Third of Nation Still III-Housed, Ill-Clad, Ill-Fed

By Joseph Keller

million of these family units were forced to subsist on less than \$1,000, below \$20 a week.

Another nine million families scraped by on less than \$3,000 a year, while some 131/2 million others received from \$3,000 to \$5,000. These latter incomes, however, have a purchasing power of between \$1,500 and \$2,500 in 1939 dollars.

These are the sober, conservative findings issued on Nov. 12 in Washington by the Subcommittee on Low-Income Families of the Joint Congressional Committee on the Economic Report, headed by Senator Sparkman of Alabama.

We can better appreciate what these income levels mean when we compare them to the minimum living standards budgets established by the government. The U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics says the minimum decency and health income for the average family today is between \$3,200 and \$3,500 a year. Back in March 1946 before the biggest leap in post-war prices, the Senate Education and ing to silence their opponents, Labor Committee reported: "Even the inadequate maintenance grabbing local treasuries and budget developed for families on work relief would cost \$1,700 at current prices.

Today in this richest country on earth, one out of every three people lives in conditions ranging from bare subsistence to outright starvation. Another third struggles to stay within the borderland of minimum maintenance. And even those who manage to get between \$4,000 and \$5,000 a year - at double the 1939 cost of bers including the huge Westingliving - live under a cloud of insecurity.

THE RICHEST COUNTRY IN THE WORLD

Remember, this is not in an undeveloped, backward country, or one blasted and ruined by war. This is in the country that boasts of doubling production of goods in a single decade since 1939 and that has trebled the national income in a brief span of 15 years. But this is also a country where bankers, industrialists and landlords rule; where the capitalist government siphons off a quarter of the national income to feed the war machine; where competitive greed and the profits of a few rob the substance of the many.

The tiny, parasitic minority who thrive under the profit system, look everywhere but at the misery and poverty at home. No, we say, look at America, look at a land where we have all the means tric and other large manuat hand for universal plenty and security, but where the more we produce, the greater grows the gulf between rich and poor.

We can achieve the plenty and security for all that this country right now is able to produce - but only under one condition: This long run, because the CIO remains country must belong to the people, really belong to them. The the mainstream of industrial factories, mines, railroads, natural resources — all the basic means unionism. of producing and distributing the necessities of life - must belong to the non-profit society of the workers and producers.

Those who live by their labor — the 80% of the population who Lynn, Mass., voted to stay in CIO, now live in the shadow of insecurity — must control the economy. as well as the 8,000 - member-They must plan and operate production and distribution cooperative- Local 1581 in Buffalo, N. Y. The ly; under their own democratic rule through a Workers and Farmers Stalinists are putting out a flood Government.

In short, socialism - and socialism alone - will end forever this brutal profit system that condemns one-third of the nation to to block the seizure of funds and hovels, rags and hunger.

TOUR ON CIVIL RIGHTS

by the old UE group.

PRICE: FIVE CENTS One-third of the nation is still "ill-housed, ill-clad, ill-nourished" - 12 years after Roosevelt coined this famous description. This re-mains the outstanding fact of American life under capitalism, despite New Deals, War Deals and Fair Deals. Last year, when production and employment were the highest in U. S. peacetime history, some sixteen million family units re-tind a rack income of under \$2,000 less than \$40 a week. Eight DISCORDED TO A State of under \$2,000 less than \$40 a week. Eight DISCORDED TO A State of under \$2,000 less than \$40 a week. Eight

Workers of the World, Unite !

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newly-chartered CIO Internatonal Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, led by CIO Secretary - Treasurer James B.

Carey and the ACTU faction, is raging in full fury. Both factions are resorting to strong-arm methods in attemptproperties where they can and

running to the courts for injunctions and restraining orders against each other. CIO officials claimed that locals

representing some 130,000 memhouse Local 601 in Pittsburgh, GM Frigidaire local in Dayton and two large Philco locals in Philadelphia, had voted to remain in CIO during the first week of the split. The UE leaders claimed 600,000 members before the split,

but UE representation at the CIO convention was based on only about 350,000 members. While the old UE holds the powerful weapon of contracts with Westinghouse, General Elecfacturers, the new CIO union undoubtedly will have the greatest attraction for the workers in the

Last week, it was reported that the 17,000-member Local 201 in of counter-claims and have in-

The IUE-CIO officials last week

filed a petition with the NLRB in Washington requesting elec-

IN UL WAR The civil war between the Stal-inist-controlled United Electrical Workers, expelled from the CIO at its recent convention, and the newly-chartered CIO Internatonal By Government, Government, Governments, Cowners All Labor Must Now Declare: 'Hands Off the Coal Miners!'

By Art Preis

The coal miners are fighting with their backs to the wall against a gang-up by the government and coal operators. The Big Business press is howling louder than ever for the head of John L. Lewis.

For 52 days the soft coal to stall off the steel strike for miners stayed out of the pits in 21/2 months and to whittle the a demonstration of magnificent steel workers' demands down to solidarity and militancy that is a mere splinter.

their trade-mark. No one can TRUMANS' TACTICS doubt they will resume the fight

with the same unity and deterhree-week truce on Dec. 1.

As this is written, it is reported mination should the United Mine that Truman has already secretly Workers leaders be forced to call hand-picked a "fact - finding" them out again at the end of the board and is going to demand that the miners submit to its

"inquiry" and "findings." Should This strike-truce, announced on they refuse to place their in-Nov. 9 by the UMW Policy Comterests in the hands of this nittee, gives the miners a breathng spell - but no more. They agency of the capitalist governwill get a few weeks' pay to ment and mine owners, Truman bolster them a bit for the next will use this as a pretext to stage of the struggle. But we crack down with the Taft-Hartley Act or his "inherent power" to must face the fact that the miners, their resources badly break "national emergency" depleted, are in a precarious strikes.

All organized labor owes a position. We must sound the alarm for all-out labor support great debt of gratitude to the to the embattled coal-diggers. miners, who have been in the vanguard of labor's struggle,

'HATE-LEWIS" MOB

pioneering every great gain, such With the steel strike out of the as pension and welfare funds, in ay, the Truman administration the past years. The steel workers combined to concentrate a full- the mine strike.

scale ferogious assault against the mine workers. The "Hate is the time for CIO President Lewis" mob — a coalition of all Philip Murray to speak out the anti-labor scum in the country - have scented blood and are plans! Let all labor leaders and closing in for what they hope labor organizations declare in no will be the kill. They are out to uncertain terms to Washington: destroy Lewis and the UMW as "Hands off the coal miners!"

and coal operators have openly were tremendously bolstered by Den't let the miners down! Now against Truman's strikebreaking

stituted a string of court actions to block the seizure of funds and properties by seeding locals. In Schenectady, N. Y., however, the CIO group secured a temporary injunction to prevent "transfers or concealment of union funds" by the old UE group.

The solidarity, union loyalty being misrepresented by Murray SETTLEMENT ARE UPON A destroy Lewis and the Univ as and self - sacrifice of the steel and the capitalist press as "non- CONTRIBUTORY BASIS." (Our ism that has won for the miners



Vincent R. Dunne's national lecture tour on Labor and Civil Rights will begin in Seattle on Nov. 29 and will cover all of the main Socialist Workers Party centers in the following two months.

Comrade Dunne's lectures will deal with the cold war and the witch-hunt; the Smith Act and the conviction of the 11 leaders of the Communist Party; the Minneapolis trial of 1941, precedent for the New York trial of 1949; the witch-hunt in the unions; what happened to promises for civil rights for Negroes; the enemies and defenders of democracy and civil rights.

In addition to his lecture under SWP auspices, Dunne will be prepared to address other organizations concerned with the civil rights struggle and to appear on cities where his schedule will permit it. He will also be available for conferences with party. members and sympathizers on their local problems.

Vincent R. Dunne first became nationally famous in 1934 for his leadership of the teamsters' strikes that launched the drive which made Minneapolis a union town. He won the admiration of union militants throughout the country for his prominent role in the great struggle for union democracy in the Teamsters, and the support of all defenders of civil liberties as the central figure in the first trial under the Smith Act.

The Minneapolis trial, which is known in the law records as "the Dunne case," was repeatedly cited as a precedent by the prosecutor in the New York trial of the 11 Stalinist leaders.

The interest that will undoubtedly be shown in Comrade Dunne's appearances should make it one of the most successful tours in SWP history.

The schedule for his tour is printed on Page 3 of this issue.

Louis Adamic **On Yugoslavia**

After a six months' stay in lugoslavia, the American writer gives his views on the Tito-Stalin conflict. See pg. 3.



V. R. DUNNE

auto. Carey and other CIO spokesmen have been making effective use of the Stalinists' notorious record of wartime strikebreaking and their "tagalong" policy in post-war wage fights.

rights struggle and to appear on radio programs in the larger NEW YORK CITY MEETING **TO GREET LEGLESS VET**

NEW YORK, Nov. 17 - James Kutcher, the legless veteran who was purged from his VA job because of membership in the Socialist Workers Party, will be welcomed pensions and welfare.

home from his coast - to - coast 9 speaking tour at a public meeting Dec. 15, 8 P.M., at the Capitol Hotel, 51st St. and Eighth Ave. The meeting, sponsored by the Kutcher Civil Rights Committee, will also mark the 158th anniversary of the Bill of Rights. Kutcher will tell the story of his fight to retain his government job, which has become the key case Other prominent speakers will nclude

I. F. Stone, noted author and columnist.

Roger Baldwin, director, American Civil Liberties Union Carl Holderman, president, New Jersey State CIO Council. Professor Thomas I. Emerson, dean of Yale University Law School and authority on the Union "lovalty" program.

Benjamin F. McLaurin, interna-

Party leader. George Novack, national sec-

ling.

workers has block ntributory," are paid for in part third tions in all plants of Genera mpnasis.) post-war drive of the steel by the workers through their Electric, Westinghouse, General MURRAY IN JULY monopolists to weaken or cripple taxes on social security. The plan

Motors and five other large comthe CIO United Steel Workers. calls for a minimum pension, at panies to determine the collective U. S. Steel Corporation agreed age 65 after 25 years service, of program is openly on a conbargaining agency. In a court action in Philaruled that the IUE-CIO could use its full name or the initials IUE, to 600,000 workers. but not "UE.'

