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# AUTO WORKERS HIT TRUMAN RAW DEAL

# Troops for Europe OK'd by Big Business Big Business Drive to War SAN FRANCISCO, April 1 - Attentive audiences in San Francisco (Proposition Proposition Propositio

After three months of the "Great Debate," the Senate adopted on April 4 a resolution approving by a vote of 69 to 21 the shipment of four U.S. army divisions to

Europe. This resolution follows Republican opposition, in par- the "expressed sentiment" of ticular by Sen. Bricker as "a Congress. cham, a hoax, a fraud on the American people." It is exactly Taft flatly asserted that he knew

The American people are being flim - flammed; their expressed wishes brazenly flouted. Truman and his associates are responsible. But the administration is not alone. Equally responsible is the Republican opposition led by Tart, Wherry and their associates. There is not a single voice in either Senate or House that today speaks for the people, expressing their will and interests.

Poll after public poll has shown that the overwhelming majority are opposed to war and to the sending of more troops to Europe. This mass anti-war sentiment is what politicians like Taft are seeking to exploit in jockeying for advantages in the 1952 Presidential elections.

The latest Gallup poll shows that the majority of the American public are convinced "that the repeatedly charged that Truman Truman administration is not has been usurping dictatorial doing as much as it should to powers. "I have never witnessed head off" war. The fact is, such a concerted effort to place neither are the Republican op- such power in the hands of the ponents of the administration.

their bloc succeeded in passing lan. This, too, is absolutely so their "advisory resolution" by a In face of such a grave threat vote of 49 to 43. This unquestion- honest opponents of military dicably was a vote of no confidence tatorship would demand the imin the Truman administration, but | mediate intervention of the peo they too underwrote the sending | ple. But not the Tafts and the of four divisions to Europe. What McClellans! Congress are simply such tactical is disclosed by the fact that they jury is out of the box until the differences as how many troops just barely failed to pass a resoshould be sent abroad and who lution, sponsored by the notorious

no say, either. "Further Con- lution! of the whole fraudulent transac- the beginning of World War III." tion. It has no legally binding | Neither the administration nor this connection was defeated.

the main lines of the original ad- | pleasure double or triple the curministration "compromise" which rently estimated number of 100,had been denounced by the 000 soldiers without "violating"

> In the course of the debate Sen. that more U.S. troops were being actually ordered to Europe before Congress had even acted.

> > Bulletin

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Myra Tanner Weiss Socialist Workers Party

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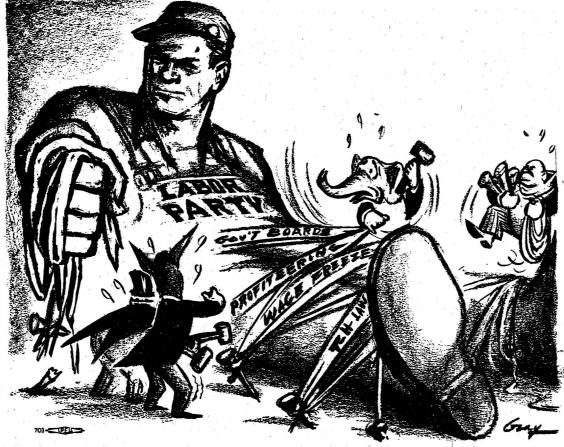
Taft and other Senators have President as is now being On Apr. 2 Taft, Wherry and attempted," stated Sen. McClei-

As matters stand, Congress has to this effect in the Apr. 4 reso-

gressional approval" is written. The attempts to stampede the fessed" voluntarily. When the into the Apr. 4 Senate resolution American people were underscorbefore any more "ground troops ed last week by the deliberately in addition to such four divisions timed "warning" of Speaker witnesses on the stand. Each side police." should be sent to Western Euro- Rayburn of the House that the pe." But this is part and parcel U.S. is already faced with "maybe of the other.

is a highly flexible thing and the issue of peace and war, including testimony of these witnesses with police station where the Negro Pentagon can now ship at their the sending of troops abroad.





## Trenton Six "Confessed" In Pain, Sick, Dazed

By George Lavan

TRENTON, April 4—Argument on the admissibility of the forced confessions of the framed - up judge makes his ruling.

The prosecution has first say to bed. should have the final say: Con- McCarthy, ordering the inclusion in the argument and is still gress or Truman. Both agree that of Franco Spain in the arms presenting its witnesses in an the people shall have no say at plans for Europe. But they did attempt to show that despite succeed in including a provision the four-day-and-five-night incommunicado arrest and grilling of the six Negro men, they "conprosecution has finished, the defense will begin putting its may cross-examine the witnesses

ley, a key figure in the police Then with Manning as an obdivides the opposing sides in The character of these people Trenton Six still continues. The investigation of the crime, on the server the "confessions" began stand. The prosecution has re- Although he had known two of fused so far to produce Smalley, claiming a sore knee confines him | years, he made no attempt to

Today the prosecution put Peyton Manning, a Negro politician, on the stand. This witness' Manning was "an informer of the asserted that after the terroriza-

Manning's first act on the stand was to attempt to explain how Most of the prosecution wit- he "got into the case in the first nesses to date have been police place." According to him he effect on Truman. A previous the Republican opposition will and detectives who were involved received a phone call at his attempt in the Senate to enact protect the people's interests. An in the arrest and extortion of the filling station late one night from what would amount to a law in sroused people must assert itself "confessions." In cross-examina. Dr. Sullivan, a Negro physician. and demand that it settle through tion defense lawyers have brought Together, and not knowing what Furthermore, an army division a national referendum the whole out many contradictions in the was pending, they went to the

large group of police official tion to put Lieut. William Smal- and the prosecuting attorney. the prisoners for about eight talk to them alone, was not spoken to by any of the prisoners Defense counsel tried to ask Manning whether the thought

credibility had previously been ever occurred to him "what am assailed by NAACP attorney R. I doing here?" But the line of P. Alexander who asked a police questioning was ruled out. In witness if it was not true that argument, however, the defense tion of the prisoners in the long nights of grilling the police brought in the Negro doctor, who certain constitutional amenities at

the signing ceremony." In cross examination the defense drew damaging admissions from Manning: When Horace Wilson was brought in to sign he refused stating: "I didn't have anything to do with it and I wasn't there. You can go to Robbinsville and find a man there who can tell you where I was at

Manning also told how Thorpe, which he and the others are Korea. falsely charged, was in pain, had tears in his eyes and was frightened. Furthermore, Manring admitted, Thorpe didn't answer questions coherently but Fleetwood Local 15, World War riumbled. Thorpe declared he II veteran and anti-Stalinist unwouldn't sign, but after 20 or 25 ion militant, who charged that minutes did sign, saying: "I the resolution did not express the

Manning also admitted that McKinley Forest "seemed to be in a daze and was highly nervous." Forest had difficulty in signing his initials to the "confession." It was brought out that was given a letter addressed to into the roaring inferno of that Collis English, a veteran, who suffers from malaria and a rheumatic heart, was sick and in need of medical attention. Others were "disheveled and incoherent."

Although Manning denies remembering Dr. Sullivan asking if a prisoner had been smoking marijuana, he admits hearing some question or statement with the local freight arrived. I about the same answer. The fall railroad industry would have had fire blind by this time so I could the word "drugs" or "drugged" in it. This supports the defense contention that sodium amytol the debate following Anderson's freman must have seen by the fice of the Superintendent, the ready, and we started for the engine hot. After about five was used in getting the prisoners talk and hastily announced, in re-polls" taken throughout the counprepared to "confess."

Attentive audiences in San Francisco and Oakland heard Joseph Hansen speak on the topic "America and the World Crisis - The Socialist Answer to Capitalist Militarism" at a meeting sponsored by the Socialist Workers Party.

"The police action in Korea which began as 'Operation Democracy' now ends up as 'Operation Killer'" declared Hansen. "As a democracy Korea is now twothirds destroyed - the worst devastation of any war in modern independent political action. history."

#### WORLD DOMINATION

Hansen proved conclusively that he drive of U.S. financial and iniustrial interests and their Washington tools is to dominate every corner of the globe. "Truman is now in the process of spending MINORITY RESOLUTION 981/2 billion dollars for wars past, present and future. These costs will have to be paid by the Amer- Policy Committee to convoke a ican workers.'

this issue:

the 1952 elections."

above position are:

Reuther slate);

Aircraft Local 501;

Robert J. Winters, Bristol GM

New Departure Local 626.

MAJORITY POSITION

of the common people."

"wait and see" attitude.

carried in our next issue.

This majority position coincides

In contrast to these prospects Hansen quoted from the current formation of an Independent book "Land of Plenty" written by the architect Walter Teague, as proof of what progress could be made "if the economy were turned loose. But this could only happen when the workers take over the industries and operate them in their own interests." Below is the schedule of Han-

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CLEVELAND, April 2 - For the first time since the founding of the CIO United Automobile Workers, a national convention of America's largest union has heard a

direct attack by its top leaders on the Democratic administration in Washington. Yesterday's opening session here of the UAW's 13th Convention, attend-CLEVELAND, Apr. 5 - It was ed by some 2,500 delegates, was reported tonight that the Resolu- featured by sharp open criticism result of this attempt to export tions Committee of the United of Truman personally and his ad-Automobile Workers convention ministration. here is divided over the issue of

TRUMAN NAMED

UAW Secretary - Treasurer A minority report will be Mazey, assailing Truman by presented to the convention tomorrow calling for "a Congress of name, declared that "the President in this administration has Labor and . . . an Independent given the people of this nation Labor Party." Following is the a raw deal" and that "President text of the minority position on Truman cannot escape his full share of responsibility for the confusion and for the mess that "RESOLVED that this Conventhe mobilization program finds tion calls upon the United Labor itself in at the present time." He accused Truman of responsibility for putting Big Business execurepresentative Congress of Labor tives in complete control of war to take steps for the speedy mobilization and the government's war agencies.

