Anti-War Mood Spurs Campaign For "Militant"

"This campaign proves what we have been saying

cut that lead down considerably. (Every paper sold counts one point; a \$1 six-months sub, 26 points; a \$2 one-year sub, 52 points.)

Detroit made a sensational advance from 2,518 points last week to 5,409 this week, pushing ahead of Los Angeles by a considerable margin.

Chicago, in Buffalo's dust up to now, put the accelerator down to the floor boards and changed this to its opposite.

Among the top individual scorers, Mary of Chicago ran up a score of 1,353 points in 10 days, challenging the national lead of Paul of the Twin Cities.

In the Konikow League, Boston relinquished the bottom part of the ladder to Youngstown and Cleveland; while Philadelphia recovered its earlier lead over Newark. Among the top individual scorers in the Konikow

League, it looks like Flint put up a "No Passing" sign; but the word is they are willing to move over for anyone close enough to give them the horn. In the Kujac League the grand prize is still open to

a subgetter with push and energy. Anybody want a trip to New York and week's vacation, expenses paid?

More about campaign in "Militant Army" on page 2.

MILITANT BIG LEAGUE **SCOREBOARD**

Branch Scores		Individual Scores	
Coover League	Points	Coover League	Points
Twin Cities	7,921	Paul Twin Cities	2,007
New York	7,036	Mary Chicago	1,353
Detroit	5,409	Pauline Twin Cities	1,014
Los Angeles	3,753	Don Buffalo	962
Chicago	3,370	Marie H. New York	941
Buffalo	1,764	Harry Twin Cities	741
San Francisco	1,575	John Los Angeles	676
Seattle	1,212	Bill B. Twin Cities	480
		Jean Twin Cities	469
Konikow League	0.400	Artie Detroit	468
Flint	2,196	Ernie D. Detroit	467
Philadelphia	1,195	Frank Chicago	* 399
Newark	1,067	Fred R. Detroit	382
Boston	648	John R. Detroit	380
Milwaukee	483	Winifred Twin Cities	377
Cleveland	364	Walt Twin Cities	364
Youngstown	234	Ruth B. Detroit	312
Kujac League		Jim W. New York	312
Akron	214	Konikow League	
Oakland	172	Emmett Flint	712
Pittsburgh	150	Marve Flint	427
St. Louis	135	Bill Flint	421
West Virginia	130	Sol Flint	340
Toledo	104	L Box	040
New Haven	63	Kujac League	
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TRENTON 6 DEFENDANTS **NAIL PROSECUTION LIES**

Dave

By George Lavan

TRENTON, May 22-Today the last of the Trenton Six stepped down from the witness stand, his story unshaken by cross-examination of the prosecution which is seeking

to send the Negro defendants to 9 the electric chair in a jim-crow the date because of the attempted frame-up for the 1948 murder of delivery of a C.O.D. package

Allentown

fied, and named confirming consulting his records he was witnesses, that they were far able to fix the time of his from the scene of the alleged attempted delivery between 11:30 classroom work where they may hold-up murder, fixed by police and noon. between 9:30 and 10:30 in the morning of Jan. 27, 1948.

Horace Wilson, farm worker. was running a tractor miles from Trenton that morning. He named eight men working along with him and has pay records to prove he was paid for working then.

DECISIVE PROOF

Collis English was at home helping his mother with the laundry she takes in to make a living. He was awaiting the mailman since that was the day his unemployment compensation check arrived. When the mailman came at the usual time - 10:30 the premises till after the time - he took the check to the corner store where he was accustomed When he did leave it was on a to cash it. Then he returned to the house and helped with the work until after lunch. He named neighbors who had seen him about the house that morning.

Ralph Cooper was at the house as both she and her mother have was hit a fatal blow. Like all the were unwilling to speak out, testified. They were able to fix

while he was present. The parcel postman who had that route in All the defendants have testi- 1948 was on the stand today. By of class.

James Thorpe, whose arm had been amputated the preceeding student political clubs. week, was around his neigh-More damaging to the prosecution unsophisticated officials. is that none of those who saw the participants in the crime flee- filiations. ing made any mention of a onearmed man, although Thorpe's most conspicuous feature at first

McKinley Forrest was working that morning cleaning chickens for the poultry firm of Kapsam and Weiner. He did not leave the police have set for slaying. short errand to the bank for his employer.

The last defendant, Forrest's nephew, John McKenzie told how FUTURES IN DANGER he too was working in a slaughter of his girl friend Melrose Diggs, the store where William Horner repression, holding that "students

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THE MODELINANT

PUBLISHED WEEKLY IN THE INTERESTS OF THE WORKING PEOPLE

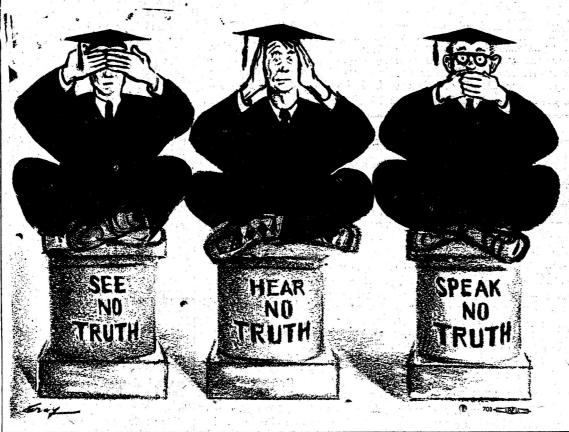
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but not quite believing; namely, the mood of the working people is changing from bewilderment and passivity to militancy and resentment." That is the conclusion reached by the Seattle branch of the Socialist Workers Party, moving into high gear in the Big League Militant Circulation and Sales Campaign after a slow start. The scoreboard this week confirms Seattle's optimistic conclusion. Total subscriptions now stand at 711; sales of single copies, 11,322. With a score of 7,921 points, the Twin Cities still led the country. New York however, raising its score to 7,036, cut that lead down considerably. (Every namer sold counts of the country of the country of the country of the sead down considerably. (Every namer sold counts of the sead down considerably. (Every namer sold counts of the sead down considerably. (Every namer sold counts of the sead down considerably. (Every namer sold counts of the sead down considerably. (Every namer sold counts of the sead down considerably. (Every namer sold counts of the sead down considerably. (Every namer sold counts of the sead down considerably. (Every namer sold counts of the sead down considerably. (Every namer sold counts of the sead down considerably. (Every namer sold counts of the sead down considerably. (Every namer sold counts of the sead down considerably. (Every namer sold counts of the sead down considerably. (Every namer sold counts of the sead down considerably. (Every namer sold counts of the sead down considerably.)

Perfect Students - Witch-Hunt Model



Witch-Hunt Fear Grips Colleges, Survey Shows

The intellectual atmosphere of he said, 'the wrong word at the was suspected of communist in-

thought-control at 72 colleges for government jobs." and universities by Kalman Seigel,

A STUDENT VIEW

"We cannot believe that the lives by looming up before them room." the spectre of the 'loyalty check.' We cannot believe that this virtual blockade of the marketplace of ideas can go on for a

"And yet, despite hope, we see the sky growing darker, the night of thought-conformity closing in. We see college men growing more and more docile, more and more accepting the status quo, paralyzed by fear of their futures radicalism snuffed out where it should flame the brightest."

Summing up the results of his survey, Seigel lists the following conclusions on the reaction of students, teachers and administrators to the witch-hunt: ,

"1. A reluctance to speak out on controversial issues in and out

rently unpopular concepts even in be part of the study program. "3. An unwillingness to joi

"4. Neglect of humanitarian borhood helping a friend repair causes because they may be a car. To this there are witnesses. suspect in the minds of politically

"5. An emphasis on lack of af

comic joking about this or that 'getting you.' "7. A shying away, both physi-

"6. An unusual amont of serio-

'liberal,' 'peace,' 'freedom,' and from classmates of a liberal stripe.

"8. A sharp turning inward to clusion of broader current ques-

American university campuses is wrong time might jeopardize their fluence. Girls are becoming afraid SPREADING REVOLUTION dominated by "fear . . . un- future." He also explained that to advocate the humanitarian certainty . . . frustration . . . FBI agents were constantly "in- point of view," Dean McIntosh hysteria" according to a study of quiring about students applying said, "because it has been asso-

support of this statement cannot knowledge and truth." American people will indefinitely be given in black and white. It Thus, the weight of fear and tolerate this control over youthful can only be felt in the class-

endowed colleges, Seigel says, -Amherst, Williams, Bowdoin, Smith, Wellesley - left - wing iberalism has been ebbing for some time.

PEACE AND FREEDOM

negotiations to resolve differences | creased free expression."

ciated with communism."

Seigel states that "the current | Seigel sums up the situation as Seigel quotes an article in the papers (City College of N. Y.) freedom of thought and speech eign-owned oil trust by the Majlis, good of joining this world." Yale University paper, The Daily explored another phase of the ... attacking college campuses in the Iranian parliament, composed News, which typifies the student problem in this way: "The willing- many parts of the country, limit- largely of conservative native papers was much sharper in tone. people. ness of instructors to express ing both students and faculty in their own honest viewpoint has the area traditionally reserved been slowly ebbing. Evidence in for the free exploration of

prejudice, produced by the government campaign to suppress In New England's privately criticism, is stifling the intellectual freedom of 2.500,000 students.

But Seigel points out that on many campuses students and teachers are fighting back. "At a number of . . . colleges students reported that the pressures toward conformity, which many Dean Millicent C. McIntosh of felt had filtered through college Barnard "said she found some walls from the community at girls held that anything identified large, made them 'mad' and more with peace, freedom of speech or articulate, and had stimulated in-

BUT WANTS DECISION LEFT TO UN NOT TO A VOTE OF THE U.S. PEOPLE

Sen. Edwin C. Johnson, Colorado Democrat, on May 17 proposed a resolution aimed at making it the "sense of the Senate that the UN call upon all nations and all groups now engaged in the war in Korea to cease fire and declare an armistice effective at 4 a.m. (Korean time) June 25, 1951."