The Stalinist UE leaders, in addition to trying to keep their forces in line with the contracts they hold, have been assailing the CIO leaders for the miserable settlements made in steel and the pattern of the recommendations of Truman's "Fact-Finding" Board. The steel barons had forced the strike when they re-

nendations. But the union did not gain the nimediate objective which Philip reduced by the amount of any and social insurance paid for entirely by the companies. Before and during the strike he had said

to a settlement on Nov. 11, the \$100 a month - including federal tributory basis, with the worker delphia last week, a federal judge 42nd day of the general basic social security. It is not a \$100 a and company each paying 21/2 steel strike, which began Oct. 1 month pension paid for by the cents an hour into the fund. This and at its peak involved close company. A "COMPROMISE" U. S. Steel, which employs a This fact was emphasized, after third of the workers in the basic the conclusion of the settlement, steel industry, accepted terms

similar to the pension settlements by U. S. Steel President Benjamin 1949, in his report to the steel previously concluded with Beth- Fairless. He issued a statement lehem Steel and other Little Steel saying in part: "It [the new con- |"The proposal made by the defeat. corporations. These terms follow tract] represents a compromise United States Steel Corporaof the principal issue in dispute, tion . . . contemplates that the namely, whether or not the em- Corporation will contribute an of insurance and pensions for per hour for social insurance power of the government. The fused to accept these recom- employees...

"The pension to be paid by tion that the employees constart of the strike - pensions retired employee is entitled to posal is a wage cut to the em- before used against them. receive under the Federal Social ployees of 2c. per hour, since this the principle of non-contributory tributions by employers and em- 21/2 cents. plovees. TO THAT EXTENT

The steel pensions, which are PENSIONS UNDER THIS

sions and welfare benefits. Moreover, the health insurance

tors - the front for the steel of seeking a negotiated settlewill mean a reduction in takement. They are deliberately ignorhome pay of about \$1 a week. Here is what Murray himself ing the offers of the UMW leadsaid about such a contributory ers for further meetings. They insurance program on July 12, confidently expect the governunion's wage policy committee: the miners and crush them in in the court's hearing of an ap-

Truman is giving the parasitic operators every assurance that their profits and privileges will ployer shall pay the entire cost additional picayune sum of 2c. be safeguarded with the full

benefits, but only upon the condi- White House has issued a virtual ultimatum to the miners to remain United States Steel shall be tribute a like amount. This is a on their jobs after Dec. 1 or face shocking proposal. . . The net the kind of government strike-Murray had proclaimed at the pension or annuity which such effect of the Corporation's pro- breaking that Truman has twice proclaimed. Dennis was one of the This time Truman has a method Security Act or other similar amount would be deducted from of intervention that he hopes will there would be "no retreat" on Security Act requires equal con- deduction Murray has agreed to is the Taft - Hartley Act without formally invoking the act itself.

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legislation. The Federal Social the pay of the employees." The enable him to get the effect of

The union leaders agreed to He has the weapon of the "fact-

finding" procedure which he used

Leading officials of the AFL demned the cannibal unionism of ment with the BME on terms hiring hall for seamen is illegal the article flay "Mahoney and his Scafarers International Union and the SIU-SUP officialdom the previously rejected by the MEBA. under the Taft-Hartley Law. In Trotskyite disrupters" for going The only ship to "run the block- a test case, this decision of the "on record" in a Seattle memarising from the "loyalty" purge. laid down a heavy barrage against been dubbed "dual and hostile!" ade" in the recent Hawaiian lower courts has been appealed bership meeting "to non-concur One form of cannibal unionism Longshoremen's strike was the to the United States Supreme with the membership's decisior Isthmian Company ship, Steel Court by the National Maritime to man the vessels of the Unior

LUNDEBERG'S REWARD

The reluctance of the authors For a seafaring union to inprovides many variations. On the voke this union-busting clause to of the anti-Trotskyist tirade to Pacific Coast, for example, the raid another union can only give supply details is understandable Lundeberg - sponsored Pacific aid and encouragement to the in view of what they have to Marine Stewards Union, organized shipowner-government assault on conceal. However, we are under to raid the jurisdiction of the the hiring hall. Thus, cannibal no such restraint. To win their

Marine Cooks and Stewards, has unionism in the maritime industry strike the oil workers had to stor serves to weaken and undermine the movement of oil by railroad recently challenged the "legality" of the MS&S union hiring hall. the basic foundation of all seafar- ship and truck. The vessels of the Union Oil company were under The Seattle Post - Intelligencer, ing unions! One of the major "crimes" of contract to the National Maritime Oct. 26, reports that the PMS has which the Trotskyists are accused Union.

in a six page diatribe in the When NMU crew members to work' clause of the Taftwalked off ship in support of the Nov. 4 Seafarers Log, is opposition to SIU-SUP strikebreaking strike, Harry Lundeberg, Presi in the long drawn and bitterly dent of the SIU and Secretary-It is under the so-called "right- fought Oil Workers strike on the Treasurer of the SUP, ran finks the supreme judicial seal on (Continued on page 4)

the highest industrial wages in the country and the largest pen- Clark Refuses to No longer are the coal opera-Disqualify Himself corporations which control the major mines — making a pretense In Dennis Case

The U. S. Supreme Court last week ripped off its mask of judicial "impartiality" when Justice Tom Clark, former Attorney Genment to spearhead the attack on eral, refused to disqualify himself peal by Communist Party leader Fugene Dennis against a conviction for contempt of the House **Un-American Activities Commit**tee.

> Clark flouted the avowed tradiions of judicial procedure when he insisted on sitting as a judge in a case where his bias against the appellant has been publicly 11 Stalinists convicted of "conspiracy to advocate" the overthrow of the government in the Foley Square trial - a prosecution initiated by Tom Clark when he headed the Department of Justice.

The Department of Justice, in statement last June 30 listing Clark's "achievements" as Attorney General, boasted of his contributions to "internal secuity," among them the contempt conviction of Dennis.

Not only did Clark as Attorney General boast of his part in securing the conviction on which he now is sitting as an appeal judge, but he instituted the "subversive" list and the "loyalty" purge investigations that helped create the witch-hunt atmosphere surrounding the contempt prosecution and conviction.

It was pointed out by Dennis' attorney that the jury which brought in the conviction was composed in part of government employees, who were under pressure of the "loyalty" probe and would fear to bring in a verdict that might arouse the resentment of Clark and the other "loyalty" purgers.

Clark is establishing a precedent whereby he will be able to judge his own violations of civil rights in numerous cases when he was Attorney General. He may well have the decisive vote in putting abrogations of the Bill of Rights.

SIU Red-Baiting Masks 'Cannibal' Unionism

By R. Bell cause the Trotskyists have con- announced it had signed an agree- | courts have ruled that the union | going into detail, the authors of Sailors Union of the Pacific have Secialist Workers Party has also "Trotskyist disrupters" to screen their own disruptive activities on has been practiced under the

are a matter of record. They The Militant last week we told have made the top officials of the how the SIU-SUP broke the SIU-SUP hated in other maritime Canadian Seamens Union strike unions and have led to a creeping by signing a sweetheart agreedestruction of the democratic ment after the CSU had struck rights of their members. the ships.

The CIO National Maritime (NMU), International SCAB AGREEMENTS

More recently, the CSU formula Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Union (ILWU), Marine was employed against the Marine tional organizer, Brotherhood of Engineers Beneficial Association Engineers. When the MEBA Sleeping Car Porters, AFL, and (MEBA), Marine Cooks & Stew- struck the S.S. Sir John Franklin national committee member of ards (MCS) and the independent of the Isbrandtsen Steamship Americans for Democratic Action. Pacific Coast Marine Firemen's Company last month for an im- filed charges "based on the 'right Norman Thomas, Socialist Union (MFOW) are all classified proved agreement, Paul Hall, Sec-

by the SIU-SUP leadership as retary-Treasurer of the SIU, sent Hartley Act." "dual and hostile." Under this replacements aboard from his retary of the Kutcher Civil Rights classification all these unions newly formed Brotherhood of THEY USE T-H ACT

Committee, will chair the meet- have been subjected to SIU-SUP Marine Engineers. A few days raiding and strikebreaking. Be-later the Isbrandtsen Company to-work" clause that the lower Pacific Coast last year. Without

the waterfront. These activities "CSU formula." In our article in Flyer, under contract to the Union. The Supreme Court deci- Oil Company." SIU. Men who refused to scab sion is expected some time around were expelled from the union. the first of the year. The policy of cannibal unionism

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THE MILITANT

Monday, November 21, 1949

40% of Fund Collected At the Half-Way Mark

Youngstown

Milwaukee

TOTAL through Nov. 15

stantial amounts in the next two

from zero to 40% of its quota;

W. E. B. of Portland, Oregon,

This timely and important ques-

ion is considered from the Marx-

A friend who wishes to remain at the deadline.

contributed \$5 toward the fund.

General

31 deadline."

n the zero category.

Lynn

Chicago

Akron

By Reba Aubrey

Fund Campaign Manager The Socialist Workers Party campaign to raise a \$12.000 Party Building Fund reached the halfway mark this week. Party members and friends have sent in a total of \$4,769 through Nov. 15 - 40% of the national quota still 10% behind schedule.

In line with the campaign slogan — IN FULL AND ON TIME - the branches are striving to be on schedule every week. Branches that started collecting funds with the opening gun and regularized their weekly pledge payments are either on schedule or ahead.

Flint Branch, for instance, has held first place in the campaign since the beginning. They have now reached 82% of their \$200 quota. "Whoopee!" shouts Comrade Genora for all the Flint comrades, "Our goal is nearly reached!'

New Britain holds second place with 70% of its quota.

St. Paul-Minneapolis still holds third place with 59%. But third place is now challenged by New York and Toledo, both branches having reached 57% of their quotas during the week.

Comrade Cathy, Fund Director for New York Local, reports that "of the \$1,723 paid, quite a few dollars have been contributed by friends of the SWP."

San Francisco-Oakland jumped from fifteenth to sixth place, with 54% of its quota. "Considering that we have reached the half-way mark in our payments in one-third the time set," writes Anne Chester, "the San Francisco-Oakland area is doing much better than anticipated. If we continue Thanks a lot. in this manner, we should go way over the top. We are planning a banquet and dance in a combined celebration of October 1917 and The Militant anniversary. This Nov. FI Features Analysis should net a fair amount which **Of Yugoslav Developments** will go toward our Party Building Fund quota."

