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We Are Shooting Children!" From 'Liberation'

By Art Preis

American imperialism is waging a barbaric war of utmost brutality against the whole Korean people. Wholesale atrocities are being committed upon civilians, without

regard for age or sex. Little dised as actual or potential enemies. explains: As for genuine combatants, most captured North Korean soldiers "SAVAGERY IN DETAIL" or guerrillas, including civilians ing the North Korean forces, are the field but savagery in detailmurdered on the spot, many of the blotting out of villages where them after frightful torture.

"police action" in Korea have who MAY include North Koreans emerged piecemeal up to now from bits and hints slipped into reports by American war correnior Time-Life correspondent in rifles or ammunition clips or walisolated but revealing bits to- and under their trousers or gether to give us a clearer and skirts." more detailed picture of how Korea is being "liberated."

SICKENING FACTS

Osborne's extensive account in sorrowful and sickening."

ing" is the fact, according to Os- Rhee dictatorship - are helping borne, that the U.S. is trying to the American invaders: win the war in Korea "by military MURDEROUS BRUTES means alone" and "to attempt to win it so, as we are now doing in Korea, is not only to court fi-the South Korean marines whom the local inhabitants. nal failure but also force upon our

tinction is made between North | men in the field acts and attitudes and South Koreans-all are treat- of the utmost savagery." Osborne

"This means not the usual, insuspected in the slightest of aid- evitable savagery of combat in daily war communiques from Tothe enemy MAY be hiding; the These facts about Truman's shooting and shelling of refugees rine air forces.

the Far East, has pieced these kie-talkie parts in their packs tories, arms warehouses, troop The reference to "skirts" makes

shelling of refugees" the U.S. forces are no respecters of sex. Combined with the savagery of

the Aug. 21 Life, under the title, the American troops, Osborne "Report from the Orient: Guns continues, "there is savagery by are mostly civilians, including wo-Are Not Enough," needs no em- proxy, the savagery of the South men, children, the sick and th bellishment. It speaks for itself. Korean police and (in some sec- aged. "This is a story that no American tors) South Korean marines perhaps the ugliest that Amer-icans have ever had to fight" and rines—trained under the former about 4,000 bombs in a few hours. "there is so much to tell that is Japanese rule to put down the These bombs were intended for a

"The South Korean police and ings in this area, not to speak of

(Continued on page 3) A "GUTTED POINT"

War Reporters Describe U.S. Atrocities in Korea "It Has Gone Too Far When "God Save Us" Bigger Profits, Frozen Wages Voted by Senate

By U.S. Bombers" By Joseph Keller

Fleets of American war planes are relentlessly pouring thousands of tons of high explosives and ghastly napalm fire bombs upon cities, towns and villages throughout Korea. The tremendous intensity and scope of these bombings can be gleaned from the fact that 80% of Gen. MacArthur's kyo are devoted to describing the endless day and night "sorties" of the U.S. Army, Navy and Ma-

Naturally, these communiques are carefully worded to give the impression that this terrible despondents. Now Life magazine, in a report by John Osborne, se-micro Time Life and the structure of the stru barracks, military installations, etc. Nothing is said in these communiques, with their long list of it clear that in the "shooting and Korean cities and towns where "huge fires were started" or "smoke clouds rose 5,000 feet into the air," to indicate that the human victims of these bombings

Recently, the American daily rrowful and sickening." people and still maintained under North Korean troop concentra-What is "sorrowful and sicken- the U.S.-sponsored Syngman tion. As it turned out, they didn't do any appreciable damage to the North Korean armed forces. But

One war correspondent, Hal

Boyle of the Associated Press,

did wire a description of what

happened to the city of Waegwan

that broke into a few papers.

focal point of the war in Korea,"

he wrote, "is a ruined no-man's

'The one-time city of Waegwan,

we can imagine what they did to the numerous villages and dwell-

SWP Candidate for U. S. Senator are beginning to get hot under Acheson: "The blood of our boys the collar. Some feel frustrated or in Korea is on his shoulders and apathetic. But it's difficult to find no one else."

anyone at all who is enthusiastic about the war.

much the same way. Some with They ask in increasing numbers comment to be quoted by the husbands al- "why American boys are fighting press, that Wherry's jibe was "a

AFL, CIO Call Bill Backed By Both Parties a "Fraud"

Democratic and Republican senators joined forces and voted almost unanimously for a war economic mobilization bill to authorize a wage freeze and guarantee fantastic war profits to Big Business. Not one

Democrat and only three Repub- tically gifts, for private corporalicans opposed this so-called "anti- tions engaged in war manufacturinflation" bill, which AFL and ing.

Commodities speculators are to CIO leaders have denounced as a "police" themselves "voluntarily." fraud and a flagrant attempt to Truman is playing the same protect the profits of the corporagame with price and wage con-

The chief feature of the Defense trols as he has done on every Production Bill, which the Senate other issue. He made a pious approved by an 85 to 3 vote on protest for the record against Aug. 21, is a provision making it some of the worst features of the mandatory for the government to Senate bill, while his Senatorial freeze wages whenever it imposes colleagues, including all the soprice ceilings. AFL President Wil- | called "Fair Dealers," voted for liam Green pointed out that this the bill. It is unlikely that Truman will veto the bill if the House would mean freezing wages at a also approves it. point 13% below the "parity" of

CROWING WAGE DEMANDS

The Senate action comes as a CIO General Counsel Arthur direct response to a growing Goldberg charged that the Senate rumber of strikes and union bill is designed to "put the unions demands for wage increases which behind the eight-ball and freeze us as of the last date of our con- have arisen as a result of the terrific rate of price rises since tracts. It is a fraud, because we Truman began his undeclared war have no machinery for general in Korea. The Ford workers and price controls and we can't have the CIO rubber workers are any for months. Employers can police wage controls but who's demanding wage boosts. Packard going to police prices?"

"SPECIAL PRIVILEGE"

In every U.S. port Coast Guard

owned American ships-all ships,

as well as those carrying arms.

Here they set up a "screen" of

These, remember, are civilians,

special privilege legislation," union leaders have bitterly point-Truman, well aware of the ed out that it contains some 40 weeks. nationwide indignation over his amendments designed to boost prices and profits. Among these price controls, Congress is mov-

auto, Alabama steel and railroad workers have been striking for more pay. Armor packinghouse Terming the bill a "mess of and International Harvester Company unions have forced through wage increases in the past two Under the pretext of instituting

ing at the behest of the corporaare: Any price ceilings on meat must tions, to head off the growing guarantee a "reasonable profit" movement for wage increases. If the Senate bill becomes law, it will the meat packers. War corporations are exempted be the first wage freeze to be from anti-trust regulation and imposed on American labor by legislation. In the last war, the prosecution. A \$2 billion fund is set up to freeze was maintained through provide loans, which are prac- the no-strike pledge.

ing the first pinch of rising prices | punch at Secretary of State Dean

This feeling is nationwide. One war and the vulnerability of his of its first reflections has been a position, made an angry comment your friends and neighbors feel deluge of letters to Congress. the following day, permitting his

wages and prices before the Korean war.

tions.

Korea Debate Spurred "This is a story that no American should ever have to write," Os-borne admits at the start. "It is the new story of an ugly war. "It is the new story of an ugly war." This with the population and for fer-the new story of an ugly war." The story of an ugly war. The story of an ugly story of an ugly war. The story of an ugly story of an ugly story of an ugly war. The story of an ugly story of an ugly war. The story of an ugly story of an ugly war. The story of an ugly war. The story of an ugly story story of an ugly story of an ugly story of

By Joseph Hansen from New York

You are not alone in your esentment over Truman's plunging America into an undeclared war in Korea. Already, no doubt, you are well aware that most of

ready in Korea, or on their way

there, are very bitter. Others feel-

The Canadian people, accord-

ing to a Gallup Poll released on

July 29, are opposed by an over-

whelming majority to Canada's

Most Canadians

Are Against

Korea War

IMPERIAL JAPAN BACKS U.S. ACTION IN KOREA

By Paul Abbott

land today. . . The capture or re-Another vote in favor of Truman's undeclared war in capture - today or tomorrow -Korea has come in — the vote of imperial Japan. In a long of Waegwan has no real significance. Waegwan is a gutted point policy statement Aug. 19, the stronghold of the divine on a map between two armies." Mikado backed U. S. intervention

100% and took the occasion to Korea and converted the land into a colony. cutpost for the United Nations' forces."

This new blow against the perialist invader and when supe-Korean people was hailed in the rior power broke their forces, the American press as another victory struggle for independence went in the process of lining up world underground to flare up from vapitalism for Wall Street's mili- time to time in guerrilla warfare. tary drive in the Far East.

The declaration of the Japanese government was not simply a result of prodding from Mac-Arthur. It represents a straight continuation of Japan's own imperialist policy in Korea, as a control. glance at the record will show.

The Korean people long ago achieved national unification and built up a civilization of high order. It is enough to mention that the Koreans invented movable metal type 50 years before Gutenberg and iron-clad ships as early as 1592. Up until the penetration of western capitalism into China in the last century, Korea managed to retain its national independence.

However, like other areas in that part of the world, Korea was a tempting prize. It is a rich agricultural land and has mineral resources superior to those of Japan. Korea stands fifth in the world production of gold.

Japan, emerging upon the scene as a rapacious world power, set its sights upon this peaceful land. of returning the native collabo- ist spokesmen. In the Sino-Japanese war of 1894-95 it broke the ancient ties between Korea and China. In to-"protect" Korea's independence.

Japanese war Japan ousted the in- dependence. It is just as clear that crime to conspire to perform any then won the consent of Great siders American intervention in tribute" to the establishment in as spokesman for American im- policy of imperialist domination 1910 Japan formally annexed ple.

The Korean people put up heroic resistance. They fought, arms in hand, against the im-

Japan ruled with an iron hand followed the Nazi bombings of through a puppet government in

which appointed officials from Japan held the principal posts: and tried to enforce the Mikado's system of universal thought-

According to George M. Mc-Cune in Korea Today, the total police force in 1941 was 60,000 one to every 400 persons. Its tentacles penetrated into every crevice of Korean life. "Police methods included third - degree interrogations, torture, searches without authorization and the use of informers." It is not difficult to conclude, he says, "that the Korean people were hostile to-

ward police control." A measure of their stubborn resistance to Japanese domination is the fact that more than an estimated 100,000 cases were tried in police courts each year. With the end of World War II the Korean people took the Allied

promise of Four Freedoms for good coin only to find bitter voiced by liberals and even by a disillusionment in the U.S. policy section of the conservative capitalrators and puppets of Japanese

imperialism to power.