The resolution further calls upon the UN to arrange that "UN forces-retire to points south and the opposing forces retire to points north of the 38th parallel, and that before Dec. 31, 1951. . . all non-Korean persons, military and non-military. . .

shall depart from North and South Korea."

The Johnson resolution, im-

mediately referred to the Senate

Committee on Foreign Relations

without discussion, would not bind the Senate or the UN to take

any action. It would merely

record "the sense" of the Senate

that it wishes to end the Korean

The Democratic senator, long a

firm administration supporter,

was no doubt prompted by three

1. His desire to build his poli-

tical fences by appealing to the

widespread opposition to the

2. His desire to get US. im-

in the Korean war, which Johnson

describes as a "hopeless conflict

3. His fear, as a supporter of

which seeks to concentrate U.S.

of operations in World War III,

Despite the fact that the resolu-

tion is only a weak gesture, the

Stalinists are giving it their un-

qualified support. They make no

mention of the fact that the

resolution if passed by the Senate

would still leave the question of

peace in the hands of the im-

The Johnson proposal would

make it possible for the UN to

negotiate a "peace" without the

participation of the new govern-

ment of China, an ignoring the

right of the Korean people to

decide their own fate. It is

significant that Pravda, Stalin's

mouthpiece, hailed the Johnson

proposal in a front page story.

Any attempt to resolve the

Korean conflict without the full

participation of China would be

in the form of a deal between the

U.S. and the Kremlin - a repeti-

tion of the sell-out of the Euro-

pean revolution by Stalin during his wartime alliance with Roose-

Johnson's resolution states that

the "American people have long

recognized the wisdom of the

principles of the Monroe Doctrine

so eloquently portrayed by the

voice raised against the embargo

Sowing illusions that Johnson's

resolution can bring peace plays

into the hands of the imperialists.

The first step in the direction

velt and Churchill.

perialist-dominated UN.

of attrition and indecisiveness."

slaughter.

main motives:

Korean war.

JMAN BACKS BRITISH IN IRAN OIL ROBBERY

By John G. Wright

An international crisis, the gravest since Korea, is swiftly building up to the point of explosion in Iran. The British government, defending the interests of British

imperialism, continues to "reject" the nationalization of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Co. by the Iranian parliament and keeps threatening Inanian government of the U.S. military intervention. London's note backing up Britain. Iranian threats have been backed by the Foreign Minister Bagher Kazemi U.S. State Department, which up charged Washington with medto a few days ago cynically assumed the role of a "neutral."

Washington's intervention in behalf of the British oil monopolists has resulted only in aggravating an already acute situation. The anti-imperialist moods of the Iranian masses are now at fever

Underlying the Iranian developto the nationalization of the for-

The same mass ferment lies behind the flat rejection by the dling in Iran's internal affairs. Sevid Kashani, leader of the perialism out of its difficulties

powerful Moslem movement, warned both Britain and the U.S. of a "jihad," - that is, a "holy war" if any attempt is made to land foreign troops. Even the the administration's war program conservative Teheran daily Keyhan protested Washington's sup- power in Europe as the main base port of Britain as follows:

"What does the free world that the U.S. will be forced to mean to us when we cannot have commit itself to all-out war in ments is the spread of the colonial its support in our fight for in- Asia if the Korean war goes on. revolution from the Far East to dependence and political freedom? In spite of the innocuous charthe Middle East. It is this revo- If we cannot gain our freedom acter of the Johnson resolution, it lutionary upheaval that has led in a world where people's free- was buried in the back pages of the capitalist press, which feared it would serve to further arouse

The press comment in other the anti-war sentiments of the (Continued on Page 2)

The American People Really Want

2. Withdraw all American troops from Korea!

3. Recognize the government of New China!

4. Let the American people vote on the issue

This Is the Kind of Foreign Policy

1. Stop the war now. Don't let it spread!

of war and peace in a national referendum!

Nationalize the Meat Trust!

An Editorial

The American people are threatened with a meat | are accustomed to buy. But the mere label "price control" "2. A reluctance to handle cur- famine - yet there's no meat shortage. Our health and welfare are in danger from lack of meat — yet millions of beef cattle are ready for the market. Two weeks ago the stockyards in Chicago, Kansas City and other meat packing centers were teeming. But last week the newspapers featured pictures of these same stockyards - suddenly empty.

Overnight the cattle disappeared as if wiped out by a plague. And they were wiped out by a plague - though not one caused by germs or viruses. They were stricken by a deadlier organism - capitalist greed.

amputation is a high one and his official investigating committee Start to Withhold Meat

Just four big meat packing corporations control 90 cally and intellectually from any per cent of the country's meat supply. Their profits all association with the words, along have been fabulous. They hiked meat prices to the highest on record. These meat prices soared at double the rate of the rises on all other foods.

But that's not high enough for the meat trust. The local college problems, to the ex- meat monopolists declare: "Pay more! Pay all we demand - or else!" Or else they'll cut off the supply of meat. They've started to do it, too.

Their pretext for this monopoly-imposed meat famine At the City College of New is the alleged "price control" regulations issued by the house — several miles away from York a student described the Truman administration. These regulations actually RAISE meat prices. They permit 10 to 15 per cent HIGHER particularly in engineering, where, prices on the cheaper cuts of beef — the cuts the workers over and operate the meat industry under workers control. peace!

on this fraud was enough to inflame the meat profiteers. They have threatened a meat famine — and are carrying

They did it before in 1946, and Truman capitulated miserably to their demands. The meat barons don't fear the government. It's THEIR government. It will send national guards against striking meat packing workers whose wages are so low they can't afford to buy meat, as in 1948. But it won't touch meat profits.

If this government meant business, it could stop the $\begin{vmatrix} o_1 & v_2 \\ UN & v_3 \end{vmatrix}$. meat famine as fast as it was started — and it could cut prices and raise packinghouse wages at the same time. All it requires is to take the control of the meat supply

Nationalize Meat Industry

The answer to their threat of meat-starvation for the American people is: Nationalize the meat industry under the question in a national referthe control of the workers in the industry!

Do the profits and "property rights" of a handful of multi-millionaires stand above the most elementary needs of the people for adequate food? Are a few greedy profitshogs to condemn millions to meat-hunger or to be robbed blind by monopoly-fixed high prices?

Stop this terrible blackmail and robbery! Smash the criminal meat trust! Demand that the government take

slogan, 'Asia for the Asian' if it were applied to Asia." But he does not call for the full recognition of revolutionary China, the most important nation on the Asian continent. Nor was Johnson's of China recently voted by the

and processing out of the hands of the monopolists.

of peace would be to take the powers to make war and establish peace out of the hands of the president and Congress, and to let the American people vote on What is needed to end the

Korean war is the mobilization of the American people behind the slogans: Stop the Korea war now! Bring the GIs home at once!

Recognize the new government of China! Let the people vote on war and

Notebook of an Agitator

THE MEN WHO MOLD PEOPLE'S MINDS

In last week's review of The Big Wheel by John Brooks (Pocket Books, 25c) I dealt with the author's exposition of the techniques used by Present Day, a national news and picture magazine, in mangling the news and dishing out phony culture for the disorientation and befuddlement of the masses. The trick, in short, is to start out with a predetermined aim to mold people's minds to acceptance and support of the status quo and then to slant the news to serve the design.

But The Big Wheel does more than describe the mechanics of this devious enterprise. It is a novel and its major theme is people. The author introduces us to the literary craftsmen who work on the assembly line of this misinformation factory, and lets them speak for themselves about the motivations which bind them to their grimy trade. The dialogue reveals their philosophy of life - if you want to call it that.

They are all conventionally educated men, presumably instructed in the basic precept of the Christian doctrine that it's a sin to tell a lie, and the more cogent Yankee supplement that honesty is the best policy from a practical standpoint. But in their case the instruction didn't take. The world-weary cynics on Present Day are convinced that the lie runs faster than the truth, and pays better too.

THE RELIGIOUS EDITOR'S STANDARDS

There was Sturtevant Smith, an all-around journalist who could fill most any post, who was stuck with the job of religious editor. He didn't like it and tried to get transferred, but it was no go; you can't pick your spots on Present Day. "I've asked them a hundred times. I've cajoled and I've threatened and I've flatly refused. It's no use. Burnside says I'm good at the religious page."

What made him good for this particular job, in the view of Burnside, a sub-editor wao liked to badger his underlings, was perhaps the minor circumstance that Smith didn't believe in the religion which Present Day heartily recommended to its readers. "His basic assumptions on politics and morality seemed to be at variance with the magazine's." In fact, as he said, he was an agnostic.

Nevertheless he worried over his job and did the best he could. "If he started a piece thinking that he agreed with the magazine, he would change his mind while working on it. The next week the magazine might change its mind, and decide to do another piece. . . In that case Sturtevant would change his mind too."

Why the hell didn't he quit such a disagreeable and degrading job? "How can I? I tell you, I need ten thousand a year to keep the apartment! Besides, where could I go from here? This is the top, Dick. . . All I could do would be to get some grubby job in newspapers for half the dough I get now." That was the trouble with Sturtevant Smith; he needed - or thought he needed - the extra dough.

"His choice seemed to be between a duplex in the East Eighties with his soul in chains, and a tiny place - say five or six rooms in some outlandish neighborhood like Riverside Drive, with his soul free. Was his soul worth the difference?" This is an interesting speculation, which as far as I know, has not arisen before in literature.

