# CIO Convention Pledges Fight On Wage Freeze

NEW YORK, Nov. 8 — After listening politely to Vol. XV - No. 46 speeches by the top mobilization officials the Thirteenth Constitutional Convention of the CIO bitterly assailed the

mobilization set-up and resolved that "we shall never submit to discriminatory wage freezes or unfair policies of any other kind which will threaten the standard of living and the hard-won collective bargaining advances of free American labor. . ."

The outspoken attacks of all the CIO leaders on the policies of the Wage Stabilization Board were the opening barrage in the campaign of the CIO Steelworkers union for "substantial wage increases" in the coming negotiations with the steel magnates.

WSB RUN-AROUND

Speaker after speaker gave glimpses of the run-around and general trimming the labor movement is getting on wages, prices and taxes. Emil Rieve, President of the Textile Workers Union and a labor member of the Wage Stabilization Board, described the reconstituted 18 member WSB as functioning "in a sort of way now." He told how he and the other labor members "often times must vote - when we don't want to - to cut down wage increases won by unions in negotiations, like in the case of the NMU. But we voted for it because they would have got less otherwise. . ." In an attempt to justify participation in the Big Business dominated mobilization set-up, Rieve continued, "A lot of people say maybe we ought to take another walk out of the WSB. I don't know if that is such a good idea. Even if we go out of the WSB the law doesn't go out of existence." His alternative was staying in since "there is nothing we can do except protest."

Joseph Beirne, President of the CIO Telephone Workers referred to graveyard of grievances that the WSB and its regional offices are becoming. Said he, "We have today over 10,000 cases tied up, ASKS DEEDS NOT WORDS 10,000 cases where we know and others connected with the wage stabilization program who have a keen delight in dragging their feet so that months and months

pal, "Phil" (Murray) could go Zone which is based on the on the contrary, the rebels into negotiations with the steel federal government's pay dif-

#### CIO Convention Hits Smith Act

The 13th CIO Convention unanimously condemned the Smith and McCarran Acts in a resolution on Civil Liberties and Internal Security. The Resolution stated: "The Supreme Court's decision upholding the conviction of the Communist leaders was a grave blow to America's precious heritage of freedom of speech." The resolution asked that Congress review and revise all "security" legislation with the objective of giving "full pro-tection to the civil rights of all persons, recognizing that freedom of speech is the foundation stone of democracy. Rovisions of existing law which permit prosecution on the basis of speech or advocacy alone should be stricken out."

interfere with the collective bargaining process. Since the role of the WSB is to chop down gains' won by unions in strikes or negotiations this "guarantee" was meaningless.

Every protest by CIO leaders against the mobilization set - up was prefaced by breast - beating declarations of support to the government's program for war. The speeches of the many government officials addressing the convention started from the same premise and drew the logical conclusion, namely, if you support the war program you must sacrifice wage demands, you must | American Legion conclave. (See editorial on page 3.)

A strong Civil Rights Resoluwe feel . . . the keen desires of tion was passed. It called for a the workers whose wages are Federal FEPC, an anti-lynch law, held up, and wanting those wages, an end of poll taxes and federal wanting some relief . . . we have and state Civil Rights Laws. In office. We are with you before members were among the rioters The name of Anastasia, and of the Anastasias! you even begin to pressure us. and that local CIO leaders did others of like kidney who com-But level your pressure against not speak out against the Jim prise the core of the Ryan mathem telegrams, don't hesitate to port this resolution because we have taken the offensive against Nathan Feinsinger, Wage Sta- because to us it means the Neither the hoodlums, nor the

with the hollow promise that his crimination in the Panama Canal a settlement of their grievances. corporations with the knowledge ferentials for white and colored perfected their organization in that the WSB would in no way workers doing the same jobs.

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# sacrifice wage demands, you must use "self-restraint and self-control." The tone of the whole convention was as flag-waving as an vention was as flag-waving as an N.Y. Dock Workers

Service Workers, said the labor York tied up for almost one chartered the motor launch movement had frequently "given month. The name has become a

bilization Chairman, closed his salvation of America and the yellow press, nor Truman and his speech, (which delegates describ- salvation of a democratic world." shotgun mediators, have been ed privately as an attempt to do A separate resolution was able to intimidate the strikers a "snow job" on the convention), passed condemning racial dis- into returning to work without

On the contrary, the rebels the very heat of the struggle.

Each day has seen another State Industrial Commissioner NEW YORK, Nov. 7 - The demonstration of the strikers' in- has appointed a fact-finding board parties. name of Anastasia has loomed genuity in devising and utilizing to investigate and settle the found a desire on the part of discussing the resolution Willard large in the longshore strike new means of struggle. Yester- dispute. In testimony before the Townsend, head of the Transport which has kept the port of New day, for example, the strikers panel, Ryan was forced to admit Helen, equipped it with a loud between the union and employers. a nod to a resolution that says symbol of the forces involved in speaker and used it as a picket The rebels are demanding that a go by and no relief is given to that the black brother should be this struggle. Anthony and Gerry boat to cover the waterside secthose workers whose cases are treated on an equal basis." But Anastasia, brothers of Albert, tions of struck piers. The N. Y. charging that the vote to accept how were these courageous words trigger-man for Murder Incor- World Telegram reports: "A the Ryan agreement was fraud-

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The U.S. Supreme Court tipped its hat last week in recognition of the growing popular dissatisfaction with the witch hunt and the Court's own endorsement of the

In a unanimous decision written FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover by Chief Justice Vinson, the both appealed to the Supreme Court ruled on Nov. 5 that the Court to reverse the Circuit ederal district court in Southern California should reconsider motions for a reduction in bail of be disrupted and other federal 12 persons arrested under the law enforcement activities might Smith Act and held in the exorbitant bail of \$50,000 each.

COURT SKIRTS ISSUE

Vinson's decision skirted around of prosecution. the issue of whether the bail in But while Hoover may have to high bail. Under this ruling the itself. government can either agree to have the bail reduced, or it can

only touches the fringes of the issues in the witch hunt. It does not seriously affect the main trend toward thought control which was reinforced by the the government to hound and mitted to Congress by the Na- if Congress passes the plan now terrorize everyone who "ad- tional Security Training Commis- presented."

the Court refused to override a when it approved UMT in prin- trol of their personal lives and or some science courses. But a to questions about the army: lower court ruling that informers ciple and turned the job of be unable to plan for the future college student who does this formation to the FBI may be tee composed mainly of brass having their plans interrupted by over his head from the age of 18 siasm for military life, no enthu-

sued for libel. been fired from the Economic age of 18, and for their induction Cooperation Administration in into the armed forces for train-1949 after the steamship com- ing at the age of 181/2. Following

that no signed agreement existed Indicating the heat that angry union members have been putting crete discrimination situations when conductions where these courageous words are conducted when conductions when conductions when conductions when conductions where the conductions when conductions where the conductions where the conductions where the conductions when conductions where the conduction where the conductions where the conduction wh on the labor representatives of arose, Townsend asked. He said King Joe Ryan to spearhead his see that the public address sys- panel, echoed Ryan and his two old parties and want a the WSB, Beirne continued: "But that his investigation of the don't stop your pressure at our Cicero riot showed that union tivities.

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> Court. Otherwise, they claimed, be "seriously hampered." Hoover continue. even said "the public" would be "I want to congratulate the "frightened" and stop bringing "information" to the FBI for fear

# People Oppose War in Korea, Poll Shows

# OLD PARTIES SLIPPING, 56% Agree HALLEY VICTORY PROVES War'Useless,

NEW YORK, Nov. 7 — The notion that a third party "doesn't have a chance" was given a stunning blow in yesterday's election when Rudolph Halley, running on the

Liberal, Independent and Fusion tickets, was elected President of the New York City Council with a margin of more than 160,000

Halley is a Democrat himself, and shares the outlook of other capitalist politicians. But because he could not get the Republican or Democratic nominations, he made the most out of masquerading as an "independent." This pretense, together with the "gang - buster" reputation he acquired as Kefauver Committee counsel, was enough for him to beat the candidates of the major

Michael Bartell, Socialist Workers Party candidate, summed up the results in a short statement over Station WNYC last night, shortly after Halley's victory was announced. Bartell said:

A PROTEST VOTE

"Rudolph Halley's victory a year ago, as a protest against the triple alliance of the polimonied interests. That is the significance of the outcome of BREAKDOWN OF VOTE "Unfortunately, experience will

victory will result in no change ternational Ladies Garment Democrat, essentially no dif- Democratic wardheeler Robert ferent from any other Democrat. tion will remain: the anti-labor policies of the city administration - as demonstrated in the sanitation workers' fight and the longshore strike - will continue; the 3% sales tax will continue, and the subway fare will go up; police brutality against the Negro and Puerto Rican people will

thousands of voters who saw through the demagogy of Halley's 'Fearless Fosdick' routine, and voted against ALL employerthis case was exorbitant. All it move a little more cautiously, the dominated politicians for a real total vote was higher, the ALP the will and wishes of the machange, for a labor administra-

## 1,922 More

Despite repeated reports of "slowed - down" fighting in Korea, U.S. casualties went up 1,922 last week, bringing the overall total to 97,514, the Defense Department has

This total includes almost 15.000 killed, more than 12,000 missing, and 70,000 wounded. It does not include about 75,-000 serious "non-battle" casualties, such as frostbite am-

Stop the slaughter! Bring the troops home now!

are the far-sighted voters, for you represent the socialist future. "I urge you not to limit yourin the fight for socialism or learn it and they want it ended. headquarters at 116 University found the Korean war unpopular Place. I should be very happy to with the American people." Unticians, the underworld and the speak with you about our ideas and activities."

Halley got 657,000 votes. He

soon demonstrate that Halley's Democratic leaders of the Infailed. whatever, for Halley is a Workers Union and elements like N. Y. Times and Daily News.

