tween the labor leaders and the Truman administration have failed, as industry members of the Wage Stabilization

Board refused to accept a peace! formula proposed by Economic Stabilization Director Eric

At the same time, the situation was aggravated by Johnston's rejection of the proposed wage agreement between the AFL and CIO Packinghouse unions and the meat packing companies. This agreement provided an 11-cent an hour wage increase. Ralph Helstein, President of the CIO Packinghouse Workers Union announced his union will strike March 25.

LOW WAGES, HIGH PROFITS The packinghouse workers are

among the lowest paid industrial workers. Their average wage today is \$1.49 an hour. But average profits of the packing industry ending Oct. 31, 1950. Since that time they have raised prices and growing militancy among pack-

The compromise formula which Johnston proposed to reconstitute the WSB included a provision giving the board limited authority tion set-up is therefore widened. well as economic matters. This had been one of the key demands of the United Labor Policy Com-

But industry members refused to agree to expanding the authority of the Board. Behind this stubborn stand is the determination of the industrialists to keep their hands free to continue their anti-labor war. If the Board handled disputes, covering contractual relations, such matters as the union shop, senfority, and check off would become questions of national policy.

NAM ANTI-LABOR PLANS

The National Association of Manufacturers, however, wants will include 700 delegates from to retain freedom of action, to local central labor bodies of the wage an offensive against these CIO, AFL and Railroad Brotherprovisions, singling out certain hoods, was called to mobilize movement.

In addition, should the Board handle disputes, certain sections of the Taft-Hartley Law would be Johnston yesterday also an-

The rejection of the peacecall off their attempts to under- union itself had already rejected mine and weaken unions.



ERIC JOHNSTON

The flat refusal by Eric Johnston to allow the 11-cent an went up two-thirds in the year hour wage increase won by the packinghouse unions in negotiations with the companies, serves no doubt profits have soared, notice that this former four-These conditions account for the time President of the Chamber of Commerce has no intention of allowing "elasticity" of wages while prices skyrocket.

The breach between the labor leadership and the war mobilizato handle all labor disputes as Attempts by the union bureaucrats to find a road back into the service of the capitalist government, as "window dressing," has been blocked by the arrogant Big Business policies.

> NATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE

This situation raises the importance of the National Conference of Labor, called by the ULPC for March 20-21 in Washington. This conference will now te confronted, barring a last

minute retreat by the union heads. with the need to mobilize pressure from the entire labor movement to protect the unions.

The national conference, which and small business men" in a fight against high prices.

To aggravate the tension, nounced he would reject a proposed 10-cent an hour wage informula, therefore, is a warning crease for 200,000 woolen workto organized labor that the ers, represented by the Textile corporations are in no mood to Workers Union, CIO. But the

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EL CAMPESINO EXPOSES STALIN'S MURDER GANG

By Tom Conlan

At the turn of this year the Social-Democratic press in Western Europe began carrying in daily installments the revelations of "El Campesino" which have created a

great sensation among labor 9circles. For Valentine Gonzales, government he went to the Soviet famous as El Campesino, is a Union, where despite the attempts veteran of the Spanish Com- to corrupt him with special munist movement, and one of its privileges he soon clashed with most prominent figures.

fame during the Spanish Civil Ibarruri, Jesus Hernandez, Mar-War, during which he commanded tinez Carton, Lister and others. a crack division and became distinguished as one of the most brilliant and audacious Republican generals. Wounded eleven times, with fortune invariably smiling escape, which finally succeeded on him in those days as it did in 1949. afterwards in his ten years' stay in Soviet prisons and concentra- and as he himself admits more tion camps, this fighter, with his of an anarchist than a Marxist, striking features, short black El Campesino wanted to live and beard, simplicity, honesty, coupled escape in order to tell and defend with a contempt for luxury and the truth. He is no ex-bureaucrat ostentation and his legendary like the refugee Kravchenko, but

acter were used as a model by repeatedly staking his life, with-Hemingway in his best-seller For out being under any material Whom the Bell Tolls and by compulsion to do so. His revela-Malraux in his novel, Man's Hope. tions, now published in French A highly laudatory and fictional in book form (Editions Plon) cocted by Ilya Ehrenburg, Stalin's the Soviet Union lay bare the star pen - prostitute. Long a grim Stalinist reality and contain fanatical Stalinist, El Campesino the most graphic accounts yet sacrificed everything, and also published of what life is in the helped to hound Trotskyists, ad- prison cells and forced labor hellmitting that he himself par- holes, from the Soviet polar ticipated in several crimes.

general to leave Spain - in April 1939 when the whole country had clinching evidence as to the already been conquered by Franco. identity of the key agents of On the invitation of the Soviet

the Stalinist bureaucracy and He quickly rose to international their Spanish lickspittles, Dolores His ten years' stay in Stalin's "paradise" thus proved years of indescribable sufferings and dangers and repeated attempts to

Although politically confused courage, became a popular hero. a fighter who turned away from His legendary feats and char- Stalinism, risking everything, biography about him was con- under the title Life and Death in

regions and its Vorkutas to those He was the last Republican in the semi-tropical South. El Campesino provides the

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Packing and Textile Workers By Joseph Andrews MacArthur Presses for Barcelona Revolt Both Barcelona Revolt Jolts MacArthur Presses for Barcelona Revolt Jolts All-Asia War Threatens Endless Korea 'Stalemate' Fascist Franco Regime

By Art Preis

Gen. MacArthur last week sent a new shudder through the world. He renewed his demand for an attack on Manchuria and China proper that would mean war on a scale a hundred-fold greater than Korea. As an alternative, he threatened a "stalemate" in Korea that would indefinitely drain off the lives of American youth, as well as Chinese and Koreans, in a struggle that can come to no decision.

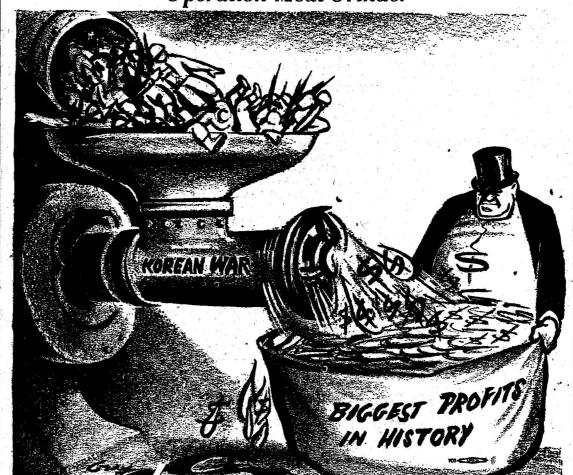
His statement of March 7 issued with great fanfare and headlined in the whole U.S. daily press, said that given "a continuation of the existing limitaions upon our freedom of counteroffensive action and no major additions to our organizational strength, the battle lines cannot fail in time to reach a point of theoretical military stalemate."

He said there should be "no illusions" that the U.S. forces, under present circumstances, can defeat the Chinese and North Koreans.

It is most exceptional for a general in MacArthur's position to admit the possibility that he cannot win and to hint that, under certain conditions, he faces the prospects of a defeat. There is, of of course, the factor that Mac-Arthur has had the gilt knocked off his reputation as a military

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"Operation Meat-Grinder"



Mr. Acheson, You Lied

Washington, D. C.

istration foreign policy raised every drop of blood spilled by in Marine Cpl. John Moullette's

say, was a calculated and cynical lie. You lied in detail and you lied in the whole. You lied when you evaded Cpl. Moullette's specific questions. You lied when you offered banal generalities to the his generation most - the question implicit in his entire letter: Why must we sacrifice ourselves in another war?"

Let me tell you first how you

lied by evasion. Cpl. Moullette stated "that the American people . . . are 'fed up' with the Administration and its foreign policy." If that is true and you did not dare to deny it - you owed him before everything else an explanation of how any policy, above all such a life and death issue as the Korean war, can be correct and just when it violates the deepest sentiments of the people and tramples on their will.

MOST UNPOPULAR WAR

Are the American people - are all the John Moullettes in the armed forces - blind to a righteous and just cause? How does it happen that Truman's "police action" in Korea is the most unoopular war in our history? Is it simple stupidity or cowardice or depravity that makes the American people so hostile to U.S. intervention in Korea, that makes them pour letters by the hundreds of thousands into Congress and the White House demanding the stopping of the war now and the immediate withdrawal of the

The reaction of the people to your war is not stupidity, but growing wisdom. They are getting smartened up. They have been through two world wars already for "democracy, liberty and lasting peace" and they have seen only evil results from all their waste of "blood, sweat and tears." They have observed tyranny and dictatorship flourish as never before. They have felt in their own flesh the fangs of depression and inflation. They have witnessed

Dean Acheson, Secretary of State, the triumph of corruption in high let alone the consent of the peo- Korea? Certainly not the Ameriplaces, the gnawing away of their ple, plunged this country into a can GIs, nor the American peocivil rights. They have watched war on the other side of the world ple. Certainly not the South As I read your answer to the with anger burning in their hearts that has already cost us admitted Korean people, if we can believe searching questions on Admin- while the rich grew richer with casualties of nearly 53,000?

> their sons. honestly acknowledge them. You allies. spoke for the war profiteers, the I come now to the one question bankers, the militarists.

your superior, President Truman, fight for these things."

Opl. Moullette's question about fighting the Chinese and North letter, my blood boiled. There is They do not believe in your UN seating for the present gov- Koreans, but also the South no act more base, I believe, than Korean war. They mistrust your ernment of China. That is be- Koreans. You can see by their to lie to the youth who seek in aims. That is the reality of the cause you cannot give a plausible "agony of spirit," as you yourself present situation. You did not answer. You cannot deny that well put it, an answer - a solu- speak in the name of the Ameri- the Peking government has as are so "willing" to "fight for plant; the opposition won the tion — to the future of futility can people, when you answered legitimate a right to sit in the freedom" in Korea are certainly delegates race eight to two, and and horror they see before them. Cpl. Moullette. You scorned their UN as, say, the South American showing a great reluctance to Every word of your reply, I views and did not see fit even to dictatorships which you hail as

that you could not squirm out of Cpl. Moullette said: "I thought |-Korea. To Cpl. Moullette's conthat only Congress could declare tention that the Korean war is a war." I have searched your "needless waste of life," "shamebasic question that vexes him and answer line by line and can find ful to the human race" and "won't no reference to this vital matter, settle anything," you answer that How can there be an honest reply "in Korea, the men and the nato Cpl. Moullette that skips over tions who love freedom . . . have

without consultation of Congress, Who is "willing" to fight in WHAT THE MARINE WROTE

The following are excerpts from Marine Corporal John B. Moullette's letter to his father, which the latter sent with a covering letter to Secretary of State Dean Acheson. Acheson released the letters with a reply. Cpl. Moullette wrote:

Dear Dad:

. . . I can't help but think that the American people, Democrat and Republican alike, are 'fed up' with the Administration and its foreign policy.