22 the N. Y. Times comes out in Today it is clear that the opposition to the passage of the talitarian style it promised to Korean people regard their pre- Mundt-Ferguson and MacCarran sent struggle as a continuation of bills in the Senate. Of the provi-

participation in the Korean Human beings - families - were war. According to this survey, living in that "gutted point." 66% of voting-age Canadians The ruthless blasting and burndo not support sending troops ing of defenseless population cento Korea. Of this number 39% ters from one end of the Korean are unconditionally opposed; peninsula to the other is having 15% conditionally opposed and repercussions throughout the 12% are in doubt. Forty-one world. These bombings are crepercent are opposed to the ating a legacy of fear and hate sending of any military supagainst the United States surplies whatever to the Korean passing even the revulsion that front while 26% not only

oppose such a step but favor Warsaw and Rotterdam. withholding support from the American intervention. The op-LIPPMAN'S WARNING position was greatest in This fact is attested to by lead-French-speaking Quebec, but ing political commentators of the

even in Ontario 60% were opcapitalist press itself. Walter posed to the sending of troops. (Continued on page 3)

in a distant land," reports the contemptible statement and be-Washington correspondent Marneath comment."

quis Childs, "and why taxes are Does this sparring in the elecgoing to have to be increased so tion campaign mean the end of drastically." (N. Y. Post, Aug. the famous bi-partisan policy? Or, like a wrestling match between

When the capitalist politicians Gorgeous George and the Hideous

their ears. For the Democrats it Wherry backed his statement means an added problem in the with the declaration that out of a November elections. For the \$10,000,000 military supplies allo-Republicans it appears a chance cation for Korea only a \$200 to retrieve lost ground. batch of signal wire had been

That is why the Republicans, delivered. This argument is in after following a "me too" policy line with the Republican camin foreign affairs since the openpaign thesis that the Truman ading of World War II ten years ministration did not prepare for which can, if unchecked, infect ago, have ventured to express a the war in Korea.

few criticisms. After their dismal **UNPREPARED?** ten-year record, if they now The thesis has no relation to the

said nothing they might as well get the box ready for the political facts. It is simply an appeal to inquisitors are boarding privatelygraveyard. If they can make peothose voters whose first reaction ple believe, however, that they're to the Korean casualty lists is those bound on pleasure cruises, going along with the anti-war blind anger and the conclusion those carrying bananas or lumber sentiment, chances are they'll that not enough was done to cash in on election day. protect the GIs.

The facts are that the Truman Thus Kenneth S. Wherry, Republican of Nebraska, got up in administration spent around the Senate Aug. 17 to take al

(Continued on page 4) not soldiers, sailors or marines,

Shall freedom perish in the United States? That this is no years."

longer an idle question is plainly fears expressed over the threatened passage of the swarm of "anticommunist" bills now being con-

Communist fringe. This in our cestors."

In a leading editorial on Aug.

opinion approaches too closely to | The Nation sees a "serious a possible regimentation of the threat to democratic procedures"

American political structure along in Truman's proposal that permore or less orthodox party sons who have received "instruction" in espionage and subversive

In conclusion, the Times cautions tactics "from a foreign govern against such legislation "at the ment or political party" must Ten years later in the Russo- their 40-year old struggle for in- sion in these bills making it a present time" because it "could register with the Department of seriously infringe upon individual Justice as foreign agents. "If that Japanese war Japan ousted the in dependence it is just as clear that would "substantially con-fluence of Czarist Russia and the Japanese government con- act that would "substantially con-liberty" and "could set a pre-does not mean all domestic Com-Times' endorsement of it prove the Socialist Workers Party

torship under foreign control, the parties or political organization." Attorney General's list of 'sub- Rights, even if they are reluctant threat can be met and defeated. ships. perialism to take over Korea. By over these freedom - loving peo- Times says: "This language is so Instead, it favors the approach versive' groups, what does it to do away with it in a single Without it, American freedoms

President's form of registration unable to oppose it effectively be-

The Nation, representing liberal and the somewhat more elaborate cause they have no political cpinion, is pleased by Truman's registration - and - disclosure fea- alternatives to his policy -- they And of the registration require- recent message warning against tures of the Mundt-Nixon bill?" are all going to support his candidemonstrated by the widespread ments which these bills would an "excess of zeal" or "wave of The truth is that there is no dates in the coming election. And impose on communist and com- hysteria" but is disturbed, on fundamental difference whatever. so are the labor bureaucrats. munist - front organizations, the studying his "substitute," to find What the Times says about the A new approach is needed -Times says they "might be used that "an up-to-date version of the Mundt and McCarran bills - that one that understands the relation no witnesses, no reason for sidered in Washington. And that to destroy incipient political par- Alien and Sedition laws can be their passage can be used to between the imperialists' need to punishment except the blanket it is no longer a question alarming ties or even existing organizations urged upon us by a voice that si- destroy freedom as we have destroy freedom abroad and their charge "poor security risk." The advocating unpopular causes multaneously warns us not to imi- known it in this country since the inability to tolerate it at home; victim is through so far as the the warnings and apprehensions which may or may not be on the tate the rude excesses of our an- abrogation of the Alien and Sedi- one that recognizes the growing maritime industry is concerned. tion Acts - applies with full incompatibility of capitalism and He presumably has a court of ap-

force to the Truman "substitute" democracy in the epoch of im. peals in a tripartite board. as well. Democratic and civil perialist decay; one that realizes liberties in the United States were the Bill of Rights can be safe- of the shipowners, of the Coast never in such mortal peril as guarded only by irreconcilable Guard and of the unions, the today. menace it.

NEW APPROACH NEEDED

With a new approach like this What's to be done about it? - embodied in the revolutionary Truman's "substitute" and the cedent for interference with the munists, and, possibly, any mem- that the capitalist class cannot be candidates in the current election set up although scores of men Britain and Theodore Roosevelt Korea as a continuation of their the U. S. of a totalitarian dicta-

vague that it seems to us it could taken in the Truman administra- mean? ... What fundamental dif- stroke. The liberals, although are sure to shrink, if not perish.

sense a shift like that in grass roots sentiment, they prick up fight? WATERFRONT PURGE IS **MENACE TO ALL LABOR**

The current Coast Guard purge on the waterfront is a cause for the gravest alarm in the labor movement. This is no seamen's problem alone; it is a police state plague

and destroy the American trade working in an industry run by union movement. Consider for a private capitalists, not by the government. moment what is happening:

The gold braid then picks up the certificates all seamen are required to have by law and they are taken into a secluded room for inspection. No one knows who is behind that locked door or what is done and said there; the seamen are kept out. It is reported the merchant seamen employed. that those present, in addition to the Coast Guard, include the FBI, representatives of the shipowners, sometimes the master of the vessel and purge-mad union officials. It is also reported that the papers are checked against ists prepared from FBI files, company blacklists and lists of

those who have opposed the union officialdom.

NO TRIAL

The victim — their numbers now run well over a hundred — is then notified that he is fired. No trial, no evidence, no accusers,

Consisting of a representative political struggle against all who board is stacked two to . one against a union seamen in the best case and three to nothing if he is a militant opponent of the socialist principles advocated by union bureaucrat. But even this kangaroo court has not yet been

> By these methods, unionism is (Continued on Page 4)

Shall Freedom Perish in the United States? be used to impose restraints on tion's "substitute" for these ference is there between the critical of Truman's course, are By Albert Parker

freedom such as the American bills.

people have not known in 150

only radicals is demonstrated by

lines.'

THE MILITANT

An Answer to Budenz's Latest Frame-up By James P. Cannon National Secretary Socialist Workers Party (Secretary Socialist Workers Party) (Secretary Socialist Workers Party)

National Secretary, Socialist Workers Party The well-known professional perjurer, Louis F. Budenz, who was denounced on the Senate floor by Senator Chavez

as a character assassin who manufactures "anti-Communist" sensations and peddles

them for money, and whose formation" given to identify the "identification" of Professor Owen accused comrade as to her biog-Lattimore as a Soviet agent was raphy, her previous occupation, rejected by the U. S. Senate Com- and her personal life, was false. mittee as a hoax and a fraud, has It was evident to us then that the now come out with a "Lattimore" accusation was based either on case against the Socialist Work- niistaken identity, or was ers Party.

Page Two

In his recently published book, ed to create a spy-scare in the organization. Men Without Faces, now being

The Control Commission reserialized in the Hearst press, he states that one of the party mem- | jected the accusation and exonerbers who formerly worked in the ated the accused comrade, who heard nothing further from him secretarial department of the So- had fully cooperated with the in- until he exploded his "sensation" cialist Workers Party, whom he vestigation, answered all quesidentifies as "Helen," was a Stalinist agent who "made avail- Control Commission with all the published in 1947, in which he told changes which are in themselves able to the Soviet secret police data relating to her biography and all the correspondence with previous occupations, which were Budenz made a brief allusion to a Trotsky in Mexico and with other subject to verification.

Nevertheless, we began to hear Trotskyists throughout the world." This story, published by Budenz from time to time that the same That is obvoiusly all he knew for the first time in the middle of accusation was being industrithe year 1950, has been known to ously circulated in the New York that much may well have been tion of the accused person. The us for more than three years. In circles of renegades and ex-radical true; and it would be no disgrace the early part of 1947 we received riffraff, always with the same to us, for we always took it for a "tip," purportedly emanating in details as to the biography and granted that the Stalinists would the first instance from circles previous occupation of the accused try to plant agents in our organclose to the FBI, that one of the comrade. About a year ago I had ization as they do in all others. a conversation with a former This allusion of Budenz, however secretarial workers, in the National Office, who was identified Hearst journalist who also spe- gained no publicity; the mere fact by name and specifically by cializes in the publication of that an unidentified Stalinist "anti-Communist" sensations and agent was "working" somewhere previous occupation and biographical details, was an agent of scandals, true, half-true, or manu- in the ranks of our organization the Stalinists. factured, as the occasion and the had no sales value as a sensation, market may demand.