Labor Party in preparation for UAW President Walter Reuther, in his keynote address at The members of the resoluthe start of the convention yestions Committee sponsoring the terday morning, went as far as he has yet dared to go in public-Bert Foster, Cleveland Fisher ly pointing the finger of blame Body Local 45 (recently elected at the White House for the Bigpresident of this local on a Business domination and policies that led to the recent withdrawal of the American labor leaders James Schuetz, Buffalo Bell from the Wage Stabilization Board and all other government

war agencies. Reuther still did not mention Truman's name, but he was unmistakably, if deviously, refer-The majority resolution on ring to Truman when he said that political action calls for the "Mr. Wilson (war mobilization a representative con- czar Charles W. Wilson) is reference of labor for the purpose sponsible for a lot of things in of exploring . . . the best means Washington, and people in adof advancing the general welfare ministrative positions who were elected to office may be able to delegate authority, but they canwith the official line of the ULPC not abdicate responsibility.

Delegates from the floor quickto leave the door open for a deal with the Democratic Party by its Truman, which received an ova-The two positions will be tached to a resolution in support debated on the convention floor of the program of the United Lawhen the Resolutions Committee bor Policy Committee on which reports out tomorrow. Full details the UAW secretary - treasurer on this important debate will be was speaking. Reuther agreed (Continued on Page 2)

## brought in the Negro doctor, who was given a city job a week later, DEBATE FLAY TRUMAN'S KOREA WAR

CLEVELAND, Apr. 2 - A | charges, that "we are also op- | criticized and have been in overdramatic debate on the Korea posed to the corrupt reactionary whelming opposition to our inwar unexpectedly climaxed this regime of Syngman Rhee," Washmorning's session of the CIO ington's puppet dictator in South Korea" and that "they have been United Automobile Workers conhere. A half-dozen delegates took the floor to sharply criticize a lution by adding a line expressresolution, presented by Reuther's resolutions committee, that gave whose arm had been amputated full and uncritical support to U. eight days before the crime with S. imperialism's intervention in

WITHDRAW THE TROOPS

The debate was touched off by John Anderson, of Detroit know I'm going to get life if I true sentiments of the overwhelming majority of the American people. "They have been for the withdrawal of our troops in Korea," he declared. "I am for the withdrawal of our troops from Korea."

Anderson's sharp, straightfrom-the-shoulder statement, in been in opposition to the Coma voice that rang vigorous and munist Party and its policies those workers for ten years in clear throughout the auditorium within our union, I would feel the mines, and I can't conceive packed with 3,500 delegates and somewhat embarrassed to make the workers in a Soviet slave visitors, electrified the assemblage, which listened in absorbed silence punctuated at several points by applause.

UAW President Walter Reuther, who appeared visibly disturbed during Anderson's powerful indictment of U.S. policy in the American people better than Korea, broke into the middle of this resolution does." sponse to the Local 15 president's try have shown "the people have

Korea. Reuther said that the resvention at the huge Public Hall olutions committee was agreeable in Korea." to "clarifying" the original resoing opposition to Rhee.

Supporters of the resolution did not attempt to answer Anderson's charges, nor the blistering indictment of the mistreatment of American Negro troops on the Korean front made by Ernest Dillard, also of Local 15 and one of the most prominent Negro unionists in Detroit. Several of the pro-Korea war speakers admitted that the opponents of the resolution were "honest trade-unionists" and not Stalinists. Their remarks were confined to the theme of "Communist | colony. Of course, the American, aggression" and the treachery of the Stalinists.

Anderson said, "If during the the labor movement I had not ers treated as abject slaves. a speech criticizing this resolution. However, I am not trying to defend the role the Communists are playing in the Korea war or in the Far East generally. But I think a resolution on Korea should express the sentiments of

tervention and to the war in for the withdrawal of the troops

He recalled that a National CIO representative in Korea just before the outbreak of the war "gave a lot of factual information as to what the Syngman Rhee regime represented in Korea, and it was no different than Chiang Kai-shek and Bao Dai and other puppets of the wealthy class in the Far East."

Anderson related his observations of imperialism while he was overseas in the U.S. Army during the last war. "I spent two years and observed first hand the conditions of Asian workers under the French rule in a French Army was there, and although this war was supposed to have been fought for the four freepast 18 years of my activity in doms, I saw these Asian work-

> "The French overlords had labor camp being treated any worse than these workers that I saw under French and American rule. The Americans gave the French the arms and the ammunition to keep these workers in subjection.'

A CIVIL WAR

The Korean war, he said, "is not just inspired by Soviet agents

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# Life of a Railway Engineer

The first time I remember | very interested in the engine, be- | from my previous visits. He | miles away. The fireman told me wanting to be a locomotive engineer was one day when my That led up to my asking if he and asked if I still wanted to go him for a few miles to get an grocery store, and to get to the store we had to cross the raila freight train with the biggest I got just to get a chance to ride engine I had ever seen. The engineer was oiling it so we walked over in order to get a division. better view of this wonderful machine. After a few minutes the engineer began talking to us. The one thing which I remember he asked us even after 45 years was what we were going to be when we grew up. I told him, an

After about five more years of ON THE JOB living on a farm, and always

on an engine. I got to know many

At seventeen, after the fall work had been finished on the farm, I bought a ticket to the firing. I was told I was too young, but to come back when I became

hurried to the depot to watch the before my 21st birthday was the one less engineer. crew doing their switching. The exception. When I entered the ofexpression on my face that I was chief clerk there remembered me other end of the division 100

brother and myself were in town would let me come up into the firing. I told him that was what idea of how to keep this big visiting our cousins. We were on cab. He told me to come on up. I came for. He took me into an- Mikado engine hot. Locomotives an errand for my aunt to the That really was a thrill; I still other room and gave me dif- sure had grown in size since that remember the number of that ferent colored yarns, and told me day years ago when my brother, engine. For several years after to name the color. I must have cousin and myself went to the road tracks. At the depot stood that I'd go to town every chance passed the test because he gave grocery for my aunt. me an application form to fill out. From there, he sent me to miles, the fireman called me down of the men who worked on that the company doctor for my on the deck and explained a couple physical examination. I got of things to me about how to through that and reported back read a fire. By this time, it was to the Superintendent Clerk, and dark and after that first look engineers. The letter gave my big firebox, the only thing I name and stated I was permitted could see was a very bright spot

fireman. That afternon, a cold snowy I made that same trip every day in December, I embarked on FIRE BLIND dreaming of a job as a railroad fall, trying every railroad that my railroad career. Had I known I started shoveling coal, or man, I was in town one day when entered the city, always with then what I've learned since, the rather, tried to. I was completely

cause he began talking to me. greeted me by my first name, to sit on the seat box and watch After a thrilling ride of twenty

> to ride locomotives for the pur- that was so hot it singed my pose of learning to become a eyebrows off, set fire to my gloves and overalls.

not see the steam gauge to know

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the coal all in one spot. The fire- spend this time without pay. I man helped me up on the seat had to have the signature of three box and explained the blindness engineers on my letter stating I would disappear after a while. was qualified to fire locomotives. The fireman and engineer both Now it requires about twice that told me to put the coal in the many signatures because of the firebox, but every time I'd make many kinds and sizes of engines. a swing at the firedoor with a scoop of coal, the firedoor jumped either to right or left or up or Now all I had to do was return down with the result that coal the letter to the Superintendent was scattered all over the cab.

I kept trying to keep the engine hot, putting out the fire on qualified to fire locomotives. my gloves and overalls (after the first few times of these things catching fire and burning through to my skin I got so I could distinguish between the smell of smells peculiar to locomotives) wiping the sweat out of my eyes, feeling around in the dark for the water jug and scraping the ice off my back. It had been snowing and blowing all night and the snow that settled on my clothing melted on my left side nearest the fire door and froze on my right side.

I was beginning to doubt whether I'd ever learn how to fire. I knew the engineer was still with us because between all the wreck as it didn't seem possible that a machine that rattled and pounded so hard and so loud could hang together. I was beginning to were sore; I hadn't known up till then that a person had so many. My eyes too, by this time, were so full of cinders that I don't think I could have seen anything even if I hadn't been fire blind. The reason I knew our engineer (that important-looking person) was with us was because I heard him cussing the fireman and students in particular for lack of steam.

We eventually got to the other end of the division and got something to eat. I got a bed at the rooming house, and went right to sleep in spite of the lumpy mattress and bed bugs. I later learned how to beat the bed bugs - just go to bed with all of my clothes on, and tie a string around the cuffs of my trousers; that kept them from getting inside of my underwear, and it also helped keep me warm.

After what seemed like just a few seconds to me, but was actually about six hours, someone and that I was to go on it. That was the call boy from the round liance with the Democrats.

the dam since I made that first bility that labor might take a ty may be presented to the constudent trip, and that same call new political direction in '52, vention by delegates from the boy now is getting to be one of when he stated: us old men, and he calls me for jobs now as an engineer.

The development of a social crisis in the

U.S. predicted in the Jan.-Feb. issue of Fourth

International in an article by Robert Lane,

raises the question of the great contradic-

tion between U.S. imperialism's aims and the

revolutionary potential of American labor.

That the class struggle is intervening in the

schemes of the U.S. ruling class is now a fact

not only in Europe and Asia, but at home

as well. The March-April issue of Fourth In-

ternational includes several articles which dis-

1. Foreign Policy and the Workers by Paul

G. Stevens. The Korean war has created a

crisis in U.S. foreign policy, and "has already

shaken up American society more than any de-

velopment since the 1929 crash," says Stevens.

His article, which places special emphasis

upon the need of the workers for an interna-

tionalist policy, probes the process of evolving

political and social disequilibrium in this coun-

2. The Union Leaders' Walkout by Joseph

Andrews. The most dramatic effect of Korea

on the home front has been the revolt of the

labor leaders. Andrews explains in his article

how the conservative labor bureaucracy was

driven to act against Truman's war mobiliza-

tion policies. The article carefully analyzes

the pressures brought to bear upon the top

union officers, impelling them to lead a fight

in defense of labor's standards. Reviewing the

18-year old Democrat-Labor political coalition.

Andrews explains the differences between the

cuss this problem from various aspects.