Buffalo Branch grabbed seventh place by sending in \$41 special delivery.

headed - toward Wall Street's reactionary camp or to-To complete the on-schedule ward revolutionary socialism? roster: New Haven, Allentown, and Seattle have reached 50% at the half-way mark.

Philadelphia Branch doubled its ist point of view by Michel Pablo Grey's study of the steel inin the November issue of Fourth dustry, "Steel: Achilles of U. S. percentage to 38% with a pay-International, monthly magazine Industry," is as colorful and ment of \$115 during the week. of American Trotskyism. World educational as the first part M. Baker writes for Detroit Branch: "We couldn't make the Stalinism, he declares, faces the which appeared in the October halfway mark on schedule, but



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Branch	Quota.	Paid	Perce
Flint	\$ 200	\$ 163	82
New Britain	30,	21	70
St. Paul-Minneapolis	900	527	59
New York	3,000	1,723	57
Toledo	75	43	57
San Francisco-Oakland	800	428	54
Buffalo	500 .	258	52
New Haven	25	13	52
Allentown	50	25	50
Seattle	200	100	50
Worcester	40	19	48
Newark	350	146	42
Boston	200	82	41
Morgantown .	25	10	40
Philadelphia	600	230	38
Cleveland	250	89	36
St. Louis	. 75	27	36
Detroit	1,100	382	35
Pittsburgh	150	50	/ 33
Los Angeles	1,500	275	18

56

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45

10

37

\$4,769

A circular appeal has gone out

and we expect the "General"

Next week's scoreboard should

branches: other branches will

have to speed up their pledge

payments. Being on schedule now

will forestall that wild scramble

The second installment of V

inist writers. J. Meyer, a Marxist

authority on problems of the

Negro people, contrasts the Stal-

inist interpretation with the true

story of the progressive role of

the Negro people in American

A review by B. Lens of Lincoln

Barnett's book, The Universe and

Dr. Einstein, hits hard at the

professional mystifiers who claim

The issue is rounded out with

75

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\$12,000

we will be able to send in sub-janonymous contributed \$20.

or three weeks. At any rate, our to all the subscribers of The

ull quota will be in by the Dec. Militant and Fourth International.

Morgantown Branch leaped quota to begin a climb next week.

Akron Branch squeezed from zero show every quota fulfilled by

to 10%, leaving only one branch 62%. It'll be a cinch for some

In what direction is the Yugoslav Communist Party

Yugoslav affair evolves by V. Grey in his first article.

history.

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11

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40%

Steel Strike Settled



United Steelworkers members hail the end of their six-week strike at Republic Steel plant in Chicago. The settlement represents a "compromise" of union's demand for non-contributory welfare concessions.



The New York Chapter of the American Committee for European Workers Relief announces that its Fourth that I have hitherto encountered Annual Xmas Bazaar will be held on Dec. 9 and 10.

previous bazaars of the ACEWR | war was at an end. I am now 68 know, the Xmas Bazaar is the years old, sick, and have only a ideal place for workers to do their 40 German Mark monthly in-Xmas shopping. Not only will come. . . I ask you to lighten there be an abundance of mer- my need by sending me a food chandise at bargain prices, but package. . .'

To continue its necessary work grand auction of all unsold the ACEWR depends on such afarticles. Here is the chance to fairs as its annual Xmas Bazaar

All those who believe in in duties. First, to help the ACEWR collect merchandise, and second, to come to the bazaar, bringing friends and relatives if possible.

Those who have friends or urged to ask them for donations if it so desires. of merchandise. All are asked to give some personal possessions to

most acute crisis in its evolution issue. Grey shows how techfour zones of Germany.

is the W. family in Germany. records, men's, women's and tion.

WORKERS FORUM

The Workers Who Produce Meat Can't Afford to Buy It

Editor:

the International Committee, even I proposed that a resolution by if there were more than one or- the Congress on the obligations ganization from the same country. of the European workers be drawn There was therefore no question up which could be subject to of Levan OR some other Viet- amendment, and which finally namese being on the committee. could be really voted on for and It is interesting to note in the The membership of one on the against, by the Congress. . .

Saul Berg Paris, France

capita consumption of meat has membership. ED. NOTE: We can't make out fallen from prewar in all the It was therefore only a quesleading meat-producing countries tion of deciding whether to add what Berg is complaining about except the United States and Levan on the committee by in his long, abusive letter, the Canada. U. S. meat production is defining the delegation of Viet- pertinent parts of which are up 17% and Canada 14% from namesc Workers in France as a printed above. Ali reported that prewar to 1948. At the same time national movement. Furthermore, the Shachtmanites had joined in meat consumption in these two if that had been passed, we would a Stalinist-instigated move to countries went down from 1947 have immediately been confronted deny representation on the Into 1948. This is the result of with a demand for representation ternational Committee of the lower incomes for workers caused for the organizations of African Congress to the representative of by unemployment and shorter students in Britain, some of whom Viet Namese Workers of France hours, Even the workers who are influenced by Stalinism. Their - an authentic movement with 15,000 members that plays a leadproduce the meat of the country status, that of a small community cannot afford to buy it. This is temporarily located in another ing part in the struggle against another one of the great con- country, is exactly the same as the French war of conquest on that of Levan's organization. It Indo - China - because their radictions of capitalism.

Packinghouse Workers' Wife St. Paul, Minn.

statistics of the U.S. Depart- committee would in no sense pre-

ment of Agriculture that per judice the right of the other to

Complaint from A Shachtmanite

Editor: peared an article by Ali on the pendent Socialist League in terms for the opportunity to reply. . . (1) The question of Levan's Committee . . . it was in no sense a question of voting for Stalinism versus Trotskyism. The congress ad already agreed that every national affiliate from Asia and Africa would be represented on

Workers Block Big Steel Drive

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make no new demands on pensions and insurance for five years, but the company can terminate relatives who have businesses are the pension plan after two years

In accepting the meager pension and insurance programs, the the bazaar. Anyone wishing to aid steel union leaders sacrificed the in the solicitation of merchandise union's "fourth round" wage should visit or telephone the demands. The overwhelming ma-ACEWR office at 130 West 23rd jority of steel workers will not St., New York City, CHelsea 2- get one penny more in their pay envelopes as a result of this The coming bazaar promises strike. In addition, the new con-

to be the same bargain-hunter's tract runs until Dec. 31, 1951. paradise that it has been in the with one 30-day wage reopener Italy, Austria, Greece and all previous years. In addition to starting Dec. 31, 1950. In effect, art objects and curios from all the contract represents a 11/2 to

An example of the type of over the world, there will be fine 21,5-year wage freeze from the people assisted by the ACEWR color prints, jewelry, phonograph time of the last contract termina-

can be seen, therefore, that the democratically elected represendelegates were wise in voting that tative is a Trotskyist. On the face

Levan's organization is a local of Berg's own letter, it is clear one and ineligible for the In- that he did join in this move, despite his efforts to obscure its ternational Committee. . (2) My abstention on a declarasignificance.

Ali also reported that Berg ion of the European Commission In The Militant for Oct. 24 ap- pledging support for the colonial "abstained from voting on a depeoples in the fight against im- claration from the European Com-Congress of the Peoples Against perialism: Ali complains that this mission pledging active support Imperialism. Since the article resulted because the statement for the colonial peoples in the criticized myself and the Inde- did not mention Eastern Europe... fight against imperialism. The Here are the facts. Chairman reasons he gave were that the Brockway announced that the statement should have included only in the Stalinist press, I ask European declaration was NOT a condemnation of Russian opresolution that was before the pression in Eastern Europe. Congress for adoption. It was the Here too Berg's letter confirms exclusion from the International Europeans' declaration only; it Ali's report, his real objection was not subject to amendment being that Ali does not accept by the congress; and it was only Berg's legalistic justification for up for acceptance — that is, to an abstentionist attitude to a. be read into the minutes, as we declaration of support for the would put it in American parlia- colonial fight against imperialmentary procedure. Given this in- ism.

terpretation by the chairman, I The facts show, in this instance dismissed the whole vote as mean- as in all others, that the Shachtingless. I specifically asked that manites are guided primarily by my position - for unqualified im- Stalinophobia and by unprincipled mediate independence for all combinations with all the pettycolonial peoples and for total bourgeois opponents of Trotopposition to both imperialist skyism. If they don't like their plocs — be entered into the shabby behavior to be publicized, minutes, so that slanderers like then they ought to stop behaving Ali could not misconstrue it, and in a shabby manner.

THE MILITANT ARMY

Cleveland, Seattle, New Haven, Boston Complete Sub Quotas Cleveland forged ahead last Fred Martin.

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The New Haven

comrades have suc-

intensive sub-getting

ceeded in combining

The Boston branch managed to

Seattle, with 100% of its goal

Milwaukee, also doing better than schedule, hopes "to increase this tempo once we get the Militant Task Force into high gear," according to Militant Manager

week in the national subscription Reporting for Detroit, Literacampaign for The Militant to tie ture Agent Shirley Mason writes New Haven for first that the comrades have not yet place. With the cam- had a real opportunity to get paign at the half going. "In the next few weeks way mark it looks we intend to correct this and we like even money on expect to have our quota of subs

which branch in by the deadline." Like Seattle

the closing attraction will be a save money on your shopping and HOW TO HELP at the same time help needy working class families abroad. Many people, the ACEWR ternational solidarity have two states, have the mistaken belief that the need for relief to Europe no longer exists. This is especially

untrue in the cases of those aided by the ACEWR. Many of these are ex-concentration camp prisoners whose health was so ruined by imprisonment and torture that they need special foods and medicines. Others are aged parents, widows and orphans of men who were killed by the Nazis. These people cannot be forgotten now.

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the Kremlin throughout the In "Some Comments on the "It is not an exaggeration to known Marxist writer Arne

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favorably, if the Tito regime does Students of Marxism will find not compromise with imperialism Swabeck's comments most illubut on the contrary develops a minating. more consistent revolutionary "Stalinism and Negro History" line, that we may yet witness the is an informative analysis of debacle of Stalinism in the years some recent productions of Stal-

to come on a vast scale." Citing recent developments in Yugoslavia such as further collectivization of agriculture, the reform of the law on Peoples'

Committees and the emergence of deepening ideological differences with Stalinism, Pablo concludes that the Yugoslav Communist Party is developing as "a left centrist tendency." Its further evolution in a

the

favorable direction, he holds, is they are "popularizing" science. favored by the split with the Comintern, but also depends "on a reprint of a rare article by the active assistance of the in-ternational proletariat." ternational proletariat."