The way Truman is appropriating money is outrageous...

At present he is asking Congress for 71.5 billion dollars which would cost each American \$468.00. Don't you think that our 'foreign policy' is fouled up a bit? What right have we to refuse Red China entree into the

United Nations? I think she has a right to voice her opinions about what is to take place in the Far East. . . The needless waste of life in Korea, on both sides, is shameful to the human race. Fighting won't settle anything. The only thing that I can see is being proven in Korea is

"Might over what may be right," Red China being the

"might.". . . I thought that only Congress could declare war. Why doesn't Congress either declare war against Red China or stop Truman from sending troops throughout the world? Way should we take the brunt of it all? If the other countries in the United Nations won't supply the needed men and money

then we should pull out of Korea. . . The morale of the fighting man is very low. . . Here at Pendleton (Camp Pendelton, California), most of these men know what war is or what its after-effects are and will be . . . the majority were complaining about the way we were tricked into this. Everyone seems to have nothing but disfavorable thoughts, and remarks about the foreign policy. These men aren't afraid to fight, it's just that they have no cause to

Our only hope is that our age throughout the world feel the same way and will state so to their leaders. By rebellion or other ways. . . I believe that the people of our level want only peace but that the leaders (including Truman) are afraid to admit they are wrong. . .

the letter of the marine who wrote Nor did you see fit to discuss | Senator Kem: "We are not only faces that they don't wan't us here." All the other nations who supply troops for this "glorious

THREAT OF ALL-OUT WAR

You also say that by the U.S. intervention in Korea, "we are doing our best to prevent the world from following the road which led us, twice in recent times, to world war." That is a lie on the face of it and an insult the not unimportant fact that made it clear they are willing to to the intelligence of the people, of World War III. What began as by your "police action" into a major war between vast armies of the U.S. and China, as well as the Koreans. Even now the world trembles before the imminent danger that this war, still confined to Korean soil, will be spread by the U.S. to China proper and thereby spark the explosion of the Third World War.

Korea has proved only one man on an anti-war platform. thing — that U.S. imperialism means death to any country it ed the overwhelming desire of the "liberates." Never has such American people to get the GIs devastation and slaughter been out of Korea at once. He quoted visited on a people as the U.S. public opinion polls, the huge 'scorched earth" policy has inflicted on the Koreans. As Walter letters to the press, etc. Showing Lippman admitted months ago, how the war is supported by a in Korea "we have proved only small profit - hungry minority, that we can wreck a country."

STOP THE WAR NOW

I have read that Cpl. Moullette has said that he is "convinced" by your answer. I do not know what "convinced" him except, humanity." perhaps, your prestige. I am sorry for it. But I an certain it will not convince the majority of the American people, nor the tion period and the excellent soldiers whose morale is "very low" and "have no cause to fight," as Cpl. Moullette wrote. I firmly believe they will see through your increase their demand that the by U.S. imperialism in Korea be stopped at once and that the ganization. immediately.

Your truly,

300,000 Workers Strike; Defy Armed Suppression by Dictator Ally of Truman

MARCH 15 — Spain's revolutionary working class is rising to its feet once more and serving notice that the days of Bloody Franco's clerical-fascist dictatorship are

More than 300,000 factory workers went on strike March 12 in Barcelona and the surrounding area, the industrial heart of

Left Wing Scores Gains in UAW Local Elections

Annual UAW elections of officers and convention delegates in Detroit and Flint have shown a definite strengthening of the anti-Reuther sentiments among rank and file auto workers.

Although Walter Reuther, UAW President, will have a majority of delegates at the April 1 to 5 convention to be held in Cleveland. the opposition will have a sizeable delegation.

In Ford Local 600, Joe Hogan, an independent militant, will meet Reutherite Carl Stellato in a runoff for the presidency. Hogan ran on a militant program which included two major political points:

1. End the Korean War, and such large support, over 9,000 Barcelona." large sections of the workers.

The Ford local elected a slim majority of opposition delegates. won local offices.

In Chevrolet Gear and Axle Local 235, Rudy Pale, longtime progressive opposition leader, presidency. His ticket captured (Continued on Page 2)

Spain, in defiance of the brutal measures they knew Franco would hurl against them.

This set off a tremendous oopular outpouring in the streets of Barcelona, second largest city in Spain with 1,250,000 population. They paralyzed the city in a revolt against the high cost of living that has reduced most of Spain's impoverished people almost to starvation.

Despite the reported killing of three demonstrators and wounding of hundreds of others, the arrest of more than 300, the landing of marine detachments from five war-ships and the arrival of 13,000 special police and Civil Guards hastily sent by train and plane, some 50,000 strikers still are out at the latest report. Sam Pope Brewer, N. Y. Times correspondent in Barcelona, writes the strike was understood from the start to be a one-day protest.

The United Press reported, lowever, that "25 percent of the factory workers in Catalonia, the great industrial area of Northeast Spain, were still idle today after striking yesterday in sym-2. Build a Labor Party. The fact pathy with demonstrators who that this program gave Hogan surged through the streets of

DEFIANT MOVEMENT

This same dispatch revealed that "yesterday's angry out-In Ford Local 900 (Lincoln break" was "the worst anywhere in Spain since the civil war twelve years ago." Brewer, in a cautiously-worded report called it "the most general movement of defiance that Generalissimo Franco's government has ever had to face," a "general explosion," and a "movement so made a comeback and won the widely expressed through all groups of society that without seven out of 10 delegates. In GM implying any threat of general (Continued on Page 2)

to the intelligence of the people. HANSEN DEBATES STATE Korea has led to the very brink a civil war between two regimes in Korea, has been transformed SENATOR IN MINNESOTA

Following two successful meetings in Chicago, Joseph Hansen, Associate Editor of the Militant, went to Minneapolis-St. Paul for meetings scheduled there.

In Chicago Hansen spoke at a Socialist Workers Party-sponsored academic freedom, the drafting was Irving Beinin who recently concluded a campaign for Alder-

In his speech Hansen documentvolume of letters to Congressmen. them now, the imperialists will turn the whole world into a slaughterhouse; only the construction of a socialist soviety will guarantee the survival of

demonstrated in the lively quesfinancial contributions made.

students and faculty members of lies, that they will continue and Roosevelt College. The meeting was sponsored by the Public

He traced U.S. foreign policy Joseph Andrews, Editor. reflected in the attacks on Thought in America."

meeting, the chairman of which of students, and the general growth of militarism on the

SEEK THE TRUTH

In conclusion, Hansen told the students: "You must learn to study world politics objectively, familiarize yourselves with the socialist program, grasp the fundamental meaning of the inevitability of endless crisis under capitalism and its terrible Hansen stated: "If we don't stop impact on humanity. Have the courage to seek the truth; and having found it to proclaim and defend that truth.'

On March 16 Hansen will speak at a public meeting at 10 S. 4th St., the SWP hall in Minneapolis. The favorable reaction of the He will also address several meetaudience to Hansen's talk was ings on the campus of the University of Minnesota in St. Paul.

A good deal of local interest has been aroused by the prospect At another meeting in Chicago, of a debate between Hansen and Hansen addressed an audience of State Senator F. G. Child, who is attempting to institute a witch hunt at the University. Both have accepted invitations to speak at great atrocity being committed Affairs Committee, a student or- a forum sponsored by the Student Group for Political Analysis. Senator Child's topic is "The American troops be withdrawn from V-J day to the present Trend of Radical Thought in time and its repercussions on America" while Hansen will speak domestic policy, especially as on "The Trend of Reactionary Yugoslavia's Foreign Policy -- III

Anti-War Struggle and Imperialism

general formula is this: If all ism. ments join together to fight "ag- be, it does not control the world gression," then peace would be market. U.S. imperialism, which not Truman and Acheson? assured. They approach the issue does, is responsible for the shift of war exclusively from what they of world economy to a wartime conceive to be the special in- basis since Korea. And this ecoterests of Yugoslavia, forgetting nomic aggression by Washington that the struggle for peace and has made itself felt in all counagainst war is a world political tries, including Yugoslavia.

superficially and only in the Yugoslav economy. But even in existing set of circumstances and this respect Wall Street's agrelation of forces which can alter gressive war preparations have drastically and swiftly under the had a much more damaging danger on the question Who is present highly unstable condi- effect, because they are depriving tions. The ferment in Spain, for Yugoslavia of access to the basic example, may lead not alone to raw materials on the world convulsions for Franco's regime market. Yugoslav industry, faces but make its repercussions felt critical shortages of principal eisewhere to an extent that may raw materials, especially cotton, well alter the whole European wool, gasoline and lubricating oils

At all events, the issue of peace planet for whom peace is no less amounts into its arms machine.

preparing for war."

WHO INSTIGATES WAR

out the Kremlin as the main in-Kremlin is fomenting armed lead to war." assault upon Yugoslavia. But on the world scale, the central by singling out the Kremlin the waging it; the historical and the now of all the native bourgeois power-house of war preparations Yugoslavs are not fighting against economic conditions that hisis located not in Moscow but in the chief "masked aggressors" torically gave rise to it." Washington. The war for which and "lying peacemakers." On the

All the prominent Belgrade | "the whole world is preparing" is contrary, they are failing to the economics of imperialism, and | "democratic" allies during the last leaders justify their foreign policy being prepared not alone politic- unmask them. For who is con- not any diplomatic, political, or war? Have Truman, Churchill

The Kremlin's economic block Moreover, they see the problem ade has had damaging effects on they have departed from Lenin's over which the Kremlin has little cr no control but which American and war involves not Yugoslavia imperialism does control and is alone but all the peoples on our now feeding in ever greater

There is no question about "Today," says Ivan Gochniak, Stalin's military designs against Deputy Minister of Defense and Yugoslavia. But whatever may member of the Yugoslav Political develop in the Balkans, the Bureau, "it is no secret to any- present military aggression, the body that the whole world is whole world recognizes, is also by U.S. imperialists — in the Far East.

