reuther revealed that the 22-man executive board was being sum-

UPSET STRATEGY

"It was obvious that the locals had upset the national CIO's amount of their demands and winski, to concur in the wage struggles. He showed how wage in-launching the drive prematurely. "The national CIO's timetable dents of 5 UAW locals in Flint. more than wiped out by soaring had called for a meeting of leaders The proposal for a 25c an hour living costs; and pointed to the of its 'Big Four' unions after Jan. increase, with an automatic cost need of a new approach to the wage 1 to discuss wages and prices and of living adjustment to meet new problem, if the living standards of to formulate plans for a coordinated wage drive."

Readers will recail that identical tion of the full strength of the criticism was levelled at the GM union to achieve this program met nation date, so that all soldiers of with the enthusiastic response of strike in 1945-that it was premathe membership. ture and that it upset some secret In presenting the proposal, Tony national CIO strategy which nobody Czerwinski reviewed the experiences had ever heard of before. of the auto workers in past wage

over 100 years. and as in the case now than postpone the abolition of of Western Germany, where Washapitalism in Europe; it wants to ington will give the orders from

> Thus some of the main features of the proposed ERP are the provisions (Continued on Fage 4)

# reported on Dec. 22 as follows: "As the wage clamor spread, Walter P. Briggs Local Backs executive board was being sum-moned here Jan. 15 to discuss the Fint Wage Program

DETROIT, Mich. - In a membership meeting, Sunday, Dec. 21, Briggs Local 212 of the UAW-CIO voted overwhelmstrategy by making public the ingly in favor of the recommendation of President Tony Czer-

> increases in the cost of living, and the workers was to be maintained. for a uniform contract termination He stressed the need of ending the date to make possible the mobiliza- exhausting "one at a time" strategy and for a uniform contract termithe UAW army could go marching to battle together.

> Secretary-Treasurer Emil Mazey, present at this meeting of his home local union, spoke against the proposal and urged that no action be taken. He assured the membership that the top officers of the UAW were considering the problem and that the Research Department was preparing the necessary statistics. His proposal to delay action was effectively answered by both Czerwinski and Ernie Mazey, Executive Board member of Local 212 and demonstrated by the unions which worst personal defeats Emil Mazey

> Later in the meeting, the question of compliance with the Taft-NAM offensive. They have called margin. The opposition to comseveral days earlier with the aim of "undermining the red-baiting ever. Czerwinski put the question to the membership of sending the signed affidavits to the NLRB or

Step by step since V-J Day, Knudsen, a brazen lackey of the corporations. Labor is a "monopoly," / interests, but has in recent days, Act. And that has been destroyed. clusively of "hacks" and operating the National Association of wealthy interests, has redoubled his the NAM claims, when unions are so emerged as its main coordinator Now NAM propagandists are begin-Maufacturers has been push-favoring the rich. And Trumm's terms." Clamor to put the unions it plans to throw another \$3 million —the tax question.

energy in its 3-week meeting try- ing through a program to Treasury Department has suddenly under the anti- trust law has in- into the pots to promote a gigant c The correct way to mobilize labor brother of Emil. The vote of the ing to build up a hysteria in the ham-string the unions and found that a tax cut would "tend to creased. The NAM convention "selling campaign" to the American against the NAM assault has been membership represented one of the Union over the fact that the Union clear the road for the biggest dampen demands for wage in- called on the corporations to insist public. on local bargaining in future con-It has become increasingly easy to have refused to sign the Taft-Hart- has suffered in the 10-year history

foretell just what Congressional loy "yellow-dog" oath and are fight- of Local 212. The bosses are urged to make leaders will propose and push for ing tooth-and-claw against the

convention made this slave-driving mine established conditions in neg- simply reading the proposals eman- The program of the five UAW Hartley "loyalty" affidavits came otiations with the unicns. Wide- ating from the NAM. The NAM presidents of General Motors local before the body and after limited intensified pressure to impose the spread company propaganda among program has truly become the blue- in Flint points the way toward a discussion the motion to comply the workers is called for.

Campaigns of intimidation and timeservers work. reprisals against milliant workers Holcomb Parkes, NAM's Vice-pres- for an increase of twenty-five cents pliance was compromised from the Dre being organized. Company ident in charge of public relations per hour PLUS AUTOMATIC COST- start by the action of the local ofstooges are urged to take the lead proudly related his organization's OF-LIVING BONUSES to offset ris- ficers who had signed the affidavits in organizing bosses' factions with accomplishments since the end of ing prices.

in the unions. And Czar Denham of the war to the recent NAM conventhe Taft-Hartley Labor Board is tion. Parkes pointed out that the livbor candidates in Oakland, campaign." At the meeting, howworking hand-in-glove with the NAM saw three "roadblocks" to "per- Youngstewn, Flint, Chicago and bosses in their war against the manent prosperity" when it surveyed the nation after V-J day.

The NAM is not only the authen-"Roadblock No. 2" was the Wagner and Republican tools of the NAM. and the "yellow-dog" affidavits,

print from which the Congressional realistic wage strategy to meet the carried by approximately a 3 to 2

Campaigns to elect independent

eleswhere have pointed the way toward a correct political policy to tossing them into the waste basket. "Roadblock No. 1" was price control

-and the NAM removed that. clean out of office the Democratic He also sharply condemned the act

and harder" work. The recent NAM strong counter-demands to under- in future sessions of Congress by Slave Labor Act.

Exposed and held up to the anger of the membership, the Stalinists were forced to make some adjust-

workers.

creases. nual wage review. This committee profit grab in history.

Charles E. Wilson, General Motors tract negotiations. First on the NAM agenda was the president, has demanded "longer "created" the financial crisis in or- campaign to smash price controls. der to weaken the Union at the Democratic and Republican legislators alike jumped to their master's policy more specific by calling for

This lousy campaign doesn't im- command. OPA was knocked out press the seamen, for the simple and profits zoomed to an unprespeedup on the workers' and dereason that the facts and figures cedented \$17½ billion for 1947, while manding elimination of overtime pay after 40 hours from the Wago-

Al the Hour Act. Bills intended to riddle

glutted NAM clique, whose spokes-

men have publicly insisted that the

seamen cleaning house on the Stal- The press and radio are flooded with Industry-wide bargaining is under propaganda. Congressman heavy attack from the monopoly tic spokesman for the Big Business their

GIANT TAX STEAL

the NMU will undoubtedly see the are preparing a giant tax steal. against union wage demands.

are quite plain and unmistakable. the workers paid in reduced living It is only too obvious that the only standards. "crisis creating" has been done by Next came NAM's direct assault the Wage-Hour Act have already the Stalinists who have bled the on the unions. Again the capitalist been introduced in Congress. NMU white and were prepared to politicians snapped into action and | A year's moratorium on wage inrun the union into bankruptcy until the Taft-Hartley Slave Labor Law creases is demanded by the profit-Curran and Stone brought the issue came into being. to the rank and file.

is now in the midst of its semi-an-

claims that Curran and Stone

time of the wage review.

The coming national elections in Now the monopoly corporations government take a firm stand

#### PAGE TWO

### Great Decisions in France Still to Come Publishers Spearhead appeared to many workers not to be a situation to its advantage in Par-worth the vast sucrifices demanded liament, in the press, and on the some mines, work has still not been wages meet living costs are bound to By T. J. Peters

PARIS-France's vast wave of strikes lasting nearly a month ended on Dec. 9 when the Stalinist leadership of the General Confederation of Labor suddenly issued a general order to return to work on the government's terms. The latter included a vague commitment to raise the minimum wage in accordance with the increased cost of living; an immediate cost-of-living bonus of 1,500 francs per month; no wages to be paid for days on strike; a review of wage-price policy; and an "undertaking of no reprisals against strikers "except those found guilty of sabotage or restricting the Liberty to Work laws" recently passed by the National Assembly. The General Confederation of Labor officialdom had only the day before declared that no return to

work, would take place unless the of workers were no longer following new repressive laws were repealed, their lead. A decisive point in this in public effect. It was hardly surall arrested strikers amnestied, a respect was the refusal of the Paris minimum wage of 10,800 francs per subway workers to leave their jobs ers refused to be used in this fashmonth and an immediate cost-of- a few days previously, despite a forliving bonus of 2,500 francs granted, mal decision of their Stalinist-domwith wages to be reviewed for revi- inated unions for a complete stopsion in line with prices every three page.

months. Although the government like many other sections of labor, rethe CGT order to return to work fused to follow the Stalinist lead because they distrusted the objectives was clearly a capitulation.

The Stalinist leaders of the CGT of the leaders, who throughout the with a more or less avowed strike- were completely withdrawn. acted drastically when it became in- strike wave remained hesitant and breaking policy. The capitalist gov- The government wisely hastened strike movement are far from cet- a real hearing in France for the first creasingly clear that large bodies contsantly juggled slogans which ernment naturally exploited such to withdraw the troops, without tled. Inflation continues to rage and time-as a program for action.



THOREZ

resumed. That is also the case in give rise to new explosions. The of them. indio.