Another timely article in the timely in the light of the events November issue of Fourth In- in Yugoslavia. This is the article ternational is Irvin Marnin's "The in which Trotsky raised the slogan UE Faces the Split," a discussion against the Kremlin, "For a free,

of the plight of the membership independent Soviet Ukraine!" A copy of this issue can be of the United Electrical Workers caught between the Carey group obtained by sending 25c. to and the bureaucratic Stalinist Fourth Internatoinal, 116 University Pl., New York 3, N. Y. leadership.

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The son has recently been released children's clothing, toys, books, Thus, what Murray gave away, from a convalescent home for household articles and a hundred former concentration camp other items. The bazaar will be held at the prisoners. The mother writes: "As a functionary of the Social ACEWR headquarters, 130 West Democratic Party I was arrested 23rd St. It begins at 6 P.M., Friwhen the Nazis marched into day, Dec. 9. On Saturday the doors Czechoslovakia. My husband who will open at noon. The auction will basic industries.

was persecuted during the entire take place Saturday night. Adregime of Nazis, died when the mission free.

COOK COUNTY BOARD REBUFFS LANDLORDS ON RENT GOUGE

CHICAGO, Nov. 10 - For the second time in five months the Cook County Rent Advisory Board today voted against a general rent increase. By a vote of 8 to 6, the board in a special meeting reaf-.

firmed the stand it had taken on tenant representative on the June 28 when, after extended board, pointed out the falseness to the steel companies that they public hearings, it decided to re- of this propaganda and showed did not have to accept the steel commend against a general rent that the board could adopt specific board's recommendations, embolincrease in Cook County. findings of fact to support and dened the steel masters to demand

Today the board adopted the reaffirm its original action, following findings: (1) that the The landlord representatives, landlords had failed to prove that with the help of the chairman,

forced to strike anyway, but unthey were entitled to a general tried to refer the whole matter to rent increase; (2) that the land- a special committee which was der unfavorable conditions and for lords had not proved that a rent loaded 3 to 2 in favor of a rent increase was necessary to remove | increase, but this maneuver was hardships or inequities, but that blocked by the tenant represenwith and won far better terms, on the contrary a general increase tatives, Myer arguing that the including some immediate wage would perpetuate existing inequi- recommendations of this commitgains.

ties; and (3) that individual tee would virtually amount to Not the least consequence of the steel "fact-finding" procedure hardship cases could be handled final action by the board and that by individual landlord petitions this was too important a quesand the miserable terms of the

for increases. tion to be decided by a commitsteel pension settlement is the When the Cook County Fair tee. obstacle they have placed in the Rent Committee, the organization After several attempts by the way of the coal miners. Acting on behalf of the steel companies right out in of landlords which has been landlord representatives to delay spearheading the fight for a 45% action had been beaten down, the which own the major coal mines. general rent increase for more specific findings of fact proposed Truman is now preparing to use than a year, appealed the earlier by Michael Mann, secretary of the "fact-finding" method to force

decision of the board to the the Chicago CIO Council, were an inadequate settlement down Emergency Court of Appeals, that adopted. the miners' throats and to block By its action the Cook County body on Nov. 1 crassly disapprovimprovements in the miners' ed the board's recommendation, Rent Advisory Board has, at least pension and welfare plan.

Not having the power to order a locally, reversed the trend toward rent increase itself or to sub- rent increases and decontrol stitute its judgment for the local which was written into the Housboard's. the court could only find ing and Rent Act of 1949 passed a technical flaw in the board's by the 81st Congress. This was recommendation - that it was made possible only because of the not supported by proper findings existence here of an effective of fact. tenant's organization, the Chi-The landlords with the help of cago Tenants Federation.

the newspapers at once released a Livid with rage and frustrapropaganda barrage to the effect tion, after the meeting of the that the board now had to grant board, the landlord representaa substantial rent increase. This tives and their attorney threatenwas designed to stampede the ed to appeal again to the Emerboard. However at the special gency Court of Appeals and to meeting called to consider the have the board cited for concourt's action, M. J. Myer, a tempt of court, if necessary.

in terms of no immediate wage gains and a prolonged wage freeze, far outweighs the limited pension and welfare gains. Worst of all, this wage - freeze has established the pattern in all with excellent sales of single copies of The Militant. Literature COST WORKERS DEARLY Murray's dependence on favors hour of neighborhood visiting

rom Truman and his "factthree comrades sold six subs and inding" machinery cost the steel workers dearly. The steel board Yale University of about 80 peoreduced the union's demands to ple, 10 Militants and one copy of a pittance. In return for this Fourth International were sold. pittance, Murray led the steel At another meeting on the workers to believe that they campus of about 100 people "we would not have to strike. sold 11 Militants, two FIs and

But Murray's eagerness to five pamphlets. One boy from avoid a fight at almost all costs, Missouri thanked us gratefully phis Truman's advance assurance for selling him literature." their goal by an extra 20% to do it. unconditional surrender on their

own terms. The steel workers were thus

rianne Stanley feels, that "we a mere crumb. They could just as will go well beyond our quota and when it can clear the decks for a well have gone on strike to begin perhaps double it. We find it fairly easy to sell the 50c. sub." The Seattle branch is really doing a remarkable job since they just

campaign.

on schedule.

doubles its goal first. the Detroit branch recently com-Each has scored pleted a successful local sub campaign.

The Buffalo comrades are having unusual difficulties. Workers have not yet had a chance to make up for what was lost in wages during the strikes. On top of this, the Socialist Workers Agent N. S. writes that in one Party has been the target of a savage red-baiting campaign in the capitalist newspapers. Despite 25 Militants. At a meeting at these obstacles, they write that they expect to put Buffalo on the sub campaign map "before the month is over."

New York too ran into difficulties. Engaged in supporting a major meeting scheduled for James Kutcher and a Christmas bazaar to collect funds for needy workers in Europe, the New York comrades felt forced to postpone hold third place but had to top its sub campaign. Michael Bartell, Organizer of the New York Local, declared that "New York pledges, nevertheless, to account completed, is pressing the Boston for a substantial number of subs comrades. Literature Agent Ma- this month, and promises to fulfill its quota of 300 at a later date

> full scale campaign." The scoreboard below has been adjusted so that subs obtained by

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finished a successful local sub New York are not shown. Goal Points Branch 26 173

campaign.	Branch Goal	Point
The seasoned Minneapolis cam- paigners seem to have shifted into	Cleveland 15	26
	New Haven 15	26
high gear. A score of 88% at the half-way mark puts them.	Boston 15	18
right out in front so far as the	Seattle 15	15
branches with larger quotas are	Minneapolis 75	66
concerned.	Allentown 10	8
The Allentown comrades like-	St. Paul 35	27
wise are well ahead of schedule	Toledo 25	19
with 80% of their quota taken	Pittsburgh 25	16
care of.	Flint 50	30
St. Paul did well last week,	Worcester 20	12
increasing their score from 63%	Milwaukee 25	14
to 77%.	Philadelphia 75	30
Almost neck and neck with St.	San Francisco 35	11
Paul, is the Toledo branch. "We	St. Louis 10	3
don't get subs in batches," writes	Detroit 50	14
Literature Agent A. West. "but	Chicago 60	11
a few every so often will help	Newark 50	9
on our quota." Toledo is already	Los Angeles 250	29
on the home stretch with 76%.	Youngstown 20	2
The Flint comrades report that	Buffalo 100	3
they are "meeting with trouble	Akron 25	0
on account of short working	Morgantown 10	0
hours." However they are "getting	New Britain 10	0
fairly good results" as can be	Oakland 30	0
seen from their score of 60% of a quota of 50. That's better than	General	12
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"Do the consequences of a revolution justify in general the sacrifices it involves?... It would be as well to ask in face of the difficulties and griefs of personal existence: Is it worth while to be born? Melancholy reflections have not so far, however, prevented people from bearing or being born. Even in the present epoch of intolerable misfortune only a small percentage of the population of our planet resorts to suicide. But the people are seeking the way out of their unbearable difficulties in revolution. Is it not remarkable that those who talk most indignantly about the victims of social revolutions are usually the very ones who, if not directly responsible for the victims of the world war, prepared and glorified them, or at least accepted them? It is our turn to ask: Did the war justify itself? What has it given us? What has it taught?" -Leon Trotsky, History of the Russian Revolution, Vol. III-32.

The Re-Arming of Germany

Germany is not yet re-armed. But both Moscow and Washington, each in its own way, are taking long steps in this direction. If it is left to them, it will not be long before Germany is turned once again into an armed camp.

The Stalinist-created monstrosity of a "free and independent" Eastern Germany has just extended full civil rights to former Nazis and ex-officers in Hitler's Wehrmacht, including their right to employment in "public service." The capitalist press has promptly pounced on this as proof that the Kremlin is reassembling on German soil the equivalent of the Reichswehr of the Twenties, the main powerhouse of Hitlerism.

There is a virtually identical situation in the Washington-sponsored monstrosity of a "free and independent" Western Germany. In fact, the "staff officers of Western European armies" are now considering the organization of "five or so" German divisions under the Bonn regime. Projected here, too, is the revival of the Reichswehr.

It is, of course, loudly disclaimed that the re-arming of Germany was one of the items Secretary of State Acheson discussed with his British and French colleagues at their recent top-secret talks in Paris. Only the most gullible people will fail to understand that "Western

staff officers" would not dream of broach ing such matters without prompting from Washington. The current denials simply mean that the warmakers still need time for a certain amount of political preparation. Otherwise it will not be easy to make the people here and in Europe swallow the revival of militarism in Germany.

This development is indeed an eloquent commentary on the foreign policies of both Washington and the Kremlin. Stalin does not hesitate to make his peace with the Nazis and the German militarists just as he did with Hitler himself in 1939. But so far as the dissident Yugoslavs are concerned, he will not only make no concessions but is determined to crush them in blood

At the same time, Stalin's foreign policy has suffered another fiasco. He promised the Soviet people that his conduct of the war would put an end forever to the threat of German militarism. Four years have gone by, and this threat once again looms on the horizon, with Stalin lending a hand personally in evoking it.