On a momentous January day I became a locomotive fireman. with the signatures of the three engineers stating that I was

burning cloth and all the various about 20 or 22 times out. I didn't didn't have much time to get called back to work Christmas Nor do they know of the ex- St. Louis. know what that meant so the ready, but I wrapped up a suit Eve. The roundhouse foreman was aminations we have to take every roundhouse foreman explained of overalls, packed a suitcase with just protecting himself and also few months on rule books and that the men that were marked up on the board ahead of my name need until I would have a chance these older men that only lay off the doctor to see that our eyewould be called before me. I to get home again. I started for on Christmas Day. So back home sight and hearing are up to par. Seattle, New Haven and Buffalo waited three days for that call, town on foot. There had been a to the farm again. By this time, The physical examinations and likewise oversubscribed their getting more confused and finan- bad snow storm the night before I had learned through my union the ever-present worry that one quotas. But each and every branch cially embarrassed each day. On so there were no roads open. the third day the call came for a I waded the nine miles to town four P.M. yard engine. Now my through snow over my knees, but name was officially on the I got there in time for the train. getting better though because it seniority list, number 198, the As things turned out, I could have youngest man on the division. We left my suitcase at home because tied up on time at midnight and it was just excess baggage. I the engineer told me years later got marked up on the extra board he sure was glad he didn't have again, feeling quite sure that seemed to me to be screaming to work overtime that night, after three years I would surely should su

> myself, I know the reasons. When we registered at the not be able to work any more until



called me by phone, and read me more men lay off than other I got marked up on the extra board and was told I would be

continuously, the bell would ring Since becoming an engineer be able to work now. After getting marked up on the extra board about 9:30 that Christmas Eve, roundhouse the foreman told me I went back to that same rooming couple of months at a trade school I was cut off the board and would house I had slept at three long so when I got cut off the extra years before. Sitting there all board, generally in a couple of get tired and hungry. My muscles business picked up. He also told alone I got kind of homesick week's time, I was able to get me that if I left the place I was thinking about what the folks at work at my new trade. rooming, I would have to give him | home were doing. I finally went tacted in case I was needed. I left morning, Christmas Day, I woke have to look for another job, and

I went back to the beanery, and again. That was one of the most | ticeship as men in engine service lived. I didn't get called for work three years, I'm an engineer on until the next morning. That was the extra board - the same hardto go to the neighboring town ships to go through again. Being up on their sixteen hours. We days, nights in rain, sleet and brought the train to the terminal snow, and with no differential for the last time, the grand total and that same afternoon I was in pay. The same rate applies for was \$18,668. This pushed the cut off the extra board again.

foreman, telling me there would jobs, work every day, I suppose to studying to become an engineer, be a pass for me on No. Eight help make up for the days they and how easy it is to make a called when needed - that I was that night to come to work. I lose. That was the reason I was mistake that will cost us our job. exception only of Allentown and what clothes I thought I would making it possible to relieve timetables, the periodic trips to a score of 173%. Pittsburgh, to report back to work after being called. Conditions were was only two years this time time I took advantage of the 30day provision in our contract about three weeks during the heaviest grain rush.

In the meantime, I had spent a

Each time I got laid off I was mas Eve, about three in the after-| board. Sure enough, there was ing at my new trade in between Uncle is entirely fair.

of skilled work where a person had breakfast; then to my room has to serve such a long apprenlonesome Christmas Days I ever on a railroad. Now after thirtytwo miles away and relieve a crew subject to call at any hour of on a freight train that had tied the day and night, Sundays, holinights and holidays, Saturdays campaign over the \$18,000 goal I didn't know that on holidays and Sundays.

Neither does the public realize a message from the roundhouse days. The older men that can hold the weeks and months spent quota reached and passed on time,

to get a little better pay for these injustices, we've been called "a bunch of Russians." Because until I got called again. This we try to get from twenty-seventh tion shown by the branches to place in rates of pay to a place make this campaign a 100% a little higher on the ladder, the with the company. When I did railroads were taken over by the "If I had been told at the beginarmy, and we were forced back to ning of the campaign that we work by a certain hour or lose would be able to go over our our jobs.

army has been sent against the accomplished with a hard-hitting miners, the meat workers, steel oranch that never lets anything workers and other branches of take the profits too? Why don't to get this final \$10, we got it." they force big business to do an address where I could be con- to bed and to sleep. The next sure it was the last time I would things? I've never heard of the army forcing a manufacturer to him my home address at my dad's | up and wondered why I hadn't | each time it seemed to be getting | get into production when he shut been called. I walked over to the more and more diffiult to get a down the plant until he could get Three years later on a Christ- roundhouse and looked at the job. After eighteen years of work- his price. Sometimes I wonder if

> decent prices, of a health pro- know who we are talking about when we talk about the administration; that we are not talking about C. E. Wilson, but talking about those responsible for naming him, as Brother Mazey

> Pinned down, Reuther declared of this nation a fair deal, I sub- that Mazey "made that same general spech to 700 labor leaders people of this nation a raw deal. in Washington last week, so they President Truman cannot escape heard it," but "I am sure we will his full share of the responsibility be glad to get copies to all the Members of Congress so they will

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By Reba Aubrey

Fund Campaign Manager The Socialist Workers Party three-month campaign to raise an 318,000 Organization, Press and Defense fund has ended in a smashing success. On March 31 when the scoreboard was posted to 104%.

Not only was the national total better on its local quota with the

The campaign finished with West Virginia in first place with Toledo, Milwaukee, Cleveland, that I had thirty days in which of these times I might not pass. wins top honors for the extra Because one of our crafts tried push and effort that put the finishing punch in the campaign

> A letter from Pittsburgh is a good indication of the determinasuccess. Comrade Carl writes: quota, I would not have believed When I think of the times the it. Our 141% proves what can be daunt their efforts. Even though labor, why doesn't the government we made three trips in rainstorms

> > Toledo not only got under the wire but hit 128%. "Guess this is the best we can do," says Comrade Alice. Toledo's "best" is the

W. W. sent in \$5 and asked that it be credited to "New Haven's quota in the campaign." This contribution boosted New Haven from 106% to 111%.

Sam K. of New York, an Old Guard Trotskyist since 1928, contributed another dollar, saying, "One more nail in the coffin of capitalism.

The group of Socialist Workers Party supporters near the Mason-Dixon Line, sent in another payment of \$100 on their \$250 pledge, making a total of \$412 paid, 165% of their quota.

This grand performance of the irmed the prediction of James P. the Socialist Workers Party, at top with some of the experts in at 11 copies. he heginning of the campaign: In the first column launching the

in the acceptance of their quotas, time too."

penses, if we need it, can be set | never made lightly, have always aside. We know this because the been as good as money in the party branches have promised it bank. It will be that way this

and their promises, which are That's just the way it was.

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| San Francisco        | 1,500       | 1,500    | 100     |
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## THE MULITARY

Seattle.

literature and the proposed sub Cynthia, 14." campaign. Naturally, the Seattle activists, who have a good record enthusiastically. From the way the race for the grand prizes."

The Detroit Branch continues cessful sale on the University of an emergency sum for legal ex- Michigan. Comrade B. Allen

branches. The idea and the competition Hansen, Militant Business Manager currently on a national speaking tour, certainly true of

He writes, "The first night we

Plans for the "Big League reports a sale last Saturday of Militant Circulation Campaign" 158 copies, 2 subscriptions, and are well under way in Socialist several contributions, in door-to-Workers Party door work by ten salesmen.

"All of those who went out of the campaign has found it a very pleasant time," really caught hold she writes, "and that people are anxious to talk about all the will be stiff. Joseph problems The Militant raises. The workers are discussing these problems and looking for an answer. Since we have the answers it's no wonder The Milireports that this is tant is so favorably accepted.

"Howard was high scorer with 23 copies to his credit; Sy and Jack sold 20 each; Chuck and had a branch discussion of Lee, 18 each; Bill L., 17; and

Lillian reports good election sales in Oakland also in connecin literature work, responded tion with the campaign of Filomena Goelman, candidate for they began discussing ways and councilman-at-large. In a recent party branches has fully con- means of upping sales and getting Sunday sale 73 Militants were subs, I wouldn't be surprised if sold in the East Oakland area Cannon, National Secretary of they prove to be right up at the with Filomena setting the pace

San Francisco

This was accepted by the con- campaign in The Militant, Feb. 5, to make good sales of The Mili- California campus in Berkeley of vention as giving Mazey's anti- he wrote: "We know that our tant in connection with the elec- 19 Militants, 3 copies of the Truman attack a formal and offi- organizational budget for 1951 tion campaign of Howard Lerner, pamphlet "The Socialist Workers cial character as an expression will be provided, the press Socialist Workers Party candidate Party, What It Is and What It not of his personal views but of deficit will be guaranteed, and for Regent of the University of Stands For," and one copy each of "Socialism on Trial," "The Coming American Revolution," and Fourth International, theoretical magazine of American Protskyism. In another more recent sale, we hear from Literature Agent Jane S. of a sale of 13 Militants at the same place. Jane also reports that The Militant is being sold on two new San Francisco newsstands. Literature Agent Cathy re-

ports: "At New York University, the student youth sell not only the paper but also such pamphlets as Socialism on Trial and Stalinism and Bolshevism, to their classmates. Many of these sales are made to Stalinists and their sympathizers who seek our students each week for additional literature.

"Frank of the Youth reports good response each week at N.Y.U. Marianne and Herman sold 20 copies last week, bringing the last two weeks' total "Each week, John and Inez sell

at CCNY and Yvonne at Washington Irving High School. The Youth Branch is also expanding the circulation of The Militant by sales at special meetings, such as the Harlem protest rally on the Willie McGee case, covered by Ethel B. and George R. Fortytwo copies were sold in a Manhattan Spanish - speaking neighborhood by George, Bob and Yvonne, who sold 27 of the total. Lou and Fred sold 11 Militants in Harlem, and Harry S. and John K. sold 26 door-to-door in Harlem. Brooklyn Militant salesmen report 17 copies sold in Brownsville door-to-door and on

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Blasts Truman tions of the two major parties in | because he campaigned on a pro- make it a part of the resolution (Continued from Page 1) from the chair to have Mazey's 1952. We ought to get all of la- gram for a fair deal. He said so it could go to all Members of

entire remarks issued in a press release and to send copies to all members of Congress.