For most of the strike wave, the But the strike movement itself, some metal factories, where the capitalist class has won only a pyrr-Stalinist press featured the slogan in spite of the Stalinist attempt to workers held out against the vic- hic victory. Its economy is too feeble of a 25% wage increase, while the use it as a mere maneuver with timization of individual militants. to permit it to make genuine wage masses were most interested in ob- which to back up the foreign policy In some mine areas the coal-diggers concessions; the new American aid taining a solution where their wages of the Kremlin, was deep-rooted in rola ad to go back to work, declar- voted by Congress has practically would not tend to become constantly the genuine grievances of the work- ing the CGT order to be a govern- been swallowed up by the producswallowed up by rising prices. In ers. The three million strikers dis- ment fake. In one place, where they October the subway workers con-played a heroic combativity that were shown the local CP paper with ducted a very militant strike. They gave ample evidence of their power- the Luck-to-work order, the miners received a 1,800 franc per month ful will to revolutionary wictory. raise as a result, but the raise had In Marseilles, in St. Etienne, Be- issue of the paper had been counteralready been swallowed up by rising zieres, in numerous towns and vil- feited by the government. prices.

HARDLY SURPRISING

Throughout the month of struggle, the Stalinists tended to splinter their forces instead of unifying the communities. Numerous were trade union movement has been conthem. They boasted up to the last the instances of fraternization be- siderably weakened by its treacherminute that they had not issued a tween strikers and troops sent out ous tactics. The government, aided General Strike call. In reality they to put them down, and in many on the inside by the Jounaux reseemed to pursue a policy of calling instances even the regular police formists, and on the outside by the strikes in an industry, permitting forces were neutralized. In action them to bog down, and then calling the workers showed their clear as- to push through Parliament, is takpiration for a revolutionary settlement of the social conflict, for the prising when broad masses of workestablishment of a regime under their own control-a workers and farmers government.

The Stalinists bear the full blame SPIRIT CONTINUES

for the demoralization which led to Even after the order to return to the failure of the movement, for they had the responsibility of lead-spirit of the strikers continued to they had the responsibility of leadership. The reformists under Leon manifest itself. Miners and dock groping for a new solution, a new Jouhaux and his "Force Ouvriere" workers refused to return to work group in the CGT did their share before troops stationed at their jobs FAR FROM SETTLED

are said to have retorted that the lost a battle. The new repressive

lages, strikers fought police not only The situation may be summed to retain control of plants occupied up as follows: The strike wave has by them, but also to take possession failed of its immediate objectives. of public buildings and organize The biggest loser is the Stalinist their own control over the life of machine, whose control over the al factor.

new repressive laws it has been able ing advantage of this situation in order to consolidate the capitalists' positions. But the workers do not consider

themselves beaten. They have gone back to their jobs in a fighting

militant leadership The problems that called forth the isfaction. Trot kyism is thus gaining

# Same Old Company Tune

tion losses suffered in the strikes. The workers have not been beaten of employers in this country, the picket lines, lest they disturb into submission — they have only rewers won by the government in are far from eliminated as a politic-

The Internationalist Communist Party (Trotskyist) has made modest gains in the course of the strike wave. Its clear, revolutionary program and the exemplary combativity of its militants have won recruits, to the party directly from the strike committees, in the fire of the struggle itself.

Distinguishing itself from the reformist strikebreakers and their anarcho-syndicalist helpers, the PCI and its organ La Verite, have shown thousands of CP rank and file militants a genuine alternative to the Stalinist leadership which they have been following with growing dissat-

Unions have agreed to sign open shop contracts, the Newspaper Pub-

By Arthur Burch

Having passed the Taft-Hartley Law, Big Business is now proceeding in earnest with the next phase of its well prepared program to smash the labor unions. The American Newspaper Publishers Association, one of the most class conscious groups

has been chosen to spearhead their 33 year old policy of cooperatthis drive against labor. Tak- ing with the bosses. Even within the Assembly have still to stand a ing advantage of every legal the ITU itself, the mailers union serious test. The Stalinists, to be technicality, the ANPA, working in spermitted to scab on its sister sure, have been weakened in the im- concert with the regional and city- local on the flimsy excuse that its portant trade union field, but they wide publishers' organizations, have contract does not expire till Jan. 3. picked as their immediate target The blind leaders of the AFL the AFL International Typograph- have forgotten the very meaning ical Union which established many and purpose of unionism. They are years ago closed shop conditions in permitting the bosses to pick them off one at a time.

The AFL bureaucrats invoke the The publishers have brought dam- Taft-Hartley Slave Act as their age suits against the ITU and its alibi for scabbing. But even the affiliates; are harassing them with bosses' representatives in Congress anti-strike injunctions; have forced did not dare insert any provision hearings before the boss-ridden Na- that would force union members tional Labor Relations Board in to walk through a picket line.

Indianapolis; and are proceeding to entangle the unions in a web of **DANGEROUSLY WEAKENED** 

additional court proceedings. At Abiding by every minute detail the same time they hire scabs of this slave act has not saved the wherever possible, and have already union from being harassed by the succeeded by this means in forc- employer - controlled law courts. ing the ITU union in Allentown to What good is the testing of the consign a contract on their open shop stitutionality of the Taft-Hartley Law if in the meantime the studid By refusing to discuss wage in- leaders permit the unions to become creases until the Typographical dangerously weakened under the as-

sault of Big Business? The AFL leaders have forgotten lishers have forced the ITU Locals that trade unions were born in to strike in 12 cities. The owners struggle and that when unions were are continuing publication of their first built there were far more newspapers by means of photo-en- drastic anti-union laws in existence graved typewritten copy. In this than today. No boss - made law manner the six Chicago newspapers, could stop the workers from exercising their rights.

The ITU is today in the front lines of the fight against the Taftobtaining an injunction against the Hartley Slave Law. Its struggle will ITU from taking a strike vote at be immeasurably strengthened if the various printing crafts join insist that the union bargain with hands and fight the united and co-

# newspaper if a printed newspaper Santa Monica NAACP SANTA MONICA, Dec. 18 -Renewed support to the

struggle of the Santa Monica their determination to break the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People against discrimination in hiring at Sears store here was pledged at a meet-

The Ministerial Alliance, which

# **1947 -- Year of Setbacks** For American Labor

#### (Continued from Page 1)

command of Big Business . Their best gift to the employers was the Taft-Hartley Act, which organized labor and laid the basis wrung some concessions from the of a Labor Party. for smashing the unions. A majority of both Republicans and Demosured that it would pass anyway, Hartley Act. tried to restore his badly tarnished

Congress.

gift Big Business got from Wash- then pending Taft-Hartley Act. ington. Under the guidance of the COWARDLY LEADERS real estate lobbies, a bill permitting a 15% rent boost was pushed Truman. Portal-to-portal pay was union leaders gave a dozen signs While these organizations offer a passed by Congress and signed by promises with them. Truman.

Both parties refused to take nation-wide demonstrations warn-

they were provided with any kind | Hundreds of local unions went on of half-decent leadership, they ac- record for a Labor Party, and sevquitted themselves nobly. In the eral internationals called for a new spring the mine strike achieved a party too. It was estimated that real victory and the phone workers, over one-quarter of the union memimposed drastic legal restraints on relatively new to the ranks of labor, bers' favored immediate formation

powerful phone trust. The current

When the need of the day was ON DEFENSIVE

ITU strikes exemplify the readiness stincts and movements of the workerats in Congress voted for this bill of the workers to defend their work- ers were checked and counteracted although Truman, after being as- ing conditions in spite of the Taft- by the union bureaucrats. Silent now on the crimes of the strike-

Above all, the militancy of the breaker Truman and his Democratic reputation as a "liberal" by signing rank and file unionists was ex- Party, whom they propose to supa last-minute veto, over-ridden pressed in the mushrooming de- port in 1948, the labor leaders (inwith the aid of the Democrats in mand in all sections of the labor cluding the Stalinist bureaucrats) movement last spring for a 24-hour have exerted all their energies to This, however, was not the only general strike protest against the prevent the formation of a Labor

AFL, railroad and independent union But for every sign of the workers' leaders have established political through Congress and signed by readiness and desire to fight, their action bodies like the CIO's PAC. outlawed, and multi-billion dollar of their determination to avoid any vehicle for Labor Party agitation suits for back pay dating back to fights, either through capitulation and propaganda, the bureaucrats 1938 were invalidated in the bill to the bosses or by sickening com- propose to use them primarily to catch votes for Truman in 1948.

