## **Congress Moves** To Make Labor **Pay Cost of War**

Congress has launched a two-way war drive against the American people's standard of living. One thrust aims to impose the overwhelming burden of huge new taxes on the workers. The other seeks to "contain" wages while opening a breach for advancing Truman himself has given the

prices. The House and Senate are major impetus to the inflation set of "interim" tax increases that appropriations of nearly \$16 bildown-payment on his undeclared federal spending close to \$60 biltarization program.

heavily weighted in favor of the monstrous war budget — about rich and the war corporations. 30% of the national income -He has asked for \$3½ billion more in personal income taxes, with the rate of increase on the PRICE-FIXING FARCE lowest incomes double that of the highest. He did not even mention excess profits taxes.

Senate Finance Committee eliminated from the proposed tax bill a section providing for a 10% withholding tax on dividends. They hold the position that it's all right to impose withholding taxes on workers' wages - but not on a main source of income for the rich. This is just a hint its sleeve.

While perfecting its tax-extortion bill, Congress has also been SLIDING SCALE GUARANTEE busy trying to cook up some The only assurance the workers scheme for "price control" that can have of maintaining their real scheme for "price control" that can have of maintaining their real can be used as a pretext for wages in this period of inflation SWP Completes freezing wages while actually is through the sliding scale of allowing prices to be "regulated" wages. This is the cost-of-living Petition Quota in upwards.

**MOVE TOO RAW** 

The House hastily enacted a bill scale, for all rises in the cost of to give the President power to living.

only after prices rise 5% above government price controls will the June 15 level. This was such effectively halt price rises have a raw move to safeguard current no reason to oppose the sliding price increases that even Truman scale of wages. If, as they claim, protested and the House hastily price controls work, then the Workers Party on the ballot in Party, which heralded Wallace as scrapped the proposal.

a bill to give Truman personal — as they were wrong during the petition work had been completed anxious to put any stress on his power to dictate prices and wages. last war? Then the escalator in 45 counties and almost finished resignation. The Stalinists would What this would mean, as past clause will be the one immediate in nine others. (50 signatures in like to pretend that this is no experience shows, is that Truman means to protect the workers' cach of the state's 61 counties and great concern of theirs. could and would freeze wages wages. Only those who preach a minimum of 12,000 signatures BUILT UP WALLACE while prices would be "eased" price control as a pretext for is legally required to validate the higher and higher, either legally freezing wages have reason to SWP petitions.) fear the escalator wage clause. or illegally.

buzzing with schemes to soak the off by the Korean war. He has workers for most of the \$5 billion already demanded additional war Truman has demanded as the first lion. This will bring annual war in Korea and expanded mili- lion - nearly double the total federal expenditures in 1942, first Truman's proposals are already year of U. S. military participa-

> that is fueling the inflation. The pro-war union leaders are concentrating on a demand for

price controls as the answer to COUPON CLIPPERS FAVORED this war-induced inflation. They The Senate has moved to safe- claim that if the government puts guard the rich even more. The on price ceilings then the workers wages to protect their living standards.

But what assurance do the workers have that prices will be controlled any more now than during the last war, when wages were frozen and prices kept right on climbing? If anything, all the evidence points to an even bigger of the kind of tax bill the Demo- farce of price control now, if it cratic-controlled Congress has up is left up to the Truman administration.

that provides for automatic wage increases, above the basic wage

enforce "selective" price control Those who really believe that

escalator clause remains inopera-sthis state moved into high gear the great "peace" leader and anti-

In New York City, a total of 2,800 signatures have been obtained, about 35% of the goal set. City-wide petition rallies are eing held twice a week.

tionary forces are using illegal

and extra-legal methods in viola-

tion of the Bill of Rights to in-

tion. In most cases these forces,

composed of small town business



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Henderson Representative Lanham. Georgia Democrat (above), called William L. Patterson, Executive Director of the Civil Rights Congress, a "black son of a bitch" and had to be restrained from assaulting Patterson after the latter described to a House committee the brutal oppression of Negroes in Georgia. (See editorial, Page 3).

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**Racial Bigot** 

## 45 N. Y. Counties By Ben Stone

New York SWP Campaign Manager

campaign to put the Socialist lace's resignation. The Communist

Now the Senate is working on tive. But suppose they are wrong as upstate crews reported that war fighter, is naturally not

# The self-styled "Gideon" has formally deserted his "Gideon's

Army." Henry A. Wallace on Aug. 8 sent a letter of resignation to the Progressive Party. This has been expected since he declared on July 15 that he supports American imperialist intervention in Korea by the party's National Commit- obstacle to the building of a

genuine labor party.

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MILITANT

Wallace's letter of resignation Wallace won't "serve the cause stated that "I am convinced I can more effectively serve the cause of peace by resigning from the na-tional committee and the executive committee of the Progressive but an appeal for a horse trader's party. You will, therefore, take deal between Washington and Moscow. That continues as the this letter as my formal resigna-Stalinist and Progressive Party tion from the party." program and it is just as cynical

DEATH BLOW TO PARTY

and treacherous as it was when The defection of Wallace has it was spouted by Wallace as the dealt the coup de grace to the head of the Progressive Party. Progressive Party as an influence Hundreds of thousands of those in any real sense in national poliwho voted for Wallace in 1948 tics. The party was built around and supported the Progressive him as its outstanding public Party are sincere opponents o figure. He ran as its presidential war. They can have only utter candidate in 1948. He constituted disillusionment now in a partythe party's main attractive power. whose top leader and many of his What is left of the Progressive chief lieutenants have quit the Party is mainly a top apparatus fight at the first test. If these completely controlled by the Stalformer supporters of Wallace inists. Most of its non-Stalinist study the program and record of figures have departed or are in the Socialist Workers Party, they process of making the break. Its will find that it alone is the party membership, fallen off tremendthat will not compromise, and whose leaders have stood firm, ously since its poor showing in the 1948 election, can be expected both in the last war and today.

to dwindle down to a hard core of Stalinists and their sym pathizers. After a day's delay, the Daily Worker found just six inches of

space in a buried corner under a NEW YORK, Aug. 10 - The tiny headline to report Wal-

as the man who would lead the nation to "peace." They hailed him as "Gideon" and pushed his program of "progressive capitalism." Wallace himself, of course,

ion workers reveal that reac- if and when American imperial- to Fascist Tito!"

# WALLACE DESERTION Truman Urges EXPOSES STALINISTS New Step to Police State

**Center of UN Conflict** 



Jacob Malik, Kremlin's delegate to the United Nations Security Council, presides over a meeting. UN Secretary-General Trygve Lie looks on. The Soviet delegation, returning after a walkout 7 months ago over the body's refusal to seat the Mao Tsetung government in China, is waging a propaganda struggle with the U.S. delegation over Far Eastern developments. (See article,



Veteran working class revolutionists are being ruthlessly by point that it contained the hounded and murdered by Stalin's hangmen in Czechoslovakia. Appealing to the international labor movement to intervene and save the lives of these victims, the International Secretariat of the Fourth International has issued the fol-

misitors.

**Two Victims Held** 

In \$50,000 Bail

Two General Motors work-

ers, who had been beaten up

outside the Linden, N. J., plant

for distributing "Hands off

\$50,000 bail on a charge of

violating an old state "criminal

syndicalism" law. Unable to

Magistrate Simandl, the two

victims, Calvin De Filippis and

De Filippis, held in \$30,000

bail. and Fischer, for whom

\$20,000 bail was set, had filed

assault and battery charges

against five men whom they

said had led the assault. The

latter filed a counter-charge of

"subversion." The magistrate

held four of the alleged assail-

ants on \$1,000 bail each and

the fifth on \$1,500.

Louis Fischer, were jailed.

## **Mundt Says** White House **Bill Like Own**

**PRICE: FIVE CENTS** 

The conspiracy of ruling capitalist circles to destroy all democratic liberties in this country and to bury the Bill of Rights received a powerful impetus with the issuance of Truman's special message to Congress on Aug. 8.

Praising the long code of police state legislation-from the Smith Act to the "loyalty" purge rulings - Truman urged that "defects" e remedied. He proposed to effect a compromise with legislation already pending in Congress such as the Hobbs Bill, the Mundt-Nixon Bill and others which have aroused a storm of protest by the labor movement, the Negro people and liberal circles.

MUNDT APPROVES

Every rabid reactionary in the House and Senate was elated over Truman's message. Senator Mundt announced that he "welcomed" it, even though it "was somewhat belated," and demonstrated point gist of his and Senator Fergu



But it is. They built up Wallace

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pitch of frenzy. They now charge that Yugoslav ports, airfields, have been transformed into a many military bases for Anglo-many military bases for Anglo-tran imperialism and that attack its

neighbors. The Bucharest radio Reports from the upstate peti-

Yugoslav campaign to a new

## VIOLENCE AT PLANIS

**REUTHER DISAPPROVES** 

CIO United Auto Workers President Walter Reuther, in a letter timidate minority parties and sent Aug. 5 to all UAW locals, expressed disapproval of what he deprive them of the right of peticalled the "walking of alleged Communist party members out of plants" and urged the local members and officers to "take every precaution to see that incidents quiet and "legal" way. Thus, he

do not occur." The "incidents" to which he suggests in his letter that "the refer's are a series of organized constitution of our union offers hoodlum attacks — in some in- democratic means for dealing with police. stances inspired and instigated by members of our union who are company managements and the guilty of conduct detrimental to FBI - upon so-called "sub- the best interests of the union." versive" workers employed at auto plants in various parts of the country.

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Last week's Militant reported now being employed at the Genthe brutal beating and clubbing of eral Motors plant in Linden, N. J., four UAW members outside the where two UAW members had pelled the captain of the crew to of a section of the liberals and the truth and who is preparing gates of the Chrysler Maywood been assaulted previously. These plant in Los Angeles. The self- two and two others associated confessed organizer of the attack with them in handing out so-called was a non-unionist employed as a "subversive" leaflets have been railroad dick. A worker in a suspended from Local 595 by its Wisconsin plant had his back officers, pending trial and possible broken when he was thrown out expulsion. The company has followed suit by suspending them of a window. from their jobs indefinitely.