So far as Washington is concerned, the latest developments in Germany represent a logical sequel to the "peace-loving" Marshall Plan, the Atlantic Pact and the foreign arms bill. German militarism may, in the last analysis, prove the chief European beneficiary.

Labor's Need of a

American workers, organized in the largest and most powerful trade union movement ever seen under the sun, have now behind them a rich experience of four postwar years marked by numerous important struggles, including the recent steel strike.

What has been the net result of all these struggles? The official leadership is eminently satisfied. The settlement of the steel strike, like the settlements of most of the previous major struggles, has been officially dubbed as a monumental

Party to make both ends meet, know they were actually better off when the war ended. The reappearance of an army of unemployed millions is by itself evidence that the position of the workers has not improved with the passage of years.

Yet the workers have fought and fought well; they have done everything their leaders called upon them to do, and in many instances, much more. What then accounts for this glaring paradox? It is the refusal of the leaders to extend the struggle beyond limited immediate demands, beyond the traditional boundaries

Their own experiences over the last

four years should teach the workers that

"pure and simple" trade unionism is

much too narrow a field for the solution

of their problems. The way out lies in the

And here, half-way measures are worse

than none. Continued support of capital-

ist politicians is not only reactionary and

futile but tends to discredit the potential-

ly overwhelming political role of labor,

demoralizing the workers, dissipating

their energies. When labor goes all-out

into politics, as it can and will, it must

do so openly, under its own banner, with

its own party and program, its own can-

of the trade union movement.

political field.

Louis Adamic Reports on Yugoslavs Events

Despite evidence to the con-

never a Comintern insider." But

Adamic has not yet disclosed the

material on which he bases this

He also claims that "The

Comintern was never inclined to

favor Tito or the CPY, which,

financial support from outside of

contention.

Important revelations on the [Karde] and others... This wasn't about it. He has no faith in the origins of the Tito-Stalin conflict, the time, they replied, to give out progressive potentialities of peowhich tend to confirm the Trot- the entire story. Evidently some ples other than the Russians . skyist analysis of this important of them, perhaps Tito especially, and therein is one of the chief struggle, are printed in the Mid- were still hoping for a change of differences between him and

Autumn issue of Trends and mind in the Kremlin and within Tito." Tides, the magazine edited and the Cominform. Or they were published by Louis Adamic, well- afraid that if the people knew it trary, Adamic contends that mown American writer who re- all, they'd turn too fiercely anti- "Tito was not trained in the cently returned from a six- Soviet. . ." Soviet secret-police school or in months stay in Yugoslavia, where any other Russian school. He was TITO DECIDES TO TALK

he had an opportunity to in-But Stalin's hostile pressure terview the leading figures in the mounted rapidly this year, and Tito regime at some length. in May the Tito leadership was Adamic, who is a prominent

r imperialist agent."

After being closely questioned

y the Soviet embassy in Wash-

ington, Adamic was finally denied

visa. (He reveals that in 1948

George Seldes, editor of In Fact,

ikewise was denied entry into the

Soviet Union.) Adamic did obtain

his friends in those countries, and

the government publishers in

Warsaw suddenly cancelled the

When Adamic arrived in Bel-

grade he was greeted warmly by

government officials and granted

off-the-record interviews. He soon

VISA DENIED

n Polish.

Why?

ready to talk freely to Adamic as Vallaceite and author of several well as world public opinion. What books on Yugoslavia, made Adamic learned will be reported strenuous efforts before he left in his next book, Tito, to be published early next year, and in after Tito become its secretaryfor Europe last January to get a the columns of his magazine, general in 1937, received no visa to the Soviet Union so that he could hear both sides of the dispute from authoritative spokesmen. But as he says:

beginning with the current issue. Under a picture of Stalin and toward the Yugoslav Communists Yugoslavia . . . Moscow's attitude Tito posing coldly side by side "In the second half of '48, to . . was something that ofter on the occasion of the signing baffled them." have ever had a good word about

rent issue he adds:

of their treaty of friendship and Tito was as bad to the Russians mutual defense in 1945, Adamic COMINFORM ROLE as it long has been to Westbrook

The Yugoslavs "naively" thought Pegler, the Chicago Tribune, the "... the two men look but any- the creation of the Cominform National Catholic Welfare Conthing as they should at the would bring better and more ference, Louis Budenz, and the Un-American Committe. The dif- signing of such a treaty. Why? equal relations with the Soviet Was it because Stalin, for the Union, he adds. "But, as it turned ference is that Pegler and Co. second time, insisted that Yugo- out, the Soviet purpose in creatbrand you a Communist or a slavia remain a monarchy and ing the Cominform was to have ellow traveler, which they beretain King Peter, while Tito a gimmick with which to dispose fore hand made synonymous with said — for the second time, and of 'the Tito clique'" and take subversive or un - American: emphatically — that that couldn't over control of Yugoslavia. while in the Soviet book you are be done? And why did Stalin suddenly a reactionary shark, a Adamic summarizes his view want to retain the King? Beascist beast, a gangster, or, at cause he had an agreement with the very least, an American spy Britain on the future of Yugoand since, the Kremlin has tried.

slavia on which Yugoslavs were through their Russian and nativenot consulted." Yugoslav NKVD agents, to Adamic promises to expand on

destroy the Tito-Karkelj-Djilasthis matter later on. In the cur-Rankovich-Piyade-Kidrich quality of the Yugoslav Revolution, and the developments in Poland where

WHAT STALIN WANTED Russian methods, such as are in "When the Tito-led Yugoslav effect in Bulgaria, Poland, Hun-Revolution got underway in 1941gary, Rumania, Czechoslovakia Czechoslovak, Polish and Hun- 42, Moscow was no less opposed and Albania. That aim is congarian visas, but after he went to to it than were London, the nected with 'the cold war.' It Yugoslavia the Stalinists spread Vatican, and Washington - but issues from various factors in the word that he was poison, he out of somewhat different motives. the complexity of the Soviet was cut off from all contact with Stalin wanted resistance in oc- character as it has developed cupied countries, but a limited under Stalin out of Russia's backresistance - limited to being a wardness and her 30-year revo nuisance to the Axis forces, com- lutionary agony. (See Isaac Deutpublication of one of his books pelling Hitler to keep a substanscher's biography, Stalin.). That

tial number of his divisions away character can now realize itself from the Eastern front. Stalin did only in conquest, in Red imperialnot want resistance combined with ism, in imposing on Eastern revolution. Tito combined the Europe what passes for socialism in the USSR.

Adamic notes that Stettinius,

ealized that the Yugoslav lead-HIS PAPER TO BE WEAPON ers, instead of telling the whole in his recently published book, Adam'c says he knows that his story to the world, were "still reported that Stalin, at the Yalta only replying to the Cominform Conference in, 1944, had made decision to tell the truth about "contemptuous remarks" about the Stalin-Tito conflict is going resolution, which clearly had next-to-nothing to do with the Yugoslavia. Adamic says, "Stalin to bring brickbats his way "from nations as Churchill, but, unlike part of the Left" as well as the mittee and the Political Bureau of scale as in Poland. According to real causes of the rift. Why? "I put this question to Tito, Churchill, is utterly unsubtle right. Although it won't be

easy, "financially or otherwise,"



two."

CHURCHILL, TITO AND STALIN

Page Three

In an attempt to "prove" that Tito is and for a long time has been an agent of Churchill, the Stalinists are giving a lot of publicity to a speech Churchill made in the British Parliament on May 24, 1944. Jessica Smith, in the October Soviet Russia Today and in the Nov. 6 Worker, makes a big point of the fact that in this speech the British imperialist had 'kindly words" to say about Franco and Tito. She even quotes these words of Churchill about Tito.

"Marshall Tito has largely sunk his communistic aspect in his character as a Yugoslav patriotic leader. He has repeatedly proclaimed that he has no intention of reversing the property and social systems which prevail in Serbia."

But she fails to quote another and much more laudatory section from this very same speech, in which Churchill had the following words of high praise for Stalinism in the Soviet Union:

"Profound changes have taken place in Soviet Russia. The Trotskyite form of communism has been completely wiped out. The victories of the Russian armies have been attended by a great rise in strength of the Russian state and a remarkable broadening of its views. The religious side of Russian life has had a wonderful rebirth. The discipline and military etiquette of the Russian armies are unsurpassed. There is a new national anthem. . . These are marked departures from conceptions which were held some years ago.'

The question that the Stalinists will have to answer is this: If Churchill's praise of Tito in 1944 proved Tito was an agent of imperialism, what does his praise about the reactionary development of Stalinism prove?

Poland, Bulgaria Engulfed of the conflict in the following passage: "Throughout the war By Vast Stalinist Purges

The predicted purges of Stalinist parties and governments in Eastern Europe are now being officially confirmed. Most sweeping and spectacular to date have been

This process of Russification is to replace it which strictly three ranking party members not limited to Poland alone but have been expelled from the Cenhas simply reached a more adtral Committee.

The expelled are: Wladyslaw vanced stage there. In other sa-Gomulka, former Deputy Premier, tellite countries the glorification General Marian Spychalski, for- of all things Russian and the deimer Vice Minister of Defense and fication of Stalin are proceeding Zenon Kliszko, former Vice Min- apace. Russian textbooks have been introduced into elementary ister of Justice. Gomulka, under fire for some time as a "Titoist," schools and the study of the Rusdenied the charge publicly sian language has been made comseveral months ago, but this did pulsory.

There has been wide speculation not save him. President Beirut, in capitalist chancelleries as to in a public speech on Nov. 15, announced that the entire party whether these may not be preliminary steps toward the integrawould be subjected to a purge. Directly connected with the tion of the Eastern European drastic changes among Polish rul- countries within the framework ing circles is the appointment of of the Soviet Union.

one of the Kremlin's top military DEFECTIONS MOUNT

figures, Marshal Rokossovsky, to the post of Commander-in-Chief. In addition to assuming the post of Minister of Defense, Rokossovthe ill-informed and unthinking sky has entered the Central Com-

> the Polish party. NO ONE TO TRUST

he says he is going into the fight "after careful deliberation" because "I can't dodge it and live

There is still no official confirmation of the purge in Bulgaria but it appears that heads are falling there on almost the same dozen former prominent government and party figures in Bul-

military dictator over Poland. It from top to bottom. with myself." He promises that is noteworthy that among all his Meanwhile there have been new Trends and Tides "will be a native Polish agents Stalin evi- defections in the ranks of the

In the person of Rokossovsky, garia have already been lopped Stalin has in effect installed a off, with the purge extending

victory.