measures to stop the raging inflation. Both parties contributed to have been patter inflation by adopting a huge crats squelched the workers de- the shops, distracted for the time military budget and by passing bills manding action and confined them- being by the red scare and war to aid the Greek and Turkish selves to verbal pleas and lobbying. propaganda, restrained and even tyrants in the spring and the re-When conditions called for a new partly demoralized by the cowardice zotionary French and Italian govwage drive last spring, most of the and treachery of their leaders, the ernments at the end of the year. bureaucrats discouraged mass workers have been halted tempor-Soth parties worked together in pigeon-holing legislation demanded struggle and worked out inadequate arily in their march forward to a 10 to 15 cents raises in the second better world." by the Negro people against the poll round of postwar negotiations- Under these conditions, conservatax, lynching and job discriminawhich did not even compensate for tive and reactionary elements in the the price rises of the previous year. unions were able to make headway The Supreme Court hastened to And despite growing sentiment for and to push the workers' organizashow the employers that its heart some form of the sliding scale of tions toward the right. This con-I tancy. too was in the right place by brushwages (cost-of-living bonus or es- servative trend was highlighted ing aside the clear provisions of the calator clause), they refused to de- when the UAW convention handed Norris-LaGuard'a Anti-Injunction mand any contract provisions to over control of the national appar- in the mass industries, recovering workers will be able to recover their Act, upholding the administration's protect wages against future price atus to the Reuther-ACTU bloc strikebreaking injunction against rises. As a result the second round which is consciously preparing to tried to organize and were blocked leadership able and willing to stand the miners and levying a staggering gains were wiped out long before integrate the labor movement into \$700,000 fine against the union for the end of the year . the governmental machine. And when the Taft-Hartley Act As 1947 ends, therefore, it must be 'contempt." Thus aided by all three branches was passed, and the reorganized recognized that the workers are swept over it, not pausing until they nomic problems of the postwar of the government, it was no won- NLRB began to club the unions, worse off than when it began, and had built the industrial unions and world. der that Big Business enjoyed the virtually all of the top bureaucrats have not yet rearmed and reorgangreatest orgy of profiteering in (with the exception of Lewis and zide their forces to decisively re-American history, estimated at over a few others) capitulated on the verse the tide. But there is more 17 2 billions after taxes—more than vellow-dog affidavits demanded by to be said than that. the Act which they had all prom-And it was no wonder that the ised to fight without compromise. EXPLOSION COMING living standards of the workers For the very factors which have POLITICAL TRENDS dropped steadily month by month combined to check their progress Stymied on the economic front, are goading them to study the reain direct proportion to rising profits and prices; so that by the end of increasing numbers of workers be- sons for their setbacks and to the year they were worse off than gan to understand the need for in- launch new struggles, under a new at the beginning of the war-and dependent labor political action, and leadership and on a higher plane. with no relief in sight . their understanding was broadened Anti-Labor laws, inflation, war hysby every act of Congress which teria, anti-red witch hunts, and be-MILITANT RANKS showed itself to be a bi-partisan tool trayals by the labor leaders can con-The workers wanted to fight to of Big Business. In several locali- fuse the workers for a while, and uphold their standards-there could ties the labor movement ran inde- knock them off balance. But the be no question about that. Whereve: pendent candidates for local office. conditions under which the workers

Here again the progressive in-

Party and the running of independ-

ent labor cancidates next year. The

# Joseph Hansen To Begin Tour

. Joseph Hansen, Foreign News Editor of The Militant, uary 3. Sponsored by the Sowill visit 10 cities, winding up in Buffalo on January 17. The sub-other demonstration of their close Gains Support in Fight ject of his talk will be "The Struggle for Power in Europe." From Pittsburgh Hansen will visit

the following places:

in Europe and explain the nature of the conflict between Anglo-American imperialism and the Kremlin bureaucracy.

After meeting with Western Union officials in Philadelphia, Pres. Adolph Brungs of the Commercial Telegraphers Union (AFL), WU Readers should watch The Milidivision, tells reporters the company refused union demands for a tant for notice of the arrival of and death struggle, the "fat and Joseph Hansin in their city.

struck by ITU Local 18 since Nov. 24, continue to appear. In Detroit, the publishers have succeeded in

Hansen will discuss the underlyng causes for the mounting tension the solidarity of their class enemy.

While the ITU is engaged in a life

will begin his scheduled Mid- the unified publishers of all three ordinated boss offensive - in a West speaking tour in Pitts- dailies in that city. This is based united and coordinated manner! burgh, Pa., on Saturday, Jan- on the realization that few people cialist Workers Party, Hansen is available. Thus the bosses show

Youngstown - Sunday, Jan. 4. Akron — Tuesday, Jan. 6. Cleveland-Wednesday, Jan. 7. Toledo - Saturday, Jan. 10. Chicago - Sunday, Jan. 11. Milwaukee — Monday, Jan. 12. Detroit — Wednesday, Jan. 14. Flint — Thursday, Jan. 15.

Buffalo — Saturday, Jan. 17.

the Detroit Times. The newspapers would buy an ersatz photo-engraved

the industry.

terms.

bond when a slowdown delayed the publication of the Detroit News. Against Jim Crow Hiring Both the Detroit Times and Free Press were withheld until the Times became available. They were willing to forego additional profits in union.

CONTINUE TO SCAB

What are the ITU, and the AFL ing tonight by representatives from to which it is affiliated, doing to many organizations in Santa Monimeet this Big Business onslaught? ca, Los Angeles and Pasadena. They have learned nothing from

Against the powerful unified of had provoked a great deal of critifensive of the publishers, the AFL cism from the Negro community for has refused to marshall the various its non-support of the NAACP strugcrafts working in the industry. gle, found its leadership challenged by the resolute action of the NAACP

# **On January 3**



15¢ hourly wage boost. Although the company made millions this year, it uses the old refrain about inability to pay. The strike dead-Federated Pictures line was Dec. 23.

live and work, and the intensity of the strongest union movement in the employers' drive to worsen those the world.

conditions, must and will have a Similarly with the explosion that powerful reaction, leading to an ex- is being prepared now-except that plosion on the political as well as this time the radicalization will of Year's Eve at a gala Social present- nationals, and all working under back attack against the picketing economic fields and the resumption necessity assume a political form ed by the New Britain Militant La- open contracts, continue to scab that is in progress against Sears. of labor radicalization and mili- and will pose for solution the basic bor Club. on Wed. evening, Dec. 31, on the typesetters. Daniel Tobin, The struggle of this community question of who shall run the coun-

In this sense 1947 can be com- try pared to the early years of Roose- Will the storm break in 1948? It velts' first term, when the workers all depends on how rapidly the from the shock of the depression, fighting morale, push forward a new at every turn by the cowardly AFL up against the capitalist offensive, bureaucracy. The workers finally and work out a program to solve the

broke through this block, or rather, complex political, social and eco-

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last week to Winston-Salem, N. C.,

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ing his payment.

#### **Branches Getting** More Sub Renewals

scription renewals, and are meeting several names of friends to whom Negro race. most cordial welcomes at the homes we mailed sample copies. of former readers. They are greeted like long-lost friends. Readers M. Paule of Lynn, Mass., wrote: who neglected to renew and then Enclosed are six renewals obtained many of whom argue that the solost the address are most grateful by comrades last Sunday. We plan called Negro problem can be solved for the visit.

Callback work, of course, takes should hear from us regularly. considerable time after the hard C. L. of Grays Landing, Pa., regrind in the shop, but the work- newed her own sub and sent one same time they foster segregation ers who donate their spare evenings for a friend. and Sundays this way report a great satisfaction in meeting such enthusiasm for the "fightingest labor paper in all America." Because there are so many solicisolicitors, except the reward of satis-

program, and the hearty greetings of the subscribers. \* \* \* Bedford-Stuyvesant branch, Brook- have renewed sooner." lyn, got eight in one evening. From all over the country individual read-

P. C. of New York made a visit new readers like that."

stately asses" that comprise the leaders. Now it has finally seen its AFL leadership call upon the mem- way clear to support the action, New Britain New Year's Eve to be Gala Event berson the stereotypers, the en-pressmen, the stereotypers, the en-great deal of unfavorable attention bers of the other crafts to pass verbally at least. A leading Eastern Militant readers in New Britain, gravers, and the paper handlers, all great deal of unfavorable attention Conn., are invited to celebrate New belonging to separate AFL Inter- in the community for a stab-in-theat 165 Main St. Dancing, a floor President of the AFL Teamsters against discrimination in hiring is show and refreshments included. ordered his men to walk through primarily a rank and file struggle,



#### Some Negro Leaders Editor:

In speaking of the Negro's strug- regation, and yet who make a fetish Editor: gle to attain complete emancipation, of race pride and use it for every We are a group of Chinese young many think only of a struggle with dollar that it's worth.

and picked up four subs besides my opinion there are two phases to these fakers who prey upon them tant. Since reading your paper beselling 7 pamphlets and numerous the fight, both equally important. under the guise of being leaders. ginning about a year ago, we were Several branches of the Socialist single copies of The Militant. An- The one to which we seldom give A tremendous job of education must greatly pleased, for it not only tells Workers Party are carrying on call- other Winston-Salem subscriber re- much thought is the struggle against be carried on within the group, us about the international situation, back campaigns for Militant sub- newed on his own account and sent capitalist exploitation within the pointing out the fakery and cruel the struggles of the proletariat, the

> The Negro struggle has been sorely retarded by many rascals who have been designated as leaders. How the Stalinists

to go out every Sunday, so you should hear from us regularly These rascals talk a great fight Slander the Arabs \* against segregation while at the to Negroes almost exclusively.