## LANGUAGE MODERATE

If the unions are endangered by Reuther's letter, which was also fascistic violence incited by the signed by other top officers of the bosses, they are also endangered UAW, stressed particularly that by purges and expulsions of union such "incidents" are "unlawful." members who oppose the leader-He said that "walking" workers ship's policies. The companies are screaming against the passage of out of plants "deprives individuals only too glad to oblige union of- the \$100,000,000 loan to butcher of their democratic rights and is ficials by firing "undesirables." Francisco Franco. The CIO News the weapon of totalitarians them- Firing a worker and driving him calls the Senate action a "shockselves.

In view of the fascist-like terror- weapons serving the same end for agitated that Stalin has been ism that has occurred, Reuther's the employer. With either he can handed "new ideological weapons" letter is couched in extremely "get rid of" union militants and moderate language. But it is none- weaken the union. theless welcome. It is good to | It is no secret that the UAW know that these terrorist acts are leaders are working hand-in-glove with the companies in purging opposed by the UAW leaders.

So far, however, the UAW has so-called "subversives" from the taken no real disciplinary meas- plants. And the employers are not ures against the hoodlums who averse to helping the purge along organized and led these assaults. with a little "extra-legal" action And it remains to be seen whether, in which their hoodlum squads get in the absence of such measures, training not only in beating up Reuther's directions on the matter "reds" but in smashing the union. will be carried out.

NEXT WEEK

Leon Trotsky

**Memorial Issue** 

On the 10th anniversary of

the death of Leon Trotsky,

**Russian Revolution and founder** 

of the Fourth International,

The Militant will present a

Reuther cannot evade, however, a good share of the responsibility for the outrages. His own redbaiting, super - patriotic, jingo campaign has created the atmosphere in which the most backward and reactionary elements thrive. The overt physical attacks are only an uglier aspect of the witch-hunt Reuther himself has pursued in the auto union.

What has happened, so far as Reuther is concerned, is that this witch-hunt has got "out of hand." He prefers to do things in a more

men, vigilante types and hood-**ORDERED TO LEAVE** 

These "democratic means" are

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opposition.

tself.

But let the story speak for

THE "DISCUSSION"

ism went to war again, he would support that war despite any dif- INVITATION SHOWS UP ferences he might have with KREMLIN SLANDERERS

Washington over foreign policy. faith in him and his party.

The Progressive Party was an In the town of Herkimer, the ill-founded adventure from the petition crew was soliciting sig- start. It could not become a great natures outside a factory gate, party because it had no base in acceptances. The action of the The response from the workers the union movement. It was an Yugoslavs and the failure of their was excellent. Suddenly a motor- attempt to set up a third capital- vilifiers to accept this challenge cycle cop roared up and com- ist party, built around a coalition is proof enough of who is telling the Stalinists. It served as an for aggression.

The Executive Committee of The Stalinists now call Wallace the Yugoslav National Commit-

> themselves" how false are all regime set up by Stalinism. these fantastic charges. This invitation was made on July 26. There have been no

revolutionary movement.

lowing statement: "The trial and execution of Czech Trotskyists are suffering a ran, Democratic Chairman of the "betrayer." But they knew he tee for the Defense of Peace has Zavis Kalandra has drawn the at- lingering death in that country's Senate Judiciary Committee, comwould desert at the first gunshot. publicly invited prominent Soviet tention of world labor to the fate prisons. Comrade Zdenek Flajzar, mented that the "message con-Nevertheless, they misrepresented figures, notably Serge Vavilov, now being suffered in Czecho- a militant Communist of long tained nothing new." him as a trustworthy fighter Michael Sholokhov, Leonid Leonov slovakia by working class mili- standing, for many years secreby local authorities and the against war and called on the and Ilya Ehrenburg to "visit tants who defend the interests of tary of the Communist Youth of American people to put their Yugoslavia personally to see for their class against the oppressive Olomuc, whom the Nazis captured gloat. For it is a fact that Tru-

"The case of Dimitri Dimitrivich, president of the Yugoslav concentration camp, was placed of a Hobbs or a Mundt, notwith-People's Front in Czechoslovakia, under arrest in December 1949. standing Truman's own hypowho was savagely tortured to There has been no sign for a long critical criticism of such legisladeath by the Stalinist execution- time that he is still alive. ers, demonstrates that this anti-"Comrade Frantisek Roszypal, working class terror is being ap- another veteran Communist, ar- speech, press and assembly." plied against all tendencies of the referred to as a 'witness' in the

"The International Secretariat trial of the Thirteen, but the sub-

son's bill. So did Senator Wherry, leader of the Republican minority has learned that several veteran in the Senate. Senator McCar-

And they have every reason to and deported to Buchenwald and man's proposals differ in form whose wife died in the Auschwitz but not in substance from those t.on "as so broad and vague as

to endanger the freedoms of

rested with Kalandra, has been TRUMAN'S 'COMPROMISE'

For example, where the Hobbs bill proposes to institute concenstance of his testimony was never made public, being apparently not tration camps for the foreigntoo favorable to the Stalinist in- born and empowers the Attorney General to arrest them without

even a public hearing, let alone a "The Czech Stalinist hangmen trial, Truman proposes legislation must not be permitted to murder "permitting the Attorney General comrades Flajzar and Roszypal, irreproachable revolutionists, as to exercise supervision over they did Zavis Kalandra. It is aliens . . . and requiring them to necessary that the campaign un- report their whereabouts and acdertaken to save Kalandra's life tivities at regular intervals." be expanded to save Flajzar,

Where the Mundt - Nixon bill Roszypal and all the militant compels "registration" of all "subversives," Truman proposes the registration of "persons who have received instruction from a foreign government or political party in espionage or subversive

tactics. . ." A formula which for its "vagueness and broadness" matches anything yet proposed!

### PIECEMEAL APPROACH

The most that can be said for these sweeping proposals is that they do not go as far as the Korea!" leaflets, were held in Hobbs - Mundt - Ferguson legislation. In other words, Truman proposes a "partial approach," a piecemeal enactment of laws to raise the huge sum fixed by destroy the Bill of Rights. He needs this to allay the opposition of organized labor, or more accurately, to make it easier for the official labor leaders to deceive the workers about his anti-labor and anti-democratic proposals. Meanwhile, all the enemies of labor and civil rights in Congress have seized on his message as a green light to go full-speed ahead and jam through some revised version of the Hobbs bill, the Mundt-Nixon bill and all other measures for the installation of the police state.

Labor Leaders Protest Against Senate Vote for Loan to Franco of genuine affinity for total-And nobody challenged him. In | Douglas of Illinois, did not utter

## By John G. Wright Top CIO officials are now

to "democracy." from his job by violence are two ing performance." But it is more

than that new chains have been Senators who voted against the forged for the Spanish workers. The only explanation the editorial can find for the "shocking

performance" of CIO - supported Truman Democrats-not Republicans or Dixiecrats - is that "the majority of our Senators simply do not understand ideological warfare." Needless to say, the in-

dignation of the editorial doesn't go to the lengths of calling for the defeat of Franco's friends in

the Senate in the next election. THE REAL STORY

The real story of what happened in the Senate, which is completely absent from the CIO News, refutes all of its sickly alibis. A ator McKellar, who is in favor of of N. Y. took the floor for three co-leader with Lenin of the powerful and reactionary lobby, the loan but who nevertheless minutes to do exactly the same ranging from the corporations restricted speaking time for the thing. and the Pentagon gang to the cpponents of the loan, repeatedly The other 12 Senators who voted Catholic hierarchy, put on the heat taunted: "I have made diligent against the loan for the record number of special articles on for the loan. The Senators who search and inquiry for any notably such "friends of labor" the life and ideas of this spoke and voted for it did so not Senator who is opposed to this and champions of "liberalism" as greatest Marxist of our time.

itarianism, thus exposing how the midst of the "discussion" the a mumbling word. hollow are Washington's claims Senate interrupted its proceedings

Was the atmosphere such that

to recess and then to hear an they were actually afraid to workers who are today incarcerat-Their vote did more than prop address by Prime Minister Men- speak? It appears so. In his re- ed in Czech prisons. Swift and up the dictator in Madrid and zies of Australia; next the floor marks Senator Morse darkly vigorous action is needed to halt leaction all over the world. It was yielded to witch - hunter hinted that "there is a powerful the hands of their executioners." was the green light to all the McCarthy, for another of his lobby supporting this loan," and anti-labor forces and would-be attacks on Owen Lattimore; then blurted out that he would con-

Franco's in this country. The some routine business was trans- tinue to oppose it "irrespective of acted, and finally McKellar an- political consequences." loan were so intimidated by nounced that he would yield the Who composed this "powerful Franco's American friends that floor for "5 minutes to the lobby," if not the omnipotent

they could not utter more than a Senator from Oregon (Mr. coalition of billionaire corporafew feeble words of apologetic Morse), and after that I should tions, the Big Brass, the Catholic like to yield to the Senator from hierarchy, plus all the other Connecticut (Mr. Benton)." fascist-minded elements in the As it turned out Senator Morse ruling capitalist circles? Who was was the only one who spoke it that threatened Morse - and formally against the loan. He the others - with "political In every sense there was a himself entitled his half-apologetic consequences"? On all this there steamroller operating. The dis- speech "A Wrestle With One's was silence. The same silence is cussion was limited for both sides | Conscience." Senator Benton, who beginning to pervade Capitol Hill to one hour and a half. Supporters later took the floor, incorporated as it does any totalitarian regime

of the loan dominated the floor, his oppositional remarks gingerly under the sun. while its opponents first absented in the context of laudatory com-

out of mistaken intentions but out amendment. I find none at all." Humphrey of Minnesota and

VOICE OF REACTION But the voice of reaction was

loud and unashamed. Senator McCarran taunted his opponents with the bloody regime of

strangely reluctant to speak. Sen- Premier Menzies. Senator Lehman

Dictator Salazar. "We loaned to Portugal \$27,500,000," he gloated. "If there is a dictatorship anywhere in Europe or if there is a

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themselves and later were ments on the speech of Australia's

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Monday, August 14, 1950

Sending a money order of five

dollars to The Militant fund. Now

fund for a million leaflets to be

tories, gates and in the union

meetings, exposing the role of the

labor fakers, Green, Murray,

up the workers to rid themselves

of these fakers once and for all,

Gary, Ind.