Significantly, not a single offi-Truman or to defend the Presi-

However, neither Mazey nor of a complete and permanent political party's kite." break with Truman politically was shaking me and telling me and the formation of labor's own there was an extra west ordered party. Both left the door open specifically with political action.

A lot of water has gone over did vaguely hint at the possi- tion of an independent labor par-

"I believe we should try to get the United Labor Policy Com-I made seven more such trips | mittee (CIO, AFL and independas a student fireman, in all about ent unions) to convene well in Truman, Mazey said: "In 1948

Labor and War Drive

should look at the score in Amercer or delegate took the floor to are we going and what can we on the political front?' We should political parties, 'Nobody owns Reuther issued any call for posi- us; we don't belong to anybody tive political action in the form and we won't be the tail of any

Still to come before the convention is a resolution dealing There is a good possibility, if sufficient time is alloted for debate In his keynote address, Reuther | that the proposal for the forma-

### MAZEY'S STATEMENT

view, etc. The article also makes clear the

importance of mass anti-war feelings as an

4. Economic Roots of the Labor Crisis by

Arne Swabeck. In this article the basic eco-

nomic causes of class struggle in America

are subjected to a fundamental analysis. This

veteran proponent of Marxism describes the

rise of U.S. economy, the rapid increase of

labor productivity, the particularly predatory

character of U.S. exploitation, and the result-

ing rise of U.S. imperialism as an extension

of exploitation at home. "Constant expansion

is a prime necessity for the continuation of

capitalist survival," Swabeck writes, and from

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social struggles, which today have brought

about the labor crisis. This article is essential

to a basic understanding of the changing class

relationships in America, and of the stormy

Leon Trotsky. This reprint of an article pub-

lished in Liberty magazine March 23, 1935

gives a brilliant preview of the future in

which workers will discover that "Communism

iar from being ar intolerable bureaucratic

tyranny and individual regimentation, will be

the means of greater individual liberty and

6. The Lysenko Case by R. H. Monroe and

Joseph Hansen. This is a continuation of an

article begun in the Jan-Feb. issue. It treats

shared abundance.

5. If America Should Go Communist. By

underlying factor in the debate.

In his statement yesterday on a week's work, on my own time advance of the political conven- President Truman was re-elected

bor together in a big national la- that he was in favor of full em- Congress and all labor unions, so bor political conference. Then we ployment, of decent housing, of the people in Washington will ica and ask ourselves, 'Where | gram, decent prices for farmers, educational program, for civil challenge Mazey's attack on begin to do to fight effectively rights legislation... I submit the President has made a very feeble say to the politicians of all the effort to put the fair deal program into effect. "Instead of giving the people

mit the President has given the confusion and for the mess that the mobilization program finds itself in at the present time. All of these Big Business representatives, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Weinberg, Mr. Clay, Mr. Eric Johnston, and a score of others have been appointed by the President, with his authority.

"If Mr. Wilson and Company are not carrying out the wishes and program of the President I submit he has the responsibility and the power to remove Mr. Wilson and Company from the job and replace them with some-Business. The failure of the Presleads one to believe he is in fason and Company are carrying out at the present time."

### NO PROGRAM

He added that Truman "has been silent" and "has uttered no public statement as to labor's grievances and labor's position." But Mazey ended up weakly by offering no positive program of to the President and let him know how we feel about these questions" and to do an "educaso that they will be "effective in a political sense."

enthusiastic applause, several | his attack on Truman. Al Nash of Detroit Chrysler Local 7 said that what "Mazey pointed out in his speech should be incorporated in the resolution. The blame must be placed on President Truman for the things that are being directed against us."

Paul Silver, of Detroit amalgamated Local 351 and a leading oppositionist to the Reutherites,

(the committee) include Brother Mazey's speech when he named names and set responsibility, and pointed out?'

know also."

the delegates as a whole.

# Delegates Flay Asia War

one who would place the inter- us believe, but it is to a large land Fisher Body Local 45, a "if Joe Stalin and his satellites ests of the people of this nation extent a civil war, a revolution- World War II Navy veteran and ever got a chance to do it they ahead of the interests of Big ary war such as the American well-known union militant. He will rape the United States." ident to act on this question our American Civil War, because a war that a guy by the name vor of the Program that Mr. Wil- erty classes of Korea and the time he sees fit" and that he opthe American troops and their strikebreaker this country ever policies as they have been to the had." Russian policies."

JIM CROW ARMY

political action except to "write the National Association for the initiated against the miners. He Marshall, had disclosed "how Ne- all kinds of money out of." tional job" among the workers groes were snatched from the Speakers in favor of the reso foxholes, taken to a kangaroo lution appealed for its support court in Korea in the battlefield on the basis of anti-"Commun-When Mazey concluded amidst and given years and years for ism" and the "threat" of Stalin the slightest infraction of war delegates spoke in support of rules - similar to what they do completely evaded the arguments

> Marshall's report a great play" because "the rulers of this country certainly cannot afford to be hollering about fighting for freeto this nation the conditions un-swering DeVito acknowledged der which the black American that "not one of these disciples

responsible for aggression in Ko-

ments against the resolution was | gates, Vice President John Livpeople fought back in 1776 and said, "I do not want to fight for it is largely between the prop- of Harry Truman can cause any to vote against the resolution workers of Korea. The workers posed "giving a free hand to in South Korea are as hostile to Harry Truman, the biggest

When several delegates started to boo this statement, DeVito quickly silenced them by remind-Delegate Dillard drew strong ing them of the recent railroad applause when he directed at- strike that Truman broke and tention to the investigations of the injunctions and huge fines he Advancement of Colored People said he did not want "the kind it or open hostility displayed by whose representative, Thurgood of war that the big guys make the delegates to the anti-war

taking over the whole world. They to us in GM for the slightest about the anti-democratic aims infraction of the book of rules." of U.S. imperialism and directed Dillard said that "it is easy to their attack at the phoney see why the papers did not give | "peace" program of the Stalin-

Nevertheless, Bert Foster, who group that took control of Local dom in Korea and let it be shown 45 from the Stalinists, in anand fought against the resoluwho opposed the resolution are "good honest trade union people," agree with Brother Anderson. where. Syngman Rhee is as much a dictator as Stalin is in Russia."

In a violent wind-up speech trying to whip up the anti-"Com-One of the strongest state- munist" sentiment of the dele-

as the public press would have made by John DeVito, of Cleve- ingston cried hysterically that only a score of delegates dared

> openly, but it was apparent that a large number of delegates abstained from voting for fear of reprisal if they expressed opposition. The resolution was adopted as amended to include opposition to the Syngman Rhee regime. But what was significant in the entire debate was the close and earnest attention paid to the op-

> position speakers and the small amount of any violent jingo spir-*NEW YORK*

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Roosevelt-Labor alliance, and that under Truwith Stalin's offensive against the free deman, especially since the outbreak of the Asian pressed the chairman Reuther on GIs must suffer in Korea and on of Stalin has got up on this floor velopment of science in the Soviet Union. Of how it would be possible for a war. There is little chance, he points out, for special interest in this series is the discussion the battlefield." delegate to ask the resolutions To Dillard's demand that the tion." He admitted that those a lasting class peace in the U.S. of dialectical materialism as applied to the committee to "consider including 3. The "Great Debate" by John Saunders. Korean resolution be sent back scientific field. The "Great Debate" over U.S. foreign policy 7. We Say "NO" to Remilitarization by Brother Mazey's speech as part to committee to include "these of the resolution, as he named "arises from the hopeless situation in which Georg Jungclas. A reprint from Freie Tribune salient facts," Reuther promptly but slanderously accused them American imperialism finds itself," Saunders names? intervened from the chair to of being "used" by the Stalinthe excellent weekly publication of the new declares in his absorbing analysis of the rift Reuther evaded the question by claim that the question of dislists. He also had to admit. "I German Independent Workers Party, of an saying he was sure that Mazey's crimination belonged in another in the ruling circles. Saunders gives sober article by one of the outstanding leaders of speech would be publicized since resolution and that the resolution have no love for dictators anyconsideration to all shades of capitalist opinthat organization. ion on U.S. imperialist strategy and tactics, "the newspapers are all here." under discussion dealt only "with For a copy of this issue on Labor and the But Silver persisted: "Could it the question of who is basically dealing with the opinions of the Truman sup-War Drive send 25c to Fourth International, porters, the Hoover policy, Taft's point of 116 University Place, New York 3, N. Y.

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#### How to Fight High Prices

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- Leon Trotsky: Death Agony of Capitalism. 1938



## "Threats" Are Not Enough

The labor leaders insist upon "policy" posts in Washington as befits representatives of 16 million organized workers. They want to transform the entire administration program, which they correctly describe as a "Big Business steal." But they shy away from steps to organize labor's independent political strength.

CIO Amalgamated Clothing Workers president Potofsky recently threatened a third party if "the wrongs in the mobilization program are not righted." But he quickly added that labor was working within the framework of the two old parties, and would "wait and see." UAW president Reuther states that labor is "bargaining for a new contract" with the government.

Thus, the union heads are using typical trade union "negotiating" methods, including threats of action, without a political organization to back them up. None of the labor officials challenges the political monopoly of the capitalist parties; they merely beg the capitalist politicians to take them in as "partners."

The policies of the Truman administration will not be transformed by collective bargaining alone, any more than big corporations give concessions through mere persuasion. What makes a threat effective at the bargaining

table is the fact that the union can and will strike the plant.

The mere threat to build a labor party is not very effective in negotiations with the administration. It must be backed up by organization, with a real power that can be put to use to challenge labor's enemies at the polls. Even the first steps in that direction would change the whole picture in Wash-

Even if the government makes some concessions to the United Labor Policy Committee, and gives them some top "policymaking" posts, it would not solve the problem underlying the labor crisis. As the all-out war mobilization gets fully under way this crisis will become more aggravated. The cost of all-out war preparations will weigh more and more heavily upon the workers.

A new economic policy which will defend labor's interests and tax the coffers of the corporations instead of the workers' meager pay envelopes cannot be negotiated, it must be fought for.