Tammany candidate Joseph T. Sharkey got 494,000 votes. He Liberal Party support.

436,000 votes.

tion and a socialist society. You tabulated until next week.

# Gallup Finds

Ever since Truman launched his unauthorized war in Korea sixteen months ago, The Militant has insisted the decisive majority of the American people are opposed to this war and, if afforded a national referendum, would vote overwhelmingly against it. Every public poll since Korea has confirmed how unpopular this war has been. New confirmation comes from the Gallup Poll survey released on Nov. 4 which discloses that a decisive majority regards the war in Korea as an "utterly useless war."

The question asked was: "A U.S. Senator says that the Korean war is an 'utterly useless war.' Do you agree or disagree with this?" (The unnamed Senator was Taft, Ohio Republican. See article on Page 2.)

Of those questioned, 56% agreed as against 33% who disagreed, a majority of almost self to, voting for socialism. two to one, and 11% expressed Follow through! The fight for no opinion. The meaning of these socialism does not end on election answers is beyond dispute. Most day, it goes on 365 days a year. Americans see no purpose what-Those who want to join with us ever in this war; they are against

Gallup himself notes that his questionably, this is the most unpopular war in U.S. history. The propaganda barrage designed to fool the people into was supported by the Social believing that it is somehow necessary and advantageous has

Truman knows this, so does the Pentagon, so do all the other Big Blaikie and Republican Newbold Business politicians. They all I predict that crime and corrup- Morris. He was endorsed by the know that the continuation of this war is directly contrary to the wishes of the people.

This war which is opposed by had the formal support of most the majority of the people can of the AFL and CIO leaders, and be stopped. It must be stopped. the endorsement of Sen. Lehman | The way to do it is by demanding and Rep. F. D. Roosevelt Jr., that the will of the people shall both of whom were elected with prevail. This means to demand a nationwide referendum which Henry Latham of the GOP got would permit the people to decide. What better way is there of showing what the American peo-Clifford T. McAvoy of the ple really want done about American Labor Party got 104, Korea? Those who oppose this 000 votes. (Last year, when the demand for a referendum flout change, a fundamental social candidate for mayor got 149,000.) jority who want THE U.S. Bartell's vote will not be TROOPS BROUGHT HOME

# SAM ADAMS AND THE **AMERICAN REVOLUTION**



### 1. The Army of the People

On the night of April 18, 1775, a small detachment of British troops moved out of Boston up towards Lexington, where they hoped to capture the radical leader Samuel Adams. He was reported to be nearby, preparing, together with John Hancock, another prominent rebel, to set out for the second meeting of the Continental Congress, in Philadelphia.

Within hours, the giant blaze of a revolutionary mobilization swept through the cities and countryside of New England. Adams and Hancock went on to the Congress. The detachment of British troops was driven back into Boston, and the British army encamped there found itself besieged by a people's militia of 20,000 armed workingmen and farmers.

This powerful body of troops was something new under the sun. It was neither hired nor conscripted, but entirely volunteer. It was not raised by law; it was organized in defiance of all existing laws. It was staffed and officered, not by royalty, nor by professional militarists, but by farmers, printers, blacksmiths, doctors, tailors, barbers and others elected to their commissions by the ranks.

This New England army of the people was soon joined by other plebeian armies throughout the nation. The common people of America organized themselves into military units, armed themselves, and challenged the military might of Imperial

The revolutionary army of 1775-1781, with all of its imperfections, discontent in the ranks.

desertions, etc., still presents a remarkable picture. Today, when the militarists have to drag still try to concoct "proof" of the reluctant draftees practically one by one to the need for high bail. the slaughter, it is well to recall that at one time in our past, a large percentage of the population mobilized itself for war, not because the law said so, but in spite of the law and in defiance of

### The Revolutionary Process

When people defy the law in order to fight, society is being turned inside out. It is a sure sign that a revolutionary process is capsizing the ship of state, overturning all the old social and political relations, and bringing a new order of things into being.

The Revolutionary War of 1775-1781 was the result of just such a revolutionary process. It is the purpose of these articles to describe the revolution in America of a century and three quarters ago, and to attempt to draw lessons which will be helpful in the present period of social change.

That which historians generally call the "American Revolution" (or sometimes "The War of Independence") was really the last stage of the revolution: a revolutionary war against reactionary ruling classes and foreign oppression. The decisive stages of the revolution came before this pany gave the FBI a "false, training, youths become members all youths must go after train- a year, according to Pentagon months, the guys have been war. Why historians make this confusion is a very interesting matter.

A revolution is the process whereby the mass of the people transfer their allegiance to a new social and political order, which they have built ruled that he might sue if he at all times.

The Circuit Court of Appeals subject to call for battle service no declared war, but only a young men, however, will see proved? I got news for you, social and political order, which they have built ruled that he might sue if he at all times. social and political order, which they have built ruled that he might sue if he at all times. within the shell of the old. This is very often could prove "malice."

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## ruled was that the government Court has refused so far to inhad not proved the need for such terfere with the "loyalty" purge

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vocates" minority political views. sion. This Commission was

Moore-McCormack Lines for The plan provides for the militarism is to become part of \$350,000 damages because he had registration of all youths at the the daily life of Americans. misleading and defamatory" re- of the Ready Reserve for 71/2 ing, is subject to call at all figures. This means that a sum running up and down these port about his activities during years, after which they go into times, not only in event of war. ranging from \$5,000 to \$2,500 will mountains getting their fannies the time he had worked for it. the Retired Reserve. They remain This means that even if there is be spent on each youth. The full of lead. And what have we

The Department of Justice and Report summarizes, "Unlike their ing to establish families or job- exact. The bulk of it will go, try, it'll damn well be his own."

Court's own decision last spring armed camp along Prussian mili- duty, the UMT graduates of the training. when it declared the Smith Act tarist lines is the plan for future will always remain part constitutional. This act enables Universal Military Training sub- of the country's military reserve, their Reserve obligation until ardor of the Pentagon and Con-

In another decision on Nov. 5, created by Congress last June the coming period will lose con- war machine, such as pre-medical Generation," found this response who "maliciously" give false in- working out details to a commit- without the constant fear of has his military service hanging the Army; there is little enthuhats. The report will be acted on a call back to the Army. This until he is at least 30. Cecil E. Foltz Jr. had sued the in the next session of Congress. typical feature of Prussian-type

SUBJECT TO CALL

College students may defer

WILL COST BILLIONS

the first year and \$2 billions for can." every year after that, calculated The Ready Reserve, into which on the basis of 800,000 trainees Korea battle veteran: "For 15

The latest step in the campaign all ties with the armed forces fight, not just once, but several nates, clothing and building conto turn this country into an when discharged from active times, during the 71/2 years after tractors, food monopolies, and an array of sundry grafters.

Meanwhile, as the war-like after completing their college gress increases, that of the youth courses only if they are in some decreases. Time magazine, in a In other words, young men in field which will be useful to the recent survey of the "Younger "Hardly anyone wants to go into siasm for war. Youngsters do not talk like heroes; they admit freely that they will try to stay UMT will cost \$4 billions for out of the draft as long as they

Time reports the words of a Thus, as U.S. News and World action," young men who are try- in pay for the six months, to be fights to defend anybody's coun-

#### FROM HOLLYWOOD TO ROME

Taking advantage of what is left of my rights, I hereby serve notice of intention to join in the public discussions stirred up by President Truman's decision to send a United States ambassador to the Vatican. And if you expect me to be calm and politely restrained in my utterances, you're in for a disappointment. I was burned up about the encroachments of authoritarian clericalism long before the President's decision was announced. His latest stroke of statesmanship just added a little fuel to the flames which have been searing my tender flesh.

This is not a debate, properly speaking. From the looks of things, it is turning into a free-forall fight. I am glad to see that, and I want a hand in it. My intellectual convictions on this issue, which are quite firm and definite, are reinforced by personal grievances which cry for redress.. Grover Cleveland once remarked: "It is a condition which confronts us - not a theory." In this case there is a theory too, and a very simple one. But the thing that hurts right now is a condition which is already infringing on my right to live as a free man in a free society.

#### Clerical Thought Control

The Roman Catholic hierarchy in this country is getting pretty bold and taking in a lot of territory. They not only want to regulate the morals of their communicants; they also want to regulate mine and yours according to their own perverted conceptions of morality. That's where my grievance begins. It may seem like a long way from a couple of movies to the highest affairs of state. But there is a direct connection as I see it; and they merge together, along with a lot of other related questions, into a menacing shadow of clerical thought-control over America.

Experience has made me leery of Hollywood and taught me to be choosey about what movies I see. This caution and discrimination pays off. When something good comes along on the screen, some artistic creation which holds the mirror up to human nature. I appreciate it all the more. And I treasure my right to see and admire and pay for the privilege, like any other free-born citizen. I saw "Open City" and "The Bicycle Thief," and bowed in reverence before the uncontaminated art of the Italians. When I read the reviews and heard the comments of friends about Rossellini's picture called, "The Miracle," I decided to see that, too, at the first opportunity.

But before I got around to it, the right to see this picture was brutally taken away from me and others who wanted to see it. Cardinal Spellman, the ecclesiastical hoodlum who broke the strike of the cemetery workers and splattered Mrs. Roosevelt with mud in a gutter brawl, denounced "The Miracle" as immoral. And forthwith the subservient public officials in New York banned the picture and took it off the screen.

#### The Question of Rights

I won't stop here to argue the worth or worthlessness of Spellman's moral standards. I am concerned with more important questions. What about the right of Rossellini and his company to produce their work of art according to their own lights and insights? And what about my right and the right of other citizens to see the production and judge it for ourselves?