**From Listeners to** 

**SWP Broadcasts** 

Following are a few more of

the comments of radio listeners

postcards received from all parts

speeches delivered over CBS, ABC

and Mutual networks by Farrell

Socialist Workers Party, and Jo-

seph Hansen, candidate for U.S.

Senator from N. Y. The speeches

were delivered in connection with

the National Legislative Conven-

tion of the SWP held recently in

I had the pleasure of listening

to your chairman's speech over

one of our radio stations, and

found the speech to be both in-

W. H. D.

Miss J. B.

Hayward, Calif.

Providence, R. I.

New York City.

**More Replies** 

Chicago Steel Worker

situation was crying out for some Murray and Green

Editor

one to do that very thing.

European Notebook The Uprising of the Belgian Workers Letters From Readers By Ernest Germain couldn't be helped. Cannon has Wants Leaflets on **Readers** Approve

(Ed. Note: The following article | during the underground days in was written on July 29 prior to the period of Nazi occupation, he the retreat of the clerical-fascist had advocated a centrist policy, gang behind Leopold and before far to the left of the official the Socialist and union leaders Socialist or Stalinist line. He had called off the march on Brussels organized the only purely workin return for a parliamentary ing class armed resistance movecompromise on King Leopold's ment and even had wide contact abdication.)

and by the hatred of the working gle Belgium has known in its 120 contact with his class and in the years' history, one of the most im- huge upsurge of the Belgian portant revolutionary struggles working class, which started in Western Europe has witnessed his native city, he was to become since the Spanish revolution of the unconscious spokesman of the 1936.

busy preparing their plans for non-collaboration against Leopold put out. 111, the working class struck

tarian metropolis of Liege. Liege is the heart of industrial doz, etc., which are the backbone tion. of the country's industrial power. There live the most advanced and class conscious layers of the Belgian working class. There the working class parties obtained rapidly to all the other working 70% and more of the total votes class areas of Belgium. The steel cast during the last general election in June.

By Tuesday July 25, the strikes spread from the coalpits to the metal and steel plants in the Liege area. On Wednesday morning, the general strike was proclaimed in the whole Liege area. Never before had the country witnessed such a unanimous movement. Not only all the workers of the heavy joined the movement. industry, but also all the railwaymen, all the employees, all state few hours all of Liege's social entered the struggle. life.

The trade-union leader of the STRIKE COMMITTEES Liege area, Andre Renard, has IN CONTROL

with the Belgian revolutionary On Saturday July 22, King Leo- organization. After the end of pold III returned to his capital in the war, he drifted to the right the early morning, greeted by an and became a secretary of the army of gendarmes and policemen national trade union organization. Tremendously popular among class population. That day started the Liege steel workers for his the most important mass strug- resistance record, he remained in

real mood of the masses. On the morning of the first day of the GENERAL STRIKE AT LIEGE Liege general strike, he addressed While the representatives of a proclamation to the workers the Socialist Party, the leading telling them the strike would be working class organization, were unlimited in duration; no security measures would be allowed in the parliamentarian obstruction and pits; the blast furnaces would be

"From today on, the words spontaneously in the great prole- revolution and insurrection will have a practical meaning for us. We shall use them every day in Belgium. There within a radius of our common language. . . We shall 10 miles are located the big go to the finish and we shall steel plants of Cockerill, Ougree flinch at nothing. We are resolved Marihaye, FN, Esperance, Long- to conquer," said his proclama-

## THE STRIKE SPREADS

From Wednesday, July 26 on, the strike movement spread workers of the Charleroi region, the miners of the Borinage and Center, the big industrial areas

in South Belgium, were the first to join in the movement. Thursday, the strike became general in all the industrial areas of Wallonia.

workers and state functionaries to all plants, railways and public

Saturday, in Antwerp and Ghent, big proletarian centers of 100,000 strikers paralyzed in a a million Belgian workers had

Union Movement (MSI), founded started to take control of all of revolutionary Petrograd, King would refuse to obey. Gendarmes picture of the whole world.

As head of the Independent Trade strike committee was elected and Tsarkoye Selo on the outskirts people for fear that the soldiers would radically alter the political salesmen. This should be some



PAUL HENRI SPAAK

municipal activities. In Charleroi, similar committee was con-

stituted a few days later and followed the Liege example. In many working class centers of South p.m., Spaak and other SP repre- will march on the capital in Belgium, the same example was followed as a pattern for the efficient organization of the struggle.

The strike committee decided to close down all shops. The

well as the pressure of huge mass then decreed that only the food shops could be opened for two prices for all food products and

of pickets which cleaned up the and municipal functionaries laid Flanders, the general strike was few nests of recalcitrant elements down their tools. More than also proclaimed. More than half and maintained order in the working class suburbs.

MARCH ON LAEKEN

these regulations. It prohibited bus loads of partisans of Leopold ward the "strong state." It is a all truck traffic with the exception III arrived on the spot, bringing struggle for the 40-hour working of vehicles supplied with special flowers to greet their king. When week, against unemployment and passes by the strike committee.

buses were rapidly toppled over It instituted huge flying squads and set on fire amid the loud started an all-out economic and cheers of the bystanders.

MARCH ON BRUSSELS

Leopold III is living like a have provoked a series of fights Cannon's Message prisoner in his Laeken castle out- with working class crowds; tear side his capital of Brussels, where gas has been used and hand grenades have already wounded Editor: huge crowds demonstrate all day long against him and his reac-several workers. In Brussels,

ionary government. Protected by selected squads of the center of the capital all day Leopold keeps in touch with outthe gendarmes. side life only through his infrequent interviews with his reactionary Prime Minister Jean compact masses, like the forces of Duvieusart and with his personal revolution and counter-revolution friends the Baron De Launoit, which measure their mutual head of the great trust Banque strength on the eve of a final de Bruxelles - Ougree Marihaye battle. There is a tremendous and General Van Overstraeten, wave of militancy and courage former head of the general staff mounting in the people, drawing students, white-collar workers and

of the army. On Friday July 28, during the Minister submitted to the Assembly the "good will of His soon. Majesty" who was willing to receive the leaders of the Socialist leaders have announced their

opposition in order to be informed plan of holding a huge nationwide bout their views. The Socialist leaders had re- on Tuesday, Aug. 2. From Liege,

peatedly declared that they would Charleroi, Mons, La Louviere. refuse to see the King. When the Antwerp and other centers, sev-Friday debate finished around 8 eral hundred thousand workers sentatives left the House of Par- trucks, in requisitioned railway liament. They were greeted by a trains, on bicycles and on foot.

sympathy of many shopkeepers as

When the demonstrators arrived years. hours a day. It fixed maximum at Laeken they tried to force their threatened shopkeepers with total started with the mounted police. against a king who is the symbol boycott if they did not observe At the same time a number of of all reactionary tendencies to-It cut down electric power supply utilities, while severely rationing the supply for domestic purposes.

Since these incidents, tension

crowd shouting: "To Laeken, to The government has countered Laeken!" Spaak then answered: this by proclaiming martial law 'The King wants to see us? He in Liege and forbidding all public will!" and put himself at the head demonstrations in Brussels. The of the six or seven thousand workers are determined to overdemonstrators who arrived after rule these decisions. A test of demonstrations' rapidly brought an hour's march at the royal strength will take place which this about. The strike committee castle of Laeken, after having will decide the destiny of the Belsmashed several police barricades. gian working class for many The struggle of the Belgian way into the castle and big fights | workers is not only a struggle

working class march on Brussels

the buses tried to force their way poverty, for the defense of their through the crowd, gravely standard of living and of their wounding one worker, the angry democratic freedoms. This strug-

working class. It is the most energetic movement of Western European work-

is building up rapidly in all the ers against the reactionary trend amounted to 250. key centers of Belgium, especially which has dominated European Like Louis XVI who retired to in Liege and in Brussels. In politics for many months. Its Versailles, not daring to face the Liege, the army has been mobiliz- victory could be the signal for subs for The Militant tell us that for many years occupied a special Immediately after the outbreak revolutionary masses of Paris, or ed but the government did not a similar upsurge in France, the pre-World War II period position in Belgian political life. of the general strike in Liege, a like Czar Nicholas II living at dare order it to march against the Italy, German and Spain, which was much tougher for Militant

**To President** 

Only one suggestion. Too bad Cannon didn't mention the fact James P. Cannon's "Letter to that once again CIVILIANS are The Militant should start a special demonstrations continue through the President and Members of the being murdered from the air, just Congress" (in The Militant, July as it was five years ago! I think distributed in the mills and facthe army and the gendarmes, King long, causing many clashes with 31) is a classic. The honesty and this point should never be forsincerity of his convictions are gotten; the unforgivable crime of packed into a few lines. A man slaughtering helpless people who Workers and gendarmes constantly confront each other in who writes like that, at a time have no defense whatever, just Reuther and the whole gang. Call

like this, is truly a great man.

because there's a war going on. N.S. I sold my papers this week in Baldwin Park, Calif. less than one half-hour. Everyone and get together to take things was so glad to see Cannon's into their own hands before

wonderful letter! I wish to thank capitalism finishes us for good. Editor: Since this is the first fan letter him personally for writing it. I have ever written I am not sure am proud to be associated with a of the type of eloquence that is leader who had the conscience to middle class groups to the side desired in such cases. Therefore I write it--and the courage--and the debates in Parliament, the Prime of the proletariat. Everybody feels shall remark simply that I con-feeling for his fellowmen! I that decisive fights will start sidered James P. Cannon's "Letter repeat, all honor to James Cannor to the President" very, very fine. Also, I am most anxious that Morgan West This morning, the working class this letter should be known to

State College, Pa. more people so I wonder if you will send directly to me, all \* \* \* available copies of the July 31

Editor: All honor to James Cannon for issue of The Militant. I may be his magnificent letter to the a little slow in selling them, as President and the Congressional my mother is ill at present, but from the hundreds of letters and hatchet-men! More than 80 of my I'm sure I can sell a few every friends in Cambridge wish to day, and I'll send you the money of the country in response to the join with me in expressing their as fast as I sell the papers. I will joy and delight that such a letter take as many as 100 copies, even,

if you have them to spare. James Dobbs, National Chairman of the has been written. Of course it's well to be scientific Cannon's letter must be made and to know the economic causes known to the workers in this of the actions of human beings — district! B. M.

but - it is NOT well to pass by monstrous crimes, as if they just

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Taking into consideration the political climate of the nation, the class. achievements of the July subscrip-

built up its circulation by nearly during the campaign. Since these be cast this year; and you may

Special three - month subs alone Militant Army here they are. Comrades who have had ten and

more years experience in getting encouragement to those younger

work a bit rough this past year. I would like very much to have The record certainly shows that a copy of his speech. we have made great strides in building a newspaper that is known to the American working I heard Mr. Hansen's broadcast today and I've never heard For lack of space we were a speech that made more plain, came in from literature agents first vote, since turning 21, will

Cambridge, Mass.