He solemnly repeated to me the

identical original story about the

tional Office, giving the same

particularly on her previous oc-

cupation as a doctor's assistant in

Stalinist agents; but that the

This report was promptly handed over to the party Control Commission for investigation accordalleged Stalinist agent in our Naing to the established principles of the revolutionary workers' movement, which read as follows: biographic details and insisting

ESTABLISHED PRINCIPLES

party member must be promptly tion and exposure of the role of investigated and a decision renthe GPU in this affair. dered which either accepts or re-ROLE OF BUDENZ I informed him that we had al-ready investigated the story and MCLEVY EMBARRASSES

ROLE OF BUDENZ jects the accusation or the rumor. Character assassins are more dangerous than spies. Those who ready investigated the story and make false accusations or circu-late slanderous rumors must be revious occupation of the story and that his specific information as to the previous occupation of the story and that his specific information as to the previous occupation of the story and that his specific information as to the previous occupation of the story and that his specific information as to the previous occupation of the story and that his specific information as to the previous occupation of the story and the previous occupation of the story and that his specific information as to the previous occupation of the story and the previous occupation of the previous occupatio thrown out. accused person had been in-

2. Any accused party member | vestigated and proved to be false is entitled to a fair trial and to by our Control Commission. He confront and cross - examine the asked me if I would be willing to accuser or any others claiming to talk to Budenz about the matter. I answered that I would be willing have information in the case. 3. Even though our party is a to talk to anybody, even Budenz,

propaganda-political organization, if he could supply us with any which is engaged in no con- facts which would be useful in spiracies, it has a right and a duty protecting our movement against founded Independence Party; a to protect itself against spies and alien agents of any kind and to "facts" adduced in this case had chief ornament is Miss Vivian did not think it any violation of expose and eject them wherever already been proved to be false. they may be found. This is one of He said he would see Budenz and whom the IP is running for U.S. this nomination from a party the functions of the party Control arrange a meeting and give me a Senator. Commission.

call. That is how we learned for 4. A "spy scare" caused by the first time that Budenz was Norman Thomas, once called the port Vivian Kellems, who in public planted "disinformation" can do a the author of the story; and it late Republican President Taft debate has described and dehundred times more damage than confirmed the first report that the and the income tax "socialistic." nounced socialism in fantastic any spies by undermining the con- information originated in some A meeting of the SP national terms."

deliberately planted story design-

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LOUIS F. BUDENZ

in his recently published book. In tions put to her and supplied the his first book, This Is My Story, a dead give-away. The published all he knew about the Stalinists, young Stalinist "whose wife was

with the facts established by the working among the Trotskyites." original story was anchored to the identification of the accused as formerly a doctor's assistant in Chicago.

THE NEW VERSION

and even Budenz did not find it

Jasper McLevy, who as Mayor of Bridgeport, Conn.,

The SP leaders were filled with

"amazement" that McLevy and

established by dissident ultra-

We are amazed only that the SP

"NO ONE CAN POINT"

has long been one of the Socialist Party's brightest show-

pieces, has thrown the SP leaders into a veritable tizzy. To

Levy, who is the Connecticut SP of the Party and the principles of

dissident Republican group whose the Connecticut State Committee

Kellems, reactionary industrialist "socialist" principles to "accept

Miss Kellems, in a debate with conservative Republicans to sup-

worthy of embellishment at that MORE SALEABLE But if this anonymous and

their acute embarrassment, Mc-

been nominated by the newly-

candidate for governor, has also socialism."

bscure person "working among the Trotskyites" could be trans-1. Any accusation or even any Chicago. He asked if I would planted from somewhere in the rumor affecting the loyalty of a cooperate in a thorough investiga- ranks into the secretarial depart- the story for publication.

even - to quote Budenz - become miscalculation about the occupa "a close friend of James Cannon tion of the accused in Chicago, and his wife, Rose Karsner" - as Budenz goes on to extend his stothe accused person was and ry with detailed information as to remains - that would be a more where the accused lived and what saleable revelation. This inspira- she worked at in New York before tion obviously came to Budenz, or going to work full-time in the Nawas suggested to him, after he tional Office of the Socialist had written his first book in 1947, Workers Party. But in padding which was two years after he had out his story with these new left the service of the Stalinists details Budenz fell into a trap of and, consequently, cut himself off his own making. For this additionfrom all sources of direct informa- al "information" has also been checked, and each and every one tion about their business.

In his new book Budenz relates of these details as to where and with considerable detail and em- how the accused person lived in bellishment the story originally New York, where she worked, etc., is false. They do not apply to this reported to us early in 1947 and repeated about a year ago in my particular person or to anyone else who ever worked in the Naconversation with the former tional Office of the Socialist Hearst journalist. But the version Workers Party. this time contains significant

DOUBLE MOTIVE

In concocting his latest perjury version of Budenz' story has been Budenz was undoubtedly actuated fixed up and changed to conform by a double motive. First, to investigation of our Control Com- produce a saleable sensation; and about the matter at the time, and mission as to the previous occupa- second, to deal a blow at the move ment of honest revolutionists in this instance, to demoralize it with a "spy scare." His first aim

was successful, but the second one vill fail. Budenz and all the Budenzites

- this FBI agent has a large and This identification did not fit the loquacious following among the facts, as the Control Commission renegades - will not succeed, in established, and as we reported to this case, in smearing our moveall our informants. 'In Budenz' ment and scandalizing an honest published version this indispensa- comrade who gave years of valued ble Chicago "doctor" disappears service to the cause. The Socialist entirely from the scene and the Workers Party will fight this accused person is identified as frame-up. The case of the Stalinist aving had an entirely different agent in the National Office of the professional occupation; which is Socialist Workers Party - as reprecisely what we reported to our lated by Budenz and his disciples informants and what some of - is, to quote the verdict of the them undoubtedly informed U.S. Senate Committee in the Budenz in time for him to fix up Lattimore case, "a hoax and a fraud.'

AUG. 20 — "Trotsky's assassination was one of the ing in Belgium against King most monstrous acts of a monstrous decade - a decade Leopold's return give cause for spawned in violence and deceit and spattered with blood

from its beginning in the Second World War to the present slaugh- ples. That is our side of the picter of the Korean people," stated ture," Warde continued. "These conflicting features ex-

William F. Warde, National press the nature of our times Educational Director of the Sowhen everything inherited from cialist Workers Party to members and friends of the East Coast the past is hit by the impact of branches of the party who had the creative forces driving toward gathered to commemorate the a new social system. Stalin's Oth anniversary of the death of stealthy thrust at Trotsky's brain the founder of the Fourth In- most sharply symbolized the ruthternational. The meeting was held less struggle for survival waged at Mountain Spring Camp, whose by agents of the outlived infacilities had been rented for the equality against the finest represcntatives of the communist veek-end.

"That is the capitalist side of future. Stalin aimed to deprive he world situation. But these ten the world working class of its dreadful years have been no less chief source of enlightenment and he scene of heroic resistance to courage in its darkest hour." reaction, of fidelity to the truth STATE OF CAPITALISM and to the cause of the oppressed. Reviewing the course of the of resurgence of the world labor

movement and the colonial peo-Warde pointed out the precise

Minnesotans **Honor Memory Of Leon Trotsky**

By Winifred Nelson MINNEAPOLIS, Aug. 20

Many Minnesota comrades and friends gathered in SWP state headquarters here tonight to pay tribute to the memory of Leon Trotsky. The large meeting hall was filled when Vincent R. Dunne, restore its strength. chairman, opened the meeting. Speaker of the evening was

Joseph Andrews, who discussed Trotsky's theories on the colonial revolution and the correctness of his predictions. "The Korean war is part of this gigantic movement," Andrews stated. "The intervention of the United States is clearly an attempt by an imperialist nation to stem the tide of colonial revolt. The Korean war is the bloodiest and most rapacious kind of intervention in history," he declared.

This week we want to introduce this anniversary, Andrews said, is the Trotskyist movement in 20 colonial countries today. "Trotskyism will emerge as the leader of the colonial masses - threefourths of humanity," he said, "because we are the only ones with a program to lead them for-

A display, of the writings of The Militant and Fourth Inter

optimism about the prospects for ocialism. Even the editors of the N. Y. Times cried out in regard to the Belgian events: 'Revolutionary feelings are alarmingly close to the surface.' What is alarming for the spokesmen of U. S. capitalism can only be encouraging to us."

NEWS OF TAN MALAKKA

The audience applauded when Warde reported the news from Holland that Tan Malakka, revolutionary leader in Indonesia "remains alive and fighting for a workers' and peasants republic there." In conclusion, he declared that the American Trotskyists are responsible for carrying through a task of surpassing historical importance:

"If U. S. imperialism is today the dominant power and mainstay econd World War and its results, of capitalism; if American labor and its allies are the sole force espects in which events had conthat can eliminate it; if the workfirmed or fallen short of Trotsky's ideas and outlook. "America ers can do this only through the emerged far stronger, but the leadership of a revolutionary capitalist world system came out party - then no party ever had a of the war much weaker," he said. greater mission to perform. It The most that can be said is that amounts to nothing less than capitalism, apart from America, clearing away the main roadblock managed to survive. That was due, to socialism and to the full not so much to its inner powers as material and spiritual liberation to the policies imposed on the of mankind."

Chairman Arne Swabeck showed masses by their misleaders." "Capitalism writhing in its how the revolutionary labor movedeath agony can, as Trotsky fore- ment in the United States was indebted to the teachings and told, only go from bad to worse. advice of the martyred leader of It cannot recover its balance or world socialism. Greetings were

"The anti-imperialist movements sent from the meeting to Comin Asia, Yugoslavia's split with rade Trotsky's widow, Natalia, in the Kremlin, and the recent upris- Mexico.

THE MILITANT ARMY

ing experience to help bring the Glad There Is One revolutionary socialist voice of **Paper in America** With Some 'Guts'

Socialist Workers

one of our new readers, C. D. of Pottstown, Pennsylvania. Two short months that The Militant month he was one in Korea. of the large radio audience who tuned in to the national broadcasts present- President." ing the ideas of the

Party.

but I always felt the right leaders

would eventually come along. I

"Anyway, I like The Militant

very much and I hope you will be

tope you are the right ones.

radio speech.

The Militant to such people. Oakland Literature Agent Lillian Russell reports that she and Willie "sold 12 copies of The Mili-

tant at a Warehouse Union meeting last Thursday night. Every ago C. D. didn't know experience these days points to the fact that the workers are existed. But last looking for the answer to the war

'The enclosed sub was gotten as a result of the worker having read Jim Cannon's Letter to the

"Am enclosing a \$2 money order for a year subscription to The Militant," writes J. C. of New C. D. was very interested in Haven, Conn. "Have tried the what he heard. He was one of Daily Worker but find that it does the hundreds of listeners who not hue true to Lenin. . . Am decided to write for copies of the willing to try The Militant to see

JASPER McLEVY

SWP Mourns Death **Of Indian SP Leader**

United States, we came to know

and a fellow worker for the

freedom of all mankind through

socialism," said the SWP letter.