But this is true only in a very limited sense. The steel workers, like the majority of the labor movement, have emerged victorious primarily in the sense that they have once again succeeded in maintaining their union in the face of repeated provocations and attacks by the billionaire corporations. But in other respects — with regard to their living standards, working conditions, job security, etc. — the best that can be said is that some sections of labor have just barely held their own, while others have actually suffered setbacks.

The "Fair Deal" demagogues are shouting that the workers are on the whole better off than ever before. But most working families, struggling nowadays

The Two Smith Act Trials

As Vincent R. Dunne leaves for the West Coast in his national speaking tour on civil rights, the connection between the Minneapolis Trial of 1941 in which he was central figure and the recent conviction of the 11 Communist Party leaders under the same Smith "Gag" Act is again being brought forward in the press.

The Minneapolis trial of the Trotskyists dogs the Stalinists at every stage. The Department of Justice cited it in the original indictment. The federal prosecutor repeatedly referred to it in his arguments. Judge Medina pointed to it as a prime precedent in the charge to the jury which found the CP leaders guilty.

Now, as the convicted Stalinists are preparing their appeal to the higher courts, the case of "Dunne vs U. S.", as it is known in the law records, is being further utilized against the CP.

On Nov. 8, Prof. Maurice I. Wormser sent a letter to the N. Y. Times criticizing the Department of Justice for conceding, in the hearing on granting bail to the Stalinists, that there was some ground for questioning the Smith Act's constitutionality. This was an "act of folly," said Wormser, because the decision of the Circuit Court of Appeals in the Dunne case validated the constitutionality of the Smith Act, and there was

didates.

no reason for the government counsel to retract on that point.

A week later another attorney, William F. Smith, backed up Wormser's contention applauded the Supreme Court's refusal to review the convictions of the Trotskyists. He suggested similar treatment for the Stalinists. "Just as it was fair to argue that there was no constitutional question in the Dunne case which warranted consideration by our highest court, in like manner it may be argued that there is no question of constitutionality involved in the conviction of the Communists and that the United States Supreme Court may refuse to entertain an appeal to that tribunal."

A third writer to the Times exposes Wormser's argument by pointing out "that the Circuit Court of Appeals is an intermediate appellate court, and not the court of last resort, and that its decisions are subject to review and reversal by the U. S. Supreme Court."

Whatever the Supreme Court does, one thing is already clear. The attempt of the Stalinists to deny any direct connection between the two cases under the Smith Act has been refuted by developments all along the line. And the Stalinists are now reaping the fruits of their own approval of the prosecution against the Trotskyists.

LEFT, RIGHT AND CENTER by Sidney Lens, Henry weapon in the fight. . . It will Regnery Co., 1949, 445 pp., \$4.

This is one of the best recent? books on the labor movement. [Murray] in order that labor can Sidney Lens has a practical move ahead. . . If Walter Reuther, knowledge of trade union affairs, Emil Mazey, George Baldanzi. as he was a labor official for and other actual left elements in many years and is at present the top leadership refuse to cut director of AFL United Service the umbilical cord to business

Employees Local 329 in Chicago. unionism, than the task must fall The author also has a certain to others of lower rank." Of course, this is a better sentipackground in the radical move-

ment and this enables him to apment than writing a court biography of Reuther. Still, it isn't proach union problems from a more fundamental and rounded quite an accurate way of putting iewpoint than the average labor the matter. It is possible that the Reuthers and Baldanzis may

ournalist. There are excellent chapters assume the leadership of a new racing the growth and consolidamovement of insurgency in the tion of AFL business unionism, future just as Lewis, Murray and its victory over the radicals, the Hillman assumed leadership of the CIO uprising. material basis and reasons for

racketeering and bureaucratism. Lens understands very well wingers but well-developed social and this is his superiority over most authors in this field - that they are consciously playing in the line being followed by the tended by 30, met recently but there are "two worlds of labor," the labor movement. The job of RDR, undertook to pay its

form a bureaucracy and the rank Disregarding questions of pro call upon the Reuthers and Baland file membership. He knows danzis to lead them, but to orsomething of the complexities of ganize a left wing in opposition

the problem which work to exude to them as well as the Murrays labor bureaucracy at a given and Buckmasters.

stage in a union's evolution, and to separate it from the needs and spirations of the ranks.

It is an unfortunate commentary on the book, however, that its best discussions and understanding of this problem relate to the past decades, covering ground which has been written about by other authors. The closer Lens approaches the present-day labor movement, the more blurred and unsure his vision becomes. He sees the conservatism and inadequacy of the CIO officialdom and understands that labor must have its own party and practice its own independent brand of politics. But like others, he hasn't fully grasped that a new bureaucratic crust has formed itself on the modern unions, that the new bureaucrats operate in a different way and with different methods but that their influence in the labor movement is all the

more deadly in its effects. Because he has not fully comprehended these recent developments, Lens can propose as his solution that "The true lefts [Reuther, Mazey, Baldanzi] must divorce themselves from the right

challenge lies, distortions, non-

sense: it will meet attacks." The current issue of his magazine (address: Milford, N. J.) is some prospective subscribers.

RDR HEADS TOWARD OBLIVION AS SARTRE, ROUSSET RESIGN PARIS, Nov. 9 - The French RDR (Democratic and

Revolutionary Rally), the pretentious grouping which was formed early last year, is now in a state of collapse. At a Socialists" are sharply split over

up.

meeting of its leading body last month, the writers Jean-Paul Sartre and David Rousset - leaders of the organization's left and

Nevertheless they are not left ed from the RDR. Before quitting, present resignations. A meeting ed this delegation and issued an reformists, and that is the role Sartre, who was dissatisfied with of the Paris membership, at-appeal to the Yugoslavs to oppose

he well-paid union leaders who the true left wingers is not to debts.

inception, to mobilize broad mass- defunct. es hostile both to Moscow and Washington. Demonstrating the petty-bourgeois character of the movement, its leaders concocted a 'new" slogan: "Proletarians and Free Men of the World, Unite!" The Shachtmanites, who never tive of burying the Trotskyists

periodically, hailed it as "the most hopeful and potentially significan

organization in France.' All the RDR ever succeeded in rallying were such writers a Sarire and Rousset, some renegade leaders of the French Trotskyist party who claimed that they were going to build a "mass" revolutionary movement through the RDR, plus a handful of Socialist Party members (who quickly withdrew on the orders of their leaders). At its peak the RDR recruited a few hundred members, unengaged in any form of activity. Last spring the RDR, under the leadership of Rousset, tried to stage a big "neace" rally in Paris in competition with one of the Stalinist shindigs. Sartre publicly dissociated himself from this affair, which was used as a soundboard for Wall Street and the Atlantic Pact and, incidentally,

dently could not find a single in- French Stalinists and among their dividual reliable enough to entrust sympathizers. A group of French intellectuals, including Claude with such a role.

Under Rokossovsky the Polish Bourdet, of the liberal paper army will undoubtedly be rigidly Combat, Louis Martin Chauffier reorganized along Russian lines and Avenline, two Stalinist supand the Russification of the coun- porters over many years, have debeing sent free to all present and try as a whole greatly speeded nounced the Hungarian Treason

Trial. So has the "League of the Rights of Man," which once approved the Moscow Frameups. A number of expulsions of "Titoist" elements have recently

taken place in the Belgian Communist Party which is now in the throes of an organizational and political crisis.

In Italy, Nenni's "Left Wing the issue of Yugoslavia. A dissi-

The internal crisis of the RDR dent group has accepted an invibegan to develop from that time, tation to visit Yugoslavia and has vith political disagreements growsent a delegation of ten. The Nenright wings respectively-resign- ing and culminating in the ni leadership has publicly attack-

the Tito regime. From all indications, the intercame to no conclusion on what

to do. The newspaper Le Monde national crisis of Stalinism precicorrectly notes that to all intents pitated by the Tito-Stalin break, gram, the RDR proposed, at its and purposes the organization is far from abating, has yet to reach its most acute phases.



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proved a fiasco.

Seattle - Nov. 29-Dec. 1. San Francisco-Oakland - Dec

Los Angeles - Dec. 10-13. St. Louis - Dec. 17. Chicago - Dec. 18-21, 24-25. Milwaukee - Dec. 23. Toledo - Dec. 27. Detroit - Dec. 28, 31-Jan. 1-2 Flint - Dec. 29-30. Cleveland - Jan. 3-4 Akron - Jan. 5. Youngstown — Jan. 6-7 Pittsburgh - Jan. 8. Morgantown - Jan. 9. Buffalo - Jan. 12-14. Rochester - Jan. 13. Boston - Jan. 15-16. Lynn - Jan. 17. Worcester - Jan. 18. New Britain - Jan. 19. New Haven - Jan. 20.

New York - Jan. 21, 26, Philadelphia - Jan. 22-23 Allentown - Jan. 24. Reading - Jan. 25. Newark - Jan. 27.

Rioting in Chicago

By Ruth Johnson

On the South Side in Chicago, close to the Negro ghetto district, a CIO organizer last week held a meeting of union stewards in his home. Some of the men were Negroes. A passerby or neighbor who saw them enter the house, started a rumor that Negroes were moving in, and thereby began a series of vicious racist demonstrations that still rock the area as I write this five days later.

According to the United Press, crowds began to gather outside the organizer's home on Tuesday, Nov. 8, the night of the meeting. Gangs of young hoodlums roamed through streets and alleys "chasing persons they believed to be Negroes or Negro sympathizers." Reporters saw the inflamed mob beat, kick and pummel its victims.

A day later the chief of police estimated that 10,000 rioters were swarming the vicinity, many of them armed with rocks, bottles, and clubs of two-by-fours. On Nov. 12, a dispatch from Chicago to the N. Y. Post reported two persons hospitalized, many others less seriously injured, and roving bands still attacking cars and pedestrians. Sporadic arrests of a few racists have done nothing to halt their violence.

According to the Post, the rioters shouted that there is a "plot" for "Jews to buy up houses and sell them 'later to Negroes." (The CIO organizer happens to be Jewish.)