To many of them segregation is D. A. of San Francisco knows we most profitable, for through this co-operate with workers whenever medium they effectively appeal to the column on World Affairs writ- English and want to see it. we have the chance. "Thank you the racial pride of many Negro ten by George Lohr, in which he Unfortunately a single copy takes Because there are so many solici-tors (and well paid) for other publi-for the letter reminding me that workers, influencing them to pay calls for the U. S. and UN to "Pro-a long time to make the rounds, cations, readers come to expect this my sub has expired. When I get higher prices for mediocre or poor vide ample and modern arms to sometimes as much as three months. cations, readers come to expect this my next pay check, Dec. 24, I shall services. I know of many Negro in-the Haganah, the Jewish army of We are poor and the foreign expaper that pays nothing to its renew. Meanwhile please do not surance companies reaping a mil- Palestine. So far, neither the U.S. discontinue sending it to me." lion dollars a year because they have nor the UN commission has made faction in spreading The Militant's We're still sending the paper, await- convinced Negro workers that they such a proposal. But this is what are advancing their emancipation. is needed to protect the Jews from These companies are at the same further violence"

"Enclosed is \$1 for a year's re- time some of the worst exploiters He dismisses the whole Arab-A few Chicago comrades sent in newal," wrote Mrs. H. C. of Santa of Negro white-collar workers, using Jewish conflict with talk of cut-22 subs this week, mostly renewals. Monica, Calif. "I was out of town a vicious system to take back a part throat and gangster attacks upon Eoston had eight. Two couples from when my sub ran out or I would of the small pittance their employes the Jews. While it is undoubtedly

receive as salaries. I know of a Negro undertaker who as well as the Zionists are reaction- ers be willing to pay \$2, the cost of tried to secure a monopoly of bury- ary, it is a poor substitute for Marx- sending the paper to the above cor-From Oakland, Calif., branch: ing the Negro dead by making an ist analysis to dismiss this Arab na- respondents for one year. If more ers sent their own renewals and "Enclosed is \$1 for two six-month agreement with the white under- tionalism, which is inextricably than one gift subscription is subone or several for friends and rela-subs. One was obtained by a reader takers' association that they should mingled with anti-imperialism, as mitted, we will send the remainder who had subscribed only recently bury no Negroes and he should bury gangsterism. himself. Here's hoping for more no whites. He was very much em-

bittered when other Negro under-

takers invaded the field and became Chinese Readers his competitors. I know of many Benefit from Jim Crow executives of Jim Crow YMCAs Ask For Help who speak the loudest against seg-

men, completely agreed with the the dominant race for equality. In The Negro worker must renounce viewpoint represented by The Milldeception which is practiced by movements of the world Trotskyists, Negro capitalists and their agents. but also shows us the correct way Reader in action to achieve socialism. Your

Youngstown, O. paper is therefore of the greatest importance and use to us.

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"Once he has done with the anarchic forces of his own society man will set to work on himself, in the pestle and the retort of the chemist. For the first time mankind will regard itself as raw material, or at best as a physical and psychic semi-finished product. Socialism will mean a leap from the realm of necessity into the realm of freedom in this sense also, that the man of today, with all his contradictions and lack of harmony, will open the road for a new and happier race."

-Leon Trotsky, Copenhagen Speech, 1932

### Sowing the Wind

article by Robert Thompson that must have tool of the bankers and the real estate inaroused some consternation among even the terests. How did Quill get that way? most hardened followers of the Stalinist line. Making no effort to pull his punches, Thompson, New York State Chairman of the Communist Party lets go a blistering attack against "certain leaders" of the Transport Workers Union.

The unnamed TWU leaders are accused of every crime in the book: "opportunism," "fundamentally unsound strategy," "departure from elementary principle of sound trade unionism," "sacrifice of the workers' interests and demands," "choosing the bankers and their political mouthpieces as allies" and finally the crime of crimes which consists in "supporting the political parties and forces (who) are fighting to raise the fare."

The reader must have rubbed his eyes in astonishment. What is 'surprising is not that Mike Quill and Co. are prepared to give up the struggle to preserve the nickel fair in return for promises of wage increases for the transport workers. Such deals have always been considered a matter of course for Stalinist trade union leaders. They have been "sacrificing the workers' interests" for years. And the Daily Worker has always provided them with an alibi.

But this time instead of the customary whitewash there is abuse and denunciation. This is the ONLY aspect of the incident that is new. For years the Daily Worker has been heaping praise on Quill as a leader find consolation in the old Biblical saying: of the "progressive forces." Now overnight As ye sow, so shall ye reap.

Labor Lieutenants of Capitalism

country realize that their names are being not sufficient. Now all unions, pro or antiused to countenance the death penalty for regime face the death-to-strikers law. strikers in Greece? This is a fact, although there is not one good union man in America is but the puppet of American imperialism. who does not abhor such a barbarous anti- The Greek ministers don't dare make a move labor decree

Last Monday's Daily Worker features an he has become a rank opportunist and a

The truth is that Quill didn't "get that way" — he was always like that. There is nothing new about Quill's opportunism. The policy of the Transport Union was always based on deals with the ruling power in City Hall. Yesterday with LaGuardia, today with O'Dwyer. Despite sales taxes and strikebreaking, the Quill leadership supported the gang in City Hall from election to election.

All this time the Daily Worker and the Stalinist leaders supported Quill, and backed the same sell-out policies. They supported LaGuardia. They supported O'Dwyer. If Quill needed any lessons in opportunism, the Communist (Stalinist) Party was always on hand to teach the latest wrinkle. And it was always ready with abuse and slander to beat down militant workers who did not take kindly to opportunist policies.

Ouill was always considered a star pupil in the Stalinist school of opportunism. He learned his lessons well. He applied them. Herein is the rank injustice of the Daily Worker's attack upon him. Why should he be punished for being consistent in his opportunism? Why should he consider the Stalinist opportunism of the present moment which leads them to defense of the five cent fare, as being superior to yesterday's variety which has led him to support an increase in the fares?

As this is Xmas time, Thompson might

How many trade union members in this centration camp islands. But even this was

Everyone knows the Greek government without the OK of the American Mission. Clinton Golden, former assistant to CIO Yet Clinton Golden, supposed to represent President Philip Murray, is the man who American labor, continues as a member of

# Colonial and Civil Wars Shake Capitalist World During 1947

#### By Joseph Hansen

On the international arena, 1947 was a year of profound but inconclusive struggles. Wall Street, the main center and inspiration of world reaction, continued its war preparations. This war drive was facilitated by the policies of the counterrevolutionary gang in the Kremlin who again played their familiar Judas role at the head of the labor movement in various countries. However, significant struggles of the working class and the colonial peoples were heartening signs that days of decision are approaching.

In March the Truman Doc-+ trine of "containing commun-for instance, they still held the gov-ernment posts which they had ism" on a world scale was an- gained in alliance with de Gaulle. nounced. What this Doctrine Strikes in their vocabulary were means in practice has been "Hitlero - Trotskyite provocations." They supported ine wage freeze: seen in Greece. At the beginand demanded more and speedier ning of the year the despotic monproduction from the workers.

Their attitude toward the colonial When British imperialism could peoples was equally rotten. On one no longer keep up this "commitment" occasion their representatives in the Fruman took over. As American dol-National Assembly stood up and lars flowed into the coffers of the cheered the French imperialist puppet regime, the civil war against troops that were murdering the the partisans was stepped up. Naheroic Indo-Chinese freedom fighttion-wide "red" raids and witchers. On another occasion their rephunts were staged, tens of thousands resentatives in the cabinet voted in of reople accused of political opposifavor of credits to continue this tion to the Greek quislings of Ancolonial butchery.

glo-American imperialism were Likewise in Italy, the Stalinists herded into concentration camps. at the beginning of the year held The indignation in America over key posts in the capitalist governthis reign of terror forced the State ment. They utilized these posts to Department to re-shuffle the Greek hold back the mass upsurge. They regime to give it a "liberal" appearworked arm-in-arm with reaction. ance. However, as the year drew to A typical action was their vote to a close, the Sophoulis-Tsaldaris continue the treaty which the Vaticabinet outlawed freedom of the

press, and passed a law imposing the death penalty for strikers. Wall Street's role in Greece foreshadows what is planned for all Europe under the Marshall Plan.

#### Aid to Reaction

While granting relief hand-outs to the hungry masses of western Europe, the main "aid" in the plan is for reaction. As soon as the Stalinists were ousted from key government posts in France and Italy, Washington rushed grain and dollars to the Ramadier regime and they strengthened the forces of re- sub-continent. cancelled \$1,000,000,000 in Italian reparations.



archy put in power by the Allies against the will of the Greek people **Stalinists Cheer** still depended on British troops.



Congress of Industrial Unions protested zooming living costs and demanded increased wages. Federated Pictures

Japanese Labor on the March

treaty no only recognized the Vati- hand-out. China, the great prize its emissaries to try to drive them the spread of Trotskyist ideas can as a "sovereign" state in the sought by the Wall Street rulers back to work. The trade union bu- among the French workers, there is heart of Italy, but it granted 1,000,- in World War II, still eludes them, reacracy did its utmost to break the also grave danger from the side of 000,000 lire in Italian state bonds at and the Chinese people are demon- strike. The Stalinists holding posts fascism. De Gaulle, the would-be the high rate of 5% interest and strating that they do not intend to in the union denounced these made Catholic education compul- see their land converted into a col- miners. But the strike swept from Wall Street's blessing. The resory in the public schools. The ony. pit to pit in a magnificiant demon-

Stalinists could have defeated this The British Empire, being ground stration of solidarity, and forced the as Premier was a concession to de reactionary measure by voting to powder between the millstones government to back down. against it, but they chose instead to of the colonial masses and Wall