"His warm-hearted and courage-

ous personality deeply impressed

all the American Trotskyists who

had the opportunity to exchange

ideas with him. We mourn with

North African Leader

Predicts A New "Korea"

Abd-el Krim, leader of the

its 30,000,000 people won their

independence from France and

Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco

would not fight alongside the

Western powers in a new war so

long as their countries were under

Korean war was the result of the

of a fine leader."

ward from the struggle for independence to socialism."

> Trotsky decorated the front of the hall. Flanked by two red flags were pictures of Marx, Lenin and Trotsky. To continue publication of Trotsky's works, the audience contributed generously. Literature was sold, as well as subscriptions





fidence of comrades in each other kind of "leak" from FBI circles, committee sent a plea to McLevy and disrupting the comradely col- for Budenz, as is well known, is : laboration which is necessary for professional stoolpigeon and per- "You will recall our party confruitful work.

The investigation conducted by the FBI. the Control Commission at that The proposed meeting with approval of national executive

Stalinist Yugoslav-Americans Forced To Reduce Their Daily to a Weekly

An indication of how low the | Started 44 years ago as Radnick morale of the remaining Stalinist Astraza, the Croation paper pub-Yugoslav - Americans has fallen lisned weekly until it was stopped by the government in 1917 for its days, McLevy accepted the Indewas provided this week in the an- opposition to World War I. It pendence Party endorsement, with nouncement that their daily newspaper, Narodni Glasnik, has been later under a new name, Znanye. tee of the Connecticut SP. Miss reduced to a weekly newspaper for the first time in 30 years. a daily, changing its name to was "honored to run on the same Headlines in the Aug. 14 issue Radnik (Worker). It was publish- ticket" and told the press that stated that as of Aug. 28 the ed continuously with one further change to its current title, the same things." paper will be a weekly.

Daily publication was ended Narodni Glasnik. upon the failure of a fund drive The decline of the paper follow- tional Chairman, and Norman and subscription campaign begun ing the Tito-Stalin split saw the Thomas, its chief standardseven months ago. Despite several rise of a popular Croatian weekly, bearer, then issued a statement extensions of the drive originally Novi List. This new publication, that the "responsible authorities" scheduled to last three months, which is decidedly pro-Tito and of the SP "find it difficult to beonly 60 new subscriptions were anti-Cominform, has grown stead- lieve" that McLevy, whom they secured. In Pennsylvania, with ily in the nine months since it had touted for years as the very almost 200,000 Yugoslav-Ameri- was started, and is fast replacing model of a "socialist" in office, cans, only five new subs were Narodni, Glasnik in Yugoslav- could take an action "completely Américan communities. sold

"Welfare State"

Or Socialism?

By ART PREIS

not to accept the IP nomination. jurer right out of the stables of stitution provides that acceptance he has. That's the easiest thing ing its regrets over the death of of any such nomination requires in the world to believe.

Party."

time established that the "in- Budenz never materialized and we committee," they wired McLevy.

Nelson A. Parker, a leader of him as a representative leader of This emphatically we cannot the Independence Party and once the liberation movement in India give. We anticipate that as a lifelong Socialist you will refuse to a Republican opponent of Mcrun with Miss Vivian Kellems on Levy's, has affirmed: "They call the published platform of the Jasper a Socialist but he is the

ultra - reactionary Independence best Republican mayor Bridgeport has had in a good many years. No one can point to one After wrestling with his "social-Socialist thing the mayor has done lished weekly until it was stopped ist" conscience for a couple of

in Bridgeport." The fact that McLevy was the the Socialists of India in their loss "best Republican mayor in years" resumed publication a few months the approval of the State Commitnever disturbed Hoopes and In 1920 the paper emerged as Kellems wired McLevy that she Thomas. They still boasted about him Nor are they now disturbed by the fact that he accepted the "Jasper McLevy and I stand for nomination of a capitalist party.

That's not against SP principles, Darlington Hoopes, SP Naprovided it's done with "national committee approval." Norman Thomas himself led a sizeable minority fight at the last SP convention to abandon its independent electoral activity alto-Spain. He said the people in gether and to support capitalist candidates, let alone accept capialist party support for "socialist" candidates.

out of line with the constitution What embarrasses Hoopes and foreign control. He said the homas is that McLevy accepted the support of a capitalist party

Western policy of imposing that doesn't have the OK of the "counterfeit governments that liberals and union bureaucrats. thrive only on corruption and op-Had McLevy been endorsed by pression," leaving the people with no cause to fight for. He said that the official Democratic machine, the people of Indo-China "will say, the SP leaders might easily not fight against their brethren have found a formula to fit in attempting to liberate the country such an endorsement with their from the imperialists and their puppet Bao Dai regime.' 'socialist" principles.



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leaders "find it difficult to be- last week sent a letter to the Singing of the Internationale lieve" that McLevy took the action Socialist Party of India expressconcluded the meeting, from which the following telegram was swamped with work seeing that Yusuf Meherally, former Mayor sent to Natalia Trotsky in Mex- all the letters were answered and to the principles of Marxism." If of Bombay. "On his visits to the ico:

"Ten 'years ago, Stalin's hired taining the speech were promptly assassin struck the blow that re- mailed. But after he read the moved from our midst, the great copies sent him, C. D. wrote us revolutionary teacher and leader, again. This time his letter stood Leon Trotsky. But Trotsky's ideas out from the rest. live on! Trotskyist international- "Please enter my subscription and Socialist Workers Party

ism makes steady gains in its to The Militant for six months. I struggles against both capitalist must say that I am certainly glad imperialism and Stalinism. Mem- that some one is doing the job you bers and friends of the Minnesota are doing and doing it so very section of the Socialist Workers well. It certainly takes plenty of Party in a public memorial meet- guts to talk out loud in opposition ing here tonight reaffirm their like you are doing in The Milisupport of the ideas and program tant. of Leon Trotsky and send to you

"I have been a socialist all my our warmest sympathy and best life and have been sorely disapcomradely greetings." pointed down through the years.

North African independence strug-'Common Man' Is gle who is now in exile in Egypt. Getting Out of Line, last week warned that smoldering revolt in North Africa would ex-Wallace Complains plode into a new "Korea" unless

"I have made it clear again and able to print it without interrupagain that while the common man tion in the future. I received the undoubtedly would be on the program but it cannot compare march - I put that out in my with The Militant, which I did speech in May of 1942 when we not know was printed. I'm very were in the midst of another war glad I found a fighting paper - while he would be on the march that's not afraid to speak out with it is exceedingly important that what certainly seems to me to be as the common man marches he the truth.

"I read the three copies you observes the principles of humanity and the rights of man. And sent me from front page to back. Very interesting reading. I'll be as I have seen the development in Czechoslovakia and the develop ooking with interest to my first ment in Korea, I have become subscription copy.

greately disturbed that the com-"If possible please send me six mon man is going to get definitely copies of each issue of The Miliout of line and engage in all kinds tant from July 17 to July 31. I of brutality and I want to let the would like to pass them to my common men of the world know friends. . .

exactly where I stand with regard "I saw Debs' name mentioned to that." - Henry Wallace in in The Militant. I heard him speak radio interview over Mutual many times and always thought Broadcasting System on Aug. 10. he was the most wonderful man alive at his time.

ORDER above. If you cannot send the copies I want, send other copies. Books on the American Labor They are all good reading." Movement and Socialism To us this letter is but another from indication that all over the coun-**Pioneer Publishers** try there are workers and students 116 University Place, N. Y. 3 and housewives - some who knew Debs and those who never heard Latest Pioneer Catalogue his name — who are ready to on request

if it has a more scholarly ap-We don't remember particularly proach." noting his letter then; we were

We assume that when J. C. says "scholarly" he means "true that copies of The Militant con- this is what J. C. means, we enter a plea of guilty.

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"The Fourth International sweeps away the quacks, charlatans and unsolicited teachers of morals. In a society based upon exploitation, the highest moral is that of the social revolution. All methods are good which raise the class consciousness of the workers, their trust in their own forces, their readiness for self-sacrifice in the struggle. The impermissible methods are those which implant fear and submissiveness in the oppressed before their oppressors, which crush the spirit of protest and indignation or substitute for the will of the masses the will of the leaders; for conviction — compulsion; for an analysis of reality — demagogy and frame-up. That is why Social Democracy, prostituting Marxism, and Stalinism the antithesis of Bolshevism - are both mortal enemies of the proletarian revolution and its morals."

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

Let the Conscience of America Speak!

"Much of this war is alien to the American tradition and shocking to the American mind," says Life correspondent John Osborne in his graphic description of U.S. atrocities against Korean civilians, which we report on Page 1. Certainly, decent Americans can feel only revulsion and shame for what Osborne calls the "utmost savagery" of the American armed forces against the populace of Korea.

And they must feel an equal loathing when they read the admissions by columnists like Walter Lippman and Hanson W. Baldwin, which we also report on Page 1, about the systematic extermination bombings of Korean civilian centers. These will recall to many the world's cries of outraged horror at Hitler's terror bombing of Warsaw and Rotterdam, Mussolini's terrible visitation on the people of Abyssinia and the death rained down on the Spanish people by Axis bombers practicing for the Second World War.

Such abominable crimes against humanity are indeed "shocking to the American mind," whether perpetrated against Poles, Dutchmen, Ethiopians, Spaniards - or Koreans. The slaughter of thousands of defenseless Korean civilians by U.S. bombs comes as a greater shock because the American people have been told that U.S. intervention is designed as an act of "friendship" and "humanitarianism" to "defend" these same Koreans from "aggression."

The American people, of course, have no responsibility for the abominations committed in their name in Korea. They were permitted no say whatsoever about going to war in Korea. Truman did not even ask leave of Congress when he ordered U.S. troops and bombers to the

other side of the world to shoot down defenseless civilians and refugees, to blow up or burn alive thousands of men, women and children and leave to their survivors only a land of charred ruins.

•Nor can responsibility be placed on the American boys sent against their will to Korea, where each "feels himself a stranger in a war he doesn't know much about," as AP correspondent Hal Boyle has put it. Surrounded by a hostile populace which regards them as foreign invaders, unable to "tell friend from foe," the American soldiers are reduced by fear, misery and bewilderment to acts which they would normally view with utter detestation.

Those responsible for these vile deeds are the handful of men in Washington and the top capitalist circles who have plunged this country into an undeclared war to dictate to the Korean people the kind of government and the way of life they must follow.