This lie itself gives the real reason for the outburst, and shows the futility of the Mayor's method of "combatting" the rioters. The bitter struggle for a place to live has been the cause of case after case of anti-Negro violence in Chicago (and elsewhere) in recent years. It aggravates to a fever-pitch all the latent antagonism against the Negro and Jewish people.

But Democratic Mayor Kennelly, now "discussing" the situation with his Council on Human Relations, will do nothing to ease the housing shortage. The vast profits made by the landlords would be in danger if Chicago and other cities initiated the building program that the people need. The biggest profits of all are made out of the tenement hovels to which the Negroes are condemned by discrimination. Here the rents are highest, congestion worst. The real estate interests, protected by both capitalist parties, are in the forefront of the reactionary struggle to maintain "restrictive covenants." Their system of "black belt" and "white gentile" housing operates with the consent of the law and adds fuel to the

Neither Kennelly nor any capitalist politician will attack the precious profits of the landlords, or defend the right of the people to live where they choose. Nor will they use any effective means to combat discrimination and brutality, for these are essential to their own rule.

fire of the race-haters.

The Mayor's Council on Human Relations continues to meet in secret session, and instruct the local papers to suppress all news of the assaults. To the Council, the attacks are an embarrassment and annovance, undermining widespread illusions about its effectiveness. Kennelly hopes that if nothing is said publicly, the rioters will get tired and go home before anyone is murdered.

But to the workers, the Negro people, the Jewish people, this outrage is no unpleasant family dispute to be kept from prying eyes. It is a crime against the entire American people. It must be exposed and seen for what it is - an inevitable part of the terror of capitalism, that will end only when the parasites are removed from power.

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Miners Take Strike Recess

and the state of the state

A timbering crew at New Kathleen Mine, near DuQuion, Ill., returns to work after their 52-day nationwide strike was temporarily called off until Dec. 1.

Ten Babies Starve to Death

By Dave Dreiser

Ten babies have died of starvation in the San Joaquin Valley in central California in recent weeks, according to reports from officials of Kings and Fresno Counties.

All of them have been children of migrant farm laborers come to harvest the cotton, fruit and vegetable crops of one of the richest farm belts of the world. The bitter paradox of starvation in the midst of plenty faces 150,000 workers and their families now living in labor camps consisting of squalid tents and shacks.

After the fourth reported death, Kings County Health Officer Dr. Donald Upp said that "the problem of malnutrition is spread over the entire valley," and that the camps are "shocking in their lack of proper sanitation, shelter and heating facilities." Officials said these conditions were reminiscent of those described in the novel, Grapes of Wrath.

But these officials have no intention of taking action against the powerful landlord interests who are responsible for the miserable living conditions of the migrant workers. Kings County District Attorney William Harp demanded an investigation of the conditions under which the children died so that he can file criminal charges against - "parents found guilty of negligence."

County Supervisor Russel Troutner took a similar line. "What would you have us do? We can't put a nurse in the home of each midwestern family located in the county. These people are working and getting paid - I don't know what they do with their money. If we educate them, other migrants will come next year with the same problem.

The murder of innocent babes is taking place in the so-called "good" season. The worst is yet to come. H. L. Mitchell, international president of the AFL National Farm Laborers Union, says that conditions in this area are worse than those he has seen in a lifetime spent in the southern states. He predicts that 100,000 of these workers will be unemployed this winter, with no agency to provide for them. He says he will ask a House Labor and Education Sub-Committee arriving in California soon to investigate conditions, especially on the Di Georgio estate which the NFLU has picketed for two years.

The Merced Sun Star, a San Joaquin Valley newspaper, rejected the attempts to blame parental carelessness for the death of the children and declared: "How can people living in crowded dirty hovels be expected to care properly for themselves and their young?" The question that goes with this is: How can people help living in such hovels when they are underpaid and exploited so intensely?

Meanwhile, Fresno County officials have announced that a total of 16 deaths, in which malnutrition was a major factor, have occurred in their county alone. The toll of human life through starvation seems fated to continue in one of the plan. most fertile food-producing areas in the world so long as profits are given priority over human needs.



TOLEDO, Nov. 13 - Not one of the 125 companies under contract with the UAW-CIO in this vicinity has agreed to the union's demand for an area-wide pension plan covering all the companies. Mean- 3-

while the local dispute over pen- | units of UAW Local 12 and other sions was kept simmering all unions.

week as the so-called Committee to Save Toledo's Payrolls, an ag- been no sign that the union leadgregation of bankers, industrial- ers are organizing for the kind of ists and publishers, kept up its struggle that will be necessary to IAM GOT AFL HELP barrage of anti-labor propaganda win their demands. Nor is there through newspaper ads and any indication that concrete steps pany and Beck put together could speeches before businessmen's or- are planned to combat the forma- not bust the solid ranks of the

The latest announcement 'from ing committee. With the settlements in the this outfit claims over 3,000 people have joined its ranks. Its pro- steel industry the union will ungram to eliminate a non-existent doubtedly try to bring the situaifestly a union-busting tactic that The present "battle of the newsits most recent propaganda has paper ads" will have to be transbegun to play down this point and ferred to the picket lines if the to concentrate its fire against the union is to win the pension plan it area-wide feature of the pension is demanding. A victory can be

Apparently there is some dis- taken in time: Apparently there is some dis-agreement among the millionaire's who are running this committee. The Toledo Blade, Paul Block Jr.'s paper which spark-plugged the formation of the committee, has changed its braying to a whine: 1. The organization of a Union Defense Committee on a city-wide scale, embracing all parts of or-ganized labor, to meet any threat from the vigilante millionaire committee. 2. The setting of a deadline after which the union will

IAM Wins NLRB Vote In Seattle Boeing Plant

SEATTLE, Nov. 9 — Lodge No. 751 of the International Association of Machinists came through with flying colors in the NLRB elections conducted at the Boeing Aircraft plant last Wednesday, rolling up a 2 to 1 majority over the "Aeronautical Teamsters," the union that Dave Beck 9

formed in collusion with the com- sented and feared in the more not out at Boeing's yet. Beck is pany to break the Boeing strike progressive AFL circles and the challenging the elections on the Boeing strike brought the long plea of a minor irregularity in last year. The vote was 8,107 for the standing opposition into the open. the voting procedure.

IAM; 4,127 for the Teamsters; Thus the 1948 Washington State and only 401 for no union. 2,132 AFL convention went on record threat to the Boeing workers that votes were challenged and 286 condemning Beck for organizing he will not let go no matter how votes were void. The challenged behind the IAM picket lines at they may vote. In a pre-election votes are those of aid-off Boeing Boeing. workers and are almost all for

he IAM. The NLRB election was a major that the AFL in the San Fran- scab-herding performance again event in the life of the city and cisco Bay Area is currently and again. the great majority of un on men waging against Beck's strikeand women in Seattle are re- breaking operations against the IAM members, bolstered by the joicing over the Teamsters defeat. Refail Clerks. Lodge 751 gave this outcome of the vote and sup-The victory is a tribute to the fight wide publicity in Seattle to ported by the majority of the remendous staying power of a good advantage for itself. hard core of some 10,000 Boeing workers who conducted the 144- NLRB vote, the Teamsters are end. day strike in 1948. Although their strike went down to defeat, the determined to recapture all posi-

illed during the strike by scabs organized by Dave Beck under the Teamsters Union, including ome 2.500 former IAM members who deserted in the first weeks of the strike.

In the battle that was then joined inside the plant, the company sided with the Teamsters and gave Beck's organizers the run of the plant. At the same to furnish proper medical care time it launched repeated purges Up to now, however, there has against the most aggressive IAM lower income groups and why members.

But all the moves of the comtion of the employers' union-bust- former strikers and could not keep them from winning over new workers to their side.

ions.

In the NLRB elections, as in the course of the strike, Lodge labor dictatorship here is so man- tion to a head in the near future. 751 received important support from broad AFL circles in the Northwest. The Puget Sound Council of Lumber and Sawmill workers and the Seattle Typoassured if the right steps are graphical workers spearheaded Beck's strikebreaking is re-

He is acting on his pre-election

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broadcast he also announced that Lodge 751 was helped in its should they ever go out on ancampaign by the vigorous fight other strike, he will repeat his

However, the solidarity of the workers in the ctiy, will prove Despite the clear verdict of the too much for Dave Beck in the

workers went back with un-broken spirit and solid ranks, Socialized Medicine Upheld The plant had been partially By Dobbs in Chicago Debate

CHICAGO, Nov. 13 - Before an audience of 75 people at the Barry Memorial Methodist Church here, Farrell Dobbs, National Chairman of the Socialist Workers

Party, today debated Dr. Schaeffer of the church congregation on the issue of socialized medicine. Dobbs showed why medical science under capitalism has failed for millions of families in the the present deplorable conditions cannot be corrected so long as the doctor must be half-healer and half-businessman.

He explained how socialized medicine will be able to mobilize a mighty army of medical scientists with the most modern technical equipment to provide the very best medical care for all.

AMA DEFENDER

Dr. Schaeffer attacked socialized, medicine as "the first step toward totalitarianism" and called for blind faith in the policies of the reactionary Amer-

can Medical Association. At one point in his opening argument, he challenged the audience to name single person who to their knowledge was unable to get

FARRELL DOBBS



EADERS MASK TACTICS WITH TROTSKYIST-BAITING

(Continued from Page 1) Naturally, for services rendered, bureaucracy gone mad!

According to the code of the SIU-SUP officialdom, the "crime" of "non-concurring" in their strikebreaking activities is considered "disruption" of the first order. For this "crime" no punishment is too severe. In a Seattle membership meeting of the SUP formation" on the role of SIU-SUP officials in the Canadian Seamen's strike. Answer: Expulsion! . 1 (i ma

BUREAUCRACY GONE MAD

The Seattle membership elects a Mahoney Defense Committee to UAW militant and recording secmembers who openly oppose the heated meeting on Oct. 28.

expulsions are themselves expelled. Men who fought on picket lines to build the union are rail- Gates, who was widely recognized roaded out while newcomers who

Truman's Deeds Belie His Words On Civil Rights

Since Congress adjourned, Truman has been talking up civil rights again and saying that now he's really going to fight to put over, his civil rights program promised before the November 1948 elections. He made a "no retreat, no compromise" speech to this effect just last week.