A new policy requires a new Congress and a new administration. For this a labor party is needed to mobilize the workers, farmers, oppressed minorities and poor middle classes around a program diametrically opposed to the Big Business-controlled Democrats and

## U.S. Labor and

More information about the General Strike in Barcelona has seeped through the censorship. We now learn that demonstrators carried signs inscribed "Pan y Libertad" (Bread and Liberty) and that the streets of downtown Barcelona rang with the singing of the "Internationale."

These facts alone are sufficient to show that the Spanish working class realizes that its fight for the barest necessities of life is inextricably bound up with the struggle to overthrow Spanish fascism. It is also a message to the outside world that the Spanish working class has not forgotten its heroic past and the solidarity workers in other countries displayed during the civil war. What was implicit in the singing of the Internationale in Barcelona has been made explicit by the appeal of the Spanish underground and groups in exile. The POUM (Workers' Party of Marxist Unification), which despite Stalinist murders and kidnapings of its leaders, still carries on the fight against Franco, has appealed to the working class throughout the world to demonstrate its solidarity with the Spanish people.

This appeal was addressed to the AFL and the CIO among others. Both these organizations were chief movers in the formation of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU). The Manifesto of that organization promises: "Free trade unions of the world will support with all their strength the efforts of the peoples suffering under police state rule — such as those of ... Franco Spain... to free themselves

from totalitarian oppression. Shortly before the Barcelona upsurge. Truman opened the gates of the U.S. Treasury to the Spanish Butcher and his Fascist Falange. Since the Barcelona strike Washington has been rushing plans to send arms to Franco — arms that will be used to massacre the people of Spain. Yet the labor leaders are silent.

This shameful betrayal of a solemn pledge must end. Just as all labor's representatives on the "Defense" Mobilization resigned in protest, so all labor representatives with the State Department and ECA must resign in protest against U.S. support of Franco.

Labor must speak out. Stop U.S. loans and arms to Franco! Solidarity with the Spanish workers!

### 3 Years of the Marshall Plan

The third anniversary of the Marshall Plan was hastily celebrated in Washington on Apr. 2, one day after "April Fool" day and one day before the actual anniversary which falls on Apr. 3. In a hypocriitcal statement issued for this occasion, Truman proclaimed that the objects of this plan had been "substantially achieved," and went on to declare that he would ask Congress to extend this "aid" beyond the legal expiration date, next April.

The total cost to date has been 11 billion dollars, every penny of it coming out of the American people's pockets. What did we get for it? Of what benefit was it to the mass of the European peoples, for whom it was allegedly intended?

Far from benefiting, the mass of the people, here and overseas, have been outrageously duped and victimized. After three years of this plan, which solemnly promised security, the peoples everywhere are more insecure than at anytime since the last war. Instead of the pledged "peace," the whole world now trembles under the shadow of war. Instead of prosperity, world-wide inflation rages, of which the first victims have been the American people.

Only two years ago, in 1949, Truman was still making his demagogic promise that "we can establish an income level in the country

of \$4,000 per famliy a year." With our living standards already deeply slashed, the average family faces only the prospect of further slashes, with demands for more and more "sacrifices" multiplying from Wash-

The capitalist economies of Western Europe, which the Marshall Plan unquestionably propped to the exclusive benefit of a handful of the rich, remain sick. Nowhere have prewar living standards been regained. Everywhere they are being driven down and the official demand is - for further "austerity." Everywhere arms expenditures are piling up. And if the Marshall "aid" is extended it is exclusively for the purpose of "helping Europe rearm," as has been done in the last period, and as this plan was designed to do from the

The military aims and evolution of the Marshall Plan were seen and predicted by the Socialist Workers Party. In July 1948, the 13th National Convention of the SWP adopted a statemen to the effect that this plan was not at all a "relief program" for Europe, as the official labor leaders claimed. But "simply a part of the U.S. imperialist economic, diplomatic and military intervention abroad. . . American workers must oppose the Marshall Plan no less vigorously

than the Taft-Hartley Law." Events have shown who told the truth.

## New Wave of Strike Struggles in France

By Ernest Germain

France has just experienced a cabinet crisis which led to no perceptible change in the governwhich has considerably modified has unexpectedly erupted.

The bourgeois parties and the of the Stalinists as well as that price-rises in the past six months, large-scale action. cept growing. But after the

in finding expression.

on the buses and subways gave ment. However a strike - wave the signal. In February all their for everyone." A majority of the his entourage. unions except one, that of the conductors participated in the he relations between the classes subway conductors, organized a movement, despite the strikepercent successful; even the subsocial Democracy are squabbling way conductors were swept along. over which system of voting to This kind of demonstration is strike other sections of industry use in the coming election. They traditional in this section of the want to reduce the representation transport industry which has ex- transport workers make up the tremely diversified working conof deGaulle. While this dispute ditions and where the workers was going on, the discontent of want first to see whether unity is electricity workers went out first. the masses over the considerable realized before participating in Then the railroad workers. The

The "new" government disserious setbacks of the preceding regarded this warning and refused France. The government issued

which together with the Parisian vanguard of the working class, movement started by the ranks spread very rapidly throughout

four years and because of the to meet with the workers' repre- threats, and decreed a draft. In How Stalin Destroyed Anti-Fascist Refugees



El Campesino

authentic hero of the Civil War sentenced to the death penalty by Franco's regime, was on his way to the Soviet Union in May 1949, he asked Ilya Eh-

When the fa-

a n general,

renburg, top Stalinist propaganda writer: "You mean that the Soviet paradise is no paradise?" (Ehrenburg had explained that demy. This happened in Jan. everything was not so rosy here.) Ehrenburg replied: "This paradise has been created by propaganda. The peoples need not prisons and concentration camps, know the truth. Spain is behind you. Now your only fatherland took place after the German ins the USSR. Don't forget it, and, above all, don't ever engage in any discussions!" This was both advice - and a

(Stalin's secret police - now the MVD) spied on every foreigner, in fear lest a majority of the Communist refugees from other countries refuse to completely renounce doing their own thinking — a capital crime under

In his book Life and Death in the USSR which he recently published in Paris (Editions Plon) after having escaped to Europe from the Soviet Union, El Campety at the Frunze Military Academy in Moscow, and how he was when he ventured to criticize the Soviet general staff — he who had himself participated in the labor. persecution of Trotskyists during the Spanish war!

the opinion Russia should preexecutioners. mous Spanish pare her defense against Ger-In the period of the Hitler many. In 1939-40 this was a he-

resy; for after concluding his garian refugees, many of them pact with Hitler, Stalin singled of Jewish extraction, were handout Britain and France as the im- ed over to Hitler's Gestapo, after perialist enemies against whom they had previously served senthe Soviet Union was to prepare tences in Stalin's prisons and itself. Moreover, the Spanish general criticized the attitude of many Russian officers, saying by Margarete Buber, wife of they had lost contact with the Heinz Neumann, a prominent figpeople. He further accused sev- ure in the pre war German CP eral Spanish Stalinist leaders who was arrested in 1937, for (who had also escaped to Rus- disagreeing with Stalin's prosia in 1949), and disposed of sufficient evidence to prove their

El Campesino was, of course, expelled from the Military Aca-1941. In March he was put to work at the Moscow subway. Before being sent to the successive he was an eye-witness of what vasion.

misconduct and corruption.

Oppositional moods and feelngs were by no means limited to the foreign Communists, but threat. In fact, the NKVD these were the special targets of Stalin's secret police. Spanish, German, Polish, Hungarian and other refugee militants disappeared - most of them never to be seen again.

Out of 5,823 Spaniards who came to the USSR in 1939, only some 1,200 were still alive when Campesino escaped; and of these only 200 have remained Stalinists to this day. Of the 210 Spanish airmen who were sent to the USSR in 1938 by the Republican sino reports how he was first received as a privileged personal struction only a handful has surwere shot or tortured to death then accused of "Trotskyism" in Moscow. Even their girls, whether Russian or Spanish, were arrested and sentenced to forced

the Spanish CP, has also been ly spell its doom.

Stalin alliance, German and Hunforced labor camps. An eye-witness account of this is supplied Nazi orientation, and whose subsequent fate is still unknown.

Mrs. Buber-Neumann was arrested herself in 1938. In her just published book Under Two Dictators (Dodd. Mead & Co.) she tells the details of this bestial transation. She was in the group of 23 women who had been brought back in 1940 from camps and prisons all over Russia for trans-shipment to Germany.

In this group was the aged Zensl Muesahm, wife of Erich Muesahm, the famous German anarchist murdered by the Nazis in 1934; Carola Neher, the famous actress; Roberta Gropper, former Communist deputy of the German Reichstag; Wally Adler, Betty Olberg and others, among them Frau Fekete, a Hungarian. A total of 150 men and women were handed over to the Nazi executioners, doubtless as a token

of "good will" on Stalin's part. The brutality bared to the world by Campesino, Buber and senseless and incredible. But it is an organic part of Stalinism which seeks to resolve all issues by use of naked force and ruthed and arbitrary Soviet bureaucracy, which has nothing what-Jose Diaz, general secretary of precisely this that shall ultimate-

split trade union movement, this sentatives. On Friday, Mar. 16, vain! The President of France engaged in an adventuristic camdiscontent had some difficulties the strike broke out. All the had no train to take him to Le paign of anti-American "politiunions except the subway con- Havre where he was to depart calization" of every working-class

> The agitation continued in nu- Force and of the Catholic unions merous industries and corpora- a united front for a consultative tions although by the end of commission on prices. They have March most of the strikes, ex- protested their exclusion from cept that of the Parisian trans- the negotiations on wages and ort workers, had stopped. These have condemned the inadequacy transport workers' struggles kept of the results obtained. battling the same as the first day, refusing the pittances offered to them and remaining firm on their demand of "6,000 francs for everyone.

These movements have ended because of the wage increases etreat before it.

when in other West European countries the workers have also entered into struggle. We are witnessing a resurgence of the abor movement in this part of

spontaneous way we saw a paradox: The reformists and ahead. their "comrades in the Cabinet" | perspective to the workers. of the Socialist Party and of the the strike.

Catholic union leaders are confeel its breath.

past winter they have been is freely expressed.