Which power is the chief in- Premier and Foreign Minister primary necessity." stigator of this global war Kardelj, "to fight strongly for preparation? The statements of peace and unmask the lying Gochniak, as of all other Yugo- peacemakers and the masked confusion and error on war, imperialism, he insisted, "It is slav Communist leaders, single aggressors, above all," he added, Lenia pointed out in May 1917 silly even to think of a progres-"it is necessary to fight against stigator. Unquestionably the those elements which inevitably mental question of the class char- bourgeois government. All bour- million organized workers show

But the whole trouble is that

LENIN'S POSITION

The Yugoslav leaders say they have broken with Stalinism and making "aggression" the touchscorn for those who hinged their aggressor." attitude toward war or warthe "aggressor"? In March 1915

Lenin above all exposed how and diplomatic trickery and by the most aggressive U.S.-UN move demagogic use of slogans of demo- against China at Lake Success? cracy, culture, morality, etc. But the issue is above all a moral "It is our duty," said Deputy obligation . . . and is a vital,

on the ground that it is the best ally and morally but, above all, ducting this war in Asia, if not "moral" maneuvers in which and Co. changed? way to secure world peace. Their economically - by U.S. imperial- the U.S. imperialists? Who seeks they may engage, is the touchto spread it to China, if not Mac-stone of Leninism. What is of leaders sever the economics of peace-loving peoples and govern- Powerful as the Kremlin may Arthur, and his gang? Who decisive importance to Leninists imperialism from its politics, and threatens to drop the A-Bomb, if is the objective historical meaning of the given war. What and war is simply the continuation determines war in our day, as in of politics by other means. Unlike Lenin's, is the economics of im- Lenin, they determine their perialism. What class prepares tactics on the bases of questions

and conducts war? and for what such as "aggression" which Lenin have returned to Leninism. But in aims? It is this that decides and rejected as of "no importance not the political and diplomatic whatever" to Marxists. They do stone for the struggle for peace moves by means of which the not think it "silly" as Lenin did opposing side may be pictured to paint up bourgeois governpolicies. Lenin had nothing but to the people at home as "the ments as progressive. No, Yugo-

ECONOMIC CAUSE FOR WAR The economics of imperialism Lenin wrote: "The question of drives it to reaction, compels it which group delivered the first to violate democracy, morality and military blow or first declared war peace. Why else have the Yugohas no importance whatever in slav leaders refrained from joindetermining the tactics of Social- ing the Marshall Plan? Why else are they still suspicious of the policy. Atlantic Pact and its alleged falsely the imperialists seek to "defensive" character? Why else mask their real reactionary nature have they had second-thoughts and predatory aims by political and voted against some of the

It is this imperialist economic the Yugoslav leaders assert that base that determines the reactionary politics of all capitalists, one. "To struggle for peace is for above all, their politics of war. Yugoslavia," says Marko Ristich, It is the most dangerous of Yugoslavia Ambassador to illusions to believe that any France, "at the same time a moral diplomatic or political maneuvers can exert influence on the economic foundation of imperialism. approach. The source of popular correctly taught. In the epoch of "is that people forget the funda- sive bourgeoisie, a progressive acter of the war; why the war geois 'democracy'. . . has become broke out; the classes that are reactionary." Isn't this true right "democrats" in Yugoslavia?

This approach to war through Roosevelt and the rest of Stalin's

Three Weeks Yet to Go

By Reba Aubrey

Fund Campaign Manager

Branches of the Socialist Work-

ers Party shifted into high gear

weekly receipts totaled \$1,595,

raising the total paid through

paign is still a little behind

schedule - 5% - and only three

weeks to go. This means that the

on-schedule branches will have to

keep their pace and the lagging

branches will really have to

West Virginia dashed over the

goal line to 133% and first place

on the scoreboard. These com-

rades aren't through yet. Steve

tells us that they "will send in

more on the fund as it comes in."

Pittsburgh completed its quota

three weeks ago but keeps going.

We are sending it in as fast as

we can get it," writes Comrade

Cleveland rang the gong with

\$69 payment. Almeda says: "We

are planning to send in more be-

cause we feel that our quota is a

bit low when compared to other

Buffalo is pounding toward the

goal. Their payment of \$123.50

gives them 97%. Even the Buffalo

recognizes the bang-up job these

comrades are doing in the cam-

Local Trotskyists Third in Fund

St. Paul-Minneapolis has round-

ed the last bend and is nearing

and one that is worthy of sup-

port. No doubt at all but that we

will be over the top before the

Payments during the week kept

these branches on schedule or

comes "down the home stretch,

we really have to keep pushing to

stay on schedule. We're determin-

ed to complete payment in full

and on time. The splendid

dant to a fund campaign. Unem-

losses. An outstanding example

end of the campaign!"

branches our size.'

Unlike Lenin, the Yugoslav this week, scoring the biggest above all from its war drive -Defense fund ten weeks ago. The March 13 to \$12,870 or 72% of the national quota assigned. The camslav foreign policy does not come from the school of Lenin.

Its ideological roots lie some where else entirely. They stem from the theory of building socialism in one country. It is not Lenin but Stalin who originated this theory, the source of the worst opportunism in foreign

Industry Stand Déepens National Labor Crisis

(Continued from Page 1) the proposed wage increase as

inadequate. These developments underline the fact that the labor crisis is a deep and significant one, which Evening News, a capitalist daily, But that is not at all Lenin's Just the contrary is true, as Lenin cannot easily be resolved. The American monopolists, as they prepare for all-out war, are raign in an article entitled, determined to unload the costs of war upon the workers. But 16 Collection." a determined resistance.

The labor leaders, while they the goal at a fast clip. Grace Carlsupport the war plans, cannot son comments: "We in the Twin afford to allow the government in Cities are proud of the response Wasn't this true of Churchill, alliance with Big Business to of our comrades to the party's destroy their organizations, or to need for funds in the present smear them with responsibility situation — a situation which has for the flagrant attempt to freeze convinced many workers that wages while prices and profits The Militant is the best working

> The logical next step for labor is the organization of an independent labor party, to defend the workers against the combined

The labor movement is today shead: Milwaukee, Toledo, Seattle, such a proposal. And Chancellor for a Foreign Ministers' meet- politics does not pay off. That fact is becoming more obvious to the militant American workingclass. They will press for a full The American imperialists are break with Truman, and for their

Shows Growth of sue of the N. Y. Herald Tribune: Anti-War Forces "The Russians might well bring

Labor Party. the conference voted the follow-Labour movement, being concan be averted only by internament for the ending of all war alliances with capitalist countries Austria and so lay the European the withdrawal of British forces from Korea; the granting of immediate independence to those colonial countries at present under British domination; and the con-Labour Movement on securing the complete and utter defeat of capitalism and the Tory Party as

A resolution to implement the

The opening speaker at the confor support for the freedom Peace cannot be really secured struggle of the Asian people, and when he broadcast a plea to the every means at its command.

weekly payment since the launching of the Organization, Press and

Fund Drive Holds Pace;

percentage with a \$429 payment. step it up!

Youth Branch. At the beginning | Detroit's \$94 check completes a of the campaign he pledged a little over half of its quota. week's pay of \$45. He has already Marietta says that Detroit's paid \$75 and this week increased balance is "tremendous - and to his pledge to \$90 with the be collected in three weeks! But assurance that all of it will be in we'll do it, or bust! Every com-March 31! With comrades like rade promises to be on time." A this in our ranks we can't miss." \$36 payment moved Oakland

Chicago boosted its percentage branch to the half-way mark. to 69 this week with \$115. Boston | Remember! To make this camsent in \$34 and "hopes to do raign a 100% success, every quota better real soon." San Francisco must be completed by March 31. took up some of the slack in its That's only three weeks. Let's

\$18,000 FUND SCOREBOARD

Branch	Quota	Paid	Percent
West Virginia	\$ 25	\$ 33	133
Pittsburgh	150	191	127
Cleveland	300	300	100
Youngstown	500	500	100
Buffalo	1,000	9.68	97
St. Paul-Minneapolis	1,000	911	91
Milwaukee	150	133	89
Toledo	50	43	86
Seattle	400	316	79
Newark	700	540	77
New York	5,000	3,829	77
New Haven	100	72	72
Chicago	700	486	69
Allentown	75	50	67
Boston	550	350	64
Flint	375	232	62
San Francisco	1,500	879	59
Akron	150	84	56
Philadelphia	600	334	56
Detroit	1,750	922	53
Oakland	250	126	50
Los Angeles	2,600	1,227	47
St. Louis	100	20	20
General		324	_
Total through March 13	\$18,000	\$12,870	72

THE MILITANT ARMY

The Militant has always re- writes Literature Agent Marcus. class paper in the United States ceived a warm response in "Friday evening eight of us Newark's Negro community. The

Mar. 5 issue, featuring the latest news and Thurgood Marshall's report on the troops in Korea was certainly no exan hour and a

had the usual difficulties atten- issue. One person bought a copy | Socialist Workers Party, some of on his way into a nearby tavern. us were available to explain. ployment and illness have forced After reading the front page he number of comrades to reduce passed it down the bar. In short their original pledges, but others order 10 other fellows came out 23 individual copies sold, and one are pitching in to make up the and bought their own copies.

"We of Boston have a very

mobilized at a Progressive Party sponsored meeting, and in a pleasant hour and a half sold 26 Militants and two copies of In Defense of Socialism. This was doubly rewarding in view of the treatment of Negro fact that it was a poorly attended affair and that more than half of the attendance was Stalinist. We

ception. Newark's used socialist slogans, announcing literature agent re- a 'working-class paper,' 'a socialports that, in about ist paper,' 'the official organ of American Trotskyism' and 'the quarter, Marge, paper that first pegged Wallace response of the comrades in Dorothy, Mary, and Rick easily correctly.' For those that were dicates that we'll do it. We've disposed of 110 copies of this curious about the program of the

"This is our score for three week's effort: nine subscriptions good working-class neighborhood well aware of us. Comrade Patch, of this is Comrade Donald of the satisfying experience to report," of course, continues her good sales - another hundred copies sold last week! Result: we're all for the systematic canvas of an

> area over a period of weeks." Bob James also reports good results at Stalinist meetings in Los Angeles. "We have been selling one to two dozen Militants at each of a number of Stalinist meetings and discussing with some of those who buy. Some buy The Militant almost regularly, History Week meetings."

> Literature Agent for San Francisco, Jane S., while ordering extra copies of Fourth International, theoretical magazine of American Trotskvism, comments that The Militant has been established on several more newsstands, and that "last Saturday's Fillmore Street sales were better than ever, with Ed H. selling 10 copies in half an hour, and Ricco selling 5. The Saturday before, Sarah R. sold 7 Militants.

Cathy D. reports continued interest in the Mar. 5 Militant in New York. Ben R., Harry S. Janice, and Pauline G. sold 89 copies of this issue in Bedford-Stuyvesant Monday. "We are also making regular sales at schools and colleges," Cathy writes. "This week we went out to four schools making good sales in a short time."

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Behind the Big Four Conference Sidney Silverman, Fenner Brock- Truman and Acheson know this. of Trieste to the Austrian peace

By Charles Hanley

Britain and France looked forward to the Paris conference of thing would come out of it.

Commonwealth of Nations in case efforts on peaceful aims. of a third world war. Not only has The French do not like the idea imperialism. Korean War.