Faust sold his soul to the devil, and that was considered a mistake, but here is a man - and he typifies many — who sold his soul to a God he didn't believe in. The difference, if any, is

THE ART CRITIC'S PRICE

The Party takes part in every

There was Herb Katzman, whose department was "critical work, art, music and literature." He was an outspoken fellow of exceptional ability who regarded journalistic integrity as a lot of nonsense. As Herb saw it, his connection with Present Day was a business transaction, pure and simple. He tailored his writings and critical judgments to fit Present Day's requirements, and they paid him handsomely for his services, and that's all there was to it. No pretensions.

"You know," he said, "that I dislike the magazine's standards from here to Thursday and back again. . . But let me tell you some of the things I like about it. I like the place it lets me live, and lets my wife live, outside town. I

like the meals it lets me buy people in restaurants, the drinks in bars. . . So they own my talent. Well, Dick, listen to this: I'm proud and lucky to have sold my talent at so high

But, for all that, Katzman was a queer duck who drew the line at a certain point. He wouldn't pretend to believe in the work he was doing. This got him into trouble with Masterson, the editor-in-chief, who insisted that his staff men must be convinced and have faith in their mission to mold people's minds in the Present Day pattern. Katzman's quixotic scruple, which prompted him to insist on his right to recommend a religious book he didn't believe in and said so, eventually cost him his job.

The book in question "was a thin little tract, brought out by an obscure publisher, giving a mystical interpretation of the modern world with special reference to recent political events. The chief point in it was that anything goes in the holy war to the death against the forces of Russian materialism. The author, to cap the climax, had a leftist past - had, in fact, or so the dust cover proclaimed, once been a prominent and active member of the Communist Par-

This was right down Present Day's alley. Masterson was delighted with the recommendation, for he was deeply convinced, that in furtherance of the American way of life, the people, especially those who are shy of material things, need religion and plenty of it. "Let's do an illustrated review," he said. "Pictures of the devil as interpreted by various ages, that sort of thing. And excerpts from the book, boxed off in heavy type. We'll really get our weight

Katzman's discovery and recommendation of the religious tract which hit the boss man's fancy so hard might have meant a feather in his cap and - more important from his point of view — a bonus in his pay envelope, if he had only had sense enough to keep his mouth shut and let the ex-radical's spiritual revolutions work their own mysterious way. But no, he had to pop off. "Candidly," he had said, "I think it stinks to the skies. It makes me actively ill." That did it!

THE RIGHT TO BE A HYPOCRITE

Masterson, the man with a mission to mold people's minds, had no room on the staff of Present Day for a man who could recommend a book he didn't believe in but still hold out for his right to say, "it stinks. It makes me ill." Herb Katzman was fired forthwith. This action stirred up a mild revolt among the minor mind molders on the staff — as ridiculous a revolution as ever could be imagined, which brings this remarkable novel to its climax.

A number of the staff writers drew up and signed a petition protesting against the firing of Katzman "because he expressed an opinion indicating that he had submitted to the magazine material in which he does not personally believe." Masterson, the anachronistic romanticist who demanded sincerity from the newstwisting and culture-faking technicians on the staff, blew up over their demand for the right to write what they didn't believe.

"Could they really insist on their right to be whores?" he asked, indignantly. They did, and they were quite stubborn about it, for it was a matter of principle with them. "What we're trying to do," said their spokesman, "is force you to lower the moral standards you require

After somewhat of a ruction, and the intervention of the Board of Directors, Masterson, whose impractical insistence on belief in falsehood caused the trouble, resigned. He was replaced by Jack Johns, who didn't believe in anything himself and didn't give a damn whether others did or not, as long as they kept quiet about it. A tacit compromise was arrived at, and everything remained substantially as before. The staff members won "the right to be whores," but in practice thereafter they kept their private opinions to themselves.

The revolution ended in a draw, and Present Day just keeps rolling along.

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Next week: What Is a Man Profited?

On Way to Death



Sentenced to death by the corrupt U.S.-dominated Philippine government for aiding Hukbalahap peasant revolutionists, 24year-old Iluminade Calonge (r.) smiles and raises fist in salute as she leaves Manila courthouse. She is handcuffed to 17-year-old Josefina Adelan, who got 10-year prison term.

TRUMAN BACKS IMPERIALIST THEFT

mass demonstration was held in alert. During the demonstration an estimated 200,000 live "in

Teheran. The bitter anti-British the streets were patrolled by underground tunnels and con-

have been brought into the city.

"There was an air of crisis in

This crisis is rooted in the

abysmal living conditions of the

of imperialist domination. Pre-

ducted foreign correspondents on

OF IRAN OIL BY BRITISH EMPIRE

Threats Made to Expand War to Chinese Mainland

By Tom Conlan

While attacking MacArthur for hostilities to the Chinese mainland, the Truman administration Chinese Communist regime." has recently taken long strides in this same direction.

Dean Rusk, Assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern colonial Russian government" and place are right." and not at all "the government Chiang Kai-shek's government U.S. as "authentically" representport for Chiang in future attempts to invade the Chinese mainland and to overthrow the puppet" Mao regime. John Foster Dulles, the chief

dministration, figure now negotiating the peace treaty with Japan, strongly backed Rusk.

The N. Y. Times welcomed this

toward China" and commented the main correct. that "these speeches (of Rusk and nis policy of extending the Korean Dulles) go far beyond the policies of mere non-recognition of the

Sen. Sparkman (Democrat of Alabama), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations sub- for some time now. In testifying committee on Far Eastern affairs, Affairs, stated on May 19 that promptly announced that Chiang's Bradley, speaking for the Joint under no circumstances would the troops would be deployed "prima- Chiefs of Staff, blandly conceded U.S. recognize the Peiping re- rily behind the Communist lines gime, which he labelled "a in South China" when "the time

In the course of Gen. Bradley's of China." Rusk then added that testimony before the Senate committee, Sen. Smith remarked that was the one recognized by the it was contemplated to assist gressive. Rusk's public statement Chiang in effecting a beach-head was preceded by Washington's ing the people of China, and on the Chinese mainland "which ruthlessly forcing through the broadly hinted "tremendous" sup- I understand from Dean Rusk's U.N. General Assembly a resoluspeech the other day," explained Sen. Smith, "we were inclined to on all shipments to China. It was approve of." Gen. Bradley, while carried by a vote of 45 to 0. The statement, did not enter a flat previously shamefacedly abstaindenial. Instead he suggested that ed on openly anti-Chinese resolusuch purposes."

> correspondent, "We've just can't talk about now."

These moves have caused conamong Washington's allies and in reply to diplomatic requests measure. Congress immediately On Tuesday May 22 a huge in Teheran are on a twenty-four known as Goudal (the Pit) where for clarification, the State De- rushed to add to the pressure that partment, through its press officer U.S. imperialism can bring to M. J. McDermott, issued a bear on recalcitrant allies by lengthy and equivocal statement voting unanimously to bar all denying there was any change in economic or financial aid to administration views or policy nations permitting export of oward China. Rusk's speech was simply a "restatement" and implied no "involvement in the Chinese Civil war," said the North Korea and China. These State Department. This is ob- "strategic materials" just about jously untrue.

"Mr. Dean Rusk, speaking for the State Department, made a with the negotiations for the pronouncement which, if it is a Japanese treaty, the U.S. State serious statement of policy, means | Department has officially notified that the war must go on in- the Kremlin that it sharply dis-

"For it is impossible to recon-other words, diplomatically putcile a policy of limited war with ting forth the same basic position a policy which commits us to the enunciated by Rusk. everthrow of the Chinese Communist government. The overthrow of the enemy government ministration is doing precisely The more fortunate ones eat but of a total war. Such an ob- Arthur of wanting to do. It is such meals. The average annual jective excludes a negotiated heading toward an expanded war wage of an Iranian worker is settlement in Korea and is just in Asia, and a renewal of its officially estimated at below \$100 another way of announcing that intervention in the Chinese civil

In Lippmann's opinion the administration is working itself

'into a fantastic predicament." But the fact remains that the administration has been moving to extend the war with China, before the Senate Committee that militarily the differences of opinion with MacArthur "might eventually come down to a simple question of timing."

The moves of the administration have been increasingly agtion placing an "arms embargo" disclaiming knowledge of Rusk's Yugoslav delegation which had there were "small islands off the tions, this time shamelessly voted coast (of China and still held by in favor, marking a further shift Chiang) which can be used for to the right in Yugoslav foreign policy. Among the abstainers According to some "congres- were the decisive Asian nations ional sources," reports Charles in the Near and Far East: India, acey, Scripps - Howard Wash - Pakistan, Indonesia, Burma, Egypt and Syria. The Soviet bloc been doing a lot of things we refused to "participate in the

voting." An economic blockade under the iderable stir and apprehension loose formula of "arms shipments" — is an aggressive war "strategic materials or commodities" to the Soviet Union, its East European satellites, cover all the important exports.

At the same time, in connection decisively and interminably," con- tinguishes between the China of cluded columnist Walter Lipp- Chiang and the China of Mao, mann who then went on to say: recognizing only the former. In

The evidence is piling up that step by step the Truman adis the objective not of a limited what it has been accusing Mac-

VATICAN'S INTERVENTION

throw the British bandits into men of pre-historic times lived."

the Persian Gulf if they do not The Mayor of Teheran con-

this country. One speaker was the capital," commented the Asso-

By Charles Hanley

The Catholic Church is openly intervening in the coming municipal elections in Italy, directing Catholics to

Schuster of Milan, a former fasthe issue assumes a religious as-

Cardinal della Costa of Flor-

(Continued from Page 1)

even in the brief and tendentious

cables to the capitalist press in

ington of a "stab in the back of

the Iranian nation."