U.S. intervention in Korea, with its shooting and bombing of helpless civilians, is making the name of America a curse on the lips of hundreds of millions in Asia and Europe. This country is fast becoming the most hated and despised nation the world has ever known. That is a fact that the leading capitalist newspaper commentators themselves admit. But it is a fact that the American people dare not ignore.

The conscience of America must speak out against Washington's "utmost savagery" in Korea, demand an immediate end to these atrocities and brand the scoundrels in high places who are dragging the honor of the American people into the bloody mire.

Yugoslavs Are Revising DEAR STOOLPIGEON Views on Trotskyism It's no surprise to see you turn stoolpigeon. The record shows It's no surprise to see you turn stoolpigeon. The record shows hat you've been working up to that role for years. There always Perhaps the most rounded ship of the world Communist ference in their analysis in the

he capitalist press on the rela- buro." ionship between Trotskyism and Herald Tribune. Writing from in Communist domestic rule to Belgrade, he says:

"The relationship between the

ng in which they had been taugh to regard the 'traitor' Trotskyites cils, for example, to rule the as renegades to be guarded against, extirpated and destroyed. loubtedly still feel the same way. possible to find individual Titoists on the upper level of the Yugoslav party who no longer are angered at the mention of Trotkyism and who are willing to prefers independent Communist discuss its ideological similarities movements in every state coand contrasts with Marshal Tito's operating with each other with a two-year-old anti-Soviet Communist movement."

fered."

Titoism and Trotskyism agree perhaps with the same cynicism repudiating Stalin's pretensions as a Marxist teacher. They both oppose "the dictator-

eport that has yet appeared in movement by the Soviet Polit- type of society now in operation in Russia. The Trotskvites still "They assail the 'bureaucratic speak of it as a 'degenerated' litoism is the dispatch by Gaston centralism' of the Soviet Union. worker-state and maintain that it Coblentz in the Aug. 13 N. Y. The Titoists favor decentralization still has communist economic

foundations. They call its foreign prevent the development of what policy 'expansionist.' The Titoists the Belgrade press calls the go further by calling Soviet forcign policy 'imperialist'." PRINT IS ANSWER

Coblentz adds that the only public speech made by a Yugoslav Communist leader specifically referring to the relationship between Trotskyism and Titoism Marxist principles should be like." that has been reported in Bel-They both favor workers' coungrade was made last November y Velko Vlahovitch, a member of the Central Committee. It was an hostile speech, rejecting the On the differences, the Yugoidea of an international political slav spokesman said that "Unlike party of the working class and the Trotskyites, Marshal Tito 'sinister figures.'

does not appear to favor a 'cen-The International Secretariat tralized' international body to run the Communist world, but of the Fourth International answered this speech at some length in an open letter to the leaders and members of the Yugoslav CP. (See summary in Jan. 2, Secondly, Trotskyism holds that t is impossible to build socialism in tone, defended the need for an international Marxist program in a single country ringed by Coblentz then reports an inter- hostile capitalist nations. "Tito and organization and refuted the secuted by reaction throughout the world.

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Third, the Trotskyists do not This letter, reports Coblentz, was "reprinted in a special news Trotskyism had in common as well munist and capitalist states" to bulletin circulated in limited Communist party circles. . . Quite a on the other hand maintains, few Titoists were reported to have been well impressed and to have as Premier Stalin, that they can | slowly begun revising their opinion of the Trotskyites as the Finally, "There is a slight dif- scum of the earth."

"IT HAS GONE TOO FAR WHEN WE **ARE SHOOTING DOWN CHILDREN"**

get along fine."

|ready. Here there is none of the | instructs his aides not to let them (Continued from Page 1) observed in front line areas are camaraderie of GI and child through, to tell them to go back. brutal. They murder to save found everywhere else that the "'Yeah,' says one of the little American Army has gone. Here, staff group, 'but what if they themselves the trouble of escort- on our side, there is only a palpa- don't go back?' ing prisoners to the rear; they ble fear, almost a hatred, of the "'Well, then,' the colonel says,

murder civilians simply to get unknown and unknowable." as though dragging himself tothem out of the way or to avoid A detachment of South Korean ward some pit, 'then fire over the trouble of searching and police turns up. As they approach, their heads. cross-examining them. And they the refugees show a "livid and

"'Okay,' an officer says, 'we extort information - information unmistable fear." Osborne is "refire over their heads. Then what?' our forces need and require of the minded of some show horses I "The colonel seems to brace South Koreans interrogators - once saw in training, beaten into himself in the semidarkness of by means so brutal they cannot a chronic submission that could the blacked-out tent. be described. Too often they mur- never be forgotten." The police "'Well, then, fire into them if der prisoners of war and civilians detachment brutally herds the you have to. If you have to, I

before they have had a chance refugees down the road and out said." to give any information they may of sight. "Seeing all this," says

was something phony, something yellow about you. The current purge of union militants on American ships is only the dirtiest chapter in a record that no de-

would care to have.

cent, self-respecting union man

You were a company stiff when

the Stalinists snatched you out

of obscurity in 1936. A sailor who

knew you as a bos'n in those days

once told me that it wasn't ac-

curate to call you "No-Coffee-

Time-Joe." You did knock off the

gang for coffee, he said - when



you thought they had really put out for "Joe Shipowner." The Stalinists built you up, as they have built up hundreds of phonies. You became a hero - a paper hero. They knew you were lacking in guts, that there was rubber where a backbone should be. But they wouldn't have lit on you for "leader" if you had been

JOSEPH CURRAN

striking at the Trotskyists as any different. Your favorte fighting position in every battle the seamen have been up against in the last fifteen years was on your knees when you weren't crawling on your belly.

You caved in when the heat was on in 1936 and the Roosevelt administration was trying to force the seamen to carry the Copeland Fink Book. If it hadn't been for the militant West Coast seamen who refused to throw in the towel by following your advice to "take the fink book and burn it on the steps of the Capitol" and who instead 1950 Militant.) The letter, sharp threatened to tie up the ships, the hiring hall would have been doomed a long time ago.

Pages from a Shabby Record

You caved in when the government tried to establish its own fink halls in 1938. Your formula for capitulation was to "pack the fink hall with union men." Lucky thing for the hiring hall at the time that the West Coast unions steered clear of your formula and smashed the fink hall by boycott and picket line.

Then there was your notorious surrender in the Standard Oil beef in 1939. You were ready to fight everywhere - before every gas station in Kansas and Iowa - everywhere but on the waterront. There you had NMU seamen scabbing on their own striking prothers by permitting NMU contract ships to fuel with Standard's hot oil."

These are only a few soiled pages out of your record but they re typical. Wherever there was a fight against the shipowner or he government, you marched at the rear of the column carrying a big white flag.

When you sold out the hiring hall to the Coast Guard a few veeks ago, you were acting strictly in line with your past. You don't fool anyone, brother stoolpigeon, by becoming the biggest "commiekiller" on the waterfront. The bad conscience and the zeal of the new convert are so obvious as to even embarrass your callous counterparts in the AFL seafaring unions. For at least half the 14 years of your career as "labor leader" you were thick as thieves with the "Commies." Every crime, every sellout - you shared with them. l'ogether with them you broke up the movement for unification of all maritime unions. Together with them you sabotaged the fight to defend the hiring hall. Together with them, you were cheek-by-jowl with the shipowners during the war and permitted them to punch the union agreement as full of holes as a sieve. Together you tried to stab the wartime miners' strike in the back.

Like a good stooge for Uncle Joe, you took every sigzag on the Kremlin highway - from "collective security" to "the Yanks are not coming" to the "Second Front" - without a murmur. For all your patriotic bluster, the only change there has been in that you have a new boss. Washington instead of Moscow is giving the orders on how best to betray the seamen.

You Disgrace the NMU's Name

In all fairness, I should mention that there was one brief moment in your life when you took a progressive stand. That was when you joined with the rank and file against the Stalinist hacks to restore democracy in the NMU. But it didn't last long. When you saw that the rank and file was serious, that it didn't mean to ex-

your natural finky course. You won out all right --- by bringing the

and purges - by terrorizing the seamen with lead pipes and

victimization - by disgracing the name of the NMU in the labor

Don't try to pull the wool over anybody's eyes by peddling the

And don't hold your breath waiting for the Trotskyists to "hit

the sawdust trail" and recant. There aren't enough cops and goons

Defense Against Inflation

ing wage clause in union contracts has

The value of the escalator cost-of-liv- rising cost of living. For one thing, the government's BLS index is doctored and

'traitorous bureaucratic caste' wo heretical Communist creeds of Titoism and Trotskyism could which holds power in Moscow." And, according to Coblentz' rescarcely be discussed in a calm nort of the views of "the theonanner with Marshal Tito's folowers in Belgrade as little as six retigian." Titoism and Trotskyism nonths ago. The Yugoslav Com-'agree to a large extent on what munists were still under the in a 'real socialist society' based on

factories.

FOUR DIFFERENCES

minimum of central control."

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POINTS IN COMMON

view he had with "an articulate maintains communism can be slanders about "sinister figures" theoretician" on this subject. "He created in Yugoslavia even under and "international spies" stated that there is not and the present unfavorable interna- reciting the heoric record probably never will be any poli- tional circumstances. In this Trotskyists who have been perical link between Belgrade and respect, Tito is nearer to Stalin the feeble Fourth International. than to the Trotskyites." But he coolly listed four ideological points that he said Titoism and believe it is possible for "Comas four in which he said they dif- co-exist peacefully. "Marshall Tito

just been concretely demonstrated by the 5-cent an hour wage increase which the 335.000 General Motors production workers will receive automatically starting Sept. 1.

This increase is based on the rise in the cost of living between April 15 and July 15 as determined by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Every three months, GM wages are moved up or down according to the changes in the government's cost-of-living index. The downward movement cannot go below the basic wage scale.

Wholesale commodity prices have soared almost 20% since the start of the Korean war. It can be expected, therefore, that the biggest retail price leaps are yet to come and that the next period of wage adjustment will see the GM workers get another cost-of-living wage boost.

The GM escalator wage clause is by no means a complete protection against the

The Great Pay-triot

To most of us, Andrew J. May is the low and contemptible political specimen who is now incarcerated in a federal prison for accepting war-contracts bribes of \$53,000 while he was chairman of the House Military Affairs Committee during the last war. But to the capitalist politicians who make the laws in Washington, Democrat May is nothing less than a model of a "great American."

When his name came up on Aug. 15 in connection with a war construction program being discussed on the House floor, the occasion was turned into a demonstrative tribute to this bribe-taker now happily lodged behind bars. Democratic Leader John W. McCormack of Massachusetts rose to say that he could not resist the opportunity to pay tribute to May, whom he called a "great American" whose constituents "are justified in being proud of him." The House applauded vigorously.