When I read the announcement that the movie version of "A Streetcar Named Desire" would be shown in New York, I said right away, without waiting for reviews or recommendations from anybody: This is a picture I must see. The reason for my recklessness in this case was that I had seen the original play on the stage, as played by a good company of actors on the ater circuit. I don't care much decay and degeneration as themes of art. But that, it seems, is all you can get in a serious novel or play about people in the land lost in darkness south of the Mason-Dixon line. The artists paint what they see, and will not lie. It's terrible, but it's true and therefore beautiful.

That is the profound impression I took away from the theater when the final curtain fell on Tennessee Williams' powerful, mercilessly real-

By Clara Kaye

SEATTLE, Oct. 29 — A cour-

istic, and yet compassionate play. I wondered what Hollywood would do with it, and made arrangements of my time in advance to go and see for myself.

I am happy to report that Hollywood didn't It is full of bitterness, but not to vote for "the Labor." foul up this job. The picture faithfully follows the stage play and brings all its characters to life as the author conceived them. For this we owe our thanks to Elia Kazan, who produced the original play on Broadway, and then went along to Hollywood to direct the picture. Warner Brothers had sense enough to provide him with the best possible cast, headed by the incomparable Vivien Leigh, and let him alone.

#### **Good Picture Mutilated**

But then, after the picture was finished to the satisfaction of all concerned, some mutilating cuts were made without the director's knowledge or consent. Elia Kazan told about it with cold fury in the New York Times a couple of weeks ago. Between the time the picture was finished and its release in New York, the Legion of Decency went to work. This is a special organization set up by the Catholic hierarchy to police and censor works of art, and to decide what can't be shown under threat of boycott.

They preach Christian charity, but they rely on brute force. They let Warners know that they were going to give the picture a "C" or "Condemned" rating. "This," says the angry director, "would mean that people of the Roman Catholic faith would be instructed not to see it."

You might think that this doesn't concern you, since you pay no attention to such "instructions." But you are mistaken. Warner Brothers didn't doubt for a minute that it concerned them in the center of their most vital and sensitive interest — the box office.

Says Elia Kazan: "The studio's reaction was one of panic. They had a sizable investment in the picture, and they at once assumed that no Catholic would buy a ticket. They feared further that theatres showing the picture would be picketed, might be threatened with boycotts of as long as a year's duration if they dared to show it, that priests would be stationed in the lobbies to take down the names of parishioners who attended. I was told that all these things had happened in Philadelphia when a picture with a "C" rating was shown there, and, further, that the rating was an invitation for every local censor board in the country to snipe at a picture, to require cuts or to ban it altogether."

So, without consulting or even informing the foreign policy may be a major distinguished director of the picture, they made twelve cuts in the finished film to satisfy the demand of the clerical censors, and delayed the 1920. planned showing of the picture until the mutilated version finally secured their "B" rating.

#### Threat to Freedom

It is just the good luck of the moviegoing middle classes by denouncing the public that the cuts were minor and do not Truman administration for leadseriously affect the flow and tremendous drive ing the country into a "slide of the picture. That may be because Tennessee down the path of socialism and Williams' play, directed by Elia Kazan, is too military government and the the biggest applause in his powerful and subtle a thing for the ignorant totalitarian state." Legion of Decency really to understand. We can't hope for such good luck every time. If this gang read, and what their children shall be taught in schools, and back up their regulations with force, as they do everywhere they can get away with it.

I, for my part, can get along without the movies, if necessary, but I can't get along without freedom. One of the greatest threats to our freedom in America comes precisely from the enemy of enlighten known as the Roman Catholic hierarchy, which ed attentively today at Sather President Truman has greatly strengthened and Gate — nationally known freeencouraged by his monstrous decision to send an official ambassador to the Vatican.

I am looking for allies in this fight, and it Workers Party speakers present begins to look now as though we're going to have a militant program for socialism plenty of them. Some of them are good allies, and and peace, denounce the role of fighting mad, which is just exactly the mood this U.S. imperialism in Asia and call great discussion needs. — J. P. C.

# Notebook of an Agitator A Report From London on British Election

LONDON, Nov. 1 - The elecback." That just about sums up Labor people to the Tory victory. pessimism. This great labor movement with almost fourteen mood. It rallied to the election



ANEURIN BEVAN

were truly magnificent - back-| course, new to the history of in- | left policy would have won the Labor. When the workers through

in some marginal constituencies defeat is by no means definitive. and through its indecision paved Labor is a great force based on the way for defeat at the polls. powerful organizations; a factor single party in the country.

#### RIGHT WING TO BLAME

the middle class swung to the

ward workers mustered in their ternational social democracy. In election. tion is over and "the rats are thousands, some who could 1945 Labor was given a huge neither read nor write, explain- Parliamentary majority because the attitude of rank and file ing to Labor supporters at the the middle class joined with the polling booth that they wanted workers and voted the Tory down. But the reformist program of the Nevertheless, in spite of this Labor Party was totally inadewonderful demonstration, the un- quate to hold them, and by the million supporters is in a fighting pleasant fact remains that the early part of 1949 large numbers "Labor statesmen" but out of a better strategic position than bold socialist policy this could directly to the Liberals and in- Business will readily push some instinctive class hatred of the it occupied previously, and since have been avoided, but in line Tories. Right to the last minute this means greater servility to with its counterparts elsewhere, when the polls closed, campaign the American masters, it is in the right wing of the British workers fought in a desperate consequence a defeat for the Labor Party sought to serve two attempt to get every single Labor working class. But this must be masters, the capitalists and the supporter to vote, and the results judged in its proper context. The workers. It succeeded in neither,

> The responsibility for the setwhich calms even the wildest back therefore rests squarely on capitalist newspaper. The Tories the shoulders of Attlee and Morcame back on a minority vote rison, who rejected all sugwhile Labor remains the biggest gestions from the ranks about the need for a bold socialist policy. The Bevanite results prove this to the hilt. Driberg, Mikardo Labor lost the election because and Harold Davis had the shakiest seats in the country, but Tories. While the Liberals by succeeded in holding them and withdrawing candidates, in many increasing their vote because they cases gave the Tory candidates openly associated themselves with the narrow majority which ensur- the need for cuts in the arms proed victory, it was the middle- gram. In the case of Driberg and class swing which did most Mikardo, the Liberals ganged up with the Tories. Both Driberg and

> > tion. It kills five civilians for one

But of course Taft is not a

pacifist. He criticizes the United

Nations not because it attempted

to crush Korea but because it is

"an utter failure as a means of

preventing aggression" - that

is, it did not succeed in its

attempt because it failed to "go

nto China to punish the Chinese

Reds for their aggression." He

criticizes a Korean truce on the

have lost the war in Korea. .

We are back where we were three

to the MacArthur "all-out" wing

of the party and in the next to

Korea altogether.

#### WHAT NEXT FOR TORIES?

directly to Labor. Speaking im- resources towards the fascists mediately after the election he when the situation gets worse. urged his followers to "see the est sides of our opponents" and outlook on world affairs." Sir have both emphasized that Labor of the day. will support "law and order" and accept Tory rule.

The coalition weapon is, ciples will quickly reveal itself Party. and Bevan must either travel further to the left or expose himself in the period ahead.

The course of the Tory Party therefore is almost certain to be declare against a war at any an all-out attempt to break up price. Labor's vote was in essence Labor's huge support. The longer an anti-war vote, just as the this force remains intact, the removal of Shinwell from the greater the danger for the Tories. National Executive Committee of

#### THE FASCISTS

chill has the full support of the clarify itself on the war question. big bourgeoisie at the present The way toward retaining the moment, but the Tory Party powerful support among the should not be confused with the masses which Labor at present ruling class. It is not the class. enjoys, as well as regaining Millions of middle-class clerks, middle class support, is through housewives, small business and the adoption of a socialist antiprofessoinal people gave the war policy. That is the main Tories a vote of over thirteen lesson and task for the future. millions. These misguided peo- Labor lost the election, but inple, who are not big bourgeois, creased its support among the believe that Churchill will reduce workers. It will decisively defeat the cost of living, and when the the Tories when the Left Wing grim truth once again confronts takes over and applies a full them they will react in the most socialist policy. Now more than

their unions are forced to defend themselves against Tory attack. we can expect Big Business to do Big Business is not yet in a everything possible to inflame the position to begin a frontal attack middle class against the workers, on the working class. Its most by blaming organized labor for important job at the moment is their plight. That is where the to find ways and means to disrupt fascists come in, and it was no the labor movement and demor- accident that election activity in "old men of Toryland" are back, of small business and professional alize the fourteen millions who some London districts resulted in fight not on the basis of the and war is nearer. The election people in the suburban areas had support it. Churchill has already clashes each night between Labor articles and speeches of the result has placed Big Business in moved back to the Tories. With a made overtures for a coalition supporters and the fascists. Big.

> With the empire crumbling and the terrible impoverishment which that "after all we had a common is increasing in Britain, a polarization to the extreme right as Hartley Shawcross and Morrison well as to the left is on the order

Labor's rank and file were therefore, the most serious threat prevented from discussing policy at the moment. It can easily have at Scarborough, by the declaraas its background the worsening tion of a general election. During situation in the Middle East. the private meeting of delegates Both sides have identical foreign Bevan declared that he favored policies and a threat of war and an early emergency conference. "save the empire movement" could This is now absolutely necessary provide a plausible excuse. The and will receive overwhelming Bevanites who supported the support. To defeat any move to Labor Government on Egypt coalition and re-arm itself with a would be placed in an embar- socialist program, Labor must rassing position, and the result- have a conference as soon as ing confusion could be serious. possible. That is the first task.