ROARS OF APPROVAL

cheered when he accused Wash- ciated Press.

ence warned: "Here, then, is the clear and grave duty to vote according to our Christian conscience. . . Whoever abstains from voting or who votes for individ- Abyssinia, when Franco's bomband morals, automatically . . . lation of Guernica, when the Na-Easter duty. . . . " And in Genoa where many followers of the Church voted for the CP in 1948, the Bishop announced that every Catholic supporting communism will be denied religious marriage and burial. No threat is spared to induce Catholics into obedience to the Vatican's political dictates.

The Church always defends the ruling classes. Its defense of the ruling class is highly politi-

cist, writes in a Catholic news- cal, but is always disguised with paper that the elections "will de- the veil of "Christian morals" or cide whether Italy will remain "Christian love." Whenever those free and Catholic or whether it who still believe the Pope to be will be grouped among the states a "moral authority" request him which are satellites of the Soviet to condemn a reactionary govern-Union." He states further, "Thus ment precisely because of its lack of "Christian morals" or "Christian conscience," they are coldly rebuffed. Thus not a single word of pro-

test was uttered in the Vatican

when Mussolini launched his cruel

imperialist war against unarmed

uals who oppose Christian faith ers massacred the peaceful popumakes himself guilty of a sin zis exterminated political prisonmuch greater than missing mass ers and entire racial minorities on Sunday or not making the by the millions in their gas cham-On those occasions the Church insisted on its "non-political" character and "neutrality". . . The cardinals of Italy and France

praised Mussolini and Petain until the bourgeoisie switched its support to "democratic" politicians. Where was their "Christian conscience" in the days of dictatorship?

LINKED TO CAPITALISM

The Church is a gigantic landowning and financial trust whose interests are closely linked to world capitalism. "Leftist" priests who wanted to fight capitalism because it produces misery and war have always been discouraged or disavowed by the Vatican. Christ was poor, but the Church is not. It stands on the other side. The Pope officially condemns the workers' struggle against the exploiters.

The Roman Church pretends to fight totalitarianism, but it is itself a totalitarian power wishing to dominate every field of human life and activity. Like every totalitarian force it defends privilege, not justice or morals. Hence its past alliances and agreements with all the fascist regimes in Italy, Portugal, Austria, Spain, on earth. The American imperial- started to work on the campaign Germany, France, Hungary and South America. Hence its present sponsoring of "Christian-Democratic" parties in Europe and its alliance with American Korean atrocity in the Far East. the country: Work, work, work.

and anti-American feelings of flying squads of motorized and gested mud huts resembling the demonstrators were admitted mounted police. Dozens of tanks rabbit warrens," wrote the N. Y. Times correspondent on May 22. LIVE IN PITS "Goudal," continues this re-

The police and army officials a tour of a district of the capital

porter, "is in reality not one but 25 pits caused by the past Iranian masses as a direct result removal of earth for use in nearby brick factories. The pits are Another speaker, a spokesman mier Mossadegh, himself one of frequently flooded during the for the Moslem movement, the richest men in Iran, has winter rainy season and the city brought roars of approval verging declared: "I am ashamed to be is forced to bring pumps into on "frenzy," according to the Premier of a country in which action to prevent the houses from Associated Press, when he part of the population, even in collapsing." declared: "All loyal Moslems will the capital itself, live today as

These "rabbit warrens" swarm "with men, women and children but mostly children." Some correspondents "poked their heads into dwellings and lifted the lids of pots to see what they contained. The meal of one family consisted of beans, of another bread and watery soup."

year. The prevalent wages fall short of even this abject level; payments of a few cents for a working day of 10 hours are common practice.

The Anglo-Iranian Co. rules arbitrarily a territory of some 100,000 square miles and is the de-facto ruler of the country. Under the terms of a long-range contract, which contains no provisions whatever for cancellation, this British monopoly pays a nominal royalty on the millions of tons of oil it annually pumps out of the country.

UNKNOWN PROFITS

The trust keeps a secret balance sheet and it is not known what its actual profits are. Saidpour Fatimi, an Iranian scholar on the Princeton faculty, declared in a recent American radio broadcast Cities and New York is hailed a slow start in this campaign but that last year's profits were \$400,000,000, and, as against this, the Iranian government was paid \$30,000,000. This has been going on for the last fifty years.

the oil fields on a 50-50 basis. in the Marines for eight years cago's Local Executive Commit-Instead they resorted to a tradi- said, 'This is what I've been look- tee heard that New York's Comtional British tactic. They cut off ing for.' An elderly Negro woman mittee had pledged 2,500 points all payments to the Iranian gov- remarked, 'The paper is wonder- personally, they felt they couldn't budget these payments comprise. it too.' We really have high hopes points to be delivered by June 30. devoutly hoped, would bring the lead." government to its knees, as so often in the past. Some two million Iranian civil employees have received no salaries for months. But this time, the high-handed conduct of the British imperial- us closer to the world of endur- New York! We knew you could ists boomeranged.

Where they expected docile submission they ran instead into very high," Literature Agent a popular upheaval that led to Shirley Mason writes. "Everyone are still coming in good and we nationalization and the current

The U.S. capitalist press is quickly lining up behind the State Department in support of the British. At stake is the whole imperialist empire in the Near East - from the cheapest labor cago. "We've throwing a 'sleeper' right up to the richest oil fields to you," writes Bert Deck. "Mary ists must not be permitted to perpetrate an Iranian atrocity in Mary has the same secret shared the Near East on top of their by all the other top scorers in (See: "Hands off Iran!" Page 3) Most of her subs are in her own

THE MILITANT ARMY New York is now setting its neighborhood. She sells house to



between the Twin with enthusiasm.

our Militant sales people receive who have pitched in are conhelps us to keep on plugging. vinced that the paper can be sold. Workers who read a copy wel-Last January the British flatly come us when we return. For ferent from the last campaign." turned down an offer to operate example, one reader who was ernment, the bulk of whose ful. I want my children to read be outdone. They pledged 3,000 The pinch for cash, it was of overtaking the Twin Cities

> wasn't jet propulsion, just the from all of us. They have done growing appreciation of how a a wonderful job this week in sub for The Militant helps bring raising their score. Keep it up, ing peace which socialism offers. do it!" "Enthusiasm in the branch is is plugging for Detroit to win are glad of that, but we are just but at the same time competition as glad to see the way the other is very keen between the teams and individual comrades. So far results have been very good."

Sensation of the week was the off." score rolled up by Mary of Chiabout 10 days ago and last Friday night turned in 1,353 points!

sights on that 885 point lead of house, on the Elevated, by telethe Twin Cities in the Big League | phone. Rumor has it her bags are . Militant Circulation packed in readiness for a trip to and Sales Campaign. New York which she is con-"Our campaign spirit | templating sometime in July."

The Chicago comrades hand a pitch," says Cathy bouquet to H. Smith who is Dee, Literature selling subscriptions in his shop. Agent of the New "This work has already turned York Local of the in two requests for membership Socialist Workers in the Socialist Workers Party, Party. "Each addi- thus confirming the correctness of tional batch of points the slogan, The Militant is our which closes the gap best organizer."

Bert concludes: "We got off to participation has been picking up "In addition, the warm response considerably. All the comrades All report a response quite dif-Note to New York: When Chi-

Another note to New York: (From Literature Agent Winifred Meanwhile Detroit made an Nelson of St. Paul.) Incidentally astonishing spurt forward. It give New York a pat on the back

> And Literature Agent P. S. of Minneapolis writes: "The subs branches are stepping out. All the branches can get subs, never for a moment did we doubt that. Just a little time and effort pays

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"Peace Scare" and U.S. Capitalism

A farmer in a small town in Ohio is quoted in the N. Y. Times by feature writer Frederic Fox on the question of peace. He says:

"The generals don't want the war to end. Business would go broke without it. Roosevelt pulled the same trick to get us out of the last depression."

This farmer knows the score.

Strange phrases are now creeping into the American press as common usage: "peace scare," "threat of peace," and "peace danger." The U.S. capitalist class fears peace more than the atom bomb. Whenever there is the slightest hint of a peaceful settlement of the Korea war, the stock market slumps.

Business Week said, May 19, "Victory in Korea would cause a letdown. Wall Street believes it would cause a sharp market break." You can imagine what would happen if it was rumored around that there was to be "all-out peace!"

Arms production serves not only to combat the peoples of the world who are striving for freedom and independence; it serves also to keep alive the sick U.S. capitalist economy.

A Billion a Week

The U.S. military budget is already between one quarter and one third of the total national production. Over a billion dollars a week is being spent for war. It is being stepped up every day.

This is not new. Since 1938 military production has taken up the slack between purchasing

power and the tremendous capacity of this country to produce goods. Under Roosevelt unemployment continued until a gigantic war production program gradually put the jobless to work and brought about the artificial

After World War II there was only a short lapse in military production; once the people had used up their savings buying cars and frigidaires which they could not get during the war, unemployment began to grow. In order to prevent the collapse of the economy, Wall street needs an armaments program to pump blood into the steel mills, rubber plants, auto, electrical and other basic industries.

Surplus Piles Up

The simple fact is that under the profit system the people do not get enough in wages and salaries to buy back what they produce. Surpluses of goods pile up as a result. Some is sold abroad. But today the world market has collapsed, with the European capitalist countries on the verge of bankruptcy, and large sections of the world cut off from capitalist trade and exploitation.

Under capitalism there is no chance for peace. To keep the profits rolling in, more and more of the productive capacity must be turned to war.

That is what one Ohio farmer has learned. But he is not the only one. This is the lesson more and more Americans are learning. The capitalist system cannot live in peace.

Hands Off

The lies which the American people are now being fed in connection with the Iranian crisis are as fraudulent and outrageous as those connected with the Korean atrocity.

The British, for example are claiming that their oil supply is in danger of being cut off, and this is being echoed in all the capitalist papers in this country. Under the nationalization measure, passed by the Iranian government weeks ago because of tremendous mass pressure, the British stand to lose not their oil supply but only the fantastic profits of the Anglo-Iranian oil monopoly. Their oil supply is guaranteed by the Iranian law which went into effect on May 2.