The transport workers of Paris ductors united to demand a for the United States and had to demand. They have suddenly monthly increase of "6,000 francs make the trip by automobile with given up this line and greeted the strike movement - and have per-After its indifference of the mitted it to develop freely on the first days, the government was whole. Nowhere have they pushed 24-hour strike which was 100 breaking attitude of their union seized with anxiety. The orders for the extension of strikes. Only for a draft remained ineffective, in certain places where the After forty-eight hours of this In some places the police re-presence of revolutionary miliportedly hesitated even to distants could give rise to the tribute the draft summons. In- formation of new leaderships cessant conferences of ministers have they intervened to prevent followed. Increases of about any such developments. On the started moving. The gas and 111/3% were granted. The rail-other hand, they have offered road workers' strike terminated. the leadership of the Workers'

#### STALINIST POLICY

Numerous rank and file militants of the French Communist Party have been astonished by their leaders' lack of policy and n a working-class victory, not have acted without them. This, of course, does not mean they are which are obviously inadequate ready to act against their leadbut because the trend existing ers. Matters have not gone as far since 1947 has been reversed. The as that yet. As for the top Stalinworking class is now taking the ist leadership, it's attitude is to be nitiative; it has regained its explained as follows. They have cohesiveness and its self-con- understood that the present strugfidence is returning. It now knows | gle, important as it may be, was that it is again united for strug- only a skirmish before other ungle and that the bourgeoisie and avoidable big battles, the exact the government can be forced to time for which cannot be forecast but which are surely not too far These struggles have arisen at distant. Their hesitancy is inne very moment of the general tended to put them in a better trike in Barcelona and at a time position in respect to these coming struggles which they wish to manipulate for the benefit of Kremlin diplomacy.

We are now heading toward a general struggle of the working class. Propaganda for preparing What has been the attitude of the general strike and for the the traditional labor organiza- establishment of a Workers and tions? In the railroad workers' Farmers Government is the strike which began in a genuinely essential task for the revolutionary vanguard in the period The Stalinist leaders, Catholic trade unions (Workers' bound to the Kremlin, are Force and Christian Federation of dependent upon the outcome of l'rade Unions) issued the strike the current "Big Four" negotiaorder at the very moment when | tions and cannot open such a

One of the most important MRP signed orders for the draft aspects of these recent strugwhile the Stalinist leaders of the gles is the increasing number of General Confederation of Labor workers who showed themselves took no official responsibility for ready to struggle without directives from the organizations they So far as the reformist and have followed up to now. Another no less important aspect is that erned, the explanation is simple: the movement has given birth in he election is coming and they several places to genuinely democratic strike committees and As for the Stalinists, their even to strike committee meetattitude is more subtle. In the ings where the voice of the ranks

## less police measures, There is no other way in which the privileged and arbitrary Soviet bureauc. ever in common with socialism, can remain in power; and it is

rail workers of the Midwest. Mr. Ford, on an organization from this provision tour through the Midwest from three principal points: 1. The old railroad brother-

noods no longer exist as labor rganizations. 2. There is no hope of weld-

effective union. 3. The UROC can adequately

and efficiently represent the interests of the men in the transportation crafts. Ford pointed out the stagnation

of wages and working conditions in the operating crafts. Once among the highest paid workers in the country, they now receive ess than most organized work-With larger engines and more

efficient operation productivity has increased many fold. Ford pointed out. The old rail unions have made no serious attempt to win gains for the workers as a result of increased productivity and technological improvement. Ford enumerated many grievances long overdue for solution in the railroad industry. Road crews, who spend a large part of was in visualizing the shrinking than only tending home and their time at away-from-home erminals, receive no expense allowance. There is no night-shift ments. The Debs movement was should make a real effort to help differential. There is no sick leave. Railroaders pay a very trasted to the employer-financed them a medium through which railroad worker pays \$18 a brotherhood bureaucrats are going month on a \$300 income into the to be in for a big surprise when pension fund. Average retirement this movement for a united inannuity being paid in Dec. 1950 dustrial rail union sweeps them

MINNEAPOLIS, Mar. 29-An legislation was passed, the railenthusiastic meeting of 150 op- road brotherhood bureaucrats conerating railroad workers listened sulted the American Association to a stirring address tonight of Railroads but not their own given by A. J. Ford, National members. They asked that railresident of the new United Rail- road workers be exempted from road Operating Crafts. Ford was the benefits of this legislation. introduced by Richard Cotton, Proposals on wages and working Minneapolis UROC General Or- conditions that have been on the ganizer, who reported on the fire for two years propose an imfavorable reception which the mediate 48-hour week and later new union is receiving among a 40-hour week for yard crews. Road crews would be excluded

The agreement signed Dec. 21 the Pacific Coast, emphasized by the heads of the operating brotherhoods would make possible the breaking down of working conditions established by 50 years of bargaining and struggle. The small wage increase would come ing them together to form an at the expense of men being forced out of employment by the changes in working conditions. Although this agreement was later rescinded under rank and file pressure, it was signed by the leaders without any consultation with the membership.

Mr. Ford explained the organizational structure of the United Railroad Operating Crafts, an industrial union with craft divisions each electing their own representatives by referendum vote. The rail workers have long wanted a referendum vote on all officers and on wage and contract

The speaker traced the carliest movement to build an industrial union on the railroads, that of Lugene V. Debs in 1894. He showed how far-sighted Debs employment in the industry as a result of technological improvesmashed by the railroad owners great Pullman strike.

In conclusion Ford predicted from their positions.

## Letters from Readers

#### **Dutch Friend Gives** Views on Militant

Editor: A letter thanking me package sent to a Dutch comrade contained the following paragraphs which I thought would be of interest to Militant readers: "Soon it will be a year that a light attack of tuberculosis has kept me to a bed in a sanatorium in the neighborhood of Amsterdam. It is a sanatorium called "Sonnestraal" (Sun - gleams) which was founded 25 years ago by working class solidarity from

the Diamond Workers Union. "The greatest part of the patients here are young workers mainly from the industrial centers of Zaandam and Amsterdam in the west of Holland, which was delivered in the last stage of the Second World War to systematic starvation by the Nazi occupiers. Many of them also constituted a part of the forced labor used mainly in the heavy bombarded industrial centers of Germany, as was I in Berlin. Further there are several soldiers compelled to fight in Indonesia who are laying down here after neturning from Indonesia, often vithout having a furlough with

their family. "As I wrote I am very much our world movement, therefore my own thoughts and send them reading precisely our international press among which the Also "The Militant Army" has take care of the children? always my special attention for | The woman has been pushed its organizing and stimulating into the home. As in the animal

function by learning about the world the female has to tend to work methods, replies and results her young and the male has to of your Militant campaigning. . . will end my letter by proposing them. and some friends for a C.A.R.E. and asking you some questions. First of all, I should be very of the house and children and pleased when you were able to her busband she becomes just a comrade, perhaps among the youth who will exchange letters European and American prob-

> "Then secondly is there a from Pioneer Publishers, or other which he can express American books by sending you or Time . . . and it is never

to hear soon of you. "Receive my Trotskyist greet-P.S. Don't mention my English mistakes for I learned it mainly by reading the English

(Any reader wishing to correspond with M.K. can get the address from the Militant .-- ed.)

### **Housewife Protests** Woman's Slavery

Editor: I was so pleased to

So women have equality! What Militant with its clear theoretical equality I would like to know? articles, its appealing cries for They have the right to vote; does Genora Johnson Dollinger) and leave the home and the children its brilliant articles of day-to-day and compete in industry with workers' life as described by men? Of course they can't do

hunt for food and provide for In that process of taking care

connect me with an American subject, a slave. And in her lowly position she is not expected to know anything. What can one and ideas with me on the many expect from a slave? To whom can she complain? When a man does not like conditions in his plant, where he possibility of obtaining books works, there are avenues through

grievances. He can even go flower bulbs (tulip or so)? I read directly to the boss and tell him book criticisms in the Militant to go to blazes, or even quit his job. If he isn't satisfied with his possible to obtain them. Hoping | pay he can ask for more. He may not get it but he is free to act. In the process he thinks, and as ings and thanks. (signed) M. K. he thinks for himself, he can be expected to ascend to a higher

> The woman is not required to think for herself. A slave who is on a low level carries out his duties better than one who is on a higher level; he is less likely to revolt. That is all that society asks of woman - that she tend to her own business in the kitchen. When our social system will

require a higher cultural level i see Rose Karsner's articles will have to free all the slaves directed to the problems of women from the kitchens and help them interested in the development of that I feel compelled to set down find a better reason for existence

I think that The Militant the double-enslaved of this miser-(as the article from that make them equals? Can they able social system which offers high rate for pensions as conthem nothing but subjection and misery. The Militant should offer pensions in other industries. (A that the old impotent railroad Theodore Kovalesky and others. that. Who will stay home and they too can put their grievances

Sylvia R.

A sample of Walter Reuther's "democracy" was convention went along. It was said that the original delegates' opposition to the dues increase might have had something to do with their meeting.

UAW President Walter Reuther, in his opening address this morning, said it would be "tragic," "dangerous," and "unrealistic," and also a "disservice to the war effort," if organized labor "in this period of profiteering and runaway prices would even remotely think of giving a no-strike

say we have got to keep the right to strike as our only weapon to fight against injustice in

Philip Murray didn't get particularly excited

in his convention address on such matters as the wage freeze, big business control of the war agencies, etc. But he practically got down on his knees and sang "Mammie" when he pleaded with the delegates to give Walter Reuther more dues money. You could see he had his heart and soul in it. He told the delegates that on their decision to vote more dues "the perpetuity of your organization, and the well-being of hundreds of thousands of other souls. . . is hanging in the balance."