700 subscription copies during letters help to build up a picture rest assured it will be a socialist this campaign, several hundred of of the problems faced and vic- vote. these being entirely new subs. tories scored by members of The

Seattle: "We had another mobilization last night, selling in the homes of workers living in the

I am in full accord with your principles (as to the speech you area of the Bethlehem Steel plant. made Mon., July 17th). Five teams of two worked for I would like a couple copies to about an hour and got 8 threegive out to my customers and months subs. There had actually friends. been 9 but one fellow, after giving

I hope and pray the day will us the money and his address, ran come when the working people after us in the street and asked can have a say on world affairs. us to cancel his sub. He is foreign Few of us are gifted with putting born and did not want the paper a speech or lecture across. Those sent to his home. He told us, howthat are blessed with the gift ever, to keep the money because should do all in their power to contact the workers.

May you be given strength and

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masses turned against them. The gle has been building up ever tion campaign of The Militant are since, a year ago, the capitalists certainly remarkable. Despite the unable to print several letters that ordinary, "good sense" before. My

current war scare, The Militant political offensive against the

## **By Art Preis**

'Welfare State, - Or Socialism? (Part VIII)

Socialism, first of all, ends the system of the private ownership of the means of production and distribution. It eliminates profit. It removes from the economy the strangling grip of a few fantastically rich families like the DuPonts, Rockefellers, Morgans and Mellons who regulate production according to their own profits interests.

Freed of the grip of private monopolies, which restrict production to maintain artificial scarcity and high prices, the modern mass production system will supply an ever-increasing stream of goods for the use of the people.

All that the individual could wish for his personal needs and all that the human mind can conceive of in the way of a good and healthful life will become possible once the means of production and distribution are owned and run cooperatively by society as a whole.

#### Scientific Planning of Production

For the first time, it will be possible to organize production and distribution on the basis of PLANNING. All industry will be co-ordinated and run according to an over-all, rational, scientific plan. This plan will start with the needs and wants of the people, determine what raw materials, labor and machinery are available to produce what the people desire, and operate the

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"Fair Deal" has become a War Deal and the

productive mechanism with efficiency to produce these things.

There can be no fear of "surpluses," of "overproduction" or "underconsumption." Scientific planning, in which the whole working populace participates democratically, will eliminate the blind guesswork that prevails in the capitalist mode of production.

If the people get a sufficiency of one thing, they can reduce the hours of work and divert labor and resources to the production of something else they desire. No one will fear a "glut." Unemployment will become just an ugly word in the history books.

## **New Incentives for Invention**

Evry invention and improvement will be put into operation to lighten the physical burden of work and increase the supply of goods. Socialism will release the thousands of processes and inventions that the monopoly capitalists now guard under double lock and key for fear that their use would destroy scarcity and bring down prices.

At the same time, socialism will offer to the scientists, engineers and inventors a tremendous incentive to create new labor-saving devices, new technological processes. They will know that their endeavors will not be buried away or misused by private individuals or groups for profit.

Imagine what the American capacity to produce

would be if the artificial limitations imposed by the monopolists were removed. Even without atomic energy, production could be tripled and quadrupled in a few years.

Tell Berna, general manager of the National Machine Tool Builders Association, recently said that "despite the fact that today's machine tools produce on the average 30 per cent more than the machines that won the war, 95 per cent of the machine tools in use today are of obsolete design." Dr. Norbert Wiener of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology has said that machinery controlled by "electronic brains" could, within a decade, completely wipe out the (factory) assembly line.'

Under capitalism, such a revolutionary innovation in production would be a catastrophe, throwing millions out of work. Under socialism, it would be just one more welcome means for expanding production while reducing the hours of toil and human drudgery.

Add to these things mankind's greatest scientific achievement - the release and utilization of atomic energy. What a boundless source of power it could provide for the creation of universal plenty!

Capitalism can only surround atomic energy with military secrecy and convert it into a means for mass annihilation. Socialism, which tears up the economic roots of imperialism and national oppression, will have no need for atomic weapons or any other kind.

## One Possibility for Peace

Socialism will break down all national and racial barriers and replace them with world-wide cooperation and economic planning. For only on a world scale can socialism be fully realized and its inherent possibilities begin really to unfold. With the cooperation of peoples replacing feverish armament races and the periodic ruination of wars, tremendous resources and millions upon millions of youth, will be available for socially useful service instead of war.

Socialism won't treat the old, the sick and the crippled like objects of charity, as Truman's "welfare state" does, giving them merely a begrudging, semi-starvation hand-out at best. All will give to society according to their ability; all will receive from society according to their need. The things produced by the people will be made available equitably to all. There will be such bounty that no one will have to work to a broken old age, but will retire from arduous work while still vigorous and able to enjoy the latter years of life.

#### Is USSR or England Socialist?

By "socialism," many people will ask, do you mean what they have in the Soviet Union or what some claim exists in England? Absolutely not! England is not remotely socialist. Its means of production and distribution are still owned and controlled mainly by the capitalists. Even the 20%

of the British economy that has been nationalized continues to pay profits to former owners who people decide whether there is to receive high interest on government bonds given be a war or not, and the idea of them in compensation. Moreover, socialism is the letting the Korean people decide very opposite of any "austerity" regime like their own fate went over very well England's.

The Soviet Union, founded by a genuine work- Marj Deck, Literature Agent in ers revolution led by Lenin and Trotsky, could Los Angeles, wrote the following litical party. make only the first step toward socialism - the during the campaign: "We find a nationalization of the means of production and very good response to our ideas. distribution under workers control. But it was Last Sunday, in fact, one of the halted and thrown back because of its initial lack sub getters found himself giving of development and its backwardness, because it a small open-air lecture. He had was constricted by a hostile world capitalism and finished his work and had stopped because socialism cannot be achieved on a limited to buy ice cream from a little national scale.

The Russian people could not overcome scarcity - and where scarcity exists there arises always a privileged group that takes over the function of determining how scarce goods are to be distributed. Under capitalism, it is the capitalist class that decides. In the Soviet Union, it is the usurping Stalinist bureaucracy.

## Vistas of Free Society

A Socialist America could do more than any this Fall." other country to open before all humanity the vista of an existence really free from want and free from fear. The class-ruled society of scarcity will be replaced by the classless society of plenty. Greed, insecurity, the beast-like struggle for survival will disappear. All institutions of oppression - police and prisons, armies and class governments — will vanish. Ignorance, bigotry, fore the Korean events. superstition will make way for knowledge, understanding and brotherhood.

scoreboard for the July campaign The very words that denote class rule and the was turned over to the printers. evils of capitalism will be lost to the common we received 8 six-months subs and speech of the generations to come under socialism one-year combination renewal to - those words like capitalist and worker, profits The Militant and Fourth Internaand wages, poverty, unemployment, depression, tional from Philadelphia. It is inflation, imperialism, fascism, totalitarianism, really unfortunate that we hadn't received these in time to upgrade

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of the new age will be educated in the spirit of social cooperation. A finer race of men will of The Militant for 1949 available. emerge, more beautiful and healthy in body, more The price of this valuable refer free and creative in mind.

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"Most of the people we saw yesterday reacted well to our line on the war. The slogan: Let the

it is for a good cause.

work. Mr. Dobbs' speech was the most and helped us to sell the paper." truth I have heard in so few

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stroying freedom and political democracy. These are lies. Upon assuming power, the proletariat merely lays bare the complete impossibility of employing the methods of bourgeois democracy and creates the conditions and forms of a new and much higher workers' democracy. The whole course of capitalist development, especially during its final imperialist epoch, has acted to undermine political democracy not only by dividing nations into two irreconcilably hostile classes, but also by condemning numerous petty-bourgeois and proletarian layers, as well as the most disinherited lowest strata of the proletariat, to economic debilitation and political impotence.'

TROTSKY

-Leon Trotsky, First Five Years of the Communist International, 1919.

## Five Years After Hiroshima

Last week marked the fifth anniversary of Hiroshima which has been the scene of an annual celebration climaxed by releasing a flock of white doves, symbolic of a new era of peace and hope that had presumably arisen from the ashes of the first atomic blast in Japan. But this time there was no peace celebration in Hiroshima. It was instead the occasion for solemn prayer.

This seemingly trifling episode epitomizes the shattered hopes for peace, the dread of earth's peoples who realize how dangerously they are now living under the shadow of atomic bombs.

Gone is all talk of the great promises and boons of peacetime uses of atomic power. The Atomic Energy Commission boasts that it is building up its pile of atomic explosives at a record rate, with new atom poison bombs scheduled for production. DuPont & Co., the world's biggest merchants of death, have been, appropriately enough, assigned (for the. sum of \$1.00) the contract for building the first plants to manufacture the Hell-Bomb. (DuPont shares promptly jumped \$2 each on the news of this philanthropic venture.) New York City proposes to spend two billion dollars for atom-bomb shelters, and is rushing "evacuation

## No One In--No One Out

Among the more brutal practices of totalitarian regimes is their rigid control of all movements of their citizens. especially of their attempts to go abroad as well as of attempts from abroad to visit the country. No one is permitted to leave except by special dispensation from above, never granted to ordinary mortals; no one is permitted to enter except by special authorization and after the most careful screening.

The topic is so well known that there is a musical play on Broadway, entitled

plans" in case of atomic attack; and other cities are charting similar "security" measures. And all this, while war-mad Washington still talks of "safeguarding peace."