Article 7 of this law reads: "All those who bought oil from the former Anglo-Iranian Oil Co. can buy at an annual rate corresponding to the rate of their purchases from the beginning of 1948 to March 20, 1951; the price paid will be current international price. If there should be any surplus, priority will be given to these purchasers, provided the bidding and other conditions of sale are equal."

The British can thus get all the oil they have bought previously and are in addition granted priority in the event of any surplus. But they insist on grabbing Iran's oil, as before, for a pittance.

The cry of "expropriation" raised by these pillagers of Iran's oil fields is just as false. The Iranian law even provides for the setting prosperity of World War II.

aside of "25% of the current net income from the oil operations in the National Bank of

Iran, or any other bank chosen by both parties, to meet the claims of the Company." But even these sweeping concessions, are inacceptable to the British imperialists who are entitled to no concessions whatever and who now stand exposed before the whole world in their naked greed and brutality.

They are guilty of economic aggression against the Iranian people whom they have ruthlessly exploited for so many decades. ready to ravage Iran and incur the risk of precipitating general war in the Near East. And in all this they are receiving the support of the Truman administration.

If any people deserve help in combatting aggression it is the Iranian people now under the combined assault of British and American imperialists.

The natural resources of Iran in all justice belong to the Iranian people. It is unquestionably their privilege, and the duty of their government to take back the oil fields which the British have expropriated from the rightful owners.

The American people have no interest in defending the interference of the British oil pirateers in the affairs of the Iranian nation. The British have no more right to exploit Iran today than they had to dominate America before 1776.

Are the Workers Becoming "Capitalists"?

By Joseph Keller

that it's not true that 60 multimillionaire and billionaire families own and run this country.

Thus, Fortune magazine - one which include Time and Life recently devoted a whole issue to an attempt to prove that "Wall Street today exerts only a fraction of the power it once wielded." using the people," Fortune states, become not the master of society, but its servant."

A propaganda drive has been launched through all channels of public misinformation to hammer into people's minds the Luce thesis that American capitalism isn't capitalism any more but something else by the same name.

In the last couple of weeks editors, feature writers, financial commentators and other mind- a lot of stockholders, the vast Business press have been proclaiming the fact that one of the world's greatest monopolies has just acquired its millionth stockolder. Here, they claim, is tangible proof of their thesis that it is not the capitalists who are using the people, but the people who are using the capitalists."

A MILLION STOCKHOLDERS

The American Telegraph and Telephone Company - an eleven billion dollar absolute monopoly of the U.S. communications system - claimed the distinction have a million stockholders when Brady Denton, an auto salesman n Saginaw, Mich. took \$1078 of shares of AT&T for himself and for wages in order to get the stockholders who, in most cases, wife.

A major chore of capitalism's the money of Mr. and Mrs. Brady still remains a wage slave. journalists — those "mind mold- Denton was to publish huge ads ers" of whom J.P.C. writes so in the country's leading newsdevastatingly in his "Notebook of papers boasting of its new status an Agitator" — is to convince as the first million-stockholder America's 60 million wage slaves corporation and inviting other small investors to follow the Dentons' example.

A big ceremony was held at the AT&T headquarters in New of the Henry Luce publications York City, where the Denton family, at AT&T's expense, were presented with their new stock certificates by Leroy A. Wilson himself, AT&T president. Later they were invited to visit the New "It is not the capitalists who are York Stock Exchange and were welcomed by its retiring chair-"but the people who are using the man, Robert P. Boyland. He capitalists." In fact, according to delivered a speech in which he the Fortune mind molders, Amer- said, "The Dentons are capitalica has achieved a "new type" of ists," and expressed the hope capitalism in which "capital has that stock investors would increase "until ownership of our production is spread throughout the land." One big daily financial editor proclaimed that the occasion "highlights the fact that cur big corporations are not owned by a few bloated plutocrats."

Now, like all half-truths, this conceals a big gimmick. The gimmick is that while AT&T has molding specialists of the Big majority of them, individually and collectively, own damn little of AT&T.

OWNED BY TOP 30

There are 29 million outstandng shares of AT&T. A total of about 1,160,000 shares worth nearly \$200 million, are owned by just 30 top shareholders - an average of almost \$6 million vorth of stock each

Last year, AT&T paid \$9 lividends per share, so each of the 30 top shareholders raked in a third of a million dollars dividends. Naturally, they don't of being the first corporation to have to do any work for a living. But Mr. Denton, when he collects of stock, is still going to have to actually owned, controlled and his bank savings to buy seven go out and sell his labor power managed by a handful of big

AT&T has 200,000 wage slaves who also are "capitalists" in the sense that they own one or two shares of AT&T stock. They constitute a fifth of all AT&T's tric which makes telephone equiphareholders. Most of them bought the stocks before they were unionized when the company let that AT&T pays fantastic prices t be known that it was not only desirable but advisable for its miserably paid and overworked employees to kick in from their profits from Western Electric -"savings" for a "share" 'ownership."

HAVE TO STRIKE

These 200,000 wage-slave "own ers," however, control less stock than the 30 top owners. Instead of being able to vote themselves better wages and working conditions and improved pensions, they have had to strike repeatedly just to get union recognition and a savings in stocks of companies AT&T's stupendous profits. Right now some sections of these AT&T "capitalists" are preparing to take a strike vote.

In fact, these "capitalists" are highly indignant about the company's propaganda. Joseph A. persal" of ownership, that they Beirne, president of their union, the CIO Communications Workers of America, pointed out that the publicity about the millionth shareholder is a "shallow and trol of our economy by a handful cheap device to fool the public." He cited the company's own figures to show that "7.5 per cent of the stockholders own over half of the outstanding shares."

"Conversely," he added, "the remaining 92.5 per cent of the shareholders combined don't even have majority control of the company. The 7.5 per cent minority are majority owners in this eleven - billion - dollar enterprise. These facts are not disclosed in the company's press release."

The whole truth, therefore, is that AT&T, despite the number his \$63 on his seven new shares of individual stockholders, is

up part of their freedoms." He

tries can get rich"; "Democracy

getting nothing back"; "Demo-

In short, "democracy" has lost

its magic as a catch-phrase for the youth of America. The ob-

of young men fought and died in

two world wars - or for which

and dying - has ceased to have

meaning or reality for them. As

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dragged this country into the

In short, they view the slogan

when he says they don't know

the meaning of democracy. They

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And even their briefest ex-

their original opinions.

two years."

banks, railroads, insurance com- fool-proof method - socialism. panies, etc. AT&T's Board of House of Morgan. They also own ment used exclusively by AT&T.

telephone users - to Western Electric. They thus clean up huge about whose stock "dispersal" we hear very little.

JUST A COME-ON

The retiring head of the New York Stock Exchange, citing the AT&T example, claimed he wants "ownership of our production . . spread throughout the land." This of course, is a come-on for small investors to put their meager holders who take most of the profits.

But the fact that the capitalists have to give the impression that they are not "really" capitalists, that they favor want everyone to be a "capitalist" too, shows that they are very conscious of the growing sentiment of the people against conof ruthless profiteers.

We can agree that "ownership of our production" should be spread throughout the land. But not by the AT&T method of selling stocks at high prices to small investors that leaves real hands of the billionaires. There is mutual benefit of all society.

The first thing AT&T did with family. He's a "capitalist" who other industrial corporations, a simpler, more effective and The only way to "disperse" Directors is controlled by the ownership is to make all of

society the owner of the means of corporations like Western Elec- production and distribution. Under socialism nebody will have to lay out a dime for stocks. Everyone AT&T's big stockholders see to it will be an "owner" equally. Production will be planned, or-- which are passed on to the ganized and operated nationally as one unified system. There will be no profits and dividends, to be sure, because no one will be an owner in the sense of having so many shares entitling him to so much profit per share at the end of each year. You won't be able to buy and sell and speculate.

But the Mr. and Mrs. Dentons, to compensate them for the few dollars they are permitted to get in dividends on the few shares of stock they are able to buy under capitalism, will get an immeasurably higher standard of living wage-increase pittance out of controlled by the few big stock- for themselves and their families. A non-profit socialist economy will eliminate destructive wars, depressions and inflation, and the tremendous gulf between rich and poor. Production for the use of the people will replace production for the profits of a few.

Instead of a few fantastically rich stockholders running our productive and distributive machine for their own sole profit and benefit, the workers will democratically control and manage industry. They won't be "capitalists" like they are today when their labor is exploited by a few private owners. In fact, there won't be any capitalists at all. But there will be happy, healthy, secure producers working toownership and control in the gether harmoniously for the

The Negro Struggle -

Civil Rights And Socialism

By J. Blake

A young GI in Harlem last week asked a Militant salesman

"Everybody except Southerners talks about civil rights for Negroes," he said. "Truman, the Republicans, the Communists and you socialists. We know Truman is full of hot air. He didn't even set up a Fair Employment Practices Committee like we had during World War II. We know the Republicans didn't do any better when they were in power. Why should we believe you socialists would do any different once you got in power?'

That is a serious question. Many new readers of the Militant probably have the same question in their minds. Partly, they know the answer. They know from experience why civil rights for Ne-These politicians in the White House and in Congress are capitaland felt "frustrated" to hear what ist politicians. They believe, and they preach, that the capitalist the men had to say about this system is the best possible system and they pledge to defend it "democracy" that means "to give against all others.

Under capitalism employers own and control the factories, quotes them: "Democracy means the mines, the land, the ships and railroads — and workers have getting killed so that other coun- to work for one employer or another to live. This system, everyone knows from experience, means continuous wars and depressions, means giving up everything and rich and poor, and industry run for profit or not at all.