The Canadian delegation reported that two of their number were denied admittance into this country and a third held for expulsion back into Canada for alleged "security reasons." The convention addressed a strong protest to Truman demanding the admission of these Canadian Canada for alleged "security reasons." The condemanding the admission of these Canadian auto workers who had been democratically elected to represent their fellow-members at the UAW Broussard gathering. The delegate who had been held for deportation was finally permitted to attend the

One backward delegate, who didn't use Reuther's diplomatic language to cover his reactionary position in support of Truman's "police action" in Korea, embarrassed Reuther no end in the debate on the Korean war resolution by declaring "if I had my way about it I would drop the atom bomb on Moscow." He included in his remarks a racial slur about "the Asiatics multiply like rats." | the Councilmanic elections. Hav-This statement was protested by another delegate ing become familiar with the proand Reuther called on the remiss brother to strike his insulting allusion from the record, explaining that the delegate had been "carried away in the excitement of the discussion" and "didn't really

# In Oakland

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OAKLAND, Calif. - The Election Campaign Committee of the Socialist Workers Party in this city decided to extend critical support to Rev. Warren I. Broussard, a militant Negro minister running from West Oakland in gram which the SWP Candidate for Councilman - at - Large, Filomena M. Goelman is putting forward, Broussard proposed that both candidates support each

While rejecting any possibility of a unified campaign, because of important political differences, the SWP Campaign Committee has agreed to make an offer of support to Rev. Broussard's Camtion of Oakland in entitled to representation on the council.

#### FORMER CIO ORGANIZER

Rev. Broussard is a longshoreman, Chairman of the Harry Bridges Defense Committee, and formerly CIO organizer in the deep South. He demands Negro representation in the City Council; an end to police brutality and jim crow. On the war ques-Council hold a public meeting in which the people could express their opposition; but he clings to the fallacy of peace through

the United Nations. local election campaign is one indication of the impact being made by Candidate Goelman, their labor, while the employer Many workers still remember her from the campaign of two years an hour on that same hour of ago. Two contacts have offered labor!" their homes for their neighbors to meet the candidate; one of them expressing regret that the home wasn't large enough to hold

# **Increase of Dues**

CLEVELAND, April 2 - Walter Reuther late this afternoon achieved his major objective in the 13th Convention of the CIO United Auto Workers, meeting here, when he shoved through a membership dues increase of \$1 a month, to bring the monthly

### MURRAY PRESSURE

The whole convention has been geared to this single end of raising Reuther's treasury by an additional million dollars every month, Even CIO President Philip Murray was brought into the higher dues to build a \$15 milsaid would be used to fight for guaranteed annual wages and executive, you could get a \$5,000

After a heated four-hour deopponents of the dues increase to cents an hour, I repeat - would secure a roll-call vote was defeat- be inflationary!" ed. About 495 delegates voted for the roll call, but it was short of the 700 required by convention

rules. represented the largest locals and lion workers would be allowed to plants in the union with the high- run their course, Murray gave est proportional voting strength the board's reply: "No, said in the convention. On a roll call these stabilizers, if a stable costthey would have polled almost

Among the delegations opposing the dues increase were Ford Local 600, with 65,000 members, the Flint General Motors locals, Detroit Dodge, Budd 306, and big blocs of delegates from Detroit locals which are pro-Reuther. These represent the very heart of the union in Michigan.

This opposition of a large part of the oldest, most experienced and traditionally most militant sectors of the union reflects a significant and growing shift of sentiment away from Reuther. The debate this afternoon showed a wide mistrust and suspicion of the Reuther leadership and of used to strengthen its bureaucratic control over the UAW.

## NEXT WEEK

Complete review and analysis of CIO United Automobile Workers Convention

Art Preis Militant correspondent

Don't miss this firsthand report of this important Cleveland Convention



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18,569 Votes Cast in L. A.

This Socialist Workers Party leader conducted a vigorous campaign for the Los Angeles Board of Education on a socialist, anti-war program.

war and progressive forces.

# CONFERENCE OF LABOR

At the National Conference of Labor held by the United Labor Policy Committee Mar. 21 in Washington, James B. Carey, CIO Secretary-Treasurer disclosed the following figures on the rate

of exploitation: "In the first quarter of 1950, the profits made on each hour of work by each of UAW Officer Says the nation's 13,000,000 production workers was already at the stagtion he is urging that the City gering figure of 861/2 cents an hour. In short, the employer was making 86½ cents on each hour worked! By the fourth quarter of 1950, this profit had jumped to \$1.21 an hour - an increase of This latest development in the 34½ cents for each hour worked. Production workers got an increase of 10 cents an hour for raked in an increase of 341/2 cents

> In revealing the bias of the income tax laws in favor of the rich, President Hayes of the In- tion. less he earns \$5000 or more a year. Here are some examples:

Those receiving incomes of less than \$5000 save nothing by a split income return. Salaries of \$7,500 save \$53 per

Salaries of \$10,000 save \$168 Salaries of \$25,000 save \$2,268

per year Salaries of \$100,000 save \$13,-170 per year

If this gimmick which benefits only the higher incomes (17% of the tax payers) was repealed, it is estimated that an additional two billion dollars would be recovered."

In his opening speech to the drive. He made an impassioned Conference CIO President Murplea for Reuther's demand for ray explained the workings of the wage stabilization order as folion fund that the UAW leader lows: "Under the formula, if you were a \$50,000 a year corporation 200 retirement pensions - in increase - and it wouldn't be inflationary. But if you were a fifty cent-an-hour service employee in bate the convention approved the some little shop, the Board dues increase by a hand vote of majestically decided that a wage three to one. An effort of the raise of six cents an hour - six

Telling how the ULPC had asked the wage stabilization board if the escalator clauses in con-However, these 495 delegates tracts covering two or three milof-living contract bumps into our have to be violated. The stabilizers well knew they were risking instability in half a dozen of our most vital industries; they knew that the workers had fought for those contracts, and would fight, on the picket line if necessary, to keep them." At this point the hall burst into applause.

"Trial of Trenton Six" Evewitness account Speaker; GEORGE LAVAN, Militant correspondent FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 8 P. M. 423 Springfield Ave.

MYRA TANNER WEISS

She spoke before numerous trade union, Negro, Mexican and other organizations. Her large vote came as a shock to the political machines and as an encouragement to the anti-

# paign Committee, because they believe the sizeable Negro popula-

## **Truman Abdicates** To Big Business CLEVELAND, March 31-"We not only have the companies to

The Truman administration has failure of other candidates to of this "subversive" candidate. He abdicated to Big Business," said appear. The chairman of the felt constrained by pressure a Emil Mazey, CIO United Auto- meeting became frantic at the few days later, to read the text mobile Workers secretary-treasurer, at his press conference here this afternoon prior to tomorrow's attack against undemocratic the term "subversive" was based opening of the union's conven-While UAW President Walter

chinists told the conference: "This Reuther has thus far kept silent provision (permitting splitting of on Truman's role, Mazey repeated income between husband and wife his declaration made at the recent ed by the League of Women Women's Club, which had an on tax returns) means exactly national labor conference of the nothing to a married person un- United Labor Policy Committee, ence of more than 1000, and was 102nd St. School in Watts; the He said in response to reporters' questions: "The President can't escape re-

sponsibility for the present mess." POSSIBLE NEW DIRECTION

Asked whether he foresaw any 'new form of political action" by iabor growing out of the current rift with the administration, Mazey said that there is "a possibility that labor may move in a new direction, but that depends on what happens between now and the political conventions

To the Militant reporter's and the Democrats, Mazey claimed that the ULPC demands were poses" and that the union leaders would insist on their full demands for effective price controls, curbs on profits, fair taxation, etc.

"If you don't get these demands, some spots we might put forward instigation.

He made it clear that he did Morris, present president of the labor party at this time. "For leader in 1937 of the famous this period of time," he said, women's brigade in the Flint GM using the union's strength for sit-down strikes and at the time political bargaining with the two of the assault upon her a member major parties "might be benefi- of the Local 212 committee set cial." But "viewed over a long up to investigate previous beatneriod of time it might have a ings of members. different affect."

He added that it is "my hope. and desire that in the foreseeable future we will have our own whether the UAW officials were party." He did not state how he contemplating criminal action expected this to be brought about against the officials of the comin "the foreseeable future" if pany and damage suits on bepeople like himself do not press half of the assault victims, Mazey for such a solution today, when said only that such steps were he admits the old alliance with "under consideration" by the the Truman administration has union's attorneys. Questioned nothing to offer and Truman further as to the nature of any himself is responsible for the steps contemplated, the UAW of-

## Anti-War Candidate Polls Over Six Percent of Vote

LOS ANGELES, April 4 — Myra Tanner Weiss, Socialist Workers Party-endorsed candidate for the Los Angeles Board of Education, received 18,569 votes, over six percent of the total votes cast.

lied by means of an energetic of the Socialist Workers Party . campaign. Comrade Weiss reached an estimated 100,000 or more people with the anti-war message of previously restive audience as the party.

#### INTENSIVE CAMPAIGN

intensive and rewarding of the would like to reply that if we entire campaign. Comrade Weiss spoke to as many as four meetings in one day and the sound is the rest." truck awakened the city with the blasts of its anti-war slogans reaching tens of thousands. Thousands of leaflets and campaign platforms were also distributed.

he candidate this week were peace." three sponsored by units of the Independent Progressive Party, truck went right through the remnant of the Wallace move- heart of the downtown business ment, dominated as it is by the district, with its anti-war slogans, Stalinists. If they had hoped that in the most crowded hours when Comrade Weiss would not answer tens of thousands were in the the formal invitation they sent to process of leaving work. At every all candidates, they were soon mention of "anti-war," heads of undeceived. She came and con- pedestrians would swivel in the quered. In addition to speaking direction of the loudspeaker. egainst the war, at every one of Other heads would crane out of the meetings she delivered a streetcar windows and autolecture against the class col- mobiles. A friend reported to us laborationist methods of Stalin- on the following day that he had ism, explaining the principled line heard the car from the 11th floor of Trotskyism.

At one of these meetings, held time. at the IPP County Headquarters, Burritt Wheeler, a local news Comrade Weiss spoke for more commentator, made the mistake fight but the government as well. than half an hour due to the of urging his audience to beware obvious friendliness of the audi- of an anti-war socialist stateence and attempted to silence her. | ment which she had sent to him, This gave her another point of and to explain that his use of Stalinist methods and won addi- merely on the Attorney General's tional sympathy from the audi- "opinion" on the Socialist Work-

> the week was a meeting sponsor- ing the week were the Echo Park Voters which attracted an audi- audience of several hundred; the broadcast on the radio. In the American Jewish Congress; and

This sizeable support was ral- | Tanner Weiss gave the essence stand against the war. A deep, thoughtful silence came over the she said, "Some of my opponents have complained that a discussion of the war is not pertinent The last week was the most to a School Board election. I cannot provide a future of peace for our children then what good

#### STALINIST FAKERY .

In contrast, the Stalinist candidate gave a real reformist line. maintaining that war is not Especially noteworthy among inevitable under capitalism "if he many meetings addressed by children are taught the spirit of

> This week, the party sound of a building he was in at the

ers Party.