. The fifth anniversary of Hiroshima underscores what a mockery has been this promise of peace issued to the peoples not alone by Washington but by every existing government. And next to the UN the biggest mockery of all has been the Stalinist "Stockholm peace petition" with its ballyhoo about "outlawing" atomic weapons. What price all these signatures now?

It is true that if mankind is to be saved from suicide, not only atomic weapons but war itself must be "outlawed." But to do this, it is necessary first to root out the source of war, which is monopoly capitalism.

Two world wars have already proved to the hilt how anti-social and self-destructive capitalism is and how incompatible it has become with the survival of civilization and with the needs, aspirations and hopes of the mass of humanity. If our planet is not to be turned into a wasteland of countless Hiroshimas, then capitalism must be abolished and socialism instituted.

case of Jehovah's Witnesses. More than 2,000 of their foreign delegates were subjected to severe questioning by U.S. consuls before visas were granted; then many of them were detained on arrival in New York, their passports confiscated and only after a storm of protest were they "paroled" in custody of the Society under orders to leave this country by Aug. 15.

Among the Witnesses subjected to this persecution was a German anti-fascist who spent 12 years in Hitler's concentration camps. According to the head of the Jehovah's Witnesses, "immigration authorities resorted to every scheme they could think of to prevent his entry." And as a third instance there is the plan of the State Department which under its international information and educational activities program proposed to bring in 85 Yugoslav "educators, but mostly technicians, agriculture experts, some chemists" as part of "exchanges of personnel to learn the truths about one another's country." The witch-hunters in the House appropriations subcommittee before whom this program came up have declared they will kill the project. The doors are locked, and the Yugoslavs will be barred. These are more than straws in the wind. It shows how fast and how far we have already been dragged toward becoming another land of "No One In; No One Out."

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By Paul G. Stevens

press upon the return of the proposals to invite the governis that Jacob Malik, the Soviet Chinese mainland to the hearings elegate, has not really addressed on Korea, and to invite both sides imself to that august body but in the Korean war. to the people of Asia." This is un doubtedly a justified grievance on UNANSWERABLE the part of the capitalist rulers. "PROPAGANDA"

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the will of the masses.

MOSCOW'S AIM

democracy. Not at all.

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How can you settle a war viting the North Koreans. peacefully he asked, if you don't ask both sides to sit down at the or at home, to judge and much table at which the settlement is less to decide upon the questions to be discussed? No answer, but of war and peace which more a brutal insistence by Austin to than ever affect their very lives go ahead with the seating of the n<sup>s</sup> this Atomic Age. The United representative of Syngman Rhee's Nations was not set up for this

South Korean government. purpose. On the contrary, it was How can you speak of "localizing" the conflict in Korea, of preventing it from spreading to other parts of Asia when the

unchallenged government that In the hope of a deal with Wall heads the biggest nation on the Street that would permit Moscow Asiatic continent is not invited to share in a division of the world to the conference table? Again. for the increase of its own power, no attempt at an argument from revenue and privileges, the Stalin-Truman's delegate but insolen ist bureaucracy participated in pressure to ram through the the creation of this international parliamentary procedure suited to smokescreen for the imperialist his purpose. plunderbund. It' Stalin's spokes-Sir Gladwyn Jebb, the British man today speaks "to the people delegate, more polished and suave

of Asia," over the heads of the than Austin, could only offer a IN, it is not because the Kremlin few poor jests in an effort to has suddenly become transformed aid his American colleague. The into a hearth of revolutionary cuestion of China, said Jebb, has nothing to do with that of Korea: The stubborn refusal of Amerithe only thing they have in

can imperialism to make any common is their "geographical kind of a deal to share world proximity." domination and the ease with Even as Jebb was speaking the

which Wall Street is able to whip papers announced MacArthur's Great Britain, France and the rest trip to Chiang Kai-shek on of the decrepit capitalist world Formosa and the stepping up of into line, has simply left Moscow U. S. aid to Chiang. The "United Nations Chief of Staff for Korea'

UN Delegate Malik addressed thus did his bit to help emphasize himself to the masses of seething, for the people of Asia and for the revolutionary Asia with the view rest of the world, the bitter point of utilizing their struggle only of Sir Gladwyn's jest on China. in order to force through the The whole effect of the Security desired deal with imperialism. As Council was to make clear that Stalin's entire history of counter-U. S. imperialism was interested revolutionary crimes shows, he is in pushing its war on Korea and facilities were turned over much ready to betray the masses of Korea and China and Indo-China teaching the people of Asia "a just as he did the masses of Gerlesson.

many, Spain or Greece. But mean-The more serious commentators while his own dilemma leads Malik to take a line of arguunanimously deplored what they mentation in the public debate at described as an undoubted "propathe UN which the imperialists ganda" defeat for the U.S. rulers. can seriously offer. As though it nations. find unanswerable today in Asia. They pointed out that the effec-. Warren Austin choked with tiveness of Malik's propaganda one straight "victory" after anbe gauged from the fact that other in the Security Council India - which had supported the voting. By week-end, articles such original U. S. resolutions on as one headed "UN Score: We Korea and is otherwise considered

ganda" explained more soberly power - had voted with the "Propag

"What's wrong with propaganda, They also expressed concern that aims at peace?" Malik was over the sizable split vote on the One of the chief complaints of able to retort amidst silence, as admission of China, in which the he capitalist ruling class and its he reiterated again and again his British and Norwegians had to vote with the Russians. And, it ment which rules the entire may be added, there was hardly anything auspicious for Wash ington in the Indian delegate's declaration toward the close of the week that he would have to get instructions from his government on how to vote on in-

> To judge from the "responsible" press organs, the ruling circles of America are worried about the Kremlin's successes in the propaganda battle at Lake Success. Propaganda - these pundits explain — is very important nowadays, while victories n parliamentary procedure are shallow indeed. For the masses are in action in Asia and what they think has become a big

factor in world politics. The United States "had truth, morality and the law on its side," James Reston, for instance writes in the N. Y. Times, but it could not make that clear to the peoples of Asia in the Security Council. U. S. propaganda tactics were bad. Its UN spokesmen are "not of the best." There are, of ship.... course, difficulties in improving U. S. propaganda - "there is no television at Joe's bar in Taegu" "minimized." How? Make more use of the UN!

## US NEEDS COVER

"The United States as a sovereign nation," Reston writes, "backed by military force, which is suspect in Asia, cannot do some of the things the United Nations could do . . . the British cannot do this job, nor the French, nor the Dutch, for all their experience in Asia . . . for the history and suspicions of the capitalist world in Asia are against us. But the United Nations could help immeasurably, almost at once, if not in a peaceful settlement, but the necessary and available more than they are today."

Everything must be done to hide the ugly visage of imperial-This is the only "solution" that

is not clear that the insurgent their oppressors.

The sessions of the Security Council are not so much propa-

## LIBERALS AT WAILING WALL OVER KOREA

Page Three

By Joseph Keller

No one hailed Truman's undeclared war on Korea more loudly than the liberals. None rushed more promptly than they to pledge unconditional support. Had U.S. imperialism quickly crushed the Koreans, we would have heard no more from these liberal gentry. But events did not work out as they had hoped. The little Korean peasants have been putting up a terrific battle. Almost all Koreans, south and north, are united against the imperialists. And throughout Asia, with its billion people. American intervention in the Korean civil war has evoked bitter hostility.

These events have given the liberals - never noted for strong nerves — a case of the jitters. They are now pouring out frantic advice to Washington. They complain that the U.S. is doing a poor job of "selling" itself to the rest of the world, particularly Asia. They are fearful that American capitalism will lose out to 'communism" if it doesn't win the support of the colonial peoples. The whole liberal press is wailing the same lament.

Max Lerner, N.Y. Post columnist, warns that "the Asiatics are reaching for revolutionary nationalism. . . for new economic and social reforms" and "are deeply distrustful of the racism of the Western world." He wonders: "Can we show them that we can help them get the kind of land reform they want. . . can we show them we too hate racism?"

#### **Backed Rotten Regime in Korea**

The New Republic sadly notes that "defeatism has an armory of powerful arguments," including "we backed a regime and a system in Korea whose rottenness invited attack: why should we fight to impose it now against the desires of the Koreans themselves?" In the same magazine, Harold R. Isaacs, once an anti-imperialist, observes: "The promptness with which the North Koreans instituted their drastic land reform program in the conquered areas of South Korea is an impressive fact for many Asians. . . This kind of dynamism has not yet appeared in any form under American sponsor-

The Nation, leading liberal weekly, affirms that the Koreans aren't impressed by U.S. claims about saving them from "foreign domination of a particularly ruthless sort," because they know that - But the problem could be in South Korea "the American authorities installed a tough, reactionary clique in power and permitted it to use Japanese-trained police to terrorize the people." So, "the only way to 'sell' the American-U.N. intervention in Korea to the peoples of Asia is to offer now the concrete pledge of national freedom and basic economic reform. This means Indo-China and Malaya, as well as Korea, Formosa and the Philippines."

This same thought is heard from the Trumanite labor leaders. Allan L. Swim, CIO News editor, asks: "Can we honestly say to the Orient, 'Stick with us and we'll help you wipe out famine and pestilence - and we'll help you build a better standard of living for all you people? Can we? Should we?"

Max Shachtman's Labor Action plaintively echoes: "But the .S. marches under the banner of restoration. That is its tragedy n Korea as it was in China. Washington's politics consists of the narrowest military-strategic values, which can hardly arouse enthusiasm in Korea. Whatever American soldiers manage to achieve militarily in Korea is undermined by political failure.

#### Cannot Explain Propaganda Failure

Through all these lamentations of the liberals runs the affirnation that American imperialism and its policies have evoked only suspicion and hatred in Korea and throughout Asia. The liband editors over the weekend ism from the masses of Asia! erals are hard put to explain why U.S. propaganda against Stalinism leaves the Asiatics unimpressed, when it is true that Moscow the mouthpieces of Wall Street represents totalitarianism, the police state, the subjugation of small

They think it is all a matter of "propaganda." The Kremlin is peoples of Asia are determined to putting out the right kind of promises. Ah, they all cry, if only U.S. rage even while he was winning among the people in Asia could let no camouflage, not even the imperialism, too, would make promises of national independence, UN, deter them from shaking off land reform, racial equality? Then the Asiatic peoples would come flocking under the U.S.-U.N. banner.