ANTI-WAR FEELINGS

them Emrys Hughes, Victor Yates, would the Germans themselves. by suddenly linking the question

five out of eight delegates on an

anti-Reuther slate.

pression of widespread concern partment. The latter ostensibly the war danger. Labor's Left neither expected nor hoped any- Wing is particularly alarmed by the imperialist plans for German Attlee's government has to take rearmament and asks for general into account the anti-war feelings disarmament in West and East of the masses and the tremendous instead of German remilitarizarisk involved for the entire British tion, and for a concentration of

Winston Churchill, leader of the of German rearmament either.

LEFT-WING GAINS IN UAW LOCAL

ELECTIONS JOLT REUTHER MACHINE

way, Harold Davies, were an ex- They are afraid of Russia coming treaty which has nothing to do Democrat - Republican anti-labor about American influence having neutralization of Germany, and Britain and France have approvthe "Big Four" delegates much become too great in Western of Britain and France being ed the American formula, but coming of age. Subservience to Newark and New York. Harry more than did the U.S. State De- European policy and increasing rather inclined to seriously discuss nevertheless try to pave the way the government and capitalist Ring says that as New York Local Adenauer himself, U.S. friend and "ally" on the Rhine, asks for West-East negotiations on German reunification. But the reunification and neutralization of Germany would deal a damaging

Conservative opposition, repeat- Strong American pressure forced ment and its representative. edly urged the government to its acceptance on them; but it is Ambassador Jessup, insist that at sponsor direct talks between the believed Premier Pleven made it the eventual Foreign Ministers' Western powers and Soviet clear to the State Department, conference - the full dress parley Russia; Labor's Left Wing more during his recent trip to Wash- which the present deputies' meetand more opposes rearmament ington, that the French are not ing is to prepare - the German and the continuation of the happy about it. The Gaullists question should not be discussed (RPF) are the only party to alone or isolated from the causes openly advocate German rearm- for general tension in the world. ament in France. The majority of In other words: If no agreement The resolution presented in the French, the Belgian, the on a world-wide scale can be attractive as to sow weakness and Parliament by Labor M.P.'s Dutch, the British and the Italian reached (and there is little hope Driberg and Mikardo, in Feb. peoples would undoubtedly prefer for this), a limited agreement on It is hard to believe that French 1951, and a second one signed by a neutralized Germany to a re- Germany would be equally impos-18 other Labor members, among militarized Germany. And so sible. (The Russians' reply to this

FEAR ANGLO-SOVIET PACT

aware of their allies' wishes and own political party. fear that if German reunification blow to the European system of is made the central issue, Britain and France might perhaps accept London Conclave Therefore the State Depart- a Russian plan for Germany's entralization. This fear is voiced in an editorial in the March 3

in proposals for the estensible the ultimate Communist conquest or British opinion could be taken in by any proposal which did not carry certain guaranties against prepared from a policy standpoint to deal with them." the opposition this year increased

STALINIST BETRAYAL

reople by dividing Germany. Gromyko and his government

German rearmament on that ence of the Party. vicious treaty alone which they

The mounting opposition to the Korean War in the ranks of the British Labor Party was conference held in London Feb. 25 This conference, called by the Socialist Fellowship, a left grouping inside the Labor Party, was attended by 231 delegates from the London trade unions and

With only six opposing votes ing resolution: "This conference of delegates from the London vinced that the threatening war tional socialist action, pledges itself to fight inside the movecentration of the energies of the our contribution to the building of a socialist world."

anti-war declaration recognized defends the absurd Potsdam that "present pro-war policy of Agreement which was directed the Labor Party" would lead to against the whole of the German defeat and provided for the setting up of a committee to campaign inside the Labor Party base their opposition to any West for a special emergency confer-

want to see fulfilled, despite the ference was Stephen Davies, complications and the misery it Member of Parliament, from the helped create since 1945. Thus coal mining region of South the reactionary character of Wales. He urged passage of the Stalinist policy is once more anti-war resolution and called on revealed. Gromyko does not seem the delegates "to fight for it every to have spoken one word con- day of your lives until it becomes demning that secret diplomacy the policy of our great party.' which both the imperialists and Among the many other speakers the Stalinist bureaucrats are so were a young socialist from struggle over control of this local fond of and which led to so many Ceylon, who asked the conference by diplomats and their secret a delegate from the Dagenham Italian workers not to engage in Above all, it must immediately

the British Labor Party was demonstrated by a great anti-war gentlerance hald in London Ech 25. BY BARCELONA REVOLT

(Continued from Page 1) revolt it must be classed as a major emergency."

His March 14 dispatch stated that "new trouble was believed looming here tonight as Barcelona authorities ordered penalties against Barcelona workers who had carried out the first successful 'general strike' during the Franco regime." All strikes are once described as the "model state." A general strike in Bilbao in 1947 was bloodily suppressed.

The Barcelona outbreak came bassador to Spain, Stanton Griffis, was being feted and driven in a gilt carriage to an audience and the Spanish capitalists and with Franco.

It is now apparent that Tru-Franco is dictated, above all, by the fear that Franco's regime is crumbling so fast that it may Spain are \$21 a month. soon be overthrown by the Spanish proletariat.

Six weeks ago Barcelona was the scene of powerful demonstrations against a move to raise the street-car fares. City authorities had to rescind the order for the increase pending a "futher study." This retreat, undoubtedly gave a clue to the workers that the regime is cracking and emboldened them for a bigger assault.

THE POPE INTERVENES

Pope Pius XII gave the hint of The day before the Barcelona to Franco.

upsurge, the Pope broadcast to the Spanish workers a declaration that "the Church has never preached social revolution" and "defends the right of private and several attended our Negro property, a right that she considers untouchable."

The Barcelona workers answered this appeal on behalf of the brutal Spanish ruling class, including the Catholic hierarchy which controls one-third of Spain's cutlawed in what Pope Pius XII wealth, with their "remarkably effective and impressive" demonstration, as Brewer described it The populace halted all transportation, closed all shops, burned as Truman poured scores of mil- efficials' automobiles and attemptlions of dollars into the blood- ed to set fire to the City Hall. smeared hands of Franco and Housewives wrecked market stalls while Washington's new Am- when they could not buy food at legal prices. The corrupt regime of Franco

landlords has inflated prices, according to the official figures, man's haste to recognize and aid seven times since 1945, while wages went up only three and a half. Average industrial wages in Franco can still mobilize for-

midable repressive armed forces, but there is evidence that many of these are no longer reliable and the hatred of the regime is now so wide-spread in Spain that the full explosion when it comes will rip the dictatorship to pieces. The Barcelona uprising is the

greatest news from Western Europe since Mussolini's overthrow. It heralds a new social revolutionary force in Western Europe to challenge both capitalism and Stalinism. The American growing revolutionary situation labor movement has the supreme in Spain, just as he did before duty to come to the aid of the Mussolini's overthrow in 1943 heroic Spanish working class with

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Local 262, the opposition to to 17 for the administration; Frazer Local 142, the opposition also swept the election. Administration forces won all the convention delegates at Hudson. But by and large, in Detroit,

wing won all top offices, but the In Fleetwood Local 15, the op- opposition forces increased their position scored a smashing victory convention representation, taking its strength. in the delegates election. The 11 delegates to 27 for the right slate against Reuther was headed wing. Last convention the opposi-In Local 351, Paul Silver, one

by longtime militant stalwart, tion won only one delegate. In Johnny Anderson, a pioneer UAW | Connors Briggs Local 742 an opbuilder, and Ernie Dillard, out- position slate was re-elected. standing Negro leader in the UAW. The ticket won four out of of the leading opposition figures

opposition captured 15 delegates | whelming majority. In Kaiser-

Reuther won all officers and dele- Chrysler Local 7, the right wing gates. Cadillac Local 22 elected forces won the election.

Briggs Local 212, the right

in the UAW, once again led his Chrysler Locals showed the fol- ticket to a sweeping victory of all

In Flint, the Reuther forces received a serious setback. The anti-Reuther left wing won a decisive victory at Buick Local administration. The Rank and File caucus won every top office and lowing results: Dodge Local 3, the offices and delegates by an overall but one member of the shop committee. In an earlier election the opposition had taken almost half the local's delegates to the UAW convention.

FLINT ELECTIONS

Many factors contributed to the Rank and File victory at Buick, including opposition to Reuther's proposed dues increase, an opportunist struggle for jobs among the Reutherites, and the fact that the Regional office was concentrating its efforts on winning the Chevrolet local.

Results of the run-off for offices in Chevrolet Local 659 are still to be announced. A bitter between the anti-Reuther officials catastrophies. headed by Local President Coburn S. Walker and the Reuther ma-

chine was conducted. elected a full anti-Reuther slate. imperialist war drive.

out for the reunification and with the City of Trieste. . . .) policy.

unification, neutralization and evacuation of Germany which, while guarded enough to insure of the country, could still look so disruption in the Western alliance. a rearmed, Communist Germany controlled from Moscow: though one is not so sure of certain elements among our own isolationist and 'neutralist' opinion. And in the highly unlikely, but not inconceivable, case that the Russians should in good faith advance proposals genuinely intended to neutralize Germany and problem at rest, the Western powers would be very poorly

Yet, in this case as in many thers, imperialism has no better belper than Stalin himself. For there could be no stronger argument for Washington's diplomats and propagandists than to point ANTI-WAR RESOLUTION 599, unseating the former Reuther that Gromyko, the USSR representative at the Paris Conference,

talks. Only increasing pressure Labor Party which has the revolution. They subsequently demand the discontinuance of all Fisher Body Local in Flint by the toiling masses can stop the biggest labor electoral majority strung up Mussolini by his heels. U.S. grants of money and arms in the whole country.

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TROTSKY

How to Win the Middle Classes

"Under the conditions of capitalist disintegration and of the impasse in the economic situation, the petty bourgeoisie strives, seeks, attempts to tear itself loose from the fetters of the old (capitalist) masters and rulers of society. It is quite capable of linking up its fate with that of the proletariat. For that only one thing is needed: the petty bourgeoisie must acquire faith in the ability of the proletariat to lead society onto a new road. The proletariat can inspire this faith only by its strength, by the firmess of its actions, by a skillful offensive against the enemy, by the success of its revolutionary - Leon Trotsky, The Only Road. 1932



LENIN

Let Labor Really Lead!

Fixed income and fixed salary groups, pensioners, old-age and war veterans alike, along with others similarly situated find themselves caught in the ferocious squeeze on their living standards, resulting from the very beginnings of Wall Street's arms program. These groups fall by and large within the middle classes. They find themselves helpless because, along with small businessmen, they have no genuinely independent organizations to protect them, as labor has.

Failing such protection, the American middle classes are feeling most acutely the effects of soaring prices and hiked taxes. Restrictions of consumer and housing credit coupled with rent gouging have thus far struck them harder blows than to other sections of the population. Small businessmen in every field are being pushed to the wall.