But the majority of the people are workers, not capitalists. cracy means living like pigs for And if this majority acted in its own interest as a class, it could change the system so that industry would operate to produce the things people need and want, with no capitalists, with no profit and special privileges for the few at the expense of everybody else.

jective for which two generations Capitalists Keep People Divided

Because they know that, the capitalists do everything they can they thought they were fighting to keep the majority divided. That's the only way they can continue to run things. And one of the best ways they have to keep working people divided is on the basis of color, national origin, religion and

> To grant full civil rights to Negroes - equality with other wage slaves - would mean giving up one of their most important means of keeping the working class divided, of making sure that capitalist profits are not threatened.

> Why should politicians put in office by parties controlled by capitalists, financed by capitalists, and operated in the interests of capitalists, help unite the working class by granting full civil rights to 15,000,000 Negroes?

> Socialists, on the other hand, have only one reason for existence as a political movement — they are against the capitalist system as injurious to the majority of the people. They want to see it replaced with a system of production and a society that will take all the wonderful inventions and discoveries of mankind and operate them in the interest of mankind to wipe out poverty, war, and all unnecessary suffering.

The Outlook of Socialism

Socialists have examined the problems of our present society them about this new arrangement, cut a deal. The agreement they They don't see how a war run by in the same scientific way that a scientist in the field of medicine examines a disease. Just as any scientist tries to discover the cause of a disease, and cure it by getting rid of the cause, socialists have examined our society and found the cause of its sickness to be the ownership and control of the means of production by capitalists on a profit basis. That is why the aim of socialists is to get rid of the sickness by taking ownership out of the hands of capitalists and putting it into the hands of society as a whole, so that the welfare of mankind, and not profit, is the motive of production.

But socialists do not expect this basic change from capitalism to socialism to take place until the working people take matters into their own hands. To do that, workers must be united, not divided. All workers, regardless of creed, color, sex, or any other differences, must act together in their class interest if they are to deal with the capitalist class that wants to keep things as they are because they profit by it. '

That is why lasting gains in civil rights legislation will not be made until the workers and farmers unite to put a government asked to sacrifice their lives for, of their own in power. Only such a government, responsible to the vast majority of the people, is bound to wipe out all barriers to full civil rights for all.

perience with the "democracy" of Discrimination and denial of civil rights to part of the workthe Army brass merely confirms ing class pays for capitalists; but there is no profit in it in a so-

WHY GIS DON'T FALL FOR SLOGAN They threaten Iran with military aggression. Rather than yield their lush profits, they are OF "DEMOCRACY" IN KOREA WAR He admitted that "democracy when the best !

By Art Preis

Last week the Militant reviewed Benjamin Fine's series of articles on GI morale in the N. Y. Times. He interviewed some 5,000 draftees in Army camps in six states and found that "morale ican people are hostile to the In short, they don't know the of many of the nation's service Korean intervention, why should meaning of democracy." men is poor" and "they don't know why they are in uniform." He complained that the Army's Troop Information and Education Program has failed to answer effectively the men's "whys" about U.S. intervention in Korea, the necessity for the draft, etc.

According to Fine, it is chiefly the methods and techniques of that are at fault. We pointed out, hardly be expected to answer the land."

propaganda experts of school, is plainly on the minds of the church, radio, television and press men," but claimed "they need have failed to answer satisfac- guidance to understand its meantorily the questions of the youth ing." He explained, "They don't before they get into the Army, know why they have been asked And if a majority of the Amer- to give up part of their fredom. the GIs hold any different

MEANING A DEMOCRACY

One point Fine raised again and again is the attitude of the GIs toward the argument that they are in the Army to defend "democracy." He complained that "they do not know the meaning the Army propaganda program of democracy and so cannot appreciate the duties entailed in however, that the Army brass can keeping the United States a free

Role of the Stalinists in Scottsboro Case

By Albert Parker

The main task of the Scottsboro defense movement was to win freedom for the nine young Negro victims of iim crow frameup, But there was more to it than that. The job was not only to free the such a way as to strike a blow

Dr. Allan K. Chalmers, the pastor who served as chairman of the Scottsboro Defense Committee and wrote the newest book about the Scottsboro case, They Shall Be Free, never understood THE "PEOPLE'S FRONT" LINE that, and still doesn't. For him, it is "a success story" simply because 15 years after the SDC was he means it. This sermon would Walter White of the NAACP, by the masses. But the only alter- But they agreed to go along. sound less hollow if its author Roger Baldwin of the ACLU, native to that was - some kind had not persistently confined the Robert Minor of the ILD and of deal with the Alabama aurowest of aims and if he had not for Industrial Democracy. It decided to rely on. Chalmers the first time, Heywood Patter- ing himself against a guard. sabotaged the policies of mass significantly did not contain a policy, as he phrases it, was action which alone could achieve single representative of the "based on the expectation that prison instead of to death. This principled a deal as any in Amerthe two-fold task of the Scotts- organized labor movement. people would be decent and live was not a "victory," as Liebowitz ican history. It meant pleading

Stalinist - controlled International determined its policy. first period of the case (1931-35). "protests . . . invective . . . and to murder the Scottsboro boys.

defense of the Scottsboro boys.

At the end of 1935, however, the Stalinists, acting in accord with the new People's Front line

For one thing, the Stalinists ex- calculated insults directed toward | To carry out this policy, plead guilty. The defendants reing other frameups of the same with all these defects, the move- not call upon public opinion to through with a legal lynching. deal. ment, in this first stage, was run come to our aid. One can, it is Chalmers gave them a promise on a class struggle basis, with true, spotlight injustice from that "Communist propaganda" THE "AGREEMENT" the main emphasis laid on without and to some extent delay (by which he meant mass action and halt justice in its tracks. We agitation. . . . "

A DEAL WITH AUTHORITY

Since the corrupt Southern Chalmers was chairman of the up to their honorable intentions." claimed, but it made the Alabama guilty to crimes that had not been Under the leadership of the organization, and he more or less By "people" in this case he means authorities afraid that the tide committed, and selling out the not "the crowd" but those same was turning against them, and Scottsboro case. How did the Labor Defense, plenty of blunders | Chalmers did not approve of Alabama authorities who had aland crimes were committed in the the methods followed in the past. ready indicated their intentions Scottsboro movement during the To him, mass action meant only by four years of frenzied efforts an offer to Chalmers that the boys spond?

son was sentenced to 75 years in Special Prosecutor Knight made fellow committee members rewould be freed if they would

cluded all other organizations the Southern population." Trying Chalmers went to Alabama and jected this offer decisively. But, from participation in the leader- to justify this attitude, he says: rounded up a number of con- says Chalmers, even so pressure ship of the movement; for an- "I do not, of course, mean to servative elements who were dis- "was always being applied to us other, they brought in the op- minimize the importance of the turbed by the effect of the case to make a deal with the prosecuportunist criminal lawyer, Samuel masses and their effect on public on Alabama prestige and were tion." Unlike the defendants, Liebowitz, and allowed him to opinion. The murmur of the crowd willing to form an Alabama Chalmers was not averse to the Scottsboro boys but to do it in gradually take things over all is mighty indeed. But perhaps it Scottsboro Committee which idea. In December 1936 he made though his only interest in the is too mighty to affect the subtle would concentrate on persuading a public speech which the prosecuagainst the jim crow system that case was to promote his own situation in which we, at this the state authorities that it was tion correctly understood as an would discourage it from attempt prestige as a smart lawyer. But time, were involved. No, we could to their own interests not to go appeal for another offer of a

Accordingly, three weeks later Korean war without consultation mobilizing the masses in this its progress. But outside inter- and protest) "can be held up Alabama's Attorney General Car- of Congress, let alone consent of country and abroad to come to ference can also calcify prejudice during the conduct of the case." michael and Special Prosecutor the people. They don't see how Chalmers then went back to Knight came to New York where two wars for "democracy" could not afford the luxury of the SDC in New York and told they met with Liebowitz to work brought any more democracy, through which he intended to do reached was that four of the nine the big profiteering monopolies most of his work on the case. Jefendants were to be released; and the crooked, grafting capital-With the exception of Bob Minor three others were to plead guilty ist politicians in Washington will formed the last victim was let of class collaboration in the in- authorities denounced "the mur- (the Stalinist member of the com- "to some sort of assault not in- bring democracy. They don't see out of prison. He delivers a little terests of a Washington-Moscow mur of the crowd" as "outside mittee), who had lived in Alabama volving a sex crime" and receive how fascistic and despotic allies sermon at the end of his book on alliance, turned the case over to interference," Chalmers (and the and knew the Southerners who five-year sentences; the appeal in like Chiang Kai-shek, Syngman the need to continue the fight for the new Scottsboro Defense Com- committee he headed) decided had helped to form the new Com- Patterson's case was to be with- Rhee and Franco of Spain, signify Negro equality, and undoubtedly mittee. This committee included they wanted no more intervention mittee, all were highly skeptical." drawn on the understanding that a struggle for democracy. of "democracy" in the mouths of imperialist propagandists as a fraud and a snare. Fine is wrong

> This was as dirty and un-"ethical" Dr. Chalmers and his

(Continued next week)

one soldier put it to Fine, it's sex. "just a bunch of propaganda." A FRAUD AND A SNARE Not that these youth don't believe in democratic methods the right of the people to freely decide the issues of their lives. They just don't believe in the "democracy" they've witnessed and experienced in this country. They don't see anything demo-

he would be released within five The fourth Scottsboro trial was years; and Ozie Powell was to held in January 1936, a few weeks be prosecuted not for "rape" but Scottsboro movement to the nar- Norman Thomas of the League thorities. And that was what they after the SDC was formed. For for "assault" committed in defend-

We looked. There, leaning on the bar was our friend Sam, holding a glass of beer in both hands, with Emil himself helping him to lift it to his lips. Sam was not drunk. His face was white, not red. And we noticed that his clothes hung even more loosely than usual.