One of the biggest events of Other meetings spoken to duralloted three minutes, Myra the Parent Election Study Group.

# BRIGGSTO CANCEL DEAL

Briggs Local 212, predicted today question as to what he considered Manufacturing Co. cancel its was confident that the company's not set up for "bargaining pur- president, W. Dean Robinson, of the grand jury that first heard would soon be discharged.

Here for the UAW convention which starts tomorrow, Mazey told a special press conference this afternoon in his Hotel Holwill you then advocate a new lenden suite that he was "given the bastard in the case." party run by labor?" the Militant the assurance by one of the comreporter asked. Mazey replied, pany officials that the Renda Right now we are interested in contract will not be operative on scandal that has rocked Detroit building political understanding April 1." It was revealed at the in the ranks to move in any direc- Kefauver committee's hearings in practice charge against the comtion we intend to move." Did this Detroit several weeks ago that mean the unions "might go the mysterious beatings of Local mitted that it might be two years Republican?" Mazey laughed as 212 members in 1946 and 1947 or more before a decision is if this was a ridiculous idea, but were carried out by Renda, sonthen added, "We might support in-law of the notorious racketeer stated that Local 212 would not Republicans in some spots, and in Sam Perrone, at the company's

Among the victims were Ken not advocate the formation of a local, and Genora Dollinger,

DAMAGE SUITS Asked by The Militant reporter ficial repeated emphatically that

CLEVELAND, March 31 - no decision had been made on

Mazey came to the defense of son of its founder, claiming that "We have gone over the records the testimony and these and our conversations with Briggs officials lead me to believe that Briggs had nothing to do with it and that President Robinson was

and cancelation of the scraphauling contract with the Renda-Perrone mob.

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# For Myra Tanner Weiss

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#### revealed on the first morning of the convention. Two delegates from an amalgamated local union, No. 38, were denied seating by the credentials committee. They had been elected by a meeting of more than 500 members. Their credentials had been signed by the local president. Then, one week before the convention, the president called a meeting on 24 hours' notice of one of the units of the local, attended by but 19 members, and had himself elected a delegate. He protested the seating of the delegates elected by the overwhelming majority of the members. The credentials committee seated him instead. Reuther supported the credential committee's ruling and the

He was roundly applauded when he said, "I

Who is Responsible?

The Norwegian dramatist and poet Heinrik Ibsent once defined a liberal as an individual lucky enough to be "unhampered by either character or conviction." Our liberal contemporaries have outstripped in their luck the European prototypes, whom Ibsen had in mind. A case in

point are the editors of New Republic. The stench of graft and corruption emanating from Washington; the partial exposure of the tie-up between capitalist politics and the underworld by the Kefauver committee, and the resulting repercussions among the people have caused these staunch supporters of the Truman administration to finally also raise their voices in

They have discovered in their Mar. 26 issue that the government "operates in a climate in which . . . graft is taken for granted." They concede that the scandal of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation reeks to high heaven. And

and local governments, as the Senate Crime Com-

they add, for good measure, other still "uninvestigated" scandals. There is the scandal of the Office of the Alien Property Custodian. There is the Federal Power Commission "improperly influenced by oil, gas and utility interests" both as regards its per-

is, by Big Business. The same is true of state

The New Republic's list is by no means ex-

prevalent practice of "trading" by the Department of Justice in its so-called "anti-trust" suits. There is the Maritime Commission out of which the shipowners have "improperly made" several millions of dollars (they actually stole several billions). There is the Army and Naval Ordnance,

haustive, but even as it stands it provides is ridden from top to bottom by graft and corin each instance by "select few companies," that

I work in the proof-room (where the printers'

galley proofs are checked for errors) of an av-

erage union printing shop. The proof room is

a good spot from which to view the constant

speed-up that goes on in the whole shop. Every

job is a "rush" job. The foreman comes running

into the proof-room all day long, excitedly shout-

ing, "Drop what you're reading now - this job

goes before everything! Don't let anybody stop

Right on his heels, one of the printers will

rush in with a job to be read, saying, "This has

to be read right away — the machine is wait-

exclamation many times before, but suddenly I

was struck by how deeply significant it really

was. What the harried printer meant was that

one of the operators was holding his linotype

machine idle, so he could rush through any cor-

rections that the proofreader might find. But

idle machines mean no profit for the employer -

and everybody feels the tension of that idle

But almost immediately I was reminded that

machine that is "waiting."

"The machine is waiting!" I had heard this

sonnel and "its licensing decisions." There is the

siphoning off contracts to a "select few companies. ruption and, what is more important, dominated nation-wide. Who then is to blame?

mittee hearings have shown. This pestilence undoubtedly has its center in Washington, but just as undoubtedly it is also

Is it capitalist politicians and politics? Is it those who run the "select few companies" and everything that these monopolists stand for? Thousands of plain citizens, whose eyes and minds are beginning to open, are starting to probe to the roots, they are beginning to ask themselves: Is it perhaps the capitalist system itself that

spawns crime and corruption? To the handful of super-billionaires, to their imperialist rule, to their war plans, such thoughts are indeed dangerous. The task of the liberals is to throw sand in the people's eyes. The evil, they shout assuming a highly moral pose, is not the rule, it is merely the exception. And they even estimate it with mathematical precision - at

"Ninety-nine out of every hundred public officials meet the test, the one percent is rotten," swear the New Republic editors. And who is responsible for that teeny-weeny "one percent"? - Why it is one, and only one, individual -"the rottenness is the responsibility of Harry Truman," they conclude.

Harry Truman has not changed. This henchman of the Pendergast machine remains what he always was; so does the Missouri gang that moved into the White House with him. The "rottenness" in Washington is not something new, either. It has been there all this long while. But that did more people who would gladly ternational Association of Manot prevent the New Republic from keeping mum about Truman's "responsibility" which they have

so suddenly discovered. That Truman is responsible is beyond dispute. Largest Locals The liberal lie consists in minimizing the down to "one percent" evil and in trying to unload the "rottenness" of the whole criminal system of "rottenness" of the whole criminal system of capitalism upon a single individual. But to utter such whopping lies — that is the social role of the

liberal apologists for capitalism. The Machine is Waiting

> the machine is waiting in another sense too in a much bigger sense. And with much more cause for all of us to get excited. Two world dues to \$2.50 minimum. wars, a terrible worldwide depression, the tragedy of human suffering, and rivers of blood have run, because the machine, the mighty machine of capitalist production, is trying to break out of the straitjacket of private ownership and narrow national boundaries. American imperialism

tries to drag the world down the road of its solution to the crisis of the machine - atomic war. Yes, fellow shopmates, "the machine is waiting!" It is patiently waiting for us, the millionsstrong of organized American workers, to release it from the stranglehold of capitalist property forms, of production for private profit, and from the suffocating confines of outmoded, reactionary, national boundaries. Today the machine cries out to us, the workers, to unfasten the deadly grip of monopolists and bankers and free it so that it can produce all the goods and services that mankind needs. The machine cries out to be delivered from production of war materials, of atom bombs, cannon, jet planes, flame throwers,

and it is time we heeded that cry.

#### Eviction of a Veteran

DETROIT, March 31 — The aroused tenants of the Charles Housing Project took the law in their hands last Tuesday night and moved Robert Kaltz and his family of seven (five small children under 8) back into their project apart-

Kaltz is an unemployed World War II veteran who had a couple of bad breaks and fell behind in his rent. He offered to make arrangements to pay the back rent, but the project management, showing no interest in his welfare, refused to accept any partial rent payment.

The neighbors realizing that his family (who had already spent five nights sleeping in a truck) had no place to go, decided that the only solution to the problem was to put the family back in. Their few pitiful belongings were being destroyed as they lay out on the lawn day and

Although they didn't divulge their identity because they feared reprisals on the part of the project management, their spokesman, who called the press, said, "They are using every excuse available to evict people from their homes here. The idea is to make room for families being made homeless in the 'slum clearance' program. But it is a vicious circle. Where are the people

going that are thrown out of this project?" They also stated that they hoped this action would draw attention to the miserable role of

the Detroit housing commission. Instead of spending all available government half the vote based on actual rigid formula, the contract will funds for building more homes for the inade- membership in the UAW. quately housed and overcrowded conditions of the Detroit workers, the city is spending a good portion of the funds for slum clearance and turning the land over to private contractors.

Robert Kaltz was very grateful for the actions of his considerate neighbors. He stated "I don't know who the people were that moved me back in. I never was consulted. But now that we are here out of the rain, we are going to stay." The Charles Tenants Council is backing Mr. Kaltz in his fight to keep a roof over his family's

head. They are providing him with an attorney

to cover all the legal angles, such as the break-

ing and entering charge which the project man-

agement is instituting against Mr. Kaltz. They are also circulating a petition among the tenants which they intend to give to Mayor Cobo drawing attention to the constant threat of eviction over all their heads, and demanding giving it any greater funds to be more housing for the lower and middle income

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# WITH RENDA, SAYS MAZEY

Emil Mazey, Secretary-Treasurer criminal action and damage suits of the CIO United Automobile and that they were merely being Workers and former leader of "considered." that the UAW would be successful Walter O. Briggs Jr., executive in its demand that the Briggs vice president of the company and s the minimum the labor leaders scrap-hauling contract with Carl Briggs "had nothing to do" with would settle for to re-cement the Renda, given as payment to the the Renda contract and did not political alliance with Truman gangster for the brutal beating know about the company's reof several Local 212 militants. He sponsibility for the beatings.

> The single positive step the UAW leaders have taken in this is the filing of an unfair labor pany with the NLRB. Mazey adreached on this appeal and wait but would strike to enforce its demands for Robinson's ouster

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