#### **Despair Lessens** cast the decisive bloc of votes in Street's drive for world power, favor of it, thus strengthening the sought to stave off the inevitable Germany saw the first indications cilitating an attempt to crush the Catholic hierarchy-one of the by, among other measures, parti- of a break in the despair of the labor movement when the hour are breeding centers of fascism in Italy. tioning India. This was a recogni- German workers. Demonstrations rives. By playing the capitalists' game, tion of the rumbling revolt in that occurred in a number of cities

action and made possible the re-The British hoped to divert the posed by the Allied conquerors. The Italy, Germany and then in Spain. vival of fascist-like forces in both Indian masses into fratricidal strug- American Military Government re- Thrice-warned, they will not easily Although Wall Street paid great- Italy and France. At an opportune gle. The native Indian capitalists sponded with a threat to impose the be taken unawares. Besides, the deest attention to the European arena, time, Premier Ramadier in France and landlords worked hand in glove death penalty. The program of the feat of the French strikes was not it did not ignore the rest of the and de Gasperi in Italy booted the with the British in chopping up In- Anglo - American imperialists to conclusive. In France, as throughworld. In August Marshall, Vander- Stalinists ignominiously out of of- dia. But in thus betraying India scrap priceless German industrial out the world, the decisive class they only hastened the inevitable plants similarly met with resistance battles are still ahead.

day of reckoning that will occur by the German workers. These acwhen the revolutionary masses set tions, taken under the military boot

Hemispheric "Defense" Pact. This The Stalinists fumed but con- up a free and united India. of the conquerors, were harbingers treaty commits all the signatories in tinued to avow their loyalty to the In the heart of Britain itself, of the future. The German workof the conquerors, were harbingers advance to take Wall Street's side capitalist governments in both there were significant tremors in ers who once built the mightiest in any new war. lands. However, as Wall Street in- 1947. The Grimethorpe miners re- labor movement in the world have Under the inspiration of American tensified war preparations against fused to accept an order for in- indicated that they are regaining imperialism, a number of Latin the Soviet Union, the Stalinist bu- creased production. They started their will to struggle. American governments took repres- reaucracy began to sound a new a rank and file strike in protest. The most important workers'

sive measures against the lab- note in its propaganda. It made The entire capitalist class and its struggles in 1947 occurred in Italy

or movement and working class pol- vague allusions to socialist revolu- press pounded at the Grimethorpe and France. In September, the

Italian workers and poor farmers began moving. Landlords were driven off the big estates, workers occupied factories, demonstrations swept Italy as the workers and partisans sought to seize strategic centers in the cities. The Stalinists at the head of the Italian labor movement knifed this promising movement, exhorting the workers not to resort to militant action and the farm hands not to violate capitalist property "rights." However, this upsurge, involving millions of the poorest people in Italy, revealed how tense class relations are there and how deep-seated is the urge to have done with capitalism.

#### Forced to Go Along

In France the Renault auto strike at the end of April was especially noteworthy. This strike began as a rank and file movement against the opposition of the Stalinist union heads. The strike gained momentum, spreading to other plants and threatening to sweep over the heads of the Stalinist bureaucrats. To avoid being dislodged, they were forced to go along. It was this action that precipitated their ouster from the Ramadier cabinet.

In the Cabinet meeting called by Ramadier to discuss the situation, Maurice Thorez, head of the French Stalinists, declared: "The General Federation of Labor has been overrun, or is in danger of being overrun, by Trotskyist elements. In order to prevent this movement from getting out of hand, we decided last night to support the workers' demands."

While there are great hopes for dictator of France, has received placement of Ramadier by Schuman Gaullism and the passage of Taft-Hartley type anti-labor legislation was universally recognized as fa-

The French workers, however, against the starvation rations im- witnessed the rise of fascism in

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Regardless of the cost to the

working class public in inflationary

misuses the prestige of the American labor movement to put a stamp of approval on the death-to-strikers law of the blood-soaked Greek dictatorship. Golden is "labor advisor" to the American mission in Greece.

When he received his appointment from Truman, this was hailed by both Murray and Green as a notable achievement for American labor and its rights to "participate" in the shaping of foreign policy. Now Golden is using his labor prestige to sell the murderous Greek regime to American labor and provide a window-dressing of liberalism for the despotic role of American imperialism.

Golden's participation in the shaping of foreign policy amounts to simply providing "trade union trimming" to the Truman doctrine in Greece.

American money has been given to those right wing unions supporting the Sophoulis-Tsaldaris regime. Unions not supporting the monarchist regime were suppressed, raided; their leaders exiled by the thousands to con- anti-labor forces abroad!

### Socialist U.S. of Europe

between Wall Street and the Kremlin is not only the reactionary imperialist program of Kremlin.

Wall Street's Marshall Plan dangles before the tortured masses of Europe the false hope of economic unification and recovery. has nothing to offer the European peoples. He cannot offer the prospect of building a better and more secure world of socialism-because he is opposed to socialism, and his henchmen in France and Italy are heading off the workers' struggles in that direction. His spokesman, Molotov, can only propose a policy calling for more loot, more reparations, to further carve up the lacerated continent, and an attempt to whip up national animosities.

While the Marshall Plan envisages a type of economic prison-unification of the 16 nations of Western Europe and offers \$17 billion for ostensible recovery, Molotov rants about "national sovereignty" and demands spective or hope from the Russian side. and comfort to the Wall Street brigands? fate of Europe.

this same Mission and has not even breathed a word of protest.

Apparently Golden is not acting just for himself. Apparently Golden's activities in Greece have the full approval of the AFL and CIO bureaucrats. These "labor lieutenants of the capitalist class"-as Daniel De Leon once aptly called them-aim to sell themselves as lackeys to the capitalist masters, in the hope of receiving back some few crumbs of recognition and privilege.

At the recent UAW convention, Walter Reuther set the pace for the "new school" of "labor statesmen." He could find no time to speak any words of criticism of Wall Street imperialism in Europe. But he did notify Washington that "Labor must participate in the councils which develop and implement the Marshall Plan."

The labor bureaucrats crawl on their bellies before the Taft-Hartley law at home. And they serve as water boys of these same

What stands out in the present cold war The Wall Street pirates can now parade as the champions of the rehabilitation of Germany, in contrast to Stalin, the bloodthirsty Wall Street—but the utter bankruptcy of the conqueror, who demands still another pound of flesh from the prostrate victim.

Europe, in truth, desperately needs unification and economic cooperation. But the tragic experience of two world wars has dem-As against the Marshall Plan, Stalin simply onstrated that this is impossible under capitalism. Following the First World War Trotsky advanced the slogan of the Socialist United States of Europe. This was adopted and proclaimed by the Communist International when it was a revolutionary organization under Lenin and Trotsky. Today it remains the only hope for the European masses, the only basis upon which shattered Europe can be lifted to its feet again.

The French workers in their recent upsurge and struggle adopted and fought for the sliding scale of wages, which was prominently put forth in the transitional program of the Fourth International as the real way to fight inflation. Similarly, the workers of France, as of all Europe, are sure to place astronomical reparations from Germany. The high on their banner that part of our propeoples of Europe are thus offered no per- gram that calls for the Socialist United States of Europe, when they surge forward Doesn't Stalin thereby give invaluable aid in the coming climactic battles to decide the

ment ousted Stalinists from key mongering. posts mobilize troops to smash the Finally in September, the Kremstrike of coal miners, and staged a lin set up an "Information Bureau"

nation-wide witch-hunt, exiling at Belgrade, Yugoslavia. This move hundreds of militant workers to was interpreted as a shift to the distant regions such as Patagonia- "left." It was followed by bitter the "Siberia" of Chile. denunciations of Wall Street's war In the colonial lands, American preparations; but the Kremlin asimperialism made possible sanguin- siduously avoided promulgating soary wars of conquest. Equipped cialist revolution as the only means with American arms and bolstered of preventing Wall Street's project-

itical parties. The Chilean govern- tion and attacked Wall Street's war-

with loans from the U.S. Public ed war. Treasury, the Dutch launched a The Kremlin's line was a continblitzkrieg to suppress the young uation of its line against German Republic of Indonesia, and the imperialism, with Wall Street in French continued to wage their place of the Nazis and Truman in colonial war against the Indo- place of Hitler. Stalin himself friend of Truman, take the brunt made clear what was wanted was of the scandal, had failed. It was un-Chinese.

#### **U. S. Support**

**Gov't Shields Grain Speculators** (Continued from Page 1) man. It was this resolution which by passing drastic legislation outenerged on the promise he had made gave Anderson the opportunity to awing the racket.

on Oct. 9: "I can call names, some publish his meaningless and irreleof them public figures, who are vant list. speculating in large quantities of The investigation was further prices, both parties will leave this grain." Not a single such name ap-

stymied by the overwhelming de- form of profiteering basically unpears on Anderson's list. feat of a bill which would have touched. Speculation is a normal Anderson's list was published given the committee access to in- part of the system they call "free only after the original strategy of come data. "I know none of the enterprise." The most they are out the Administration, to let Edwin members of the House," a Congress- to do is eliminate some of the sean-Pauley, Special Assistant to the man said explaining his vote, "wants dal--if possible. Or to cover it up-Secretary of the Army and close to see himself or any of his consti- if not. tuents singled out and have his in

come tax looked over by a commitdoubtedly believed in top circles that tee and then publicised in a newsthe public had become accustomed paper."