The crisis of American labor, which is political at bottom, is thus tending to coincide and combine with the crisis of the American middle classes, likewise political in its essence. Precisely because they are so defenseless economically and politically, the middle classes constitute not alone the most vulnerable but also the most unstable elements in the situation. They will eagerly follow labor, whose vital interests harmonize with theirs. Only if they are disappointed by labor's failure to provide the needed program and leadership can they become prey to the forces of reaction.

When the United Labor Policy Committee talks of "no one looking out for the interests of the consumer" it is the middle classes they really have in mind. When they propose that labor "take the leadership" in policing prices, for example, they are groping in the right direction. It is correct and timely for labor to take such steps as policing prices through bodies composed of representatives of trade unions, housewives, farmers, etc. We Trotskyists raised this idea back in 1940 as an indispensable supplementary weapon to the escalator clause in the struggle against inflation.

But the whole point is that the official leadership is only nibbling at this whole problem of providing the middle classes with the imperatively needed program and leadership and extending it con sciously on a local, state and nationwide scale. The first condition for such a program and leadership is for labor to break politically with the Democratic branch of Big Business politics.

They Can't Evade the Political Issue

It is becoming harder and harder for the union leaders to keep up their pretense that Truman has nothing to do with the war mobilization policies that have driven labor to its split from the Wage Stabilization Board and to resign its other government advisory posts.

Behind the scenes in the inner meetings of the United Labor Policy Committee, however, the union officials are turning the air blue about their political ally in the White House. And despite their caution, some of their resentment has leaked through to the public.

Thus, CIO Secretary Treasurer James B. Carey, one of Truman's most servile supporters, in the heat of a protest meeting in Boston publicly read a letter criticizing Truman personally for turning over war mobilization to the corporations and banks — but the letter was never sent to Truman.

Robert S. Allen, informed Washington columnist of the N. Y. Post, quotes Carey as also declaring at a closed meeting of the ULPC: "Truman doesn't even bother to pay lip service any more on social legislation. What remnants of the Fair Deal were left have been completely junked. Not only is labor's advice being disregarded, it's not even being sought any more. With a few exceptions. everyone in inner Administration circles is now practically openly hostile to labor. There is no use kidding ourselves about that. It's a fact and we might as well realize it and deal with it.'

That's the truth, that's what the union leaders are saying in private — but that's what they are keeping a treacherous silence about in public. They're still hoping to get some kind of deal and patch up their political alliance with Truman and the corrupt Democratic machine.

But events aren't going to help them in their cowardly hopes. Big Business has turned down all compromise proposals and Economic Stabilizer Eric Johnston, on whom the union bureaucrats have been banking has struck new blows in turning down both the packinghouse and textile workers' wage demands.

The political question confronts labor on every issue. It cannot be evaded and avoided. Big Business commands all the political levers and Truman is their agent. Some union leaders are beginning to say so. Thus, Louis Hollander, New York State CIO president, openly charged that Democrats and Republicans are united in a "reactionary coalition to gang up on the wage earners" and that "labor will have no other way but to enter into an independent political party."

Truman's hostility to labor, said Carey, "is a fact and we will have to deal with it." There is no way to deal with it except through the formation of labor's own political party. Any other course would be abject capitulation to Big Business which holds both major political parties in the palm of its hand.

Record A Sorry

The Schachtman group, which now calls itself the "Independent Socialist League," has demonstrated again, by its conduct in two recent Chicago elections, that its real policy in practice is neither "independent" nor "socialist." This is the record.

Last year the Schachtmanites enthusiastically supported Chicago CIO Vice-President Willoughby Abner for State Senator in the Democratic Party primaries. This was in line with the proposal made by Schachtman himself that his group advocate union-sponsored candidates in primary campaigns of the capitalist parties and support them in the general elections.

Yet, in this year's aldermanic election the Schachtmanites refused to support Irving Beinin, candidate of the Socialist Workers Party, who ran as the only opponent of the Democratic-Republican candidate Merriam.

These two symmetrical actions make it obvious that the "Independent Socialist League" believes it is right to back a capitalist party nominee like Abner, who supports the imperialist war program, but wrong to support a revolutionary socialist candidate like Beinin who opposes it.

The Schachtmanite pretext for denying support to Beinin was that the Trotskyist policy on the war places us "in the camp of Stalinism." The Stalinists. themselves, however, were not convinced, and regarded Beinin as the "main enemy" in the aldermanic election campaign.

Acting through their front organization, the Progressive Party, the Stalinists lined up in Merriam's camp, serving as a left cover for that capitalist prowar candidate this year, just as the Schachtmanites served as "socialist" sponsor for the Democrat Abner the year before.

Such unprincipled double-dealing has nothing in common with genuine independent working class politics, whether it comes from Stalinists. . . or Schachtmanites.

The Paris Commune -- Its Political Lessons

By Daniel Roberts

Eighty years ago on March 18, 1871, the Parisian workers created the first workers state in history the glorious Paris Commune. It lasted only 71 days, but in its brief life-span, the Commune gave the working class the first living model of workers' democracy.

The spokesmen for American capitalism seek to portray the present American form of government as the provider of liberty and justice for all." They ie. American capitalist democracy is a front for the oppressive rule of a handful of billionaires. It is the rule of wealth, of special privilege, and of racial discrimination.

The Paris Commune, on the other hand, was a genuinely copular government. "It was government of the people and by the people," as Marx said. It openly upheld the interests of workers, artisans, and small shopkeepers, and fought against the greed of the capitalist class and its political retainers.

Capitalist France had just been defeated in the Franco-Prussian war of 1870-71. Paris was ringed by the advancing Prussian armies. Misery was prevalent among the working classes. All the measures of the Commune were directed to solving the most burning needs of the working people, and although there were many things it could not undertake because Paris was threatened not alone by the foreign enemy but also the troops of the capitalist counterrevolution, all its measures proclaimed it to be a workers' overnment.

The Commune suspended al rents on dwellings for the period between October 1870 and April 1871. It abolished the system of fines whereby the employers punished the workers for "infringement of rules." It abolished night work for bakers (a shame ful abuse of the times). It closed the pawnshops which had been fleecing the workers. It made plans to turn the closed - down factories over to workers' co operatives which were to get the plants back into operation.

The Commune decreed the and ruled the Church out of the

decreed that all able-bodied per- world.

Itional Guard, which elected its theless, it must be asked: Was it conditions were at the time in (in history presents us at the same own officers.

city district. The executive com- defeat? mittee combined legislative and laws with the active participation mittee were subject to recall. Their salary was fixed at 6,000 learned from it. francs per year, equal to workngmen's wages.

National Guard, and the revolutionary people of Paris replaced relationship of forces was weightthe top-heavy bureaucracy that ed against the proletariat. But had ruled France up to that time. when the revolution broke out, The old police force, hated for its Marx hailed it and urged the thought-control and its brutalities Communards to broaden the scope was cashiered. The career-seekers of their revolution. He urged them and grafters were put out of their to pursue the most energetic jobs. The Commune abolished the measures possible against the offices of the gold-braided gen- bourgeois government that had

trusted representatives drawn tion-wide scale. from their own ranks.

The true secret of the Comgovernment, the product of the against the appropriating class, way can the proletariat gain and the political form at last discovered under which to work out the economical emancipation of Labor."

The lessons of the Paris Commune were explained and analyzed by all the great revolutionary working class leaders, above all by Marx, Engels, Lenin and Trotsky. These lessons have entered as the basic principles of what the revolutionary party must strive for in building a Workers and Farmers Government.

The first positive experiment in revolutionary democracy provided by the Commune was repeated by subsequent revolutions on a far greater scale. The workers' democracy pioneered by the Paris Commune found ampler expression in the Soviets in Russia that took power in the Bolshevik-led revolution of October 1917.

separation of Church and State THE COUNTER-REVOLUTION The Paris Commune was crushfield of education. It granted ed in blood. The French capitaleitizenship to workers who had ists recaptured power, their cushy fled from persecution in other jobs and their profits. Once it had countries, and declared its soli- the upper hand, the French country and in vilifying it, and darity with the working class bourgeoisie proceeded to slaughter finally isolated Paris from the everywhere throughout the world. the workers. It was estimated rest of France. At the end of two The Commune did away with that 100,000 Parisian workers months they held the preponthe standing army as a repressive were either killed or deported to force to be used against the Devil's Island - punishment for population. Instead, the Commune having dared to build a better if the Commune had conquered and Egypt taking the lead in the line,' Pfc. Stanford Gorrin of

tary organization of the revolu- down fighting heroically against of the revolution. That is an

whose members were elected by Was it inevitable that the Com-

executive powers. It enforced the cannot be shrugged off with a being? Such widespread indusmere assertion that French eco-trialization already existed in of the population organized in the nomy was insufficiently develop- England. Germany, too, was bedistricts. All members of the com- ed to permit of victory. There coming rapidly industrialized. was a great historical lesson to be

On the eve of the Commune, Karl Marx warned the French The executive committee, the workers against an attempt to seize power, convinced that the erals and the silk-hat diplomats. fled to nearby Versailles and to Everywhere the workers ruled bend all their efforts to conn their own name and through solidating their power on a na-

Revolution has an imperative logic: Once begun, it must be mune was this, said Marx: "It carried through to the end, All was essentially a working - class avenues for its development and its further successes must be struggle of the producing class probed to the limit. Only in this keep power. A tremendous responsibility therefore rests with the leadership of the revolutionary movement. It has need of deep insight into the revolutionary process. It must win the confidence of the revolutionary masses and pursue its task with iron determination.

But such leadership was lackng in the Paris Commune. The Parisian workers did not have a revolutionary party, and the Communards made the fatal error of stopping with their first successes. The great achievements of workers' democracy were bottled up in Paris although many favorable opportunities existed to establish Communes throughout France, by unleashing the revolutionary action of the French masses.

The French capitalists left unnindered by the Commune gained time to rally forces. Powerless in the beginning, they bargained with Bismarck, the Prussian war lord, for the release of the captured French army. They spent two months in intriguing against the Commune throughout the derance of forces.

But, it may be objected, even tionary government was the Na-1 superior military numbers. Never-1 unsettled question. The economic

inevitable that the French bour- flux. Modern large-scale industry time with the first great crisis The Paris Commune was headed geoisie should have mobilized as the prevalent mode of product of leadership in the working by a broad executive committee, superior force against them? tion in all lines of non-agricultural class revolutionary movement. universal suffrage from each mune should have gone down to away. Might not a workers' France instead of a capitalist cumstances to take the power, The defeat of the Commune France have brought it into intrenchment of workers

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material chance of success. In any case, it is impossible to tell how far the working class might have extended its power and how long it might have kept it, had not the life of the Commune been cut short. Automatic conclusions about the inevitable defeat of the Commune are not warranted. The possibilities for Thus the first workers' state Commune.

power in France had every

production was only a few years The Communards were permitted by exceptionally favorable cirwithout a clear-cut revolutionary the crisis of revolutionary leadership and policy broke out at the very next stage of the revolution, when the task was to extend and consolidate the power.