"Sam!" I said. "What goes on?" "Man, have you lost weight!" Slim said. "You

look like living death.'

Sam slowly turned his head. "Who's living?" "What happened to you, Sam?" we asked, helping him to a chair.

"I took the Chester Prometheus course," Sam

"You what?"

"One evening," Sam sighed, "I am sitting in my-chair reading a wild west magazine when I see a Chester Prometheus ad. 'I was a 72 pound weakling," it says, and there is a picture of a 72 pound weakling in a baggy bathing shit, being choked with one hand by a 200 pound monster. There is a beautiful girl, whose bathing suit is not baggy at all, and she is looking with love at the monster. The 72 pound weakling, I find, is none other than Chester Prometheus himself before he discovers the system of Dynamic Animal Magnetism, by which he Builds Men. One of you please help me lift this glass of beer."

Jimmy gave Sam a hoist, and he went on in a hollow voice.

"I discover that Chester Prometheus applies Dynamic Animal Magnetism and becomes a 250 pound monster, and now he himself can choke 72 pound weaklings with one hand; and not only that, he will make anybody a 250 pound monster. So I say, 'That's for me,' and I send away for

"Over at Wilson's, I'm running a lot of big work on my lathe, so I get plenty of free time while the machine is running. I stand in front of my lathe, and I squirm and pull on my arms and push my legs and shove my head with my hands and work all my muscles like Chester Prometheus tells me, and in a couple of weeks (although everybody thinks I am crazy) I begin to get strong. In three months I am powerful

"One day my foreman sees me putting a four hundred pound piece of bar stock in the chuck

by hand. He tells me, 'Sam, you're magnificent!' I smile modestly. He says, 'Sam, do me a favor. The crane is not working, so move a couple of tons of steel for me. Such a superman could do

"I am proud, so I do like he says, only it is not a couple of tons, but forty tons. In the meantime none of my clothes fit me any more, but my foreman is sympathetic. He lets me work sixteen hours every day instead of eight so I can buy more clothes. Also they do not fix the crane, so for sixteen hours every day while my own machine is cutting I am running up and down the department carrying tons of steel while my foreman is praising me and saying, 'Such a superman! You can do more work than that. Put these four bars of eight-inch stock on top of that pile you're carrying. Oh, what magnificent

"Finally I discover he has fired the craneman and six laborers, and I'm doing all their work plus running my own machine. When I put up a kick, he says, 'Sam, we know what you can do. Why should we pay you for less? So get to work.'

"The next week he tells me sixteen hours is not enough: I have to work twenty-four. Also a superman like me should be ashamed just carrying two and a half tons of steel at a time: I should carry three.

"So for the next three weeks I am working twenty-four hours a day, and my foreman has county road into the camp. This worked it up to four tons at a time. Then one day I fall flat on my face with the steel on top

"When I get out of the hospital my clothes are too big, and I can't get more clothes, because I late last fall, which was especially taken care of 24 hours a day by have no more job. But finally my foreman takes severe up on the mountain top have no more job. But finally my foreman takes me back, only I get my pay cut in half since I where the camp is located, the clude playground, supervised Billions Through no longer can carry anything bigger than an ounce of aluminum.

"I got it figured," Sam concluded. "When I was so busy carrying steel I didn't get a chance to do my Dynamic Animal Magnetism exercises, so that's why I got weak and lost my weight. So now, help me lift my beer glass. When it gets half empty I can do it by myself." "How much do you weigh now, Sam?" asked

"Seventy-two pounds," Sam answered. And then, with a crafty gleam in his eye he added, "Just to be on the safe side, I hope to lose about five more pounds before I go back to work

The Cop and the Kid By Marie Hahn

It was an early spring night in the East Bronx. Three boys had just left a tavern where they had stopped for a few beers and pinball game. They'd need those beers to pick up their drooping spirits. Just the night before they had dropped their second basketball game to a rival team. Next time, they said - next time we'll click! It was the most important thing in the world to these

The whole team had stayed at the boys' club practicing until 12 o'clock, sharpening up their team work, polishing their plays. Now, after practice, they separated to go their different ways. Jimmie walked alone down the one dimlylit block to his tenement home. He was deep in thought, when a harsh voice reached out to him from the darkened street ahead.

"Okay, punk, let's see your registration." Damn cops, thought Jimmie as he reached for his back pocket. A moment of panic caught him as he felt around for the card case, and remembered leaving it on his dresser. In a moment his mind went back over the past few months - months filled with incidents of police brutality. He thought of Hank who had been in the hospital for weeks, whose parents had been warned against pressing charges. "The Bull," (the kids' name for an especially brutal cop) had said that Hank was drunk and disorderly, and should charges be pressed he threatened to take action to railroad the kid.

Jimmie tried to keep his voice steady, tried to forget the picture of Hank lying in a hospital bed. "Gee," he said, "I guess I must've left it home, but if you want to come with me I can

show it to you." The cop emerged from the shadows, grey light playing on his shield, and his big fist tightening on his night stick.

"Oh, a wise guy, huh," and the stick came down. Jimmie threw away his fear and caution, and charged into the cop. The cop pulled his gun, and dragged the boy to the nearby station, to the dreaded back room.

At five a. m., having found nothing against him, they took him home to his widowed mother's flat. By that time, Jimmie was one stretch of black and blue, and a little hysterical. "Go ahead. tell my mother what I did, tell her why you worked me over, go ahead, if you can. Tell her!" he cried over and over again. The frightened woman was told, "Your kid's been drunk and disorderly. He got in a fight. You better take care tant!

But the matter did not end there. The widowed woman was related to a member in good stand- at the skeptics, at the people who ing of the Tammany machine. There was hell always say, "Socialism is a good to pay when she reported the beating. It didn't thing but how are you ever going get as far as the press, of course, but the cops to convince these 'dumb' workat the station received strict orders to lay off the Irish kids of the neighborhood. It is safer for them to walk the streets of East Bronx.

Jimmie didn't get to play in that week's game; he was in the hospital. His team won anyway, and that made him pretty happy. "The Bull" and his fellow cops have also adjusted to the situation. There's a large Puerto Rican community nearby, and the best part of it is, if anything happens, they can always say, "Well, the guy was talking spic, and how the hell could we know he wasn't a mugger or something?"

TRENTON SIX DEFENDANTS REFUTE CHARGES WITH IRON-CLAD ALIBIS

others he was seen by witnesses

at his place of work. 40 TO 50 WITNESSES

Now that all the defendants ants. have testified and the prosecution has failed to shake their stories the trial will move into another stage. It is expected that the defense will produce between 40 and 50 witnesses to substantiate visitors to see McKinley Forrest the innocence of the six defendants and to disprove the crude

frame-up and forced "confessions"

upon which the state bases its

police's methods of extorting derstand anything he was saytestimony of James McKenzie to- though the cell was dark I had the deep south where "outsiders" cigaret and then got a package testified. for him. After smoking four or five of these he "blacked out" and remained so for days. It was in this period that the "confessions" were secured by the

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ministered drugs to the defend-

the stand, in this, the first night session of the trial. He told how he, another lawyer and the defendant's brother were the first after his arrest and days and nights of grilling. Forrest came out of the cell "dazed and confused and couldn't even recognize his own brother . . . he muttered

AFRAID OF DOPE

He further told that when he offered the prisoner a cigaret from a pack in his pocket, Forrest "looked at it very suspiciously, rolled it in his hands and didn't want to smoke it." Similarly, when they got him a glass of water he acted pretty much the same; "smelled it before he drank it."

The defense asserts that the men were doped by doctored cigarets and sodium amytal in drinking water while the police were breaking them to the point of "confessing" to anything.

The evening session ended on a strident note as Judge Smalley abruptly broke in on an argument of that veteran civil

were thrown out of evidence by field Hays. Hays said, "the adthe court earlier in the trial when missions whether voluntary or friendly talk can do wonders to it was shown that police had ad- forced depend largely upon the turn the tide in our direction. psychology of the prisoner. What he knew of the police, what papers for their friends and stories he had heard about the giving me names of other people police, about the history of his race and the police is highly calling back on other friends and pertinent. It explanis the psy- getting new contacts. I sold a chology of the defendant in the

When Hays pointed out that the Judge demanded what New I Jersey court had ever done so. After a sarcastic remark to Hays jected? Of course not. The next More details on the Trenton and mumbled. . . I couldn't un- the judge declared court ad- fellow might be a prospective journed. The tone of the exchange "confessions" came out in the ing. . . He was very dirty and was reminiscent of the trials in forever!

hands of the police."

all courts allowed such testimony ocal legal backwardness.

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between.

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Pre-season visitors to the camp have already been pleasantly surprised by the fine road which has recently been put in from the private road is especially enjoyed parents, supervision by counby those who remember the rocks | selors and the facilities of the and bumps of former years.

As a result of the hurricane management had to speed up by swimming, ball games, hikes, placing the tent-cabins with trips to local points of interest, regular cabins. These little bunga- arts and crafts, and many other lows have shutters running the features. The Children's Camp is length of each wall which may be for youngsters from six to ten opened to obtain four way ven- years of age. The season opens tilation to say nothing of a July 1 and closes Sept. 2. beautiful vista of the surrounding countryside. These cabins are screened and have electric lights conveniently placed for reading

In addition to the small cabins, there are two new large cabins each suitable for housing a children under 12 (with parents), family of four. Situated on the edge of the woods, near the lily pond, they are far enough away from the main house to be quiet rates of 10 percent for four weeks in the evenings.

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By Paul Twin Cities

National Top Scorer In Big League Militant Campaign Let's get out and sell The Mili-

We can hurl a challenge at the witch-hunters, at the faint hearts, ers?" We can show them in our Militant campaign that these workers are now lookiing for a way out of this war-struck, bloody

After four weeks of the Big League Militant Campaign, I am firmly convinced that now is the time to get out and sell our newspaper! Experiences during this period have proved to me that conditions have changed in our favor more than we realized.