But why doesn't the U.S. make such promises? First of all, because the astute capitalist politicians in Washington know they Won Votes, They Won Propa-a friendly rather than a hostile ganda successes for the Soviet ganda" explained more soberly power — had voted with the bureaucracy as they are revela-USSR on every vote but one. And tions of the utter bankruptcy of be made good promptly. It's cash on the line and no credit for U.S.

## They themselves have never ad the intention of calling upon LENIN the people of Asia, or of Europe,

the "Consul," one of the big hits of the season, which uses it as its central theme. After witnessing the spectacle of human misery and degradation resulting from a hopeless quest for a visa, thousands of theater-goers must have sighed with relief that in this country, at least, such things do not happen.

But the bitter truth is that such things not only can but are actually beginning to take place here. The latest instance is the cancellation of Paul Robeson's passport. His role as a Kremlin stooge makes him a convenient target. But only those who deliberately blind themselves will condone this infamous edict which sets a precedent for depriving anyone and anybody of a passport on the grounds of "national security."

The obverse of this — the practice of permitting no one in — has become even more flagrant and widespread. Take the

### Another Undeclared War

It is understandably difficult for large numbers of our people to get a clear conception of the aims of Truman's undeclared war in Korea. A torrent of propaganda and misinformation released by the capitalist press and radio monopoly keeps them from getting at the truth. But a small incident at home, as so often happens, will illuminate in a flash big questions of foreign policy that seem so baffling and complicated. The truth about Korea was revealed in precisely such an incident in Washington last week.

In the halls of Congress, a Negro was cursed as a "black son of a bitch" by Representative Lanham from Georgia for having said that legal lynchings were commonplace in that state. Then as if to prove the point made by the Negro witness, the Congressman lunged at him. Violence was averted only by the intercession of the guards. The liberals were besides themselves with indignation: Such episodes could "compromise" America in the eyes of the colored peoples throughout the world.

But what happened in Washington was no mere episode. It was a small if dramatic reflection of what occurs every day in Georgia and throughout the South. The racial epithet used by the Georgia Congressman is only one of many variations of chauvinist abuse in the language of the white supremacists. No guards, police or courts in the South would intervene to save a Negro from such attacks. On the contrary, they cooperate by visiting vicious "legal" punishment on the victim or by standing aside while mobs do the job without sanction of law.

The discrimination, segregation and terror practised in the South - and not only in the South - is part of an undeclared war by the big monopolies and their lackeys in the government against the Negro people. Its aim is ever higher profits extracted from inhuman exploitation of an intimidated and defenseless people. What difference in essence is there between this situation and the methods and aims of the same ruling class in Korea and in Asia?

War, said the famous German military strategist Clausewitz, is merely the continuation of politics by other means. The war in Korea is nothing but the continuation of the politics of the Lanhams in Washington and in the South.

only Asian country ed to every Soviet proposal. sitting in the Security Council! deception of the colonial masses



By Charles Hanley

In a two-day debate, Aug. 3-4,

sideration is not the way of

As for China, "we recognized

the Communist government be-

fore, right from the beginning

we made clear that we supported

the Security Council's resolutions,

but did not extend our support to

anything else beyond that."

olving the problem."

lations."

When in the course of the are themselves opposed to colorepresentatives of the Left de- even junior partners but mere done so long ago.

on the Korean question before the But the liberals would have us believe that imperialism is just nounced American imperialism, errand boys; they want full part-Indian Parliament, Premier Nehru Nehru evasively replied by de- nership and not a humiliating talked out of both sides of his fending the American people and status and a thin trickle of profits altruism toward the colonial peoples if only Washington would "see condemning criticism of other under Western control or "protec- the light" and "get religion."

On the one side he defended his countries "even though they criti- torates."

upport of the UN resolutions on cize us." The opposition to Nehru's resocomprise a very thin layer of the Korea, to which there was strong lution which embodied this equivpopulation. They can rule only so opposition even among the ruling ocal position was so strong that long as they can promise the peocongress Party members; on the other, he criticized the Asian Congress Party members received ple peace and dangle the possipolicy of the Western powers, advocated recognition of Mao Tseresolution and not to speak tung's regime in China and re- against it," reported the N. Y. impotent to solve.

The outbreak of world war, or peated that India's support of the Times. UN in Korea would not be extend-What is behind Nehru's attitude? He speaks and acts for the in Asia, would topple the unstable ed to include Indo-China or equilibrium on which the Indian Indian capitalists, whom his gov-Formosa. ernment represents and who are bourgeoisie now rests. The misery

The Western world, he said, conof millions of landless and starvlinked economically and politically tinues "to take decisions affecting with the rulers of the imperialist ing peasants would vastly invast areas of Asia without underworld. But they must take into standing the real needs and minds account the boundless indignation mass upsurge and revolt. of the people. . . While old forms of the Indian masses who are The anger of India's agonized

of empire are dead, new types of aroused by the imperialist armed masses during the last war was colonialism or controlism are beintervention in Korea, in Formosa directed against the British coming apparent. . . The fate of and in Indo-China. Asia is still being determined by The Indian people would not directed against the native rulers.

statesmen of the western world. I long tolerate a government openly wish to point out that any attempt subservient to Western imperial- they need peace. That is why to solve the problems of Asia ism, for they know what a mortal without taking Asia into con-

there is more than demagogy in enemy imperialism is of the Asian Nehru's attack on Western policy and his affirmation that "in the Moreover, the Indian capitalists ultimate analysis no problem is

olved by bomb and bayonet and tank.'

Now They Admit It cause we are convinced that the But the overriding factor regovernment enjoys the confidence mains the anti-imperialist orienta-Ever since the Marshall Plan f continental China and that tion of the bulk of mankind who went into effect it has been there is no longer any chance of inhabit India and the rest of Asia. denied that the plan in essence its being pushed out of the coun-They have entered the arena of try." Nehru went on to reiterate is military in nature, primarily history and have become one of that Mao Tse-tung's regime intended to rearm Europe. Now the mighty forces in world polishould function in the United even such a prominent figure as tics. American imperialism cannot Senator Tydings, chairman of the hope to emerge victorious without Senate Foreign Arms sub-commit-

Any enlargement of the Korean first crushing their determination tee, no longer bothers to deny it. conflict - and here Nehru was to unify their countries, to free In the course of a discussion over obviously referring to Formosa themselves from all the chains of the ECA appropriations on the feudalism and age-long opand Indo-China - "seemed to us senate floor last Friday, Tydings pression, to industrialize their not only wrong, but to have declared: dangerous consequences from the omeland and raise their sub-"It may not appear to be so viewpoint of world peace. There-

human living levels. but this appropriation is a mili-It is this determination no tary appropriation. It is equivalent longer to live as slaves that is of offering money to the parmore powerful than the "bombs, ticipating countries to help inbayonets and tanks" that may be crease their armament. . ." mustered against them.

The Asiatic peoples are no dupes and fools. They have not forgotten the previous promises of the Atlantic Charter and the "Four Freedoms." In addition to the decades and centuries of oppression and exploitation they had suffered under western imperialism, they have had five eventful years since the end of the last war to observe what imperialist promises mean.

We have the testimony of the liberals themselves on the kind of regime the U.S. installed in South Korea, on U.S. support to the most reactionary forces everywhere in Asia, on American backing for French imperialism's invasion of Indo-China. One thing the

colonial peoples know: If the western capitalist world, including subsequent parliamentary debate, nialism under which they are not the U.S., had anything to offer the people of Asia, it would have

a matter of preference, a policy which can be changed for one of

They are in power but they Tiger Cannot Change Stripes

This fallacy is not apt to fool the colonial peoples. They know that imperialism is not a matter of choice. They are increasingly aware that imperialism is inherent in the economic and social system "strict instructions to vote for the bility of solving India's social of world capitalism. They have tasted imperialism for a long time problems which they are actually and they know the flavor won't change no matter how this fruit is wrapped

American capitalism is driven to seek domination of Asia and even the extension of hostilities the rest of the world by virtue of the needs of its economy. The American profit system cannot survive except by the seizure of world markets for goods it cannot sell at home, new profitable fields for investment of idle capital, cheaper labor and raw materials.

Wall Street is interested in the Asiatic peoples as an exploiter, to make profits off them as it makes profits off the American workcrease and with it the moods of ers at home. The landlords, usurers and capitalists in the colonial countries are the allies of American imperialism in subjugating the peasants and workers.

The tiger cannot change its stripes. American capitalism cannot be anything else, by its very nature, but imperialist. It is the rulers; but this time it would be function of the liberals to disguise the tiger, to paint out its stripes, tint its claws and fangs in delicate colors. It will be no less murderous, but it may put the unwary off guard. Nehru and his class fear this;



## Your Money or Your Life

#### By Theodore Kovalesky

it to you!

worker's life.

Shinola."

By Charles Hanley

money.'

"That Sam!" muttered Emil as he set up our glasses with a quivering hand. "He go nuts. He come in here to my ginmill across from steel plant, and he don't want beer. He don't want shots. I got to mix him Old Fashioneds! And each time I bring him one, he complain I don't fix it right!"

We turned, and there was our old friend Sam at one of the tables, looking very smug. "Emil, my good man," he said, "when my friends drain their foaming mugs, refill them. I will pay."

"Sam," I said, "you're rich! What happened?"

"Saturday night," he explained, "I am held up." And seeing our bewilderment, he added, "By a robber.'

Jimmy, Slim, and I exchanged incredulous glances. Jimmy said, "Look, man, you mean you held up a robber?"

"Of course not," snorted Sam. "The robber holds me up. With a gun."

Slim said, "You better start at the start."

Sam sighed with compassion for our everlasting stupidity, ordered three more beers and an Old Fashioned ("not quite so sweet this time, Emil!") and began:

"Saturday at the Wilson Machine Co. we work overtime turning out artillery parts, and I don't come home until after dark. As I pass a warehouse, somebody says 'Hold it, buddy,' and I hold it. and this desperate character comes up to me. sticks a pistol in my face, and snarls, 'Your money or your life!'