Meanwhile, where he doesn't need to' wait for Congress and can act himself, Truman does nothing. We refer to his continued refusal, as Commanderin-Chief, to end segregation of Negroes in the U.S. armed forces.

It's not because he hasn't the power. We saw what authority he has — if he wants to exercise it-when he unceremoni ously booted Admiral Denfeld out of his Navy command.

"concur" in strikebreaking and the jurisdiction of any other AFL through the picket lines to sail participate in raids are rewarded union." It is this policy, carried the vessels loaded with hot oil. with special privileges. This is to extreme, which has created so Cannibal unionism is codified in front. No amount of red-baiting Lundeberg was rewarded with a the SUP by an established policy the Trotskyists can mask the real

of "respecting only bonafide AFL disrupters. picket lines." In the SIU it is (Cannibal unionism relies given a more glossy veneer in an heavily on the permit system. Of Agents Conference decision to 20,000 members in the SIU ap-"broaden the basis of organiza- proximately half are permit men. tion to include those fields in the Our next article will deal with issue and fall into step with othmaritime industry not claimed in the permit system.)

John Mahoney, veteran of the 1934 strike, asks a "point of in- PAUL GATES, LEADING UAW MILITANT, DIES AT MEETING

DETROIT, Nov. 9 - Thousands of Hudson workers here and progressives throughout the CIO United Auto Workers are mourning the loss of Paul Gates, outstanding

fight the illegal expulsion? The retary of Hudson Local 154, who paign" against the local union committee is expelled. Individual died at the union hall during a and its administration, with Gates as the chief target.

of their interests."

MILWAUKEE

Sat. at 8 PM

The Local 154 Builder, issued UNION PAYS HIM TRIBUTE today, is devoted to a tribute to as a "model militant" among rank-and-file and local leaders in

the Michigan labor movement. "In an unprecedented tribute to this pioneer union builder," reports the Builder, "the entire Hudson plant shut down for two minutes of silent mourning at 10 a.m. the day of his burial."

CHARTER MEMBER

Gates was a charter member of an AFL federal local. He had and women workers. worked in the auto industry since 1915, in Hudson since 1923.

At the time of his death, the 54-year-old Gates was a leader of the Committee for a Militant and Democratic UAW, a grouping formed to restore the UAW's progressive fighting traditions and union democracy in opposition to the conservative and dic-

tatorial rule of Walter Reuther The Builder reports that Gates collapsed and died of a blood clot in the heart a few minutes after he addressed the Hudson local meeting "in answer to a vicious anti-union slander cam-

ganizations.

"The Committee to Save Toledo's Payrolls has got off on the that time. wrong foot. Although it says that

it is opposed only to Mr. Gosser's Akron CIO Council to extreme, which has created so pension plan, a great many peo-much disruption on the water- ple have got the impression that Welcomes Kutcher it is opposed to pensions generally," it says. ". . . a great many people have got the impression Kutcher wound up a three-day on call of the NAACP. that it is anti-labor generally." The Blade advises the commit- pearance before the CIO Council.

tee to call on its industrialists to declare themselves on the pension portance," declared Paul M. ers around the country who have Council, in introducing Kutcher

granted pensions of one kind or to the delegates. "Here in Akron another to their workers. This we have successfully defended "change" in the Blade's position two victims of loyalty dismissals reflects the recent settlements in on the basis of refuting charges the steel industry and is designed of association with listed organizations." to tack with the wind.

"Kutcher's case is unique," But it does not mean that Toledo industrialists are getting ready Fessenden continued, "since Kutcher freely avows his memberto accept the UAW's area-wide plan. The danger to the labor ship in the Socialist Workers Party. His case will be the first sponsored committee which is re- constitutional test of the loyalty cruiting potential strikebreakers purge." Fessenden asserted that the

From the side of the union A biographical memorial article there has come a campaign to popin the Builder summed him up as ularize its demands. This has been conducted through newspaper ads, "a man of principle" who "did not take principles lightly" and "did over the radio and by the pass-

hotel bill. not barter them for personal gain age of resolutions of support by or advancement. And the prin-



The paper pays tribute to the MINNEAPOLIS - A rummage continuous determined fight he sale will be held here at 810 South Local 154, which he helped to put up for the more deprived 10th St., Wednesday from 8 P.M. form, back before the CIO, as sectors of the workers, the Negro to 10 P.M.; Thursday (Thanksgiving Day) from noon to 5 At the funeral service attended P.M.; and Friday from 9 A.M. to by hundreds of Paul Gates' 5 P.M. (Nov. 23, 24 and 25). The

fellow - unionists, Hudson Local sale is sponsored by the St. Paul President Claude Bland said: "It and Minneapolis branches of the will be many months before the Socialist Workers Party. full extent of the loss of Brother

Buttons, dresses, coats, shoes Gates will be truly appreciated and notions of all kinds will be by the union he served so long, featured at this bargain event. so faithfully and so well." Hundreds of new items - fresh

merchandise - have been contributed already.

Militant readers who have dona-**Penny Carnival** tions for the rummage sale are Nov. 26 asked to bring them to 10 South **Donation 25 Cents** 4th St., Minneapolis, the party **Door Rebate 6 Cents** headquarters, by Wednesday, Nov. SWP HALL . 917 N. 3rd St. 23, if possible.

At NAACP Call tion front cannot be breached by

izations formulated plans for a argument that today in Britain diseases. AKRON, Nov. 14 - James at a conference held here today

stay here today with an ap-Agreeing to join in the sponsorship of the NAACP's civil rights tion for the students in question. meeting. "This case has national immobilization, the organization representatives pledged support Fessenden, secretary of the CIO and national levels, including participation in the three-day conference of delegates in Washington next Jan. 15-17.

"The Senate passed a new and more difficult closure rule durkins, acting NAACP secretary, Party: Michael Bartell, candidate said. "Sponsors of the new rule for Mayor - 1,379; Harry Ring, Labor Party. Their paper runs a maintained that it would be cand date for Comptroller - 1,possible to pass civil rights 854; Gladys Barker, candidate for measures under it. We intend to President of City Council - 2,test that rule on the FEPC bill 334; Harold Robbins, candidate

next January." Organizations represented at to-CIO Council of Akron was among day's conference include the the first local councils to endorse UAW, ACW and UPWA of the Kutcher last year. A collection of \$42 was raised from the delegates to aid Kutcher. In addition Kutcher spoke before a class in ciation of Colored Graduate it retains roughly the same minor parties can be explained Nurses; ADA; American Council proportion to the total number on Human Rights; National of votes cast.

luncheon tendered him by the Council of Churches; Elks; Jewish

terracial Council; Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity; National Bar Association; National Negro Funeral Directors Association; National Community Relations Advisory Council.

Organizations which have indicated support of the drive but Nov. 12 that a National Exwere not represented today were the CIO; AFL; National Medical Association; International Employees; National Baptist Convention; Phi Beta Sigma Fra-

lishers Association.

that she against killers like cancer which teaches in a Negro community is no respecter of persons reand she has positive knowledge gardless of their social position that an alarming number of her or their financial resources. They NEW YORK, Nov. 10 - Repre- students are not able to obtain asked a number of questions about sentatives of 22 national labor, proper medical service. Dr. the methods socialized medicine

proper medical care.

church, civic and trade organ- Schaeffer then fell back upon the would employ to combat the killer

drive to secure passage of FEPC "people are going to the doctor In appreciation of the SWP's and other civil rights legislation to be treated for bee stings" and courtesy in sending a speaker to "the pawn shops are full of eye- explain socialized medicine, a glasses." But he had no program contribution was made to the to provide proper medical atten- party from the collection at the

than last. Insofar as any cause

for the increase can be discerned.

The size of the votes received

by the SWP and the two other

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NEW YORK - A Police Department tally of the New York City mayoralty election returns gave the following ing the first session," Roy Wil- number of votes to the candidates of the Socialist Workers

> leading article boasting that their increase in votes (their mayoralty candidate got 8,111) was due to the superiority of their program. They do not explain, however, for President of the Borough of why the increase came this year Manhattan — 609. or what special propaganda device

Although the average of the SWP vote this year marked a attracted more voters this year CIO; the Sleeping Car Porters decline from the 2,249 votes reand Hotel and Restaurant Em- ceived in this city by Farrell ployees International Union of Dobbs and Grace Carlson in 1948. it is entirely accidental in origin. the AFL; National Council for when a considerably larger num-Permanent FEPC; National Asso- ber of voters went to the polls.

primarily by the still greater attractiveness of the Stalinist The vote for Joseph Glass, American Labor Party and the Anti-Defamation League; Amer- mayoralty candidate of the "Fair Deal" Liberal and Demoican Jewish Committee; Delta Socialist Party, dropped sharply cratic Parties for the radical votes cast for Norman Thomas

lowing.



ers; United Transport Service to "educational" activities. The question is to be submitted to a rights to a prominent place convention next spring.)

among the election issues. Many The largest gainer of the minor friends and supporters were won gress; Negro Newspaper Pub- parties in the majoralty election for Trotskyism through the camwas the antediluvian Socialist paign.

Sigma Theta Sorority; Federal in comparison with the 26,742 working class voters of this city. This was demonstrated on a small Labor Committee; Catholic In- in New York City last year. This scale by the decline in the total indicates that Thomas received a vote received by the SWP, the largely personal vote and that SP and SLP from 1945 when the the SP, moribund as an organiza-ALP supported O'Dwyer for tion, has lost most of its erst-Mayor instead of running its own while independent electoral folcandidate, as it did this year. The main gains of the SWP were recorded prior to the counting of the votes and have already ecutive Committee meeting of been reported in The Militant. the SP, held in Milwaukee, had They consisted of its principled campaign which brought the SWP program to a large number of

Brotherhood of Teamsters; United ping out of the next national Hatters, Cap and Millinery Work- election and restricting the party

ternity; American Jewish Con-

the Council contributed Kutcher's Prior to the Council appearance, constitutional law at the University of Akron, before the Jewish Alliance of Postal Employees; Community Council, and at a

Akron KCRC. At an SWP Branch social in his honor, Kutcher received a belt

with an initialed silver buckle. **Pioneer Pocket Library** 1. The Death Agony of Capitalism and the Tasks of the

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movement from the millionairein its ranks remains and must be met.