Just to prove this was not mere partisan sentiment, the ranking Republican

does not reflect the real rise in prices. It have.' does not take into account deterioration of commodities and other "hidden" forms of price increases.

Moreover, if government price controls are put into effect, the BLS figures, as in the last war, will reflect the official price "ceilings" and not the actual black market prices the workers will have to pay for the things they need.

A completely effective sliding scale of wages would have to be based on a costof-living index maintained by the unions themselves through consumers committees of workers, farmers and housewives which keep their own direct check on prices.

Nevertheless, the present operation of the GM escalator clause suffices to illustrate what an effective means such clauses, properly written with all safeguards, can be in protecting real wages in a period of inflation. No union contract should be without one.

member of the Armed Services Committee, Representative Dewey Short of Missouri, praised May's "great and honorable service" during the last war and found only that May "might have been indiscreet." Once more the House assented with loud applause.

This should surprise no one. From the average capitalist politician's point of view, May did nothing particularly wrong. How many of them would be left outside prison if their own shady deals were made known? May's only failing was that he was "indiscreet" - that is, he was clumsy enough to get caught.

Besides, they really believe May is a "great American." Applauding him, they applauded themselves. For their idea of a "great American" is one who faithfully and effectively serves Big Business and its imperialist war program. Be a "patriot" in this sense, and they will overlook any crime, even to lining one's own pockets in war contract deals while helping to send other people's boys off to be killed in war.

Osborne. "I believed what I had "IT'S GONE TOO FAR

Osborne emphasizes that "all been told by many of our soldiers that is said here is based either of their finding clumps of civil- borne, "a report has come that our on what I myself have seen or ian dead back in the hills, shot riflemen have had to fire into an- cops into the hall and into the meetings, by goon squads, dumpings on the first-hand testimony of where they had been caught out other party of refugees who men who participated in the epi- of sight of our units." sodes described." He merely In South Korea, even the pos- warnings and wavings. From the thinks that "if our forces had session of a mirror may mean ex- command post an urgent and rembeen accompanied into Korea by ecution for a refugee, all of whom onstrating voice speaks over the are thoroughly searched, down to wire into the hills, 'My God, John, an adequate staff of political officers who could talk to the peo- the tiniest tot. "Even children it's gone too far when we are have been found in possession of shooting children.' There is some ple of Korea" then "many American soldiers who are dead today mirrors which are used for sig- reply from the hills, unheard by would be alive" and "our men naling," says a caption on one of all save the officers on the telewould have been spared the ne- the photographs illustrating Os- phone, and at the end the officer cessities that have been forced borne's article.

upon them, and the American **"FIRE INTO THEM"** record need not have been blotted

by our reliance on, or passive acquiescence in, the murderous ha-Korean helpers."

Osborne, of course, does not tell of some 400 refugees caught be- chances" and must slay whoever they once sent the Scharrenbergs, the Granges and the Hunters. us that it is precisely these "mur- tween American and North Ko- crosses his path in fear lest even derous habits and methods of our rean fire. They try to get through the blouse of a little child conceal Coast Guard by signing myself South Korean helpers" against the American lines. The colonel "aid to the enemy."

which the Korean people are waging civil war and that "our South Korean helpers" were put in power to begin with by the U.S. occupation government after Truman and Stalin agreed to slice Korea into two at the 38th Parallel.

GUERRILLA WAR

But Osporne gives us sufficient affirmation that this is a civil and revolutionary war being waged by the whole populace. "For this is a guerrilla war, waged amongst and to some ex-

being treated by the U.S. inter- while the Air Force demolishes bombs? ventionist forces and their "help- the roads, bridges, public utilities

"aggression"-to see "the scenes that we can contain aggression Korea, if we finally win there, that I have lately witnessed or but only that we can wreck a after we have ravaged the land? heard of at firsthand."

He describes one encounter with

country. . .

A PALPABLE FEAR ican troops, "stiff with rifles vantages." He observes:

Several hours later, reports Os- change a Stalinist dictatorship for a Curran dictatorship, you resumed march at them, against shouted

movement. lie that "the Stalinites will expose the Trotskyites and the Trotskyites will be glad to expose the Stalinites." Everybody knows that it is you and your gang who are doing the fingering to the Coast Guard, officially committed to this stoolpigeon course by a resolution of the National Council, that the Coast Guard is working with your "advice" and with lists supplied by you.

says. 'Watch it. John, watch it! But don't take any chances."

This is the kind of war Amer- and Coast Guard "admirals" in the whole country for that. But there All the killing of refugees is ican imperialism is waging in are plenty of seamen who are now making mental comparisons not turned over to the South Ko- Korea, where the whole populace if you could only stop them from thinking! - between you and the bits and methods of our South rean police and marines. Osborne is against the foreign invader - old ISU fakers, who were honest men compared to you. We'll be recounts an episode of a column an invader who can't "take any with them when they get ready to send you down the same trail

Please forgive me for the trouble I may cause you and the

AN AMERICAN SEAMAN.

'God Save Us from 'Liberation'"

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"Strategic bombing. . . is a from refugees put at 3,000 the tavern owner expressed this opinippman wrote in his Aug. 17 two-edged sword. Inevitably, we number of persons killed in air ion: We might survive a Russian Y. Herald-Tribune column: kill and maim civilians, including "We do not have to prove to the women and children, for civilians world that the United States, sup- live near freight yards and indusported by the British Common- trial areas. We are indignant, and gic" bombings really began! wealth, is able to defeat Korea. rightly so, about North Korean EUROPEAN FEARS

What we do have to prove to the atrocities against our prisoners. tent by the population of the world is that we can help a coun- Yet as North Koreans, would we that accounts for the "utmost sav- have to spend a year building up Americans if our women and chil- tions" and "troop concentrations"

"The effect of these bombings who want to believe that Tru- can bear." and factories of all of Korea, the already has helped to arouse con- man's "police action" in Korea is Osborne asks the reader to 'victory' when it comes will indeed siderable anti-American sentiment somehow less brutal than what come with me now to South Ko- be Pyrrhic. Even if the operation in India, and even a British newsrea" - that is, to the very sec- is successful, the patient will be paper has commented adversely. But it certainly isn't fooling the Europe, three-quarters of the tion being "defended" against dead. We shall not have proved How immense will be our task in people anywhere else - not even world's people are praying: "God

Bombs are a bad way to win Boston Sunday Globe admits:

The effect of these bombings friends and influence people." "American military strength is a large column of refugees "evi- is described even more frankly One false impression is left by rated (in Europe) terribly dedently in their Sunday best - and bluntly by Hanson W. Bald- Baldwin. It is not only in North structive in the air. but - puny small white blouses, black cotton win, military expert of the N.Y, Korea that American bombs are on land. There are black prospects trousers on the boys and skirts on Times. On Aug. 21 he wrote of slaughtering helpless civilians. for Frenchmen, Germans and Ital-the little girls standing out like "the importance of the spirit, or They are being blown to bits and ians. People also ask — in Milan, the fittle girls standing out like of the ideological. . . in fighting roasted to death in most of South Marseilles, and other cities still clothing of the men and women." have not weighed the political and patch reported that Capt. Ken- how soon they would again bemoral disadvantages of strategic neth R. Cornell, American liaison come the target of American air The column is halted by Amer- bombing against the military ad- officer with the South Korean attack (in the event of a USAforces, disclosed that information Russian war). A West German

bombings of Seoul, captured occupation, but never an Amer-South Korean capital, up to July ican liberation! Claims in the 27. That was before the "strate- United States of further strides in developing atomic explosives have a terrifying impact on Europeans. Millions on the continent MacArthur's communiques have personally endured bombing.

country," he writes. It is this fact try without destroying it. If we not be equally indignant against about bombing "military installa- In many cities, workmen are still clearing away the rubble. The agery" with which the people are ground forces in the beachhead dren were slain by American may serve to salve the conscience thought of even worse bombing of some people in this country is almost more than their nerves

> The bombing of Korea is confirming their worst fears. From Hitler did in Poland and Holland. Korea, through all of Asia and

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Washington's Western European save us from American 'libera-"allies." Here is what the Aug. 6 tion'!"

Consolation Prize

- By William E. Bohannan

A lot of publicity has been and will be given to President Truman's prospective appointment of Mrs. Edith Sampson as a member of the United States delegation to the General

Assembly of the United Nations. Mrs. Sampson is a Negro attorney in Chicago and she will be the first Negro to serve as a U.S. delegate to the Assembly.

There is no secret about the reason for her appointment. According to the AP dispatch announcing her coming appointment, it was "proposed by the State Department as a way of striking

back at Soviet propaganda that Negroes were an oppressed people without opportunity, influence or position in the United States." One columnist described it as "a dramatic rebuttal to Russian use of the color issue to set the nations of Asia against this country.'

In short, it is a good propaganda move for the U. S. government. And that is all it is. It does not signify the slightest change in the conditions of the Negro people at home. Negroes will still live in the shadow of the rope and the torch in the South. Police brutality will continue as usual in Philadelphia, Detroit, New York, Newark and other Northern cities. Negro troops will still be segregated in Korea, Negro applicants for jobs will still be discriminated against in the factories, Negroes will still be insulted and slandered on the floors of Congress. That doesn't worry the capitalist class and its political stooges - all they are concerned about is a means of "rebutting" Russian propaganda. And what better way could they think of than choosing a Negro to stand up in the UN and answer this propaganda? It doesn't cost anything - and maybe it will be effective. How they must be gloating over their own "brilliance" in working out the idea of using a Negro as window-dressing for the criminal Jin Crow system!

While Truman's other appointees in the UN will be pointing ostentatious fingers at Mrs. Sampson every time the Negro question is raised by the Stalinists, unscrupulous Negro politicians and wardheelers will be doing the same among and wardheelers will be doing the same among the Negro masses in this country every time they start to ask why neither the Democrats nor the SWP Candidate for Congress Republicans have fulfilled a single one of the civil rights pledges on which they were elected to of-

nounced that Genora Johnson Dollinger has been chosen to fice. "Look at Mrs. Sampson," they will say. "Look at Judge Hastie. Can't you see that while run as SWP candidate for Congress in the Sixth Con-President Truman was unable to get anything gressional District of Michigan. Mrs. Dollinger, a life-long resident the backs of those least able to passed in Congress, at least he is doing the best he can to give us some representation? Don't of Flint, was a pioneer leader of "DAG you know that Rome wasn't built in a day?" etc., "PAC, an instrument of labor, etc.

the UAW-CIO in the 1937 sitdown instead of running its own candi-Naturally, the Negro masses do want "some strikes. She led the famous Womdates is trying to bludgeon workrepresentation." But it is becoming clear that en's Emergency Brigade during ers into supporting the capitalistthis kind of representation is invariably offered those momentous days. Two years minded candidates of the Demoto them not as a component part of the equality ago, Mrs. Dollinger ran for the cratic Party. They want labor to and civil rights they seek, but as a substitute U. S. Senate. vote for the policies of bankers, for equality and civil rights. First the capitalist

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Mrs. Dollinger declared, "I am bosses and billionaires. The labor politicians make big election promises; next, they running for Congress in the Sixth bureaucrats try to camouflage renege on every one of these promises; then the Congressional District to give the anti-labor practices of the politicians make a flamboyant appointment of organized labor an opportunity Democrats from Truman on down. some Negro to some post - as a kind of consolation prize; and then the process begins all over again with more election promises.

to vote for an independent labor They cannot erase from sight candidate. The two major parties Truman's repeated injunctions have dragged the American peo- against the miners, his breaking years. benefit to the upper class Negroes, the "talented ple into an undeclared war against of the railroad strike on the eve

Genora Johnson Dollinger Is

FLINT, Aug. 21 - The Socialist Workers Party an-

"There can be no turning back tenth," because they stand to get these window- the Korean people struggling for of the Korean war, or his failure the Republicans. I am running dressing appointments. But all it offers to the their independence. They are to fulfill his promise to repeal the to give labor a chance to vote Negro rank and file is frustration, disappoint- using the undeclared war for Taft-Hartley Law. colonial oppression as a means to "The Democrats have failed system, a chance to vote for

ing to stand for it much longer. That is why they Prussianize American youth miserably on their civil rights genuine labor politics. The time is and set up a special committee are going to unite forces with the militant white through Universal Military Con-legislation. This is understandable ong overdue for labor to have to see that the fight against bruworkers, build their own labor party, kick out scription. Democrats and Repub- for a party of Big Business. It is its own representatives in Con--tality is carried on until successthe capitalist Jim Crow forces and win equality licans alike intend to saddle the not understandable that PAC gress to defend its interests at fully concluded. and security for themselves on the road to so-gigantic burden of this war onto should defend this party and its all times."



niserable record of the last two

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THE MILITANT

Flint Candidate

Mass Meeting Protests Phila. Police Brutality

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 18 — The largest and most successful meeting sponsored by the NAACP in Philadelphia in many years took place last Monday night at St. Mary's Chapel, in the heart of this 3-

tity's densest Negro neighborhood port of his paper to the NAACP Over 400 Negro and white work- in this fight, and urged it be carried further. ers came to protest vigorously

against police brutality in Negro THE SMITH CASE

districts throughout the city. The Rev. Lewis, president of The meeting, called on a few the Philadelphia NAACP, called days' notice, was held to protest the unwarranted beating of Os- attention to the irony in the case car Williams by eight policemen of the Smith sisters, whose home on July 29, and the invasion of had been invaded by plainclothes the home of Mrs. Barbara Smith, police without a warrant on the

and her sister, Miss Alice Smith, day before Miss Smith, a reserve by plainclothesmen on Aug. 4. in the WAC, was to report for ac-The meeting demanded the im- tive duty. Without even stating ndependently of the two-party mediate dismissal of those re- they were from the police, they sponsible for these acts of terror, proceeded to search the entire house.

> Unable to find any trace of the still they were supposed to be seeking, they dragged the two sis-

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ters into the street and beat them Thomas Reed, NAACP attorney defending Williams, describ- anyway. Miss Smith was kicked into a police van, suffering spinal ed in graphic terms to the silent injuries, and was severely beaten and resentful hall the actual story about the face and neck. Rev. of the Williams beating. He had Lewis warned that unless the ofbeen arrested during a dispute ficials take steps to end such bruwith a friend and put in a police tal outrages, the people themcar to be taken to the local station selves will be forced to act. house. The car suddenly stopped

WHITEWASH ATTEMPT

Acting Inspector Gibbons, who had returned from vacation to investigate the Williams case, then asked permission to speak. When the meeting voted to permit it, Gibbons got up to make some They continued to beat Wil- promises that his investigation

the meeting, particularly when it The feelings of the audience were made completely clear when a resolution was introduced from

diate dismissal from the police reporter for the Pittsburgh Courier, opened his remarks by relasted for over five minutes. ferring to the presence of Acting

HEALTHY SIGN Police Inspector Thomas Gibbons, who had appeared uninvited and asked the right to speak. "It ed, although on short notice, by smacks of fraternization, at a a three-member committee comtime when I for one have no de- posed of Robert Hill, Goldy Geld-

ered, and were forced to stop only came out that he had no intention cannot be paid to the hard work when the white residents of the of personally questioning the of of the petition crews, both city neighborhood interceded. Reed ficers involved in the beating. also reported on the legal developments in the case and the efforts the floor calling for the imme-William Gardner Smith, author

force of those responsible for the attack. The ovation that greeted this motion, which was adopted,

The meeting was well organiz-

sire to fraternize," said Smith. man and Father Thomas Little, Dependence on the present lead- and it represents a new and proers of the Negro people will not gressive orientation on the part To say that the last sentence of the above report is an understate-ment is to put it mildly. The truth payroll Berry Blassingame, an here, the company fired from its payroll Berry Blassingame, an he said, stressing the need to hold of limiting itself to a series of

Tragic and Pitiful

cialism.

The national convention of the Disabled American Veterans, held in San Francisco last week. strikes me as a tragic and pitiful affair. For here were the representatives of veterans who had been wounded and disfigured in wars supposedly fought for democracy and freedom, and they were voting in behalf of measures that would disable if not completely kill the remnants of democracy and freedom in the United States.

At the convention session on Aug. 17, for example, the delegates adopted a resolution calling for the death penalty "in extreme cases" for "subversives." Less than 500 out of the convention's 4,000 delegates were present at this session, but only one of these voted against the death penalty provision.

Another resolution passed at this session demanded that all persons known to the FBI as members of the Communist Party be placed in "security camps," that is, concentration camps. The national commander pleaded that this would make the convention look "ridiculous" and asked that the word "jail" be substituted for "camps." This was shouted down on the ground that the defendants in that case would have to have trials. The resolution was adopted with only three dissenting votes.

A third resolution called for the registration with the federal government and local police of all persons who had belonged to the Communist Party during the last six years. But this was regarded as too liberal and when passed was changed to cover all persons who had ever belonged to the CP.

By James Kutcher I call it tragic and pitiful because obviously

this witch-hunt program does not reflect the real interests and needs of the disabled veterans. Neither they nor any other veterans nor any other workers are going to benefit from the establishment of a police state; on the contrary, the measures proposed by the convention would deprive them all of civil liberties that they think they are defending against "communism."

This shell game yields a certain amount of

ment and despair. That is why they are not go-

I have known many disabled veterans army hospitals, in the Veterans Administration, City, whose prize will be a free in the DAV itself. They were victims of capitalist wars they never wanted, maimed and sacrificed on the altars of Big Business greed. But even now the ruling class has not finished trying to use them for its own evil purposes. After disabling them physically, it is trying to exploit State and the Saturday night them politically and ideologically, inflaming them celebration will be preceded by an lines of the lynch campaign against democratic to a total of 16,000 signatures, rights.

I am not authorized to speak for the rank and minimum. file disabled veterans. But I know what many of them think and feel, although they dare not express it because they hold jobs in the VA and are afraid to endanger the pensions without of terror which has been unloosed which they would starve. That is why I believe upon the American people. Read-I am expressing the sentiments of many of them ers of The Militant are by now when I say to the vampires of capitalism: Why familiar with the unholy alliance can't you leave us alone even now after all the of employers, county officials, suffering and misery you have inflicted on us? state police, and fascist riffraff, Haven't you drunk enough of our blood already? which sought to frighten off the

NEW YORK SWP PETITION CAMPAIGN MOVES TO SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION By Ben Stone

NEW YORK, Aug. 22 - The campaign to put the toughs to go after the petition Socialist Workers, Party on the ballot in New York State will close with a bang next Saturday night when a victory celebration will be held at the I

joined in the reactionary chorus Downtown Headquarters. The by carrying inflammatory articles final score will be announced at with scare headlines. "Reds Invade that time as well as the two lead-Area," 'Subversive Red Party Seeks Signers," "District Attorney Warns Reds," were some of the week - end at Mountain Spring eadlines used.

Camp. The SWP has already exceeded the legal requirements in this line, "Workers Rove City Streets with jingoism, poisoning their minds with police all-day city mobilization which is With Petitions," and the following state propaganda, mobilizing them for the front expected to bring our final score comment: "Something that would mean the firing squad in Russia... which is 4,000 above the legal the circulation of a minority party the people of New York State.

petition . . . was accomplished This represents a tremendous without casualties yesterday in victory for the Socialist Workers Oneonta by three New York City Party in view of the virtual reign workers for a 'splinter' party. Buick Local Fights Two men and a young woman toured the business section with independent nominating petitions seeking signatures in behalf of Socialist Workers Party candione police order to move on. . ."

petition workers with threats, intimidation, and at times, outright ment is to put it mildly. The truth payroll Berry Blassingame, an

did their best to incite some young workers. The truth is that it finally became necessary in almost every county to stay off the main streets entirely.

That the SWP succeeded in the obstacles put before it is due Negro workers. Too much tribute

and upstate. Plans are now underway for a

vigorous election campaign to to prosecute the officers responsireap the fruits of the petition ble for the beating. victory and to bring the program of the Socialist Workers Party to of "Last of the Conquerors" and

The Oneonta Star, which at the time of its interview with the petition squad profesesd to be a 'liberal" newspaper, ran a head-

By Emmett Moore FLINT, Aug. 17 — After a

series of incidents against alleg-

in an exclusively white district, where the two cops guarding Williams were joined by six others, who then dragged Williams from the car and beat him mercilessly with their nightsticks. reaching its goal in spite of all MERCILESS BEATING

to the solid class instinct of the liams, who weighs only 140 would not end in a whitewash, but workers and minority groups in pounds, after he was lying in the this was received skeptically by this state, particularly to the street unconscious and blood-cov-

Their Civil War and Ours

By John F. Petrone

The imperialists don't like to admit the existence of a civil war in Korea because their own United Nations charter forbids the UN "to interfere in matters which are essentially within the domestic jurisdiction of any state." Thus the British Tory, Anthony Eden, wrote in the July 17 N. Y. Times: "The fighting in Korea is not, of course, a civil war in a distant land. It is a trial of strength between communism and the free world. . . " Eden would like to have the world believe that there is a contradiction in the coincidence of a civil war in Korea with a new development in the long continuing conflict between Washington and Moscow: he tries to make it appear that it must be one or the other, and cannot be both. But there is no such contradiction in the Korean reality.

There are others - mainly the Stalinophobic muddleheads - who, if not denying the existence of a civil war, at any rate minimize it and shove it into the background of their considerations so that they can justify their positions of "neutrality" or outright support of 'the imperialists. Like Eden, the main thing they see in Korea is the Washington-Moscow conflict; for them, everything else, including the class struggle in Korea, is obscured by the probability that the Kremlin sanctioned the opening of the North Korean regime's drive to unify the country under its own aegis.

Whatever the relations are between the Kremlin and the regime which it installed in North Korea - and these relations have undoubtedly been modified as a result of the events since June 25 - class-conscious American workers can see for themselves that the predominant element in the Korean war is the anti-imperialist struggle of the people combined with civil war by the workers and peasants against a reactionary capitalist-landlord regime. And to get a proper perspective on the attitude they should take toward this struggle, they should think back to this country's own major experience with civil war during the years of 1861-1865. The slaveholders' government in the South. it British government, which was all too ready to major powers of Europe would have followed suit States might never have survived, let alone prospered.

But the point is that the British government was prevented from intervening on the side of the South. The British working class, inspired and led by Karl Marx's International Workingmen's Association (First International) in tremendous protest demonstrations, successfully opposed government intervention even though the continued lack of cotton from the South meant people to work out their own destiny.

The heroic example of the British working class

American working class to understand the issues we should speak out against imperialist intervengles for freedom from imperialism, it is also a weeks of the war, we have in measure of direct self-interest. For the continua-Korea more men and more arms tion of U.S. intervention in Korea is bringing than we sent to the invasion of with it the growth of anti-labor moves and policestate reaction at home as well as a heavy toll 1942, 11 months after Pearl of American blood abroad. Harbor."

Said That? Who

"Viewing the events in Korea as a police action,' the Government contents itself with piddling steps like calling up a few tens of thousands of National Guardsmen, reservists and draftees. Does it not occur to anyone in the White House that Korea may be only the commencement of something far bigger? And does it not occur to them that, in consequence, it might be the better part of optimism to take no chances whatsoever? The very announcement that the Government is striving to create an armed establishment numbering, say five to six or seven' million rather than a force of two to three - would in itself create that atmosphere of urgency without

By Fred Hart

which we shall never be able to meet tomorrow's catastrophe."

Who said that? The Hearst press? The national commander of the American Legion? Bernard Baruch? General MacArthur? Gerald L K. Smith? Judge Medina? John Rankin? Cardinal Spellman? James Burnham? J. Parnell Thomas? The lobbyists for the arms and aircraft industries? No, not in those precise words, although most of and conquest, the Republicans are Farmers Government in power. them share the sentiment expressed. Credit for the statement belongs exclusively to the editors of The New Leader, weekly magazine of the Social Democratic Federation, where it was printed on Aug. 19.

force. Many upstate newspapers dates. The worst that happened and lined up all along the main ficials denied that he had been reto the trio were curious stares and street. The truth is that the cops leased for Stalinist activity and



(Continued from Page 1) the Republican National Commit- from the Buick ranks undoubtedly recognize the South and to aid it financially and half billion dollars in direct tee, made this amply clear in a helped persuade them to take in other ways to defeat the North. If the British preparations for the war in Korea. policy speech Aug. 19 at the a correct position on this matter, government had been able to do this, the other This was revealed by Senator Midwest and Rocky Montain Re- The firing of a man with over Millard E. Tydings, Democrat of publican State Chairman's Con- 20 years' seniority has stirred up and the slaveholders would have been greatly Maryland, in reply to Wherry. ference. "In this crisis," he said the membership, especially the Quoting from a "top secret as the authoritative spokesman of Negroes who are aware that the might have been vastly different; the United analysis," Tydings listed among the gathering, "Republicans and first person fired in Flint for the items sent the Syngman Rhee Democrats are in the war to-

puppet government, 49,000 car- gether." A true confession! bines, 58,000 rifles, 43,000 rockets, Gabrielson limited criticism of 170,000 rifle grenades, 25 yard the Democrats to their "incommine sweepers and scores of other petence" as compared with the restriction of production. This is small craft. These were not Republicans in preparing for war. designed for a game of canasta. He meant by this that the Re-And Life magazine, which does publicans would have spent more get a black eye if it fails to win not customarily toss bouquets to money faster and more efficiently Blassingames's reinstatement. widespread unemployment, hunger and misery for the Truman administration, de- for bigger and better stockpiles the British, workers. Their self-sacrificing strug- clared in its Aug. 21 issue: "In of arms, would have been more gone further in fighting the reac- Coast Guard — can get rid of seamen, they will extend it into gles played a key part in enabling the American the first weeks of defeat and truculent abroad and got more tionary acts of small groups in any militant he wants to without every other industry in the counretreat . . . it was easy to think deeply entrenched on the foreign the plant than any local leader-

that once again the U.S. was beach heads. during the American Civil War can help the caught . . . without arms and perhaps without the will to use at stake in the civil war in Korea. In their spirit, what little we had. Nothing could prompted particularly by those plant bulletin boards. But all of be further from the truth. (The tion in Korea, calling for the withdrawal of Amer- fact is) that never before in all ings in the Far East or for other by references to the "democratic matized a "poor security risk." ican troops and defending the right of the Korean our history have we been so nearly reasons, either took a loss or were structure" of the UAW, which people to determine their own fate. For American prepared at the start of any war particularly alarmed by the down-permits the expulsion of members workers this is not only an elementary duty of as we were at the start of this fall of the Chiang Kai-shek for expressing political views. international solidarity with the colonial strug- one. Today, after only a few dictatorship in China. As a logical consequence, Ga-

history.

force.

North Africa in November of Defense Louis Johnson to be replaced presumably by Repub-

If the war in Korea were popular there can be no doubt tary tradition. that the Republicans would be It requires no great powers of

lustily claiming their share of the deduction to see that the Republican squabble with the Democrats credit for the preparations. And is nine-tenths pure sham and one-ple involved. When the shop comthey could do so without distorting the facts. They have run tenth pressure to step up to an cheek to jowl with the Democrats even dizzier pace the mad plunge at the head of the war-mongering toward the abyss of World War pack which has converted America III. into the greatest military camp in

If we are going to avoid that catastrophe, then we must build

The truth is that on all funda- a new party dedicated to world mental questions relating to war socialism and put a Workers and in solid agreement with the You can help advance this aim in

Guy C. Gabrielson, Chairman of Socialist Workers Party,

insisted he had violated two of

the company's shop rules. The frameup was so flagrant

that the Buick UAW local officials immediately announced they would prosecute the case through the grievance procedure. Pressure

"subversive" activities is a Negro.

> The company fired Blassingame under the shop rule dealing with

being killed in the maritime inone of the most difficult rules for dustry. The Coast Guard now, has management to pin on a worker.

The Buick local officials have

ship in the city. They had Reu-Republican vehemence over ther's recent announcement 'lack" of war preparations is against violence posted on all the gagged, fearful of fighting a grie- pared to the Nazi-like purge vance or defending union condicapitalists who, because of hold- their actions have been qualified tions because he may be stig- system. The unions will become **ÓFFICIALS LIE**

protesting that they will defend The move against Blassingame comes on the heels of a series of any "genuine" unionist who is As a logical consequence, Ga- comes on the needs of a series of victimized. But this is a plain out the slightest resort to this of Acheson and Secretary of office of the Federal Bureau of fraud because they have com-Intimidation (FBI). It has been mitted themselves in advance not announced that the local plants to strike any ship over a disputed TERRIBLE TRAP licans more perfectly molded in will not hire any people from out case. In reality, their role, as

> without prior investigation! show, is that of common police For weeks there have been informers. And police informers trap. Their behavior has not been

rumblings in Chevrolet against have never defended anyone -Stalinists. In every case there are except cops.

mittee has intervened and told them they were acting as stooges of management, these groups were forced to restrain themselves.

A strong stand by the union ment, right where it belongs.

more such public protest meet- complicated and fruitless legal ings. He concluded by proposing maneuvers, has come directly to that a delegation be sent to see the people in the community the Director of Public Safety, but where the crime against the Neadded that a protest demonstra- gro people was committed. tion around City Hall was also

This, together with a statement very much in order. by one of the committee members William Gray, Philadelphia edi- that the labor movement would tor of the Afro-American, also be asked to give support to the declared that police brutality NAACP's fight against police would not be abolished until the brutality, is a healthy sign, indi-Negro community showed it cating the beginning of the long would not be cowed and intimi- awaited awakening of the NAAdated. He pledged the full sup- CP in this area.



within the unions.

Today our warning is a grim The Buick shop committee will final control over hiring and firing, only the testing ground. If the which means that the shipowner government and the corporations - leaving the dirty work to the can get away with their purge of making a move in public. The blacklist and "yellow dog" contry. The old company spy system, loyal unionist is effectively tracts were mild medicine comnow rolling in the maritime nothing more than police agencies for the government head-choppers. Some of the union officials are fighting the Taft - Hartley Act What earthly use is there in when the "screeners" and "purgers" can strangle unionism withlaw?

Murray, Reuther, Green and the the heel-clicking, Prussian mili- of town with a college education the first few weeks of the purge other bureaucrats have led the unions directly into this terrible one whit different from that of their counterparts in Germany We warned two years ago when who greased the skids for the Truman instituted his "loyalty" | unions strainght into a concentrapurge of government employees tion camp - and even tried at the that it was only a matter of time last moment to compromise with before this Gestapo system would Hitler himself.

spread into private industry. It is time for the great rank There were many indications of and file of American labor to officers and committeemen could this when entire departments of speak out - and to act. Your end the violence inspired by the plants were isolated as "sensitive" unions, your livelihood, your company in short order. So far and here and there a militant was freedom is at stake. Defense of these officers have not seen fit removed from that area as a the seamen against the govern-Democrats. Bi-partisan policy the election battle by opposing to do their duty as union men "poor security risk." The union ment-corporation Gestapo system basically still remains in full Loth the Republican's and Demo- and publicly pin the responsibili- bureaucrats made a few gestures and the police - informer union crats and campaigning for the ty for these flare-ups on manage- against the "loyalty" purge. But officials is the imperative need of this was more than offset by the the hour.