"I cringe, but my mind is crystal clear. I ask him in a trembling voice, 'My friend, do you know who I am?' He tells me he don't care, and I will soon be dead, and it won't matter, if I don't give him my money. But I take heart, and in ringing tones I tell him, 'I am a worker!' Also I tell him I have thought it over and have decided to keep my money and give him my life.

"He tries to stick his gun right into my mouth, but I guess it's too big, and I say, 'Just a minute, friend, you want to know what you're getting, don't you?' He is taken aback, so I continue: 'I'm giving you my life, so I'll tell you what you're getting. Here is my life the way I live it.'

"'Every morning,' I wail, 'I get out of bed even before it's light. I die a thousand deaths dragging

I Chose Justice (Chas. Scribner's, New York,

1950, 458 pp. \$3.75) is Victor Kravchenko's

account of the libel trial which took place in Paris

in 1950. It covers mainly the extensive and rather

impressive testimony of his witnesses on their

personal experiences with the Soviet bureaucracy,

in particular with the crimes of the Stalinist

regime in the period of the "wholesale col-

lectivization" of the peasantry in the early

Kravchenko is the former Soviet official who

took the opportunity of a trip to this country as

member of a Soviet purchasing commission in

1944 to desert the camp of Stalinism and enter

that of American imperialism. He attained con-

siderable notoriety through his best seller, I Chose

Belonging to the younger generation of the

Soviet bureaucracy which rose in the Russian

party after Stalin had crushed first the Trotskyist

Left Opposition, and then the dissident right-wing

Thirties, and the blood purges of 1935-38.

Freedom in 1946.

**VOLUME XIV** myself out of my bed, but I have to get up to ge

to work. My wife growls. The baby yelps. I guly my coffee and stagger from my door. At worl every day it's the same. The boss bellows, 'More work!! Faster!! I don't pay you to loaf!!' When be looks at his watch I sneak to the men's room, he looks at his watch to time me. My lunches I carry in a paper bag, and the bread is alway dry, and my coffee bottle elweye gets cold and after lunch way here bottle always gets cold, and after lunch my boss bellows, 'Back to work!! Faster!! I don't pay you to smoke cigarettes!! And if I start to put my 45 N. Y. Counties tools away a minute before quitting time, my (Continued from Page 1) boss is roaring again. When I come home at night

my wife is bellowing too. Why don't I bring report to the police station where home more money?, how can she keep house on he was told that he was disturbmy pay?, she roars, and how can I bear my ing the citizens of the comfamily should live in such a dump anyway?, and munity.

In Cobleskill, mobs were being where will we go when we're evicted? Always bills, always work, always worry. 'This,' I tell whipped up to commit violence him with a challenge in my voice: 'this is my life. and 'the crew was compelled to A dog shouldn't have such a life. Now I'm giving leave town just one step ahead of the mobs.

chased 15 miles out of town be-

"I am stern. 'You don't get it. You get my life!" "He begins to whine. He whimpers and tries to found that the cops had been bargain with me, but I am relentless. Finally I tipped off and were ready for ask him what is it worth to him that he should them. They were unceremoniously not take my life, and, tearful with relief he told by the town officials to get presses money upon me. He even tries to give me cut.

These examples could easily be away for fear he might have to take some other multiplied ten times over. The

"So now," concluded Sam, "I have all this ing in league with the authorities money. Emil, three beers and one Old Fashioned, to frighten the petition workers and try not to make the Old Fashioned taste like and to intimidate the people from

After a moment of stunned silence, Jimmy said, "You want us to believe that, Sam?"

Sam smiled disarmingly. "I was lying. Saturday at work my boss comes up to me and says, 'Sam, Smith, warned the crew to get out I know you can't live the good life on what I of town in these words: "My pay you, so here, take this money,' and, tearful advice to you is to leave this with joy, he presses money into my hands as I county. If the people around here stand there beside my lathe.'

Again Jimmy, Slim, and I looked at one another any disturbances take place I'll in silence. Finally Slim spoke for all of us. "I have you locked up." guess I believe the first story, Sam. It's more logical."

Sensing that they were not in timidated he could scarcely conceal his admiration and said, "I only wish the Republican Party

ed in a few days to find that the

and the F.B.I."

possible without the workers and

## THE MILITANT

## MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 1950

Bridges Imprisoned, Bail Revoked In Anti-Labor Move by Washington

**Preparing the Draft** 



Selective service officials in Washington who are working on the Army's call for 100,000 more draftees during September and October. (L. to r.) Col. Daniel C. Omer, Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey and Col. Bernard T. Franck.

## The crew left town but return-id in a few days to find that the Trotsky Memorial Meeting Will be Held at Mt. Spring

assassination of Leon Trotsky will light. Guests of honor at the be commemorated by the New Cabaret Nite will be a group of OPPOSES VICTIMIZING York, Philadelphia and Newark SWP'ers who have just completed branches of the Socialist Work- a difficult but successful petition ers Party at a jointly sponsored campaign in the upstate counties Bridges "has spearheaded, since Trotsky Memorial Weekend at of New York to place the SWP Mountain Spring Camp. The on the ballot in the gubernatorial position to security measures entire facilities of the camp have elections. These campaigners, who designed to protect the people been rented for the encampment will spend the weekend at camp of San Francisco, this port and as guests of the party, are prepar- the welfare of our armed forces." on August 19 and 20. The principal feature of the ing a skit for the Cabaret Nite

The three Party branches have ector of the SWP. Warde will announced that they will provide from their jobs. Bridges had cor- tion.

Climaxing the 15-year campaign by the government and shipowners to "get" Harry Bridges, Federal Judge George B. Harris on Aug. 5 ordered the president of the CIO Longshoremen to be jailed D

pending outcome of his appeal that would regard as "criminal" against a frame-up conviction for the voicing of any opposition to or disagreement with Truman's perjury. war program.

On the demand of F. Joseph Donohue, special assistant to the SILENCE OPPOSITION

U. S. Attorney General, Judge Harris revoked Bridges' bail latest victimization of Bridges is, privilege. The union leader had in part, to intimidate and silence been free on a \$25,000 bond while, those who criticize Truman's war waiting for a higher court to act program was indicated by Donohue on his appeal. He has been senwhen he presented the governtenced to five years' imprisonment's case. He argued that "this ment on the perjury charge. is the hour in which all men must

NO PRECEDENT

papers in 1945.

undeclared war in Korea.

tion of the conflict.

The vindictive and punitive against us. "There can be no minority denial of bail to Bridges is opinion on this."

declare themselves for us or

That the purpose behind the

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virtually unprecedented. Bail is Donohue even attacked as almost never denied in an appeals 'nighly impertinent" a mere case except on a conviction of murder. Bridges was convicted protest by the American Civil last April on a charge of lying liberties Union which had correctly called the move to jail when he swore he had never been a member of the Communist Party Bridges "an unconscionable violaat the time he secured citizenship tion of free speech" and had asked leave to file its own brief on Bridges' behalf. The pretext for the Judge's

ruling was the claim that Bridges THIRD TIME activities since his conviction con-

Since 1939, higher judicial stituted a "danger to internal authorities have three times resecurity." This "danger," it was versed deportation orders against brought out in the hearing, was the Australian-born Bridges. One based on Bridges' opposition to a such reversal came from the U.S. union resolution calling for un-Supreme Court itself. In each conditional support of Truman's case, the charge was Bridges' alleged membership in the Com-Bridges had asked the memmunist Party.

berhip to wait and consider be-A government witness in the fore passing the resolution. He perjury trial last April confessed told the court that he had made on the stand that in Oct. 1948 he no public statement on the Korea had been called in by former Atevents other than an expression torney General Tom Clark and of opinion at a closed union meettold that "they wanted to remove ing in which he said he had the influence of Mr. Bridges and favored a United Nations ceaseothers from the labor movement." fire order and a peaceful negotia-The perjury charge was cooked up last year when the government

was trying to break the strike of The Judge, in his order, placed | CIO Longshoremen in Hawaii.

special stress on the fact that HONEYMOON OVER

When Bridges supported the his release on bail, a serious oplast imperialist war, played ball with the employers and government, broke strikes, fingered union militants for the FBI and called for a permanent no-strike pledge, This referred to Bridges' opposithe Roosevelt and, later, the Truman administration went to bat "screen" maritime workers and for him and blocked his deportaremove so-called "subversives"

But when the Washington-

militant and to criticize Truman's

take care of you." Stalinists, on the other hand, placed on the stand prominent fellow - travellers, from members of Parliament to high clergymen, along with Russian local newspaper, the Chronicle-

generals, top Soviet officials and the like. In the absence of Moscow trial procedure, the articles against them. A front Stalinists were, of course, unable to prove a single one of their slanderous charges. Kravchenko versive Red Party Seeks Penn established both that he wrote the book and that Yan Signers." The article began, the bestiality and horrors of the Stalinist regime were the truth. He won the decision.

But the essence of the latest Kravchenko book are not his revelations or those of his witnesses, but the political use he seeks to make of them. This one-time believer in the progressive role of the Soviet bureaucracy, of which he was in many respects a representative type, is today a believer in the progressive mission of American imperialism. He supports the Marshall Plan, the Atlantic obtaining far more than the Pact and the whole of Washington's foreign policy, but he, like the Social Democrats, wants The task would have been imto drape this policy with a "progressive" cloak.

He knows that the Soviet peoples, much as they communities. This became evident analyze the present crisis of transportation for those desiring rectly charged that this was an abhor Stalinism, will never return to capitalism. from the attitude of the workers "Many possibilities," he writes, "may be expected in their neighborhoods and around the light of Trotsky's program Sunday. They have requested that tants on behalf of the anti-labor Bridges began to talk a bit more from a post-Soviet Russia, but never that the the factories. peoples of my country will permit the restoration At the Corning Glass works in of the monarchy, capitalism and landlordism Steuben County the workers Trotskyist movement today. under which they suffered so much." A notesigned willingly; in the working CABARET NITE worthy admission! class town of Canastota with a He further knows that Washington's policy of large Italian section, getting supporting reaction everywhere - the Greek signatures was a pleasure; the monarcho-fascists, the Chiang Kai-sheks, the Bao railroad workers of Oneonta were Dais, etc. — will never be popular with the peo- the chief signers. ples of Europe and Asia. "It is necessary to record The crews saw the class strug-

**The Kravchenko Trial** 

the crew left his office he called out. "Now I'm warning you if you don't leave I'll round up the veterans in town and let them

Express, carried inflammatory

page item was headlined: "Sub-"For the second time within a week, Penn Yan has been invaded

ist Workers Party branded as "subversive" by both the Army

"'I don't want it,' he pleads, 'I want your

In Watkins Glen the crew was fore they eluded their pursuers. They rode to Waverly where they

his gun, but I have no license, so he throws it

neo-Fascist forces were organiz-

signing. Nowhere was this more

openly and flagrantly expressed than in Penn Yan in Yates County.