In China, Wall Street hoped for ference of Foreign Ministers neared, to seeing Pauley in shady roles. a quick Kuomintang victory over the Stalinist bureaucracy loosened But Stassen's insistent demands the Stalinist-led armies in the civil the brakes on the workers under and a growing popular outcry for war that has flamed there since the its influence in Italy and France. action prevented the administration close of the Second World War. They organized strikes and political from ducking for cover. The inves-Dictator Chiang Kai-shek was sup- demonstrations. The Kremlin's aim tigating committee admitted that a plied with American dollars, Ameri- was to blackmail Washington into "remarkable number of tips are can arms, American ships and a deal. Marshall sat tight at Lonplanes, and the advice of American don, however. The Stalinists called and in signed letters" about food officers. But his corrupt regime, off the strikes and demonstrations. speculation by government officials

As the date of the London Con-

which could not last a month with-. They did not dare carry them far and public figures. cut U. S. support, proved incapable enough to set off a revolutionary However, the desire to conceal struggle for power. They capitulaof crushing the opposition. damaging information was not con-The year which had begun with ted to the threats and counter offined to the Democratic Administrademonstrations of Chinese students fensive of the capitalists. tion. Republican Congressmen while The great hope for the future lies demanding the withdrawal of U.S. desiring to ride the scandal as a troops from their land, closed with in the militancy of the working campaign issue against the Demotalk in Washington of again coming class and the colonial peoples as crats, became frightened lest the revealed in 1947. to the rescue of butcher Chiang. findings of an investigating com-

a pact with Washington.

The Indonesian people, fighting In the oil-rich Middle East, Wall mittee strike closer to home. Street continued imperial Britain's for their freedom in 1947 as did the Thus the Senate Committee policy of ruling by dividing, setting American colonials in 1776, wrote a Arabs and Jews against each other magnificant chapter of resistance by fostering the partition of Pales- against the Wall Street-backed military machine of the Dutch ty-

Stepping up its "cold war" against rants. Although the year closed Russia, Wall Street drove a deep with a heavy curtain of censorship wedge into the United Nations. The drawn over the blood-stained bat-"Little Assembly" was set up to iso- the fields, the Dutch are far from late the Kremlin delegation and to triumphant.

#### draw upon them the maximum of **People Resist** unfavorable publicity.

Akron Militant readers are in-But they are no longer dealing Wall Street used the Foreign vited to celebrate New Year's Eve Ministers Council in a similar way with primitive people. They are against the Soviet Union. With the confronted with great masses who diplomats of imperialist France and have been drawn into the vortex Britain solidly behind him, Marshall of civilization and who are deterplaced Molotov, the Kremlin repre- mined to secure their freedom.

sentative, in the damaging posi-The changed situation is well iltion of "obstructing" the peacelustrated by the difficulties of the making. The London' Conference, French colonial despots in Indo-China. which was ballyhooed as another There Trotskyist ideas, effort at writing "peace" treaties seeping among the masses, have for Germany and Austria, thus end- played an incalculable role in harded up by widening the chasm be- ening their will to struggle. In China, the Chiang Kai-shek tween Washington and the Krem-

dictatorship faces catastrophe un-When 1947 opened, the Stalinist der the continuing civil war. Had bureaucracy was still following its it not been for Wall Street's timely

policy of bolstering up capitalism aid, Chiang would have been swept in Western Europe: In France, aside after V-J Day. As it is, this

#### Hansen to Speak in Cleveland on Jan. 8 Cleveland SWP Branch invites It is clear that both the Republican readers of The Militant to hear Jo-Congress and the Democratic Ad-

ministration are determined to keep seph Hansen on Wednesday, Janthe scandal within the limits of uary 8 at 8 p.m., Pecks Hall 1446 campaign propaganda. Neither party E. 82 St. (off Wade Park Ave.) has shown any intention of punish- Topic of Hansen's speech is "The ing the big speculators. Neither party Struggle for Power in Europe." Recoming in from anonymous persons has any intention of digging the freshments served after the meetground from under the speculators ing.



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Ring in the New Year! Bring Your Friends to NEW YEAR'S EVE SOCIAL Wednesday, Dec. 31

Chelsea Workers Center 130 W. 23rd St. Auspices: N. Y. Local, SWP

tion was rushed through both Houses and quickly signed by Tru-Akron SWP to Hold

New Year's Cabaret

uickly backed down in its demands to see the records, when Anderson threatened to make all the lists public if forced to turn them over. As a substitute, a special Joint resolu-



1948.

forever.

## New Year's Day, 1948

#### - By Theodore Kovalesky -

A shriek of whistles tells you it's here. A dis- tives in Congress pass the Taft-Hartley Slave Act cordant blare of tin horns, a rattle of "noise-makers," over the feeble protests of the trade unions. Betrayal clanging of bells, and a many-voiced shout of again! What mighty movement of the workers there

"Happy New Year!" is at once the could have been to shake the Washington windbags funeral of 1947 and the birth of out of their chairs....if the frightened bureaucrats of the labor movement had but seen fit to give the The old, year sinks into the dust leadership the workers looked for! of the past, falls onto the pile of Like another of the old years, 1919, a violent red

all the other old years, and is gone scare has been created by labor's enemies and has grown so widespread that even the powerful UAW Behind us lie a million old has capitulated to the extent of yielding to the Taftyears. Some of them have been Hartley Law.

shall we do with the new year?"

useless trash. Some of them have This New Year's Day we can well say, "Good ridhelped to make history rich. Some of them have been dance to 1947!" old before they even began, and some have remained

new throughout the ages.

The clock of history ticks on; it never stops. Today is not a thing in itself separate and apart from yesterday and tomorrow, but merely a portion of the road of time that stretches between the first sunrise of the world to the shadows of the last sunset. We do not stop nor pause on the road of time; we only look about us at intervals to see how far we have travelled and to plan what lies ahead.

And as we look about us at the milestone marked ties. 1948, what do we see?

compass may point we see oppression and betrayal. We see poverty and fear, hunger and disease, Babylonian luxury for the few and misery for the many. We looked a little while ago toward France and year as it should be shaped. Italy, where the workers had poured from the fac-

tories into the streets, reaching out hungrily for state power. But again the party of Stalin betrayed them, have been ugly years of suffering for humanity. We and there is no workers' state today either in France travel the road of time covered with the darkness of or in Italy. What will the new year bring?

before we fight against the exploiters. We fight for equality of all people and for the rights of all minori-We fought yesterday; we fight today; and we'll Throughout the world wherever the needle of a fight tomorrow until we're victorious.

A new Year is a gift that may be used in many

For us in the Socialist Workers Party the fight

against oppression and for freedom goes on. As

different ways.. It is a challenge, a blank canvas on

which we can paint any picture we choose. We don't

ask what the new year will bring. We ask, "What

But we alone in the fight are not enough. You and all the rest of the workers must join the struggle. It will take the whole working class to shape the new \* \*

The old years have been red with blood. They a million yesterdays....but before us is the light of Here in the United States we saw the enemies of a million tomorrows, a million dawns shining upon labor growing in strength. We saw their representa- a Socialist world.

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# Buick Local Votes to Comply ToAvoid Reuther'Administrator'

**Pauley Admits Grain Tradings** 

**Offers Wage Plan To Meet Inflation** FLINT, Mich. Dec. 15-Jack Palmer, President of the 11,-000-member Chevrolet local 659, UAW-CIO, issued the following statement to the "The inflationary spiral which has gripped the American economy places the wage workers in an unenviable position. Each and every price increase robs the auto worker of the very necessities of life. The last eleven and a half cent wage increase was wiped out months ago "While wages, since the end of the War have risen 30%, prices have soared with jet propulsion speed

> Admitting that he speculated in grain commodities while working for the government, Edwin Pauley, special assistant to Sec. of the Army Kenneth Royal, talks with Sen. Homer Ferguson (R., Mich.) during hearings in Washington. Many other "insiders" are believed to have made millions on the food market by utilizing private gov-Federated Pictures

By Emmett Moore FLINT, MICH., Dec. 17- who control the local, attempted The UAW convention strug-gle over the Taft-Hartley law against filing with the NLRB, decontinued in the local unions bate was closed. here.

lost by eight votes in a large membership meeting. The Reutherites,

#### LED THE FIGHT

Buick Local 599, which sent a Jack Palmer, newly installed large anti-Reuther delegation to the president of the Chevrolet local convention, at its regular member- who moved up to fill the post vaship meeting after the convention, cated by Don Chapman who was voted to file with the NLRB. The elected regional director on the sweeping Reuther victory at the Reuther slate, led the fight against convention, and a dearth of infor- the Taft-Hartley law. In a fiery mation as to Reuther's intentions | talk he stated, "They (the Corporaif a local refused to file hung op- tion) have learned from the past pressively over the meeting. they can't beat us on the picket Delegate after delegate headed by lines. The Taft-Hartley law was

Marlin Butler, defeated candidate designed to be used by Big Business for regional directorship, Joe Berry, like a creeping paralysis-to disrupt, president of the local, and John disfigure and demolish the whole McGill, leader of many former pro- labor movement.... There is a great gressive struggles in the UAW, bit- wave of reaction sweeping across terly denounced the Law, the con- the country. The line of least revention's action and the belly- sistance is to take the easy way out. crawling compliance attitude of the People are riding this wave of re-Reutherite majority. The member- action with their eyes closed .... " ship voted to comply only because, At this same meeting the Reuth-

as Marlin Butler put it, "We do not crites, who for two years camwant a Reather Administrator ap- paigned for a Labor Party, intropointed over our local." duced a resolution calling for the Militants in the Chevrolet local rescinding of the local's stand. This

decided to fight against filing and resolution was tabled for one month.