TURN THE TIDE

subs, renewals, single ales, street sales, house-to-house work - the friendliness of the people - all of this is very gratifying for us now. The word entrance into people's minds. Some hesitate a little, but a defied the authorities for weeks.

Workers in the shop are buying to see for subs. I have been subscription tonight to a neighbor in the back yard. I have Militants in my pockets at all times, because I know that every worker meet is a possible subscriber.

Turndowns? Of course. Desocialist. I can't let him wait

If we really believe in the day. He fold how a turnkey at the very definite impression that from the north are resented and Socialist Workers Party and its the police station offered him a it was dirty," the attorney what is precedent in federal program, if we really want to courts and other statec ourts is build towards a socialist society resented when it conflicts with - NOW IS THE TIME TO SELL THE MILITANT!

Stanton Griffis, U.S. ambassador to Spain and Wall Street banker, did criticize the Franco what those Americans think who government a few weeks ago. In believed so strongly in Franco his speech before the American and were willing to give him all Chamber of Commerce at Bar- the money he wanted to maintain celona, Griffis complained about his hated rule. The United States the Franco regime requiring visas is not popular here. The other of American tourists, putting day in Madrid the students investments into industry rather greeted the ambassador (Stanton than agriculture, placing certain Griffis) with whistles and cat-



Emil Mazey, CIO auto union's secretary-treasurer, hit Mayor. Cobo's strikebreaking in Detroit transit walkout at CIQ-AFL

Corporations Grab those enrolled in it. Children are several years its plans for reweenie roasts, camp fire singing, the test agains with trips to local points of interest, Tax Amortizations

Rates for Mountain Spring be paid to the big corporations Camp are as follows: For adults, in private cabins, \$40.00 per week, profits on war orders. \$6.50 per day; in domitories,

Under existing tax amortization provisions of the Defense \$25.00 per week, \$4.00 per day; Production Administration, the monopoly corporations are being There is a discount on the above granted huge tax write-offs for plant expansions to handle war or more, 20 percent for eight contracts.

weeks or more. Rates include The Joint Congressional Committee on Defense Production is Readers of the Militant regard supposed to be investigating less of race, creed or color are these tax hand-outs, but since it ordially invited to spend their began its probe the amount of vacations at the camp. Working tax amortizations has more than people wishing to enjoy their doubled. By May 5 the total was vacations in a friendly, informal more than \$5 billion.

atmosphere, with swimming, recreation and educational activities tions are \$37 million for the should send in their reservations | Alumninum Corporation of Ameras soon as possible. Write to ica; \$26 million, New York Cen-Mountain Spring Camp, RD #1, tral Railroad; \$12 million, Libby-Washington, N. J. for literature Owens Ford Glass Company; and on the camp, or call Washington \$15 million, National Container Corporation.

Blasts Mayor

While Congress is preparing another "soak-the-poor" tax bill was cheered to the rafters at the stration of labor unity in Detroit, to pay for the capitalists' war program, it is permitting billions of dollars in tax rebates to which are cleaning up spectacular

Among the new tax amortiza-

CIO-AFL Rally

Behind Detroit Transport Strike

DETROIT, May 18 — In the fifth week of the transportation workers strike here, the CIO and AFL held an inspiring joint demonstration of labor solidarity, pledging support to the hard-pressed bus

and streetcar operators. A crowd of 1200 unionists, both AFL and CIO representatives from central bodies and local unions, heard leaders vow to back victory is won.

administration, headed by strikebreaker Mayor Cobo, had shown urer of the United Automobile they were determined to break the Workers, CIO, got a rousing strike, by means of court injunctions and the use of strikebreakers.

Cobo's anti-union administration joint rally.

unanimously adopted: 1. A joint request by the increases, stating: Detroit and Wayne County Federation of Labor and the Wayne County CIO Council to the City

Council to order a public hear-

ing on the strike issues. 2. Joint action of the AFL and CIO to prevent any application of the Hutchinson Act in the present strike until the state law, which bans strikes by government employees, was tested in court. It was confidently predicted that this law would be declared unconstitutional.

3. A joint AFL-CIO strike newspaper to publicize the union's side of the strike.

4. To serve notice on Mayor Cobo and the DSR that the AFL and CIO will not tolerate strikebreaking. 5. To build up a defense fund

through the joint efforts of the AFL and CIO. 6. To pledge full support to

to support the DSR strikers,

Speakers at the meeting included Walter Stanley, business agent of the AFL Carmen's Union, who gave details of the fight for a cost-of-living wage the strikers against the city- raise and retention of hard-won owned transportation system until contract conditions. Robert Stack, representing the International The employer - dominated city Union pledged support.

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Emil Mazey, secretary - treasreception when he stated that injunctions won't run busses. He described the early struggle of Every militant and aggressive the UAW against the unionproposal for solidarity against busting injunctions. Mazey hailed the meeting as a practical demonand a good omen for organic The following program was unity. He defended the principle of cost-of-living escalator wage

> "DSR employees deserve the same treatment as UAW members." Mazey condemned Cobo as the same type of dictator as Franco in Spain, who was trying to crush strikes stanted in protest against streetcar fare raises. 'Detroit is a union town," he said, "and it is asinine for anyone to assume strikebreaking will be tolerated here, with the AFL and CIO standing shoulder to shoulder."

> Frank X. Martel, president of the Detroit and Wayne County Federation of Labor, promised that DSR vehicles would move "only when operated by members of division 26, working under union conditions."

> Martel defended public ownership of the transportation system. but the big defect, he stated, was the lack of labor management and domination of the DSR by

Spain -- The Revolt Grows

last week demonstrated against of foreign capital to not more the bloody Franco dictatorship in than 25 per cent. his political capital - Madrid. The action took the form of a

Workers demonstratively walked FIND WRONG WITH THE The alternatives open to the gov-stronger and the government is to work — thousands of them BESTIAL FASCIST DICTATOR—ernment are to execute dozens of growing weaker. arriving late, of course. Street SHIP OF FRANCO! cars and buses ran empty. Franco concentrated huge forces

Madrid. He feared a general strike like the vast shutdowns that have hit one industrial area things Griffis — and his Washafter another during the past two months. More than a million workers have participated in protest general strikes in the Barcelona, Bilbao-San Sebastian SOCIALISM becomes a magic and Pomplona areas, while textile workers in Manressa heroically

90% HEED CALL

Reuters, the British news agency, reported that 90 per cent in the week. Now nine people out It is idiotic of them, for who of Madrid's 400,000 workers of ten that you talk to curse the heeded the call for the transport powers that be. boycott. Most of the rest of the population also joined the demonstration. The same dispatch reports that "many workers in the Basque country went on strike" - at the Eibar arms plants and in Alda, Palencia and Elgoibar.

This growing struggle - the beginning of a revolutionary tide that threatens to sweep the rotten turned loose many of the men dictatorship away - is being waged against starvation conditions. The Spanish workers have always suffered abysmal poverty. Since Franco took power, however, prices have risen twice as fast as wages.

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industries under government reg- calls. Was that in your papers?

Spain's insurgent working class | ulation and limiting investments |

THAT'S ALL THIS REPRE-SENTATIVE OF THE AMER-

The Spanish people, however, have a different view. The Naof troops and Civil Guards in tion magazine of May 5 published portions of private letters from Spain which describe some of the ington colleagues - overlook. Here are excerpts of these letters telling what the Spanish people are thinking - and doing:

> the misery here. It used to be the lower civil servants, the small shopkeepers, and the workers

> March 11 The situation is alarming for that pig (Franco). Even here (Navarre, where clericalism is dominant) there is a lot of anti-Franco agitation . . Dozens of persons were arrested and some were brutally beaten up. But the police were so afraid of a popular uprising that they they arrested. . . Now trouble is breaking out again. One has the feeling that something will crack.

> > March 14

The Barcelona strike was a formidable one, and the most extraordinary thing about it was the way the people you thought In addition to the Army and the were for Franco sang the praises Roman Catholic hierarchy, Fran- of the students and strikers. They co's greatest support now comes weren't afraid any more to say what they thought. It was hard to ism has rushed to bolster Franco restrain our impatience. People who had been in hiding for months, sleeping here, there, or anywhere, came out on the street to hear the news. Now we wonder

people in order to terrorize the population or to show "Christian generosity." If it chooses the first course, hatred of Franco will mount; if it doesn't, people will

Now radio and press have gone crazy about Mac Arthur and say did not pay the least attention that Truman is a Mason of the to them. . . The workers say, worst kind. They said that before It would be hard exaggerate when Truman refused them the going to succeed in frightening loan, but later they discovered that he was a great man. The Franco people view a world war who went to bed hungry six days as their only chance of salvation. would fight against the Russians to defend Franco? I myself heard

the strikes will have been suc-

strike and the workers have seen the revolt of the workers.

army officers say this.

They say in Barcelona that the to hit back hard, there will be new Governor General, Felipe other strikes. . . What makes it Acedo, an ardent Falangist, is worse for the government is that offering peace to the workers. If the workers' new courage is conboycott of public transportation. ICAN RULING CLASS COULD he is, he can't feel very secure! tagious. They are growing

> This strike has spread through practically the entire Basque country and is so vigorous and inspiring that there are no words lose fear of the government and to describe it. The governors in Vizcaya and Guipuzcoa threatened strikers with the most for-April 13 midable reprisals, but the workers in Bilbao and San Sebastian "This is our hour and nobody is

> > France: Spanish Frontier,

April 24 Just back from across the border. It is really wonderful. They have doubled the vigilance all through the mountains and on the International Bridge, but April 20 even in the faces of the soldiers But now that there has been a on guard one can see the joy over

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