Consequently the main fight of Labor's Left did splendid work the Socialist left today is against in the elections. Even right wing coalition, which in turn must be organizers from Transport House linked to the fight against war grudgingly stated this. The Left and for the freedom of the fought hard because it had a colonial and semi-colonial peoples policy. Far from being frustrated of Asia and the Middle East. In or complacent, it must now this situation confusion on prin- prepare to take over the Labor

#### LABOR ANTI-WAR

During the campaign, candidate after candidate was forced to the Labor Party at Scarborough was an anti-war gesture. Because It is absolutely true that Chur- of this the Bevan movement must

ever before this is the only road At the moment they are anti- for British Labor.

# Taft Uses Anti-War Talk To Gain GOP Nomination

By John F. Petrone

Senator Taft's strength in the race for the Republican presito the speculation that in 1952 of the party. And so he has Such a war we are fighting today dential nomination has given rise issue between the capitalist parties for the first time since Taft is now touring the country

and lining up important sections of the Republican machine. As in the past, he is appealing to the

But he is shrewd enough to Korean war is a Truman war." He know that this is not enough to says that "if there is one unforwin the GOP nomination in a givable result of any foreign contest with the Eisenhower wing policy, it is an unnecessary war. begun to sound the theme of op- in Korea." At times, he almost position to the Korean war, which sounds like a pacifist: "There was sharply differentiates him from a time perhaps when war might both Eisenhower and Truman and be justified as a matter of nahas an appeal to broad sections tional policy. Today war is only of the population, including the an engine of complete destrucworking class.

#### 'A TRUMAN WAR"

Taft is attacking Truman for having started the Korean war "on his own initiative." He gets speeches when he says "this

# gets a little more power in this country, it will tell the people what they can see, and hear, and

By Bill Morgan

speech forum — to hear Myra Tanner Weiss and other Socialist for the withdrawal of all foreign troops from Korea.

Graphically describing the reactionary aims of American imperialism, Mrs. Weiss, veteran campaigner for socialism and well known to thousands of West Coast workers and students, also Afterwards, dozen of students World War II and are leading

### On Friday evening, at a public FREE SPEECH FORUM

the Korean War," and here again He dealt with the problem of the that the U.S. State Department conflict. She showed how only her penetrating examination of coming war and the inevitable the Korean War and the signifi- upsurge of the American workers.

party friends were made and old University of California for their After the meeting a social was

from her activities along this line liberties be maintained.

BERKELEY, Calif., Nov. 2 — answers to questions from the BERKELEY, Calif., Nov. 2—
More than three hundred Univeraudience many students remained around the platform to ask more

In this way, he plays both sides of the street like a true demaquestions and shake hands with gogue

> Gate and indicates a new turn in the campaign for socialism in this area. Some hostile heckling from a group of Shachtmanites who indulged in a bit of red-baiting was well answered by the SWP speakers and received a cool attitude from the serious crowd of students. It was a good meet-

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 5 -An overflow audience of workers and students crowded the Socialopinion expressed by scores of fighting for freedom, bread and and held at the Church of the with Truman to maintain the ist Workers Party hall last Sat-People, right off the campus. status quo. Pointing out that it urday night to hear Myra Tanner the very conditions which led to Many had to stand. But nobody to hear such a fine speech."

The audience was the most serious and at the same time the liveliest that has attended a San Francisco SWP meeting for many months. Questions flew thick and fast during the discussion period. What is the difference between meeting sponsored by the Seattle Frank Barbaria, SWP candidate the SWP and the Stalinists? branch of the SWP, Mrs. Weiss for Mayor of San Francisco, took Don't you think Fascism will spoke before a widely repre- the platform to answer questions come in the U.S.?" Several mem-Korea on the grounds that North Roosevelt and Stalin for dividing sentative, jam-packed audience at and explain further the program bers of the audience took the Washington Hall on "Lessons of of the Socialist Workers Party. floor to express their points of heading toward an explosion productive campaign."

militant and successful struggle scheduled. However, there was At a reception held for Mrs. to maintain Sather Gate as a little dancing. Everyone wanted Weiss on Saturday evening, she free-speech forum and explained to discuss further the ideas met and spoke to still more work- that every fight for free speach presented in Myra Weiss' talk, to formed of future meetings.

Friday morning Comrade Weiss was interviewed by Katherine stay here, Mrs. Weiss spent as also spoke. He described the ef- Kerry over Station KYA. At noon much time as possible in informal forts of the waterfront workers she spoke to 300 students at the discussions with workers and of San Francisco to halt the Sather Gate of the University of students and housewives who screening of militant union men California in Berkeley. On Sunwere earnestly seeking clarity on from the docks and ships. He day night a house social in her the major political issues con- showed that only by a continuous honor was held in Oakland. Tofronting them, and the Seattle struggle of both students and day, just prior to her departure. branch will benefit enormously workers can free speech and civil she was interviewed for 45 minutes by Bob Shutz, over Sta-After more than two hours of tion KPFA in Berkeley.

#### they are very popular, as the Nov. 4 Gallup Poll indicated. This is evidently one reason why Taft professes such confidence that he

will win the Republican nomina-

tion even if Eisenhower contests

MORE OF 'GREAT DEBATE' The "great debate" over foreign policy that began after Mac-Arthur failed in his drive to reach the Chinese border of Korea is by no means closed. In a new form it is certain to be continued complained. As one said, "I would in the coming period, at least stand uncomplainingly in the rain until the nominating conventions next summer. And that will be a good thing because it will offer Militant sales include selling in introduce new readers to the the genuine anti-war forces an neighborhoods where election paper. other opportunity to intervene literature was distributed, as well with their independent program as subscription work for camand obtain the ear of the Amer-

The 1952 campaign promises to be exciting and fruitful for for Boston's local renewal camrevolutionary socialists. With a paign He reports, "The next two campus Judging from the quesnew discussion coming up on Sundays will be spent in visiting tions asked and the enthusiastic foreign policy, and with things subscribers and we expect a very reception of the paper, we think against the wage-freeze, there will be a great opportunity for the opponents of Big Business Bebe Patch so that she will be Canada, has been reading The the opponents of Big Business The meeting was combined with and its war preparations to participate in this discussion.

ican people.



# lost 90,000 men in combat." In this way, he plays both sides

reports good sales of The Mili- story of the devil and Daniel those who are against the war tant in the last few weeks of Webster and tied it up with the

Michael Bartell. In only 30 people." addition to sales at

form and invite peo- read The Militant. ple to the election rally.

tion rally while doorbell ringing."

paign sub renewals. Literature Agent Ken Saunders

sure to get them in time for Militant for several months and delivery to her regular customers. writes to say that he enjoys it The following is part of a letter very much. "It certainly is a from Comrade Patch telling of a worthy publication, and I look recent experience she had while forward to seeing it every selling The Militant: "Here is a week." little adventure I had while J.J., of New York, also likes selling papers last week. I found The Militant. "I have found the myself at a religious meeting; news in The Militant of great they prayed, sang hymns, then interest in its revelations of the asked me to make a speech. They corruptness of our society," he asked me to tell them something writes.

Literature Agent George Rock about the devil. I told them the New York's election atrocities of today. I sold 25 campaign for Militants at that gathering of Newark reports plans to go

street meetings a out for renewals this Sunday. number of papers Margaret and Bob went out last were sold by Youth Sunday and secured a year's Branch campaigners renewal from a subscriber on who went doorbell their October list. He was very ringing last Sunday enthusiastic about the paper and to distribute copies told them that a large group of of the election plat- his friends come to his house to

Katherine Cooper, Akron Liter-"Leo and Steve met an old ature Agent, reports 100% I.W.W. organizer who promised renewal of their October Militant to vote for Mike Bartell," George expirations. She and Lou also says, "and to ask his family and went out one day last week and friends to vote for him also, sold three new six-weekers for Donald sold a subscription to The local delivery and two single Militant and a ticket to the elec- copies. Akron finds that the six weeks delivery of The Militant New York's plans for future is still one of the best ways to

Helen S., acting Literature Agent for Minneapolis, writes to increase their Militant bundle. She reports very good sales of writes that everything is in order the paper to students. "Doris and Larry sold 43 copies on the we will be able to do well on Ken asks us to send a bundle of the campus this year," she writes.

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SEATTLE, Oct. 29 — A courrevolution brands U.S. imperial-The debate was moderated by denounced the betrayals of the second sign as the aggressor, not the Frank Wright, Executive Section Stalinists who offer to abandon ism — that is the overwhelming Asian workers and peasants retary of the University YMCA, the class struggle for a deal

Dr. V. Ehrlich, Assistant Procountries, Korea would not be fessor of Slavic Languages and laid waste today by napalm Literature, Far Eastern Depart- bombs. ment of the University, attempted to justify U.S. intervention in with a stirring denunciation of Korean forces had attacked first, the country of Korea and thereby but Mrs. Weiss forcefully proved laying the basis for inevitable

workers and students about Myra land. just concluded a highly success- Mrs. Weiss said. "That explains ful, action-packed, five day visit Wall Street's economic drive for in Seattle. Her local activities world conquest and its frenzied were dramatically climaxed this intervention into the Korean afternoon by a debate on Korea civil war. If the American govwith a University of Washington ernment really believed in self-friends who were tremendously inist betrayers can halt the professor before an audience of determination for nations, in land reform, or in helping backward

has been provoking the Asian socialism could stop Wall Street's

political assault by the American bring real peace and freedom to capitalists against the Asian Korea and Asia and the world.

Tanner Weiss, on tour for the Socialist Workers Party, who has — that is its essential nature," sored the meeting.