#### **Truman Demands 17** Billions to Chain Europe perity of Europe-to do so would re- | bust-a factor that can defeat and | socialist reconstruction of their con-(Continued from Rage 1)

far exceeding the wage boosts of the on the economy, and therefore the quire rebuilding all of Europe that completely undo the work aimed at tinent, and by the American workpolitics, of the 16 nations included was destroyed in the war, effecting by the ERP.

"Without a shadow of a doubt it in the program. Taking full advan-is now clear that the tremendous tage of the helplessness of these na-conomy and resources and putting integration of the American with The outcome of their struggles profits of industry are pressuring and tions, the ERP provides for the ap- an end to capitalist profit, greed and the European economy may serve against their common enemy will building up the forces of inflation pointment of an economic dictator anarchy. At best, the ERP will for a time to keep European capit- decide the questions of depression in this period, as it will of neces- ("Economic Cooperation Adminis- patch up some of the worst holes in alism from crumbling altogether, it or prosperity, of war or peace, on a sity bring on depressions when the trator") and a political supervisor the economy and enable it to stag- at the same time subjects the Amer- world scale. (with the rank of U. S. ambassador ger on for another period. Any eco- ican economy to every shock and

nomic revival that takes place-under sickness undermining the world the ERP will be on an extremely low capitalist economy. Instead of dragnomic revival that takes place-under sickness undermining the world level and will be so controlled that ging European capitalism up, thq the real benefits go to the trusts, ERP may contribute decisively to-both European and American, and ward dragging American capitalism Meet Fund Quotas down. not to the working people.

Politically, the effects of the ERP Just as the Taft-Hartley Act was the \$15,000 Militant Fund pubin Europe have already been made the domestic counterpart of the lished last week, all the Socialist plain. For the privilege of participa- Truman Doctrine, so the ERP will Workers Party branches except ting in the conference that listed be accompanied by new anti-labor Reading, Pas, had fulfilled 100% their needs last summer, France and assaults in the U.S. Bent on keeping or over of their quotas. But the Italy had to drive the Stalinists out the burden of the inflation on the Reading comrades were determined scene again. A French version of the ing in any way with their plans for In addition the ERP specifically Taft-Hartley Act has been enacted; world domination. Big Business in Greece the punishment for strikes will try to march further down the their total to \$100 and put them in is death. All of Western Europe has road of reaction, repression and the the 100% category. "We were sorry Its effects on the auto worker raw materials, including those used moved to the right since the enun- smashing of the labor organizations. to be late but we had a difficult

ers, whose interests are diametrical-

In the final scoreboard on

They came through with a contribution of \$50 two days after the close of the campaign. This brought time because of food prices, etc.,

#### — By Albert Parker -On the whole, little progress was recorded in the covenants which the courts enforce in all parts of the struggle for Negro equality during 1947. There were country. And along with rising prices you had to a few bright spots in the picture, but they were the pay more, as usual, in Negro neighborhoods, than you exception. In most respects the would elsewhere for the same article.

Little Progress Recorded this Year



The Negro Struggle-

obstacles, to claim the rights that South. sure to see further manifestations of this trend during the coming year.

lost ground.

James Hickman defense movement in Chicago. These play a decisive role in some states next year. and similar cases testified to the widespread desire for united labor-Negro struggle against the common gress without fighting for it militantly, consistently enemy.

costlier but tougher to find, thanks to the restrictive Crow in 1948.

Negro people were barely able to There weren't as many "official" lynchings as last hold their own, in some they even year; the preferred practice in the South nowadays is for one or a few white men to kill Negroes quietly On the good side was the fact rather than to court publicity through action by a that the Negro people are still big mob. And police brutality continues, unabated

pressing forward, despite many and generally unpunished, in both the North and are denied them in the South. This was demonstrated On the legislative field, Negroes got the same above all in the growing numbers of Negroes fighting runaround from a Republican Congress that they had for the right to vote and daring to assert that right got from the Democratic Congresses that preceded it. in the face of lynch and vigilante threats. We are Not a single law demanded by the Negroes was passed. A lot of excitement was worked up by the report

of Truman's Civil Rights Committee, but so far that Another good sign was the close collaboration of is all the Negro people have been offered-a report. Negro and white workers in such instances as the Truman, like the GOP, is waiting until 1948 before tobacco workers strike in North Carolina and the making his big bid for the Negro vote, which could

> 1947 proved once again that you cannot make proand in an organized manner. The Negro masses are

Economically, 1947 was nothing to cheer about. ready for such a fight-the shortcoming is in their Although it was a period of so-called full employ- short-sighted, vacillating, compromising leaders. A ment, job discrimination against Negroes got worse good New Year's resolution would be to pay greater and not better. Unemployment was proportionally attention to the task of creating a new leadership twice as great as among whites. Housing was not only capable of meeting and solving the problems of Jim

# **Christmas Comes to the Mines** – By Morgan West —

ciation of Manufacturers and all of their apologists that wage increases are responsible for price increases are exploded when we examine hard facts. If there was an iota of truth in this propaganda Big Business should explain their mountainous profit hoard and the rise of prices past two years.

over and above these tiny wage in-

market becomes glutted with overproduction in the next. Corporate to the 16 nations.)

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press and radio:

by price rises.

sight.

Flint UAW Official

profits after taxes in 1947 will be These two, under Truman and the 17.4 billion dollars as compared with State Department will have control 8.4 billion dollars in the lush days cf the program—and woe to the of 1929: twice as much as they were government that fails to obey them. at the height of the War. This is The Administrator will tell them the real secret of inflation in the what he wants, how to allocate their U.S.A. today.

kudgets, how much goods or money "Government reports indicate they can have if any, and whether that the next three months will find they will receive them in the form prices soaring even further into the of grants or loans. The political supstratosphere. This is indicated by ervisor will see to it that the countall the stock market reports of ries receiving these funds follow the of their governments. The ominous backs of the workers, determined to not to be left in the rear. wheat, meat, butter and eggs. The Wall Street line on foreign policy figure of de Gaulle appeared on the prevent the workers from interferboosts of oil, ccul, tires, gasoline and repression of labor at home. and tractors of the last few days. Prices in the next months presage runaway inflation.

were graphically illustrated by Sec-in the atomic bomb; that they take ciation of the Truman Doctrine last REAL DECISION

creases. No end to this process is in "The stupid assertions, lies, and propaganda of the National Assoernment information for personal gain.

Even in the coal fields Christmas comes each year. to keep the working men down. To most miners it brings a day off work, a number his troubles.

of soot and winter frost. At Osage a loader was killed tion to Taft-Hartley. early in the week and another seriously injured. The From Local to Local the miners talked politics. a run of hard luck had set in. Some of the miners the miners said it was clear that they were ready to recalled other times, at Bunker, for example, which tear the money men apart and only wanted to know saw a man killed a day for over a week not long ago. how. It didn't always sound like politics; sometimes The last one died pinned beneath a loaded coal car it sounded like 1937 and the early days of the CIO. with his testicles crushed and an arm gone, and A motor man thought for a moment and quietly rea pick.

become a Presbyterian church pure and simple, joined were there and some of the promise of years ago. with a local coal baron in giving the annual banquet clothes and returned home secure in the knowledge more production the bosses would demand. mands.

was a general plan which the money men followed ahead: Merry Xmas.

curred here in the past week.

abstained both in the debate and vote.

earlier action of the membership.

In the huge River Rouge Ford Local 600. Thomp-

Evidence of this was seen in the rank and file deof pills, and a fifth of whiskey with which to forget mand for political action up and down the valley. Now it was clear that the Taft-Hartley Act was per-As 1947 drew to a close, Scotts Run hollow in haps the greatest event in the history of the Ameri-

Northern West Virginia stirred for a moment and can labor movement for a decade. Daily grievances allowed her heartbeat to be felt beneath the cynicism were pressed forward and centered around opposi-

next day a snapper's arm was torn off. It looked like Sometimes it didn't sound like politics, but whatever begging for someone to put him out of his misery with marked: "There isn't an office in West Virginia that the UMW couldn't take if we wanted it." There was The "Shack," a one time community center built no mass movement, only quiet talks, like there were

with the labor and money of coal miners which has talks about accidents, but the strength and power The greatest stir was caused by a large electric sign for destitute miners. For John Carrol it was a real placed on the Pursglove No. 2 tipple. It said "Merry celebration. Until this week he had lived in the Xmas." There were stories of its cost; some men Pursglove 15 sandhouse and had kept alive on winter said over \$50. Everyone was amazed. But nobody nights by warming sand over a fire and lying atop was impressed. The men knew it would come out of After the banquet the "greatmen" brushed their income taxes and everyone joked about how much

that they had done their duty and kept God's com- And so as Christmas came to Scotts Run there were widows and injured men who felt no cheer. Apart from the normal crop of pneumonia and flu Men met in the union halls and talked politics, the and the momentary flurry of excitement caused by bosses pushed for more production. Young workers the departure of the UMW from the AFL, the news rapidly replaced older men. For the fourth straight seemed humdrum. But it was clear that the acci- week no drinking water could be had at the Scotts dents, the stinking charity dinners and the bosses' Run public schools because of the profiteering water ridings were moving men's minds and making them company. Prices continued to rise, the company stores understand that behind all the little incidents there gouged deeper, and on No. 2 tipple the new sign blinked

Purge at River Rouge

DETROIT, Mich .- With the growing reaction and erendum of the membership on the proposal to re-

the increased pressure from the corporations and move from office James Couser, Financial Secretary,

the top leadership of the UAW, new capitulations William Johnson, Recording Secretary, and the other

and surrenders to the Taft-Hartley Act have oc- officers who had refused to sign the affidavits,

retary of Labor Schwellenbach who financial and monetary measures to revealed that 'the average city stabilize their currency along lines capitalist dictatorship such as exists housewife who goes to buy food must suited to the best interests of Wall in Greece. take \$21 to buy what \$10 bought in Street; that they put aside in a DECEPTIVE FIGURES 1939 and what less than \$15 bought special fund an amount of their own In the United States the economon V-J day or even as recently as currency equivalent to the value ic effects will be far-reaching, es- ists who, powerful as they are can-18 months ago.'

is urgent and necessary that the sees fit, etc. UAW requests a hearing for a subtion to price jumps at every junc- whom will it hurt?

ture of the econmic cycle which wipe out wage increases. In any one penny."