The Paris Commune represents the first great milestone on the road of socialism. It was the Parisian workers who demonstrated for the first time the tremendous promises that the rule of the workers holds in store for mankind.

These promises will be fulfilled when the entire world is organized victory were not probed to the end on the principles of the Paris

MacArthur Aims

(Continued from Page 1) 'genius" and is preparing his alibi for future setbacks.

But, there is more to it than that. It is no secret that Macto become the conqueror of all Asia. The top circles of the U.S. military high command are intimately linked with the leading financial and industrial interests. MacArthur has close ties with that sector of the American capitalist class which has large investments in the Far East or lives off the export-import trade and which is represented politically by the so-called "isolationist" wing of Republicans and the Catholic bloc in Congress led by Senators McCarthy & McCarran.

Truman's "police action" in Korea has proved to be a major military undertaking against a owerful revolutionary upsurge. It has afforded MacArthur the opportunity to advance his program of Asian conquest by military provocations that brought China into the Korean war and confronted Washington with the alternative of ignominiously withdrawing from its Korean adventure or launching full-scale war on the Chinese péople.

MacARTHUR'S DESIGN

far come up against the opposition cross the 38th Parallel and of the majority of other countries in the UN, with nations like India

world" be completely exposed. The general interpretation placed on MacArthur's latest by the Pentagon, through him to force Washington's reluctant allies to supply far greater military forces for Korea than they have to date. So far, about 90% of the outside troops in Korea have been supplied by the U.S. With U.S. commitments to Western Europe, the Pentagon

further U.S. forces to Korea. Nevertheless, the prospect of a long war of attrition in Korea. and even an ultimate defeat should Truman and his military planners fear. Every day that the mass slaughter continues in Korea without a foreseeable end or even a geographic objective brings is fighting a 'police action' and more repercussions at home and it hardly seems important enough lowers the already diminished to die for. morale of the U.S. troops.

strategists do not want to commit

Evidence has been piling up for several months that the Korean war is the most unpopular war in U.S. history and are meaningless to him. But the that at least two-thirds of the very nature of the conflict is, voting population want the war perhaps, the most important stopped now and the U.S. troops factor. Men fight hard when there withdrawn without delay. These of the known will of the American be removed as far from here as

The intervention of China has the people. Their attitude has want no part of Korea. They don't been the chief reason why the believe in this war and its Administration, which had been toying with the idea of a "limited their home folks. They want to war" on China, has not dared to come home and it's the duty of the unleash it. But Truman also American people to get them home continues to pour troops into that country at the rate of 15,000 a month. This means that sooner or later, in order to try to bring lington may risk the plunge into slaughter.

No small part of the reason

why Washington is considering more desperate measures to bring the Korean war to an end, even Arthur is obsessed almost to the if it means a greater war with point of mania with the ambition | China, is the attitude of the American troops. Despite the rigid censorship, the facts about the sentiments of the soldiers are leaking out in letters home and in one dispatch after another.

Senator Kem of Missouri on March 1 introduced into the Congressional Record a letter he had ecently received "from a Missouri boy fighting in Korea," who wrote: "This so-called police action we are engaged in has me puzzled... The Army has stuffed me full of glory talk as to why we are fighting here. . . We are not only fighting the Chinese and North Koreans, but also the South Koreans. You can see by their faces that they don't want us here." Such sentiments are being voiced in thousands of letters home.

Greg MacGregor, Korea correscondent of the N. Y. Times, reports in his March 12 dispatch that there is "much evidence of uncertainty" about the war among the troops. "The most frequently asked question is 'What's the latest on the Thirty-eighth?'. . ." MacArthur's designs have thus | That is, are we going to try to prolong the war?

"'We got no business crossing throughout France, economic con- blocking UN consent to direct Jersey City announced to anyone sons should bear arms. The mili- The Parisian workers went ditions would have gotten the best assault on China. MacArthur, who within earshot." describes Macis nominally the "UN" commander | Gregor. "'Yes,' agreed PFC. Italo in Korea, cannot move openly Grande of Little Falls, N. Y. 'We without UN consent lest the get up there, get pushed back fiction that U.S. imperialist in- and start all over again. What the tervention in Korea represents hell sense does it make?'... 'Well, the decision of the "whole free I suppose there's something to fight for, but it's pretty hard to see from up here,' Hospital Corpsman Daniel Patrick of the Bronx statement is that it is an attempt remarked while breathing heavily from helping wounded men." Mac-Arthur and the Pentagon know what it means when even the Marines openly question what they're doing in Korea!

William Burson of the United Press wrote from Korea on March 12 that the American infantryman "is fighting, under one tremendous handicap. He does not. know why he is fighting. And he cannot look forward confidently to a military victory. . . The American soldier is fighting courageously, but he keeps asking himself, 'Is this war really necessary?' In previous wars, Americans were convinced they were fighting for something worthwhile. . . In Korea the GI

"The average American here can see very little in Korea worth fighting for. Broad terms like 'Democracy Against Communism' is an end in sight. In a war withwithout the slightest qualm. His possible. . ."

The GIs — the men who are doing the fighting and dying professed aims any more than do limb and life. It is against this deepest wish of the soldiers, their mothers, fathers and wives, that MacArthur and his Pentagon this country in a greater

EL CAMPESINO IDENTIFIES STALIN'S GANG OF INTERNATIONAL ASSASSINS boy Sheldon Harte, one of the They have not lost faith in the voluntary guards in Trotsky's Soviet working class and the

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Stalin directly involved in the assassination of Leon Trotsky, Mexico. The month is August, world has long known who events, they insist. Trotsky had landed in Mexico in January 1937.

After giving dates and places, three notorious Spanish Stalinists are: 1. - Carton, former Cortez deputy and one of the military commanders in the Civil War; 2. — Puentes of Santander, the criginal political commissar in Lister's division; and 3. - Alpost after Puentes.

In Mexico, these three delivered heir secret instructions to the infamous Vitorio Vidali, known in this country in the Twenties as Sormenti, and another of whose aliases is Carlos J. Contreras GPU murder - agent since 1928, who personally executed hundreds. This sadist has been in leading Stalinist figure,

The May 1940 assault upor Leon Trotsky was organized under these creatures who on the soil of Mexico utilized Spanish veterans, as has been done elsewhere, for their murder assaults. The Mexican painter David Alfaro, Siquieras (a colonel in the Stalinist Spanish formations) led this May assault. He together with Alvarez were caught red-handed. But the role played by Carton, Puentes and Vidali passed unnoted by the Mexican authorities. free, walking the streets of including visits to this country.

Siquieras, incidentally, went scot- skys younger son Sergei, who their dauntless courage, their refuses to pull out of Korea and without any more sacrifices of Mexico at his pleasure, as he also USSR, has been killed and so They and their undying defiance does in scheduling trips abroad, have Trotsky's two daughters.

the crying scandals. Stalin's murder crews, Campesino is the first to bring authentic as indeed there is. We humbly news about the survivors of take this opportunity to help recent days operating, as the Stalin's monstrous Moscow Frameups and the blood-purges the names of some of these heroic facts have been revealed by the out ultimate geographical obaccompanying them. Christian Rakovsky was still alive in 1949, prisons of Czarism, fought the newspapers, as well as the stopping point. Ask any GI he'll silently working in the Marx- shoulder to shoulder with Lenin most recent Gallup polls. By con- tell you that he could leave Korea Engels-Lenin Institute, a living and Trotsky and who have tinuing the war in Korea, Wash-

unknown.

These assassins failed to kill is that in Stalin's prisons and greatest guarantees of the the unpopular Korea adventure superiors are plotting to embroil Trotsky, at the time, but they forced labor camps survive some regeneration of the Soviet Union, to a close successfully, Washdid murder a young American of the Old Guard of Bolshevism. and the whole socialist future.

home at the time. The identity of world proletariat. They conwhose name Campesino saw, with the organizers of his murder has fidently expect, to the obvious his own eyes, on the death-list of thus been completely established. incredulity of Campesino, the twenty men drafted in 1938. In It was the assassin "Jacson's" downfall of Stalinism. Stalin will that same year three trained hands that drove the pick-axe dig his own grave, they are sure. killers departed from Moscow for through Trotsky's skull. The It all depends on the international ordered and organized it: Stalin. They, as the prison and camp

CARLO TRESCA

According to Campesino the name of Carlo Tresca, interin this killing, but there is "no to make their names public. proof." The laxness of the New

ghost. Kamenev was reportedly also still alive in the early Forties, but his later fate is

Bela Kun's son — his father was the leader of the 1919 Hungarian Soviet Republic - is an old, toothless man, although still Stalin. A teen - age daughter of

Now the chief Spanish agents of population generally, are better this murderer-in-chief who sits in informed than the rest of the Campesino gives the names. The the Kremlin have become known. Soviet population. More than this. they keep in touch with one another, as well as with world the Chinese decide to use their events. Some of these old full available forces, is one that Bolsheviks, who had followed the nationally famous anarchist leader course of the Spanish Civil War, killed in New York City in who knew of Campesino, were January 1943, was on the same not at all suprised, as he was, varez, who occupied this same list he saw. Vidali is again to meet him. They helped him. "suspected" of having participated | Some of them even authorized him

From what he tells, they are York police authorities in this not Trotskyists. But the flame of connection has long been one of revolution still burns in them. I'here is a gulf, Campesino notes, In addition to news about between these men and the Stalinists who have fallen into disgrace, Campesino publicize to the world figures, who passed through the flood of letters to Congress and jective, there is no end - no survived the reign of Stalinism ington is acting in brazen defiance one thought, his one hope, is to undaunted.

They are Shapabalo, prisoner at Komi; Gregory Stepanovich, prisoner at Vorkuta; Sordato only intensified this sentiment of Stepanov and Nikolai Ivanov, both also at Vorkuta.

We salute these men and their in his Thirties, prisoner of great companions, who for obvious reasons could not authorize the Bukharin also survives. But Trot- publication of their names, for voluntarily remained in the loyalty, their selfless devotion. of Stalin, and everything he But the really astonishing news stands for, constitute one of the

Women outnumber men in this country according to the latest figures of the U.S. Census

"For every 100 women there are only 98.1 men" says a Feb. 28 Associated Press report and, it adds, "this new victory by the women in the battle of the sexes shouldn't surprise us. For years they have outtalked us, outsmarted us, outspent us and frequently outraged us. . . It's no use being a good sport and saying 'more power to them.' They've got power enough already. . . . women are riding high today. They've made their men folks members of a minority group."