"Capitalism must expand or die "Students for Socialism" spon- was the status quo which produced the wery conditions which led to Many had to stand. But nobody

Mrs. Weiss ended the debate

Weiss Debates Seattle Professor on Korea

flocked around Mrs. Weiss to to still another World War, Mrs. continue the discussion. Dinner at Weiss said: "Neither the Wall the Church of the People followed Street profiteers who hope to with some of the students and conquer the world nor the Stalimpressed by Mrs. Weiss' social- revolutionary upsurge of the ist program and wanted to speak masses of Asia and Europe." further with her.

cance of the coming American Barbaria hailed the great revolution enthused and interest- awakening of thousands of Amerfor lack of time. Scores of new congratulated the students of the spoke.

friends brought closer. ers who had not been able to is vitally important in the look over the literature rack and attend her public meeting, and struggle to maintain civil liber- to make arrangements to be inmany who had heard her the ties in this country. previous evening came to meet | Harry Press, SWP candidate her personally. Throughout her for Supervisor in San Francisco,

in the very near future.

ground that this would mean "we hearing the SWP program and years ago except that we have lost 90,000 men in combat."

Mrs. Weiss and Frank Barbaria. This was one of the finest outdoor meetings ever held at Sather

### By Ed Harris

### **ELECTION WIND-UP**

the wind-up of the San Franed her audience to such a degree ican students and workers to the cisco election campaign. Frank that the discussion period lasted police-state aims of the capital- Barbaria and Harry Press, candian hour and had to be cut short ist government in America. He dates in the city elections. both

### in any form and would like to see U.S. troops withdrawn from The significant thing about Taft's criticisms on Korea is that

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## Labor's Only Alternative

The AFL Building Trades Department, numbering some three million members, devotes its entire current monthly bulletin to the key question facing the whole organized labor movement, namely: "the alternative course of labor political action."

This bulletin starts from a correct premise, which is, that the Truman administration has "a terrible labor record," especially on such key issues as the repeal of the Taft-Hartley Law and civil rights legislation. The Demo- frankly acknowledged it to be crats do not merit labor's support.

What then is the road for labor to follow? Four "possible alternatives" are listed. They are: 1 — form an the Soviet government representindependent labor party; 2 - elect our friends and defeat ed the class - workers and poor on which it had counted, industrial our enemies; 3 — vote Democratic; 4 — vote Republican. farmers — which constituted the Germany which had been on the

number. The last three simply amount to one and the same of the population. It openly proposition of voting for this or the other capitalist party and capitalist politician as against the real alternative of the labor and the means of putting forward labor's own party and candidates.

There is a difference only in labels but not in substance between labor's voting a "split ticket" for its alleged "friends" among Democrats or Republicans and labor's voting a straight Democratic or Republican ticket. In to build the foundations for a soeach case the workers are duped into voting for capitalist | cialist society.

The AFL Building Trades "statesmen" pull another fraud in pretending that the formation of an independent labor party lies on the same level as the policy of "elect our friends and defeat our enemies." They dismiss both as "impractical."

What is there "impractical" about a labor party? In every major country where labor has organized its own political movement it has rallied millions of supporters. and waste of capitalism. Within sweat and agony of the people. One need take only the example of Britain where the La- this brief span of time, Russia Few of the fruits of all this bor Party is the biggest single party in the country. But the AFL officials, along with the rest of the official labor one of the leading industrial leadership, have long bitterly resisted making the test in powers of the world. It has practice of the power of labor's independent action on the political field.

They now admit that voting a capitalist split ticket, the traditional AFL policy since the days of Gompers, is "impractical." But what do they propose instead?

The bulletin does not say it openly, but does find a "very meritorious" argument in favor of labor's bolting the Democrats to vote for the Republicans in 1952. This "argument" reads as follows: "It would force the Democrats to respect us and after four years we would then dustrial society. On the contrary, be in a very advantageous position to obtain our demands." | the capitalists of the world and

In other words, these "practical" people are proposing to blackmail the Democrats into "respecting" labor and granting "us our demands" by putting the avowed enemies of labor, the Republicans, into the seats of power!

The CIO leaders' "alternative" is to hang on to the Truman administration at all costs. Their AFL opposite numbers have nothing to offer but a sell-out to the Republicans. Such "practical" politics has led labor up a dead-end street. So far as the millions of workers are concerned, they will find no way out of this blind-alley Philippines the fight for social mean cutting ourselves loose from under USAFFE (United States ing to an adaptation of the Philippines the fight for social mean cutting ourselves loose from under USAFFE (United States ing to an adaptation of the Philippines the fight for social mean cutting ourselves loose from under USAFFE (United States ing to an adaptation of the Philippines the fight for social mean cutting ourselves loose from under USAFFE (United States ing to an adaptation of the Philippines the fight for social mean cutting ourselves loose from under USAFFE (United States ing to an adaptation of the Philippines the fight for social mean cutting ourselves loose from under USAFFE (United States ing to an adaptation of the Philippines the fight for social mean cutting ourselves loose from under USAFFE (United States ing to an adaptation of the Philippines the fight for social mean cutting ourselves loose from under USAFFE (United States ing to an adaptation of the philippines in the fight for social mean cutting ourselves loose from under USAFFE (United States ing to an adaptation of the philippines in the fight for social mean cutting ourselves loose from under USAFFE (United States ing to an adaptation of the philippines in the fight for social mean cutting ourselves loose from under USAFFE (United States ing to an adaptation of the philippines in the fight for social mean cutting ourselves loose from under USAFFE (United States in the philippines in the philippin until they break completely from both the Democrats and liberation has been closely linked one of the most democratic Armed Forces, Far East) was that present regime in Yugoslavia to the Republicans and build their own independent labor

### CIO Foreign Policy

Delegates to the 13th annual CIO convention last week were given a lesson in political economy which pointed up the intimate connection between domestic and for- the U.S. conquest of the islands eign policy. War and preparations for war, explained Economic Stabilization Administrator, Eric Johnston, are and agrarian reforms suffered a the main causes of inflationary pressures which have boosted prices and increased the cost-of-living. "Is there anyone in this room," he asked, listing the foreign policy measures of the Truman administration, who would not support these measures?

Johnston, knowing full well that the CIO leaders are militant supporters of the American State Department's foreign policy, needed no reply to his rhetorical question. Then, he insisted, the price you have to pay is the exercise of "self-discipline and self-restraint" in your wage demands.

Every Truman stabilizer who addressed the convention, and it seemed they all were there, played variations on the same theme - "self-discipline and self-restraint." For labor to exercise "self-discipline" it must refrain from fighting for pay increases higher than the wage-freezing formula of the WSB allows. If so, "self-restraint" can only mean — tighten your belts and get along on less. The British have a word for it — austerity!

The preachers of austerity - for the workers buttressed their sermons with facts and figures. War prep- to set up dual "red" unions. arations meant inflationary pressures on the economy; to ward off inflation requires sacrifices; if CIO supports Washington's foreign policy, austerity is the price that must be paid.

But what about profits and dividends, what of the rent hogs and price-gougers, what of the rich who are fulness to the native ruling class sity of the Philippines. There he while backing the Osmena faction getting richer, the corporations who are coining fabulous wealth out of war production, the stock-jobbers and coupon-clippers? That, the CIO leaders were told, was something the stabilizers could do little about.

"Price stabilization," explained Michael DiSalle, Director of the Office of Price Stabilization, "is not a means tion, the so-called Unity Con-organize the General Workers defeated and Manuel Roxas beof reforming the American economy." It is not, he said, "a method of correcting social and economic maladjustments rooted in our society through the years." No, it is this gathering was one which not that at all! On the contrary, the war preparations and stated: the war program are designed to prevent such reforms here and destroy them wherever they exist in other parts

of the world. The American labor leaders find themselves in an that "separation does not assure guerilla warfare. His Vice Com- over-ruled by his associates, beinsoluble contradiction. So long as they support the re- the best means towards the mander, Casto Alejandrino, took cause only a negligible group of actionary war aims of American capitalism they cannot attainment of fuller democracy charge of the military operations. Huks or alleged Huks came in. effectively defend the living standards of the workers at home

# Thirty-fourth Anniversary of the Russian Revolution

hands to form a government of and coupon clippers. their own.

It was the first time in history been built on so vast a scale, on government. Lenin and Trotsky, the Bolshevik leaders who spoke

But unlike all other governments then known by mankind, The alternatives here posed are not at all four in bulk, the overwhelming majority these people, to use the wealth, production within the nation for to economic pressure to the exploitation of man by people to their knees. They man for the profits of a parasitic

In the 34 years that have elapsed since then, the Russian Revolution has more than justified its reason for existence

#### GREAT ACHIEVEMENT

has been transformed from a heroic effort could be used to backward farming nation into improve the standard of living. eliminated the crises of overproduction and the scourge of unemployment. It has eliminated mass illiteracy, the curse of Czarism, and trained an entire generation of young scientists, engineers and technicians.