## **Readers Invited to Hear** Hansen in Youngstown

8 p.m., Room 302, Leedy Bldg., 115 erican profits. E. Federal St.

March-in the direction of naked

be spoken by the American capitalof the ERP grants, which they will pecially in stepping up the inflation- not even stop the raging inflation "From all this I conclude that it be able to spend only as the U.S. ary trend. Truman tried to mini- preparing the way for the mevitable mize these effects, asserting that depression in America.

What economic and political ef- the total expenditure required would The real decision will be made by stantial immediate cost-of-living fects will the ERP have on Europe be less than 3% of the national in- the European workers, who can win wage increase. We must find a solu- and on the U.S.? Whom will it help, come during the four-year period. economic security only through the But such a figure is deceptive be-

The main beneficiaries will be the cause it deliberately ignores the fact Good Affair Held By American capitalists; to a lesser de- that there is a desperate shortage Lynn ACEWR Chapter event all wage increases can easily gree their European satellites and in the U.S. of many of the chief The Lynn Chapter of the Ameribe met by the huge stockpile of cor- junior partners will also improve products required by the ERP, and porate profits without raising prices their positions. The economic future that these same products are basic can Committee for European Workers Relief opened its winter fund of Western Europe will be mort- in the American price structure. drive with a Dance and Buffet Supper on December 6 at the Jewish

gaged to Wall Street and the big In the absence of effective price corporations wil be able to get their control, such as only mass consumhcoks into every nook and cranny of lers committees and workers control Youngstown readers of The Mill- the European economy, insuring of production could insure, the big tant are invited to hear Joseph that it serves and does not compete purchases of these products by the Hansen on Sunday, January 4, at with American domination and Am- government are sure to add fuel to the evening's entertainment. Dane- 000. The grand total collected dur-

The ERP will not restore the pros- will hasten the coming economic Net proceeds amounted to \$128.36. \$17,002.40.

Will the ERP be successful in sav- writes Rose. Reading's achievement ing European capitalism and in ad- is all the more creditable in view vancing Wall Street's imperialist of the hardshirs they had to overaims? The final word on that won't come. Three cheers for the indomitable militants of Reading!

The fact that every single branch from the East Coast to the West raised or surpassed its quota provides magnificent testimony to the high morale of the SWP members and their regard for The Militant. We will do our utmost to continue publishing a paper worthy of such

loyal and sacrificing support. In addition to the Reading contribution, the following readers sent in coin cards last week: Bolint, Youngstown, \$1.70; Trinks, Hammond, Ind., \$1.70; Anderson, California, \$3; Mikhosz, Michigan, \$1. Cleveland mailed in another \$10.

Two local artists, a pianist and Thus the \$15,000 Fund was overvocalist, donated their services for subscribed by a little more than \$2,the flames of the inflation. This ing and a buffet supper followed ing the campaign amounted to

#### Officials Reject Wallace and

The "responsible" AFL and fact that the labor bureaucrats have of dollars of the workers' money CIO labor bureaucrats have already made clear that they street domination of the world. been lined up solidly behind the Truman-Marshall plans for Wall have not yet made up their minds is will not support Henry Wal- They are not only lined up, but cnly the transition from their 1946 lace as a third party candidate working overtime to integrate the denunciations of Truman as a for president in 1948. The only unions into the war machine in this strikebreaker to their 1948 leap onto exceptions in the union move- Plan to the workers abroad. country and to sell the Marshall the Truman bandwagon. "LESSER EVIL"

ment are the Stalinists and Wallace, in his own way and for

their sympathizers. his own reasons, which he thinks argument which they will offer to The viewpoint of the labor bur- coincide with the best interests of explain this betrayal-the theory of eaucrats was expressed in an in- U. S. capitalism, is resisting the the "lesser evil" which the Stalinterview given in Washington by State Department's policy of cold ists made so popular in this country Walter Reuther, president of the war with Russia. That is his chief and through which they helped to UAW. "We will not go along with crime in the eyes of the Truman miseducate so many workers when Wallace," said Reuther, characteriz- administration's loyal labor lieuten- they were supporting Roosevelt. ing him as a "lost soul," a "great ants.

disappointment" and a man who was influenced by the Communist bureaucrats are bitter opponents of result will be the election of some Party.

and the Stalinists is real and un- and influenced by the Stalinists, oppose any third ticket and try to deniable. Nor is it of recent ori- but of any kind of party, including get some concessions from the cans and Democrats follow essen- House and Congress and sweeping

election as vice-president. BUREAUCRATS LINE-UP lace.

Thus there are other reasons why Most of the labor bureaucrats It is true that the formation of preparations for a new world war. because the Democrats stand ex-Reuther, Murray, Green, Whitney have not committed themselves a Labor Party in 1948 might result WOULD GIVE PAUSE and Co. won't support Wallace. First, and most important, is the that they intend to spend millions president. But since the Republi- not win the first national election the NAM on the American people.

And everyone knows, also, the That theory runs as follows: If we Second is the fact that the start a third party now, the only WALLACE

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gin; they have collaborated not an independent Labor Party based Democrats, who cannot be elected tially the same anti-labor policies, the slaveowners out of political powthat would be no more catastrophic er.

This theory, if accepted by the than the re-election of a Democrat What is the alternative to a Labor U. S. entry into the war-when the top leadership of the CIO workers, would tule out any new who, to the applause of the Repub- Party? The uninterrupted growth Reuther and the other labor bur- Amalgamated Clothing Workers, party for all time, for it would apply licans, has already broken a na- of reaction because the workers are eaucrats, including the Stalinists, who came out against any third just as strongly in 1952 or 1956 as tional railway strike and used an paralyzed politically, the passage of were hailing Wallace as labor's true party, and threatened to withdraw in 1948. Its acceptance would leave injunction against a national mine more and worse Taft-Hartley Acts. champion and fighting for his re- from the American Labor Party in labor politically helpless forever, strike, and who shares responsibility the rise of fascism. Labor has to New York if it should endorse Wal- and for this reason must be reject- with the GOP for high prices, start some time building its own ed decisively.

publicly on 1948, but everyone knows in the election of a Republican Granted that a Labor Party might licans in imposing the program of



The history of the Republican Party is very instructive in this connection. Formed as a radical party to fight the reactionary slaveholders Democratic Party in 1856, it was defeated at the polls in its first attempt for the Presidency. But just four short years later it won a plurality, taking over both the White

crushing taxes, witch hunts and party and now is the best time-

posed as partners with the Repub-

son, President of the Local union, and his supporters in a progressive fashion since his break with Stalinhave followed up their previous capitulation to the ism and played a leading role in the Cadillac Square act with a campaign to oust from office those offi- Demonstration against the Taft-Hartley bill last April, cers of the local union who have refused to sign the and in the moves to force reinstatement of the fired "loyalty" affidavits. Amalgamated Local 835, in a GM workers who were victimized at that time. Now meeting which lacked even a quorum, and without Romano is playing ball with the reactionaries. Not

Thompson issued a statement to the press hailing the

dent Thompson and Lee Romano, Chairman of the A Reuther Caucus meeting last Tuesday night Pressed Steel Unit, in the past leading spokesmen stressed as one of the main points in the activity of for the progressive forces, emerged as the leading the Reuther forces the fight to force all locals to comadvocates of capitulation. Following the meeting of ply and to have removed from office those persons the General Council of Local 600 which ordered a ref- who refused to sign the affidavits.

Last week, UAW Ford Highland Park Local 400 proposed referendum as a wonderful opportunity for voted in a small membership meeting to sign the Taft- the membership of Local 600 to make its attitude Hartley affidavits. The supporters of Labor Action clear on the question of "Americanism vs. Communism." Romano, an ex-Stalinist, had conducted himself

previous notice to the membership, ousted Stalinist only did he participate prominently in forcing the Merrill Work from his post of Recording Secretary motion for compliance to the Taft-Hartley act through for his refusal to sign the affidavit as instructed by the General Council, but in the latest issue of Ford Facts, Romano defends and explains the value of the

It is of interest to note that at Local 600, Presi- recent meeting of Reuther and Henry Ford II.

any new party-not only of a third Republican like Taft, and the vis-The connection between Wallace capitalist party headed by Wallace tory of reaction. Therefore we must merely since Wallace's dismissal on and controlled by the unions. without labor support. from Truman's cabinet but since This was admitted explicitly by