The District Attorney, Lyman

get riled up you'll get hurt. If

had as much guts as you." As

by representatives of the Social-

At this writing we are assured of complying with the reactionary clection laws of N. Y. State by required number of signatures.

minority groups of the various

The tenth anniversary of the | Saturday evening as the high-

weekend will be an address on dramatizing their exciting and tion to the government's move to Sunday afternoon by William F. often hilarious experiences. Warde, National Educational Dir-

ion, Kravchenko was in a positi many revelations very compromising to the regime

Unable to answer the facts reported by Kravchenko - the essence of which incidentally had been exposed long before Kravchenko by Leon Trotsky and the world Trotskyist movement generally - 'the entire Stalinist press subjected Kravchenko and his book to an unbridled attack. In 1947, Les Lettres Francaises, a French Stalinist literary weekly, charged that Kravchenko couldn't write a book, that he was an imbecile, a drunkard, and generally a criminal type. Kravchenko, continued the French Stalinists, was a paid agent of the American Secret Service (OSS) who had ghost-written his book which was nothing but a pack of lies and fabrications.

Kravchenko seized the opportunity to bring a libel suit against the editors of Les Lettres Francaises and the mysterious author of the defamatory article who never showed up at the trial. His intention was to convert this trial into a trial of the Soviet Union, and of communism, both of which he falsely identifies with the Soviet bureaucracy. The French Stalinists adopted the selfsame strategy and the Kremlin itself lent them every possible assistance.

Kravchenko was able to produce Soviet peasants and workers from D.P. camps in Germany to give personal accounts of their experiences with Stalin's secret police, and especially with the dreadful prisons and forced labor camps. The

occurs to him. Neither does it occur to him that tions. Many farmers also came the reactionary policy of American imperialism to our rescue by showing symvinced that World War III is unavoidable and pathy to our cause and indeis a true reflection of its real character. Conthat the Soviet Union will be defeated militarily, he warns that only a "progressive" social policy can defeat the "communist ideology" - that is, the socialist aspirations of mankind - which will

socialist upsurge of the world masses.

China. . . But if we give the provide that the State Depart-

aid to the French, we will ac- ernment shall give money to a

After the passage of the loan,

was passed, and similar hypo-

critical "disapproval" was forth-

coming from the White House.

The Senators were not to be

to Spain where Franco has crush-

the "only reason" for opposing quarter of a century?"

Ironically enough, this same

Senator Lehman phrased the



(Continued from Page 1) New Mexico made a slip here, he shoot down the people of Indo- democracy when, by statute, we fascist form of government anywhere in Europe, it is in Portugal. | meant Indo-China.) No one who is familiar with that cut bothering to correct Chavez. situation will deny the accuracy whined that "two or three months of that statement." No one did. Senator Chavez demanded of ago, I expressed the deepest

Lehman of N. Y. whether "it is sympathy and affection for the And he went on to charge that within my knowledge in the last not as important to help hungry Spanish people."

Now listen to Chavez: "The "aid to Spain is communistic inpeople in Spain as it is to help the French to kill Indonesians in Senate had voted to furnish help fluence in the United States; Secretary of State Acheson many Senators are afraid of a lamented the "form" in which it



The weekend will also include a tant Labor Forum, 1303 W. full program of sports and recrea- Gerard; and in Newark at 423 tion, with a Cabaret Nite on Springfield Ave.

American imperialism in Korea in it either for the weekend or for attempt to victimize union mili- Moscow honeymoon and will deal with the tasks and reservation be made promptly as shipowners.

perspectives facing the American follows: In New York at the The jailing of Bridges on the foreign policy, then the malevolent SWP City Office, 116 University grounds of his views on the Pl.; in Philadelphia at the Mili-

campaign to victimize him was Korean situation constitutes one renewed and intensified. The of the grossest violations of the Justice Department lined up some right of free speech this country of his known union enemies as has witnessed in decades. It stoolpigeons against him in the establishes a judical precedent perjury trial.

# with regret," he explains, "that America seems to have a genius for showing her worst side, not her best, to the other nations of the world. .." The idea that Stalinism has nothing whatever in common with genuine communism never even occurs to him. Neither does it occur to him that the reactionary policy of American imperialism

HALL MUMBLES

men for that matter."

cautious and was calculated with

an eye to jurisdictional warfare.

Paul Hall, Secretary Treasurer of

tureaucratic controls, unless

watched carefully, conceivably

could result in piecemeal restric-

tions upon the freedom of mer-

chant seamen - or other working

Despite this admitted danger,

On July 24 leaders of the sea-| In 1936, the government tried | Curran's recent moves to purge | Harry Lundeberg, Secretary of faring unions of both coasts to compel the seamen to carry a all opposition from the NMU and the SUP-AFL, balked at the Coast agreed in Washington to a plan of continuous Discharge Book -A tribute is in order to the convert it into a union bureaugovernment regulation that may known as the "fink book" - but

crews which worked upstate. prove to be the death warrant for failed when the seamen, who crats crimp joinft. Even our bitterest enemies had the union hiring hall in the mari- viewed the book as a convenient

to grudgingly express admiration time industry. It was a bloodless method of blackballing them, not, he is afraid, necessarily die with the military for the courage exhibited by the victory for the shipowners and threatened to tie up the ships. SWP, petition workers. In the face the government. Under the Today, the government in agree-

Here Kravchenko remains true to his original of the strongest pressure and pretext of the Korean war, they ment with treacherous leaders of the formation of a "Labor-Stalinist training. His fears are also those of the vicious opposition, every man and drove a deeper wedge into mari- can not only compile blacklists Management Maritime Commit-Stalinist bureaucracy as a whole, which fears, as woman of the upstate Trotskyist time unionism in a few hours than and fire seamen from their jobs, tee." Curran shares the presidency much as the imperialists, the revolutionary brigade carried out the assign- in all the past 16 years of their it can drive them out of the in- with John M. Franklin, President schemes, plots and attacks. They dustry. ment in superlative fashion. of the US Lines which maintains

were dealing this time not with In 1936, the government gave the most vicious blackball system

the militant sailors of '34, '36 and up its attempt to operate its own in the industry. The display of '38 who were ready to lay down fink hiring hall when it ran into Franklin's picture in the same their lives for their hiring hall, determined mass picket lines. Pilot is reminiscent of the last war but with submissive, corrupt and Today, the establishment of the when shipowners were invited to treacherous labor bureaucrats. | MSTS has encountered nothing the union hall and the motto of

The shipowners and the gov- more than a few mumbling ernment have lost no time in the protests from the cowardly gang was "Reading, Writing and No In reply Senator Lehman, with- Spanish people aid, as we give ment or other agencies of the gov- two weeks since the Washington that rules the maritime unions. Striking."

agreement in using their newly-The response of the union czars complish something that sym- regime which is as completely found anti-union weapons. In ac- to this new attack on the hiring pathy alone cannot accomplish." totalitarian and intolerant as any cordance with the agreement hall varied according to backstrutting Coast Guard officers ground and interest. But all were have been boarding the ships on agreed that "the communists" had both coasts to "screen" seamen to be purged and not one showed and "weed out subversives." The the slightest inclination to fight number of militants who have al- the growing anti-union drive.

CURRAN TAKES LEAD

Joseph Curran, President of the National Maritime Union, CIO, is Meanwhile this disruption of credited by the N. Y. Times with he unions from within has been | "allaying fears of some union supplemented by an attack from men (at the Washington conwithout. The Navy has set up its ference) that the rejection powers own fink hiring agency known as (granted the Coast Guard) would agreement. Under this plan, the for 99 years. the Military Sea Transport Serv- be misused by the companies." only appeal from a coast guard ice which has been chartering The story is credible because it purge is a tripartite board, foreign ships and manning them is right in line with Curran's stacked two-to-one against the

with scabs. Taken together, these record of capitulation to the pre- unions. Strikes against Coast two measures achieve more than war and wartime period - along Guard decisions are specifically the government attempted but with the Stalinists - to govern- prohibited. "There are commies

failed in its plans to regiment the ment - shipowner attacks on the in the other unions," was Hall's For the seamen, they are omens maritime unions. It is in line with only alibi for his sellout.

Guard plan - at least in words. He said he had gotten rid of the

"Commies and Trotskyites" him-Accompanying the report of self and didn't want any outside the Washington sell-out agree- interference. Curran and Malone, ment in the NMU Pilot, July 27, of the West Coast Marine Fireis a prominently displayed story men, according to Lundeberg, had invited the government to step in and help them get rid of the "Commies." And finally, that SUP representatives at the Washington conference were only "observers."

All of this is pure sham. West coast ships are now being "screened" daily with no opposition from the SUP. In fact, Lundeberg is screaming about the MSTS, not the Curran - Stalinist leadership because it is a fink hall, but because it is hiring "unscreened" seamen who may turn out to be "Communists."

#### The attitude of the AFL mari- DOUBLE THE ANTE ime leaders was somewhat more

Sensing in Lundberg's attitude. a move to eliminate his union as "commie-infested," Malone carried the coast guard purge directly the SIU declared: "Increased into the firemen's union. A referendum is being driven through requiring all members to sign an anti-Communist affidavit. Another resolution, up for vote, proposes to reduce members who are "screened" off ships as "poor security risks" to probationary Hall signed the Washington status, and then to expel them

> "These are good omens," says the N. Y. Times editorially, "not only for the current time of trouble, but for the shipping industry when the crisis is over." of the old bondage.

ready been "screened" out of their

seamen in 1936 and 1938-39.

livelihood is beginning to mount. ANTI-UNION PROGRESS