All of this has been done without any outside help, an unprecedented accomplishment in the building of a modern in-

November 7 marks the 34th realized that the Russian Revoluanniversary of the great Russian tion was the signal of doom for for which the bankers, took their fate in their Business, to the banking houses

that a workers' government had country under Woodrow Wilson tried to kill the Russian Revoluone-sixth of the surface of the tion by military force in the wars earth. The Soviet Republic, as of intervention from 1918-21. they called it, was clearly a class Beaten back by a revolutionary workers' army under the command of Leon Trotsky, the Soviet in the name of Russian labor, Union survived but the revolution which had spread into Eastern and Central Europe was driven back within Russia's borders and the first workers' government was isolated from the main support verge of following the Bolshevik example. Then, as happened so often in

strikes, the capitalist governments turned from direct force the common good, to put an end attempt to starve the Russian erected a trade blockade around minority. In short, their aim was the country, refused it loans, capital and machinery except on the end for the new system. Here again their plans hurtled against the indomitable determination of a people to build a socialist world. But if the Soviet Union survived it was not with-Its outstanding achievement is out the most terrible suffering. the fact that it has proved the Everything that was built, every superiority of the system of tractor, every power plant, every planned economy over the anarchy steel mill literally came out of the



their political representatives | It was this situation of poverty, masses feared to go the limit, system of planned economy have the Russian Revolution and which "democratic" that finally came to rule over camps showed how great their the whole world, the Soviet Union tation and profit.

of shortages, of general want, feared that in the showdown now spread over one-third of survived war and blockade even Revolution. On that historic day, them and their system. For capitalist powers of the West are Western capitalism would step in vast areas of China. That explains atom-bomb cities, lay waste to workingmen, soldiers and peas- thirty-four years they have been primarily responsible, that creat- and destroy their revolution. None why the imperialist war drive great areas as it has done in ants tired of war, sick of poverty planning and plotting to smash ed the conditions for Stalin's rise but liars and hypocrites can deny against the Soviet Union begun Korea, bankrupt the United States and hating the tyranny of the the Soviet Union, to reopen its to power. The Russian workers that Stalin is the product of in 1917 and continued by Hitler in in the attempt but it cannot Czar, the landed nobility and the vast areas to the pirates of Big did not want the privileged and capitalist reaction and not of the last war is once again moving destroy a revolution that is tyrannical caste of bureaucrats revolution and socialism. France, England, Japan and them. The mass purges of the innumerable crimes against the people, one-third of the human

struggle which would ensue, Europe and are reaching into the in its infancy. Imperialism may But despite Stalin, despite his world cannot live with 800 million even the government of our own Thirties and the concentration working people of Russia and of race, outside its area of exploi-

> opposition was. The Kremlin won still stands and it is stronger And yet it cannot destroy the out only because the Russian than ever. Its property forms and system which was born out of want to make war against it.

to a showdown. The capitalist anchored in the minds and hearts of millions of people.

> That is the lesson of 34 years of the Russian Revolution. It is also the warning to those who

# Tito Regime Adjusts Its Policies To Suit Aims of U.S. Imperialism

leaders brings actions and comthe chariot of imperialism and preparing the liquidation of the anti-capitalist conquests achieved by the revolutionary struggle of the Yugoslav masses.

This is an example of the debacle to which the opportunism of the leadership of a revoluterms which would have spelled tionary movement fatally leads under the present conditions of sharpening of the world class struggle. It is an example of how a leadership abandons a policy and reliance upon the revolutionary masses and becomes ad- total collapse. dicted to the worst eclecticism and empiricism for the sake of safeguarding its own rule at any

Because the basis of proletarian power in Yugoslavia was, from the beginning, infinitely narrower than that in Russia after the October revolution; and because the class struggle has never before known such acuteness as now with the approach of the Third World War, this power in Yugoslavia is now degenerating and disintegrating on all fronts: economic, political and ideolog-

We have here a new confirmation of the absurdity of "socialism in one country" and of the enormous role which the leadership of a revolutionary movement

But in the second case, what is safeguarded is no longer exactly the state into "socialism." the power of the proletariat, but more and more the power of the regime has never been as virulent with the USSR. In addition, the leadership hardened into a bur- in Yugoslavia as it is today; and Marshal made a declaration in eaucratic caste which undermines never - at least not since the and exhausts the social content break with Moscow - have the for "normalizing and improving" based on revolutionary Marxism of the proletarian power and in police been more active than they relations with the Vatican, as well reality prepares the way for its are now against critics, dissidents, as with Greece and Turkey to

> period which followed their break leaders. with the Kremlin, the Yugoslav leadership in their attempt to diplomatic plane and in foreign safeguard the regime with the policy. At the conclusion of the matic guarantees of Western which the Yugoslav agencies 'democratic imperialism,' has been abroad succeeded in recruiting liquidating the proletarian power less than 100 "delegates," who in Yugoslavia bit by bit and for the most part represented preparing its total demise.

least part of this proletarian attended by 150 foreign and power remains, up to the time of | Yugoslav journalists. (The the imperialist war against the Zagreb correspondent of the in such an eventuality Washing- an incoherent hodgepodge of all war. ton would content itself with possible opinions and described

In reality, the Yugoslav leaders cannot be credited with such naivete and thus somehow entitled to the benefit of "extenuating circumstances." Either their opportunist and adventurist policy lacks any perspective whatever, Throughout the history of the relations with the U.S. would Huks and the group operating or they are consciously proceed-

No other explanation is possible on the basis of the facts which

Under cover of a struggle ures which tend in the general planned economy and of the real

can play in one of two ways: power of the people's committees. of circumstances which allow less PARIS, Nov. 1 - From week Either to utilize the power con- The regime is being "liberalized" and less room for ambiguity and to week the policy of the Yugoslav quered in a country in order to - but in the capitalist sense. impel the international working And one must have the brazen positions, Marshal Tito had to mitments binding Yugoslavia to class movement forward, sub-cynicism of bureaucrats who show his hand in such a way ordinating the former to the vital exploit the confusion that they that he succeeded in shocking interests of the latter; or, to themselves sow among the rank even a paper like Le Monde which consider this power as an end in and file in order to present all by no stretch of the imagination itself and try to safeguard it by these liquidationist operations as can be considered as "socialist." resorting to a policy of extreme comprising a greater "demo-Tito found it necessary to bury speeded-up "withering away" of a possible "third bloc" and openly

> and opponents of the new treach-After a brief left-centrist erous course of the Yugoslav

> Things are no better on the nobody but themselves, Tito held Let us grant, as the Yugoslav one of his "sensational" press eaders are now hoping, that at conferences at the White Palace

would leave Tito at the head of the Yugoslav leaders to constitute their battle positions. Everywhere is "humanist socialist" republic. a "third ideological tendency.") the protagonists of the "third

cratization" of the regime and a the myth of "neutrality" and of In reality the bureaucratic America in the event of a war favor of rearming Germany and whose aid Yugoslavia would immediately go in case of "aggression. A few days earlier, a ranking member of the Yugoslav General Staff created a sensation by anmoney, the military and diplo-Zagreb peace conference, for other no less shameful and

provocative declaration in which he begged Washington for some of its atom bombs. Because of its geographical position, he said, Yugoslavia would provide the 'right place" for them.

#### THE LOGICAL OUTCOME

All this is the logical conclusion of a policy which has abandoned USSR, and let us even grant that N. Y. Herald Tribune compared its revolutionary Marxist basis this war is won by America. It the "peace conference" from and which then rapidly degeneratreally requires the most extra- which the real revolutionary ed under pressure of an internaordinary naivete to believe that representatives were excluded, to tional situation developing toward

ounishing the evil Stalin and it as a defeat to the ambition of are being polarized and are taking This time, under the pressure bloc" are either unmasking themselves as agents of the imperialist bloc or because of the logic of their policy and the necessities of the struggle are being led to make a definitive choice in favor of this bloc.

The attitude of the Yugoslav leaders confirms this in a manner most painful to all revolutionists riendly to proletarian Yugoslavia and to its revolutionary masses.

It is now more necessary than ever that the revolutionary Marxists of the Yugoslav Communist Party organize into a Leninist tendency and align themselves against the treacherous policies of their leaders.

Proletarian Yugoslavia is on the verge of being struck down by a leadership which has shamefully capitulated even before the actual outbreak of World War III.



# SAM ADAMS AND THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

(Continued from Page 1)

followed by a revolutionary war. The dispossessed reactionary classes, sometimes with foreign help, throw the weight of their remaining strength against the new regime.

In the American Revolution, the masses and their radical leaders started on the road to revolution some years before Concord and Lexington. By the time the war began, the framework of a new regime had already been elaborated.

Since the historians would like to hide, or disregard as much as possible, the revolutionary past, they prefer to ignore the actual overthrow of the outlived regimes. They prefer to treat the revolution as a war between two sovereign states. In contrast to these historians, we will not be primarily concerned with the military stage of

the revolution. We will be concerned with the process by which the new regime arose within the shell of the old. We will be concerned with the way in which the people sifted programs and parties, and found their way to the radical party, which they then built into the foremost political We have already seen that the open warfare

between the old regime and the new was touched off by a British military foray, one of the objects of which was the capture of Sam Adams. We shall see that this was no accident. The British and the American Tories had good reasons for hating Sam Adams, and for attempting to lay their hands on him.

Sam Adams was the leader of the seething revolutionary masses of New England. He was able, by skillful use of this powerful force, to determine the fundamental course of the revolution throughout the colonies, despite the widespread suspicion of the New England radicals that existed among the opposition elements else-

There were very important reasons why Boston was the center of the revolutionary movement.

In the first place. Boston contained a large working class, mechanic, and independent artisanshopkeeeper population. It was the center of the shipbuilding region, as well as the most important port. As we shall see, this type of population was the spearhead of the revolution every-

The Boston sailors, shipyard and ropewalk workers, brewery workers, fishermen, sawmill workers, together with the small merchants, shopkeepers and artisans, were the shock troops of the revolution. Boston was the chief base of operations of a certain section of the merchant class: the so-called free-trade merchants, who imported goods without paying duty on them, or, in a word, smugglers. The whole economy of the New England region

did not fit well into the mercantile system, by which the British merchants exploited the colonies. This led to serious frictions. And so Boston early became a center of resistance to British colonial rule.

Boston developed the best of the radical leaders. At the head of the Boston mass movement was Sam Adams, the most capable, intransigent, and far-sighted leader of the American Revolution. He was the greatest revolutionary leader ever developed on this continent, and one of the greatest the world has ever known.

Samuel Adams was not a Johnny-come-lately. He was one of the first, perhaps even the first, of the real radicals in the Revolution. He had been a fully conscious revolutionist for at least eight years before Concord and Lexington, and a revolutionist in deeds, if not yet fully in his consciousness, for a dozen years prior to that.

Thus, when we write about Sam Adams and the American Revolution, we are writing about a great historic event, and about the man who gave that event its most conscious expression and guidance.

(Next Week: The Young Sam Adams)

# Filipino Huk Movement: Its Origins and Growth "Immediate severance of all | The chief difference between the

By John Black

with the struggle for independence. The great Filipino uprising at the turn of the century against Spanish rule culminated in the setting up of an independent, democratic republic at Malalos and also brought about a redivision of large estates. But with the movement for independence severe setback.

On May 1, 1913, the first labor congress met in Manila. Since that day, the First of May has been a national holiday in the

Philippine islands. Socialist ideas began to permeate working class and student circles following the First World War and this period saw the organization of the Socialist party under Pedro Abad Santos.

THE CP ZIG-ZAGS The Communist Party, which is being credited as the main

inspirer and organizer of the current struggles, was not founded officially until 1930 and made little progress at the time not so because of the harsh repressions as because of its sectarian line, which included, among other things, an attempt

hastened to demonstrate its useand to the "democratic" imperialists. The period of the "People's Fronts" saw the Filipino Stalinists toeing the line. Meeting in CP held its third national convenvention, at which the CP tried to Among the resolutions adopted by

following fraudulent warning:

ence, peace and security."

federation with some 60,000 mem- ficient basis. bers and the Sons of Sweat numbering 80,000 were better tempted to establish ties with the fluence than the small govern- Supplies parachuted for guerrilla ment-backed outfits.

in the islands when World War Huks' strength vary all the way II saw them occupied by the from 20,000 to 100,000. Japanese Imperial Army. Resistflared almost immediately.

two main types of guerrilla fight- structure that had sprung up in ing. One group of guerrillas, the its areas. However, this betrayal smaller of the two, operated with of the struggle was never conthe guidance and aid of the U.S. summated. Small groups of Huks army command in the Pacific and disarmed and were then murdered appears to have limited itself to by government troops. It is minor military actions.

Totally different was the other guerrillas after this experience, movement which reached major kept their arms in spite of the proportions. In March 1942 Luis desires of their leaders to end the On the eve of World War II, Taruc organized the Huks. Who struggle. the CP, like its counterparts in so was Luis Taruc? Born on June Taruc himself helped to ormany other countries in Asia, had 21, 1912 in the province of ganize the Democratic Alliance, a become legal, dropped its original Pampanga, he had worked his vaguely left-wing reformist demand for independence and way through two years of law party with a program of mild courses at the National Univer- reforms in the tenant system became interested in the discus- of the ruling class. This Alliance sions led by the "League for the elected a few representatives, Defense of Democracy."

the Socialist Party and helped tives. The Osmena group was Union, becoming its General Sec- came the new President of the swallow up the Socialist Party. retary. He led the first strike of Philippines. Taruc returned to the government workers in the quar- dissident districts. ries. When the war came he went into the country and organized to end the fighting when he urged "The right to separate from the the Huks. Without military ex- his followers to accept the highly U.S. does not place upon us the perience himself, he became the conditional amnesty offered when obligation to separate. . " The Commander in Chief, taking Quirino took over the administraresolution then went on to plead charge of organizing large scale tion. But evidently Taruc was Ong Kiet and Lee Ying-hao.

be a fatal blow to our independ- against the Japanese with a struggle for agrarian reforms. Whole On the eve of World War II areas of countryside came under have been rapidly multiplying for the labor movement was much their control. They proceeded to some time. stronger than before. Unions were establish locally elected, demodivided into registered and un- cratic governments. They expro- against the danger of bureaucrategistered groups. By far stronger priated the land of absentee ism and against centralization, were those not registered, that is, owners known to be Japanese the Yugoslav leaders have renot officially recognized by the collaborators, and divided it cently adopted a series of measgovernment The General Workers among the farmers and tenants. Union under Socialist influence They withheld crops and supplies direction of a gradual abolition with a membership of about 50,- from the occupying armies and of the system of statified and 000, the Philippine Peasants Con- cperated largely on a self-suf-

The Huks say that they at organized and wielded greater in- U.S. army, but were rebuffed. purposes were mostly withheld Such was the general situation from the Huks. Estimates of the

When the war ended the Huk ance to this new foreign rule leadership offered to come out of the hills and disarm, as well as The Japanese were harrassed by to liquidate the dual government hardly surprising that most

among them Taruc. However, they He returned to his home were refused their seats in the full legality on October 1938, the province in 1937 where he joined Philippine House of Representa-

Once more in 1948 Taruc tried

# MARSHALL TITO

On Oct. 16 in the late evening she was taken by the French singer, Roger Rico, male lead of South Pacific, and his wife to the Stork Club.

The Stork Club is New York's most famous night club. It is run by Sherman Billingsley, a prohibition-time speakeasy operator. It thrives on the fact that it is frequented by "celebrities" and uses this snob appeal to attract people who want to go where the "celebrities" go. It receives reams of free advertising from columnists, like Walter Winchell, who detail who was seen there with whom, etc.

The Rico-Baker party was ushered in, seated, and served a round of drinks. They then ordered food. Suddenly service became unobtainable. Though Billingsley and Walter Winchell were in the room the Rico-Baker party couldn't get service. After an hour when a waiter finally came over he told them there was no steak, etc. Instead of meekly submitting to the humiliation Josephine Baker went to a phone and called her manager. Upon returning they found that Winchell had gone and that food had been brought. Too upset by the incident to eat, the party asked for their check. The reply was that "celebrities" weren't charged at the Stork Club. Rico refused this "hospitality" and threw \$30 on the table to cover their bill as the party left.

Miss Baker immediately went to Walter White of the NAACP. Attempts to get Billingsley to issue a statement were unavailing. But White was immediately contacted by Walter Winchell's lawyer who asked Mr. White for a statement to be read by Winchell over the radio to the effect that since Winchell had not been present for the duration of the "incident" he bore no responsibilitv. Given to understand that Winchell would preface this statement by a condemnation of discrimination at the Stork Club. White gullibly wrote such a statement.

He has discovered that one of the protesters was involved in the Paul Robeson-Peekskill riot - where anti-Negro and anti-Semitic vigilantes broke up a rally — and is therefore a "communist." He has charged that Josephine Baker deliberately provoked the incident, thereby implying that the victim is not Miss Baker but the poor Stork Club. To undermine the Negro people's support of Miss Baker, he has accused her of not supporting the struggle of Ethiopia against Mus-

All this shows how superficial and fraudulent is the type of "tolerance" preached by Winchell and others like him. It is merely a cheap device, similar to flag-waving, by which publicity-seekers coax support from minority peoples. When it is put to any kind of a test it proves to be the

•More than that, the Winchells bring terrific pressure to bear on Negro figures in the entertainment world. Sugar Ray Robinson is a case in point. He, like Josephine Baker, has been a big money raiser for Winchell's publicity-dodge charity, the Damon Runyon Cancer Fund. Under pressure from the Negro people Robinson announced he would withdraw from the organization unless Winchell spoke out against the Stork Club's Jim Crow policy. Later, under pressure from Winchell, he denied the statement though he had made it over the radio and it had been

The NAACP has run a small picket line of celebrities in front of the Stork Club and has appealed to the Mayor's Committee on Unity. Incidentally Mayor Impellitteri is a frequenter of

## Docket No. 1-3-2649

This is a report about one case involving the so-called 1951 rent control law, which is known in the government's records as Docket No. 1-3-2649. I can vouch for it because it is my own

When I hear about a rent control law, I think of rents being controlled or kept controlled. That just goes to show how old-fashioned I am. Because the new rent control law, which went into effect on Aug. 1 does nothing of the kind. Its main feature is a provision that permits landlords to get "relief from increased costs and prices" — up to 20% more than they got on June

On Aug. 22 I got a letter from my landlord, who is three men named Haskin, giving me notice that he, or they, had applied for a rent increase. On Aug. 29 I am sitting and thinking about this when I get another letter from my landlord. It is in two parts; in the first I am curtly informed that I am "hereby required to vacate and quit the premises" by Oct. 1; in the second part, I am graciously advised that if I will increase my rent from \$40 to \$48 a month then I can "re-let" my apartment - otherwise "please arrange to move by the date set in the notice previously served upon you." In the same mail I get a copy of an order from the Office of Rent Stabilization, Northeastern New Jersey Rent Office, authorizing an increase of 20%. I wonder how my landlord got word so quickly that he could write me the same day the ORS director approved the in-

I could only marvel at the speed with which everyone acted. What a fast-moving landlord! He had never shown such rapidity in acting when oil ran out in the furnace, or when the water pipes went out of order. And what a marvelous "rent stabilization" director! He didn't even have to consult me - all he needed was an application from the landlord and he knew exactly how to rule. Who says the bureaucrats appointed in Washington are bumbling, snarled in red tape, etc?

In small type, the rent increase order (D-140) said I could appeal within 15 days if the land-

For a whole month I heard nothing. It seems that during that time the Office of Rent Stabilization was busy raising the rents on some 170,000 dwelling units in North Jersey, and had no time for anything else. The papers reported that about 10%, or 17,000, of the tenants had appealed. Then I got from the ORS a carbon copy of a new form (D-18) addressed to the Messrs.

gation by the Rent Director indicates that the maximum rent (for my apartment) should be decreased on the grounds stated in Section 5(c)3 of the Rent Regulation. Therefore, the Rent Director proposes to decrease the maximum rent from \$48 to \$43.20 per month." My landlord was the latest developments in the given five days to file a reply to this proposed case of James Kutcher, legless action, together with "written evidence." A footnote told me that "the LANDLORD only" should

That is the way things stand now, three weeks later. I don't know if my landlord filed, or what to expect from the "rent stabilization" director. All I can say is that that man is liable to do anything. What kind of "preliminary investigation" was it that needed the consultation of neither me nor the Haskins? Where did he get the figure of \$43.20? I was able to figure out that \$43.20 represents an 8% increase over \$40. But where did he get the 8% figure from? On what basis did he decide that if my landlord may not merit a 20% increase, he certainly does merit at least an 8% increase. What will happen if the director finally decides that my rent really should be \$43.20 and I proceed to appeal that too? For all

## Crisis in French Morocco

By John G. Wright

Outside of Korea, the most critical area in the world today is the Near East. First Iran, then Egypt, followed by Iraq and Lebanon and now Morocco. The entire Arab world is seething with revolt against the imperialist powers of the west. The day of reckoning has indeed arrived throughout the Middle East. A settling of accounts, not only with the British but also with the French colonial masters and the entire colonial system, is now on the order of the day.

The French colonial possessions in North Africa, in the first instance, Morocco and Tunis, are so many powder kegs ready to explode. Only the other day the French used Senegalese troops to quell a mass demonstration in Casablanca, where six Moroccan civilians were killed and scores injured.

Behind the angry millions in Egypt and Sudan, in Morocco and Tunis, are scores of millions of other Arabs, likewise age-long victims of the colonial system, among whom tensions are multiplying and who are being drawn by the Iranian, Egyptian and Moroccan events into this vast liberationist struggle.

The days when Washington was able to pose as the "friend" of the Middle Eastern and North African peoples are being abruptly brought to a close. The American imperialists have already

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"That great champion of minorities." Winchell now pulled a double-cross. He failed to denounce Jim Crow at the Stork Club but attacked those who were trying "to involve" him. Then he read Walter White's statement giving him a clean bill of health as a fighter against discrimination. Since then Winchell has tried to take the heat off the Stork Club by carrying on a cowardly campaign against Josephine Baker and others protesting the Jim Crow policy of his bosom buddy

same old prejudice under a little make-up.

By George Breitman

lord had decreased living space, or failed to provide any item of service, or "failed to make ordinary repairs, replacements or maintenance." Not being a lawyer myself, I was not sure what that meant, but I decided what the heck. So I appealed on the ground that "ordinary maintenance" includes painting, which the landlord had not done since mid-1947, and which I had to do twice myself. I also asked for the right to be present at any hearing on my appeal.

It informed them that "a preliminary investi-

I know, he might "stabilize" it back to \$48 again.

# unmasked themselves by their complete support

of the British aggression against Egypt. The French are openly demanding the same type of support for their rule in Morocco and Tunis. A recent dispatch from Paris cites French For-

eign Office spokesmen as demanding that the U.S. cease "lending encouragement" to the independence aspirations of "the colonial and semicolonial nations of the Middle East and North

The American imperialists have paid lip-service to these aspirations as the best cover for moving into these areas, elbowing the old colonial masters aside, and grabbing up the rich markets and sources of raw materials for themselves.

American Big Business has moved into the French colonial possessions on a large scale. French Morocco is already the site of several naval bases and six "superbases" for the U.S. airforce. More than half a billion dollars has already been expended on these bases whose construction is being rushed years ahead of the original schedule.

In addition to these military establishments, American capital, with ECA backing, has poured into diverse fields. Among the biggest investments are those in a mixed Franco-American corporation formed last year to exploit the lead and zinc mines at Zellidja in Morocco. These mines are scheduled to become the third largest lead producers in the world.

American oil investments in the Middle East have been huge and so have been the profits. In 1950 alone the bulk of the increase of \$338 million in profits from foreign investments has come from "petroleum investments in Latin America and the Middle East," reported the Department of Commerce in October.

Rather than give up these profits and the prospect of even bigger hauls ahead, the American imperialists are rushing into a head-on collision with the insurgent peoples of the Near East just as they have already collided with the hundreds of millions in the Far East.

# THE MILITANT

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### Longshore Strike Scenes



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Frank Nawrocki (left) business agent of International Longshoremen's Brooklyn Local 808, stands beside his damaged car, which was the target of a stone barrage in the New York strike. Right, an assistant district attorney holds two bricks that were tossed at car as he questions waterfront strikebreaker Gerry Anastasia in connection with incident.

# Flint GM Stooges Kill Union FEPC Proposal

By Emmett Moore

meeting, the Flint City Com-mission rejected the Fair Employment Practices proposal by a vote of six to three. The FEPC measure was introduced by the Flint CIO council and was supported by a host of organizations. The final vote came after three months of deceit and delay by a business-minded commission majority. In a furious attack on the majority members, Bob Carter, regional director of the UAW-CIO and Ninth Ward commisfor an FEPC law would continue.

The maze of hearings in the commission and its legislative committee revealed that the real opponent of FEPC was the powerful General Motors Corporation. The open spokesman for GM was the sole daily newspaper in the city, the Flint Journal. This paper is notorious for its crude policy of fabricating deliberate falsenoods. The Journal campaign centered around the slogan "education not legislation." Of the six city commissioners who voted

## Jim Kutcher Case **Issues Explained** In N. J. CIO News

NEWARK - The New Jersey CIO News prints a sympathetic account in its November issue of veteran who was purged from the Newark Veterans Administration because of his membership in the Socialist Workers Party.

The CIO paper, after reporting that Kutcher's appeal has been taken to the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington, quotes the victim of the government's "loyalty" purge as saying:

"I have persevered in my case because I believe it is a test case vital for democracy, which cannot survive long after citizens are deprived of their jobs merely because of their ideas and associations. I believe I will be vindicated in the end.

### COURT RULING

"Only last month the U.S. Court of Appeals ruled unanimously on the Remington case that the subversive list is a 'purely hearsay declaration by the Attorney General . . . and has no competency to prove the subversive character of the listed organization.'

"This strengthens my convichysteria will yet be overcome and the Bill of Rights preserved for

The CIO News also quoted Kutcher's expression of gratitude to the many organizations and labor leaders who have rallied to his defense, which is being conducted by the Kutcher Civil Rights Committee, 19 West 10th St., New York.
"This committee," Kutcher ex-

plained, "is non-partisan; it does not agree with my political ideas but thinks I have a right to hold them and my government job at the same time. Members include Dr. John Dewey, Carl Holderman, Arthur Garfield Hays and other leaders, including many in the labor, civic, educational and veterans' fields."

### FIRST TO JOIN

The New Jersey CIO was one of the first labor organizations to join in the defense of the legless veteran. Its president, Carl Holderman, helped to initiate the Kutcher Civil Rights Committee, and recently praised "its excellent work.

### Deadline for Militant

The deadline for articles and ads for The Militant is the Tuesday before the date of publication.

against the proposal, not one had their hypocritical pretence of FLINT, Nov. 3-After a stormy the courage to voice a single support to FEPC of any kind. on the City Commission mounted months since it was submitted.

#### GM STOOGES

Leading the six pawns of General Motors and the Flint Flint Journal. They were con-Journal, was R. Dean Kirk, a highsalaried official of A. C. Sparkplug division of GM.

Early in the hearings on the distribution of hand bills in the ordinance Labor Commissioner plant. Howard Carpenter, Buick Local member, openly accused the Gensioner, promised that the fight eral Motors Corporation of blocking FEPC. He charged that GM intended to continue its dis- the Commission. Economic threats criminatory hiring policies in the were made against some of the

> stood by all participants. In the or be driven out of business. final hearing, Bob Arnold, chairman of the Veterans Committee INCITE RACE HATE of the Buick Local, directed a blast at Kirk which pointed up Genora Dollinger, chairman of people as him."

#### COMMISSION RENEGES

Before the Commission meet-

Committee hearings, exposed legislation!"

In the final weeks pressure

steadily. Several union FEPC committees were considering broader appeals to the public to break through the lies of the templating a series of radio in the labor press and the

It is reliably reported that with mounting union pressure the scales. corporate interests began to exert more direct counter-pressure on new plant the company is building commissioners who own small business concerns. They were This fact was clearly under- ordered to line up against FEPC

### At the City Commission,

the issue. "We know," he said, the Socialist Workers Party, "what we can expect from A. C. delivered a sharp attack on the management. That is why we had Flint Journal. "The Flint Jourto build a union against such nal," she charged, "has not printed one single thing favorable to an FEPC ordinance and every thing against it." Both Genora Dollinger and Bob

ng Kirk had let it be publicly Carter warned that the pressure known that he favored the Min-exerted against the FEPC orneapolis FEPC law rather than dinance by the corporate interests the Flint union - sponsored or- was stirring up reactionaries, dinance. In order to put the Com- fascist-minded race baiters, relileaders of the NAACP and the their filthy heads and appear a strike authorization. More than

out of Flint 20 years ago. They strike, they fell short of the two-ship's failure to defend The Commission rejection of the merely took their sheets off and thirds majority required under charged committee chairman, that iatter proposal, after they had today are still around patting the UAW constitution. openly declared themselves in commissioners on the back and favor of it during the legislative telling them not to pass this

# **UAW BOARD UNDERMINES BORG-WARNER BATTLE**

By Bob Kingsley

CLEVELAND, Nov. 4 - Top officials of the CIO United Automobile Workers today ordered a "recess" in Reuther and his International the 25-day strike of 10 Borg Warner locals fighting for

an industry - wide contract. The 9 Reuther leadership made it clear bership expressed the sentiment that if any local refused to return that the immediate struggle for to work the international union an industry-wide contract with would stop all strike benefits and Borg-Warner, has been badly withdraw authorization. This was impaired. a choice, as one unionist expressed it here, of "either jumption that the present witch hunt or the High Level Bridge or the Terminal Tower."

> Board's decision, ordering a "re- mate and justified demands of cess" in the strike "pending a workers out on strike is nothing ministrator-dictator over De Soto ruling by the Wage Stabilization new. It has been used for many Local 227 because of the frequent Board," came as a shock to the years. If Reuther and Gosser did union membership, as the inter- not know this there is something national had promised 100 per wrong with these master minds. cent support to this strike of We have been asked over and cause of its relatively superior demands to return to work.

### RULED AN EXCEPTION

Paterson, N. J., because of the seals." alleged effect