What is interesting about this report and worthy of comment, is not so much the fact in itself. It is rather the reaction of the reporter to the mere act of nature, which for him and millions who think as he does, represents a "victory by the women." Superficial, cynical and ignorant as this report is, it nevertheless expresses the sentiments of the average man today. And they are not very different from those expressed, say, two thousand years ago.

History records that in 195 B.C. the women of Rome, after a period of great injustices committed against them, began to raise their voice in protest. Yielding to this pressure a few tribunes introduced innocuous resolutions calling for the repeal of a law which had been in force, restricting the luxury and adornment of wo-

Haranguing against this resolution of the tribunes, the elder Cato cried out:

"Our power that has been shattered in the home now is being trampled on in the forum. Our ancestors decided that woman should not even attend to her own private affairs without the control of a guardian. If you give free reign to the imperious natures of these unruly creatures, do not imagine that they will recognize any limits of their tyranny. . . . when they have begun to be our equals, they will soon be our superiors."

The stockpiling of scientists, along with tin,

rubber and atom bombs, was the theme of a

report by Henry DeWolf Smyth of the U.S.

Atomic Energy Commission to the recent annual

conference of the American Association for the

Advancement of Science in Cleveland. "I am

speaking of scientists not as men," he bluntly

"Men of science, traditionally peaceful, in-

ternationally minded, and nonpolitical," he said,

"have become a major war asset. It is important

that they be used to the greatest advantage."

Smyth then proceeded to lay down the line - a

blue print for harnessing the entire scientific

resources of the nation for the most efficient

He began by likening the mobilization of

scientists to "the stockpiling and rationing of

any war commodity." Here we note a curious

thing. Marx observed that in capitalist society all

things tend to assume the form of commodities,

including virtue, conscience and honor. It should

now be added that in its decline, capitalism tends

to convert all things into war commodities, in-

cluding scientists, teachers, students, technicians,

at every conceivable level: from the most general

theoretical basic research in the laws of nature,

through particular fields of scientific investiga-

tion, applied research, testing and production, to

instruction in the use of "scientific engines" of

destruction. The scientists themselves are to be

"stockpiled" by the military and regimented all

the way from freshmen through the graduate

schools, from the laboratory to the factory and

Not a stone is left unturned in this plan to

make absolutely certain that no scientific work

should be wasted on "peaceful" purposes. "For

example," said Smyth, "work on improvement of

non-essential industrial products or processes

certainly could be curtailed. On the other hand

applied research on weapons production needs

to be accelerated. Vast sums of money will be

available to the services for research and

In brief, the scientists are served notice that

any work aimed at curing diseases, raising living

standards or making the good things of life more

accessible to the mass of the people is hence-

hopes that this blackout on human progress would

only last a short time - a sort of passing night-

mare - Smyth promptly punctured even such

naive illusions. "In considering scientific man-

power as a major war asset of this country," he

said, "I assume a 20 year period of tension with

the possibility of major or minor wars occurring

of total destruction. The scientists themselves

are not overly enthusiastic about the "plan." It

violates their innermost instincts and impulses.

Their tortured consciences naturally rebel at the

thought of creating instruments of total murder

and devastation. Some like Einstein have already

dared to speak out, to warn, to protest. But this

difficulty has not been overlooked. "As we prepare

for possible war," announced Smyth, "we shall

inevitably have to delegate increasing authority

over our lives and actions to the national govern-

He then presented a blue-print for drafting the

One other obstacle remains for these planners

Then, just in case the scientists entertained

forth to be considered "non-essential."

at any time in that period."

the battlefield.

development."

Smyth's plan encompassed scientific activities

knowledge, and even the very laws of nature.

production of disease, devastation, and death.

declared, "but as tools of war."

Stockpiling

That is what men, in Rome and since, really fear: Given the status of equality, women will become their superiors and tyrannize over them But that is absolutely false.

The "battle of the sexes" arose only after the introduction of private ownership of the social means of production and distribution. Prior to that there was no "battle." Authoritative anthropologists have given us sufficient evidence to prove that during the era of the Matriarchate, thousands of years ago, there was true equality of the sexes. All one has to do to become convinced is to read a few books, or at least one book, Robert Briffault's THE MOTHERS.

The Matriarchate was that period in human history when descent was handed down through the mother, because it was she who bore and bred children. Property was owned in common and used in common. Men and women were equal.

In present-day society, based on the private ownership of the social means of production and distribution, it is man who rules supremely, but unlike woman in her day, he rules unjustly, despotically. Woman is not only treated as the male's inferior, she is not even permitted to get equal pay for equal work.

However, it was not always thus; it shall not always be. The time is fast approaching when a new social system will replace capitalism, justas surely as feudalism was replaced by capital-

In that new society, which must come if mankind is to survive, production will be for use, not for profit. The social means of production and distribution will be owned and used in common as they were in that era of the Matriarchate, only on a much higher level of history and culture. The rule will be "from each according to his ability, to each according to his needs." Men and women and peoples of all races and color will once again live as true equals and govern in the interest of mankind as a whole. not as today, for the benefit of a few.

Scientists

scientists of the nation. It provides for the estab-

lishment of a Scientific Service Corps directed

by a Scientific Manpower Board based on a na-

tional roster of scientists. Scientists of military

age would be "required" to join the Scientific

Services Corps. They would be "subject to orders

from the Scientific Manpower Board" - which

Army, Navy or Air Force, or to "put them in."

Research and Development Board reported to the

conference that about two-thirds of the nation's

scientists and engineers are already working for

the Department of Defense and the Atomic

Energy Commission. He estimated that this figure

would soon rise to three-fourths. "Those of you

who have not been tapped thus far," he warned,

'will probably be summoned to service before very

There it is. American science is to become a

mere branch of the armed forces. A moratorium

is to be declared on progress, at least for the next

20 years, while the scientific resources of the

country are harnessed by the military to produce

draw from all this, is that if capitalism can no

longer afford progress, then society simply can't

month, let alone 20 years. Capitalism in its death

aristocracy and clergy and liberated science from

their stultifying grip. The great men of science

made bold advances in all fields of thought. They

waged a determined campaign against ignorance,

superstition and bigotry. From the earliest days

of the capitalist era, even under the rule of

monarchs, science broke through all national

boundaries, established the tradition of interna-

tional cooperation and an atmosphere of free and

unrestricted investigation toward the end of

widening the horizons of knowledge and subduing

But that is all finished now. Just at the moment

when science has found the key to the fabulous

energy that lies locked in the atom, when humanity

at long last has within its grasp the means of

achieving universal prosperity and happiness, the

forward march is to be halted at the command

of a rapacious imperialist gang that has become

the mortal enemy of social progress. Science is

to be imprisoned in a straightjacket of secrecy,

regimentation, loyalty investigations and witch-

hunt persecutions. The scientists are to be trans-

formed from enlightened benefactors of mankind

into "mad geniuses" like those depicted in horror

stories, in order to keep the imperialists in the

But it is not the scientists who are the madmen.

They are only the victims of a ruling class gone

mad with the fear of the yawning grave. The

crisis of science is but a part of the world crisis

of capitalist society. The choice before the scient-

ists is inescapable: They must either accept the

degraded status of a "war commodity," or they

must join with their natural allies, the socialist

vanguard of the working class, and the oppressed

peoples everywhere in the struggle to emancipate

society and open new vistas of progress for

the natural forces for the benefit of mankind.

The only conclusion that rational people can

more "perfect" weapons of annihilation.

would have the power to "keep them out" of the

Eric Walker, executive secretary of the

That will be Socialism.

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Face Legal Lynching



Undergoing a second trial for their lives are the world-famous Trenton Six, saved from execution after their first jim-crow frame-up trial by popular protest. Front row (1. to r.): Collis English, James Thorpe, Horace Wilson. Rear: R. Cooper, McKinley Forest, J. McKenzie.

Trenton Six Face New Trial in Frameup Case

By Fred Hart

The second trial of the Trenton Six, begun March 5, has just completed its jury-picking stage. The reluctance of ordinary Trenton citizens to serve on the jury is in large measure due to the bad odor surrounding the frame-up as well as the fear that should one vote for the defendants' acquittal had named in his forced "conhe might be labelled "subversive" or "pro-Communist."

This case, originally fought and Civil Rights Congress, has been turned over to the NAACP and the Princeton Committee for the Trenton Six. One of the defendants is defended by counsel appointed by the court.

In an attempt to prove their respectability and thus escape the red-baiting atmosphere so prevalent at the first trial, the afford the capitalist system for even another present defense lawyers are going to extremes in their attacks upon agony threatens to destroy all the fruits of the Civil Rights Congress which civilization, and in no field of human endeavor is still publicizing the frame-up is this law now revealed more vividly than in by press releases and public meet-

In their heyday the rising merchants and in-RED BAITING dustrialists smashed the power of the feudal

The frenzied attacks of some of the defense lawyers on the CRC have caused one of the defense lawyers, Arthur Garfield Hays, veteran defender of civil rights, to demur and dissasociate himself from this form of red-baiting in the court room.

Despite the attempts of the defense to prove its "Americanism" by attacking the CRC, the prosecution has already started its attempt to draw the public's attention away from the crudeness reactionary Trenton Times have cause a women lawver who works in his office (she is not connected with the defense in this case) is married to a man considered "subversive."

The Trenton frame - up began over three years ago. On Jan. 27, 1948 a hold-up of a combination junk and novelty store took place. The proprietor was murdered and his wife knocked unconscious. Robbery was the assumed motive although \$1.642 was found in the murdered man's pockets by police. Two eyewitnesses — a passer-by and a neighbor saw the criminals. The passer - by saw two lightcomplexioned Negroes. The neighbor saw three Negro teen agers run from the direction of the store and jump into a four-door green 1936 Plymouth sedan in which a fourth youth was waiting. The police concluded that there were six Negroes involved.

The Trenton newspapers announced a police terror for the Negro neighborhoods. "A heavily armed motorized bandit squad" patrolled the streets and all Negro men found on the streets without "good reason" were questioned by plain clothesmen. The Trenton police were out to get their men or even unreasonable facsimiles

of them.

Dubinsky is active in the N. Y. Liberal Party. the murder. After 19 continuous Mrs. Goelman said:

signed the confession demanded that they were nowhere near the capitalism and war, Beinin for cf him by the police.

English's family became concerned at his absence and his work at the time. trother-in-law, McKinley Forrest, went to the police to make inquiries. He, too, was arrested and night third - degreeing that prethen four others whom English | ceded their "confession" they had fession."

All six were kept incommunicado for four days and five all drinks and cigarets offered publicized by the Stalinist-led rights until five of the six had signed the "confessions" demanded of them

Were these the guilty men? witness spoke of a one-armed nan at the scene of the crime. Mrs. Horner, wife of the

attempted robbery, was taken to Court's reversal of the conviction Police headquarters to view the six suspects. She failed to identify decision the first trial was any of them. Later with police referred to as "against the help she "identified" them all from | plainest principles of justice" and photographs.

The passer-by and the neighbor mouth while English's car was sent to: NAACP Legal Defense a two-door black Ford.

All six defendants produced 40th St., N. Y. 18, N. Y.

occurred. Three of the six were at

The defendants told how in the course of the four-day-and-fivebeen given doped drinks and doped cigarets. Wilson, the only one who did not confess, stubbornly refused

During the trial, the prejudiced judge not only vented his hate on the CRC lawyers but refused the The two eyewitnesses had defense access to vital evidence described the criminal as light- including fingerprints — which complexioned. Five of the six the police had found at the scene defendants have dark skin. of the crime but which they were Thorpe, the only one light in suppressing. Given the unfairness color, had had his arm amputated of the trial and the red-baiting eight days before the murder. No atmosphere in the courtroom, the verdict of guilty was to be expected.

The mounting protest after the murdered man, who had been trial was instrumental in bringknocked unconscious during the ing about the State Supreme "judgment tainted with error."

The NAACP has appealed for and Educational Fund, 20 West

asked if I would withdraw from

that election, if a labor man was

chosen to run for the same post.

agent, who could not arouse any

Shows Party Has New Roads Open CHICAGO — New friends came forward, morale rose aldermanic candidacy. These excellent results suggest that a should have a chance to learn

Beinin Campaign

and all activities gained fresh impetus from the Socialist Workers Party campaign in support of Irving Beinin's

review of the campaign may have more about it. general value. When the campaign began, Mc-

can imperialism was reeling under campaign, in turn, sowed new the impact of Chinese intervention in Korea; and opposition to the Truman war program had by a Progressive, Merriam claimreached significant proportions.

thought-control curtain and reach open - minded people with our socialist anti-war program. Heavy | Progressive Party front. Statestress was laid on the anticapitalist content of our program. Questions like housing and academic freedom were tied directly to the war issue. We diversion into secondary

WAR OR PEACE

the Democratic incumbent Robert querade as "Trotskvists." Their E. Merriam, who had Republican line in the election added up to -support. The main issue was neither Merriam nor Beinin but hours of third-degreeing, English | witnesses - 63 in all - proving | clear cut: Merriam standing for | the non-existent "third camp." scene of the crime at the time it socialism and peace. This was priced campaigns of capitalist summed up in the slogan, "A politicians, the Beinin campaign vote for Beinin is a vote against cost less than \$200. The SWIP

We emphasized to the campaigners that present conditions They pitched in with a will, gained exclude as a central aim a contest new experience, developed new for votes against the entrenched talents and found greater selfcapitalist political machines. Our confidence. goals were: wide publicity of the party program; attraction of new contacts; and activization of all our forces with a definite function for each campaign volunteer. We the aid of the Milwaukee branch. stuck singlemindedly to these party-building objectives.

At the start we established a ward headquarters; scheduled party mobilizations, rallies and socials; took steps to get our speakers before non-party meetings; planned literature sales and distributions, not forgetting to include the theoretical magazine Fourth International and party pamphlets; and arranged break out of isolation." for publicity in The Militant and local press.

mimeographed handbook tained a ward map, calendar of events and brief answers to key political questions. Before taking to the streets the first time, the campaigners held a question and answer rehearsal.

The campaign opened with sales of the "Stop the War Now" issue of The Militant. Petition gatherers then worked door to door from lists of registered voters and on street corners. A etter of introduction from the candidate proved helpful to them. Even some Stalinists signed the cetitions. Beinin went on the callot without challenge.

Each of the 900 petition signers was sent a letter of thanks, a copy of our election platform and calendar of campaign events. Only two made hostile replies. Merriam sought to campaign on

the small change of strictly ward issues, calling for reliance on Senator Paul "Drop the Bomb Now" Douglas in national and international affairs. The SWP countered with the demand that Merriam debate Beinin on the real campaign issue — war or

Under this pressure Merriam claimed to be "anti-war" in informal discussions, but in his weasel-worded public statements he supported Truman's war program by advocating preparation for "whatever the future may bring."

Anxious to avoid a debate. Merriam made few public appearances. Beinin finally caught up with him before an audience of about 200. Each speaker had nine minutes. When Beinin got through working him over, Merriam spent eight of his nine minutes trying to explain his refusal to talk about the war.

CAMPUS COMMITTEE

Two student clubs at the University of Chicago, located in the ward, offered to arrange a Beinin - Merriam debate. Merriam spurned the invitations and thereby helped to speed formation of a Campus Committee for

Beinin. A new student-friend came forward to play a key role in the Campus Committee. He had been buying The Militant on the campus, liked much of our program, and thought the students

Gains from other previous work were similarly realized through Carthyism was at a peak; Ameri- the Beinin campaign; and the seeds for future harvests.

At a house meeting sponsored ed endorsement by the Progressive We set out to cut through the Party. Our exposure of this incident caused repercussions in the ranks of the Stalinists and their ments issued AFTER the election denied the Progressive Party had supported Merriam and gave a snide alibi for its refusal to support Beinin. Evidently we caught the Stalinist leaders in a behindthe-scenes deal with Merriam.

As a by-product the campaign signalled the beginning of the end Beinin had only one opponent, of the local Shachtmanite mas-

In marked contrast to the highcampaigners needed no fees or bribes to inspire them to activity.

SOUND TRUCK

New speakers came forward and made some fine speeches. With a sound truck was put on the streets. Beinin stickers blossomed along the main thoroughfares.

Comrades who say little at meetings did outstanding work in door to door campaigning, despite sub-zero cold. Newer comrades generally outdid old-timers in this field. The good results inspired one comrade to raise the slogan: Knocking on doors is one way to

Sales of The Militant and Fourth International were quite good. New avenues were found issued to each campaigner con- for regular sales as a stepping stone to future subscriptions. Best seller among the pamphlets was Socialism on Trial by James P. Cannon.

Considerable publicity was received in the neighborhood press and some mention in the big dailies which ordinarily suppress news of radical parties, except for the usual slanders.

Beinin received 530 votes, four percent of the ward total. This stands in favorable contrast to the average of 500 votes - three percent of the average ward total received by Progressive Party candidates running in four wards. Nondescript "againster" votes received by Beinin were more than offset by the uncounted Beinin votes. Our poll watchers uncovered sufficient evidence to confirm this estimate.

Despite the low percentage of Beinin's vote, the fact that 530 people in a single ward voted for a socialist anti-war candidate shows that a broader arena is developing for recruitment into the Socialist Workers Party.

Further evidence of this trend is the fact that, in a witch-hunt atmosphere, SWP campaigners met with little hostility and much friendliness. Our speakers were courteously heard by non-party audiences. A number of ward residents attended party rallies.

We found mass sentiment to be generally characterized by growing dissatisfaction held in check by miseducation, misleadership, confusion, indecision and inertia. Our campaign raised ward politics to a new level. We intend

to watch Merriam in the City Council and follow through in the ward, armed with new knowledge of the power of our program to attract thinking critics of bankupt capitalism.

Seattle JOSEPH HANSEN "The Great Events in China and Their Relation to Moscow"

Forum of Church of the

People

4033 University Way Sun., March 25 - 1 PM

would not identify any of the six contributions for the Trenton Six as the men they had seen. In addi- defense fund. All money sent to it tion, the car at the scene of the will be earmarked specifically for rime was a four-door green Ply- this case. Contributions should be

of the frame-up by injecting the red issue. The prosecutor and the SWP CANDIDATES PUSH started a smear campaign against one of the defense lawyers be-

NEWARK, March 12 - George Breitman, Socialist Workers Party candidate for General Assembly from Essex County, yesterday called on Governor Driscoll to use the powers of his office "to take?

immediate action to quash the indictments against the Trenton interviewed by your board, I was Six and to secure their unconditional release." In a letter to the Governor, sent

in the midst of the long drawn- I said I would do so if such a out process of picking a jury, candidate were a militant worker Breitman charged that the six who based his campaign on the defendants "should never have labor movement and would be rebeen brought to trial in the first sponsible to the working people place. The system of frame-up of this city and to no one else through false identification, sup- Instead you chose a real estate pressed evidence and forced confessions is just as repulsive in interest among the rank-and-file Trenton as it is in Moscow."

The Socialist Workers spokes man declared that "continued prosecution of these men can serve only two purposes - to 'save face' for the authorities responsible for initiating this judicial outrage, and to intimidate the Negro population as a whole. "Neither purpose is remotely

connected with the promotion of

F. Goelman Gives Interview to AFL

OAKLAND, Mar. 8 - Filomena directly affecting the working M. Goelman, Socialist Workers class." Ten days after the murder, Party candidate for Councilman-Collis English, 23, a veteran at-Large in the City Elections of

SUPPORT DEMOCRATS "Last year the labor leaders poured millions of dollars to support Democratic Party hacks, and

once more labor's ranks could not be roused to support the bankrupt capitalist candidates. My program hasn't changed on this question in the past two years, and in view of these developments it is clearer than it has ever been. I am going to urge a mass Congress of Labor to deal with the housing crisis, the wage crisis and the war crisis and everything else that is

Asked about to her position or the Korean War, the SWP candidate replied that the Socialist Workers Party was opposed to U.S. intervention and believed it was up to the Korean people to settle their own affairs.

Short Subjects

THE ENFORCER - The New York regional office of Price Stabilization has disciplined a small restaurant called the "Greenwich Village Coffee Pot" because it raised the price of coffee from five to seven cents a cup. Meanwhile Price Stabilizer DiSalle announces that 11 basic materials required for military production show an average price increase of 72.3 percent from May, 1950 to Jan. 1, 1951.

BILL HUTCHESON, STRIKEBREAKER -AFL Bill Hutcheson owns a large grapefruit grove in Florida, where the workers recently organized into the AFL Chemical Workers Union, and went on strike, demanding a union contract. But Hutcheson refused to negotiate with the union, and the Chemical Workers called off the strike. The CIO is now organizing these workers. The

fruit plantations in Florida are similar to colonial plantations, with absentee owners, and starvation

NEW POLITICAL MOVE? - Reports are FORCED CONFESSIONS circulating in New York that the blast against the Democratic Party by Louis Hollander, N. Y. CIO Secretary, in which he called for a possible with malaria and a rheumatic April 17, was interviewed today new party for labor, was the first step in a heart, was arrested for driving by the Executive Board of Lanational movement for a Liberal-Labor third his father's car without a license. bor's Educational and Political party. David Dubinsky is rumored to be negotiat- He was a Negro and hence for League (AFL). ing with the heads of the CIO in such a move. the Trenton police a "suspect" in In her statement to the board

SKY HIGH RENTS - Rent controls were lifted in Los Angeles last month. Since then letters of tenants to the office of the Housing Expediter show that there has been an average rent increase of 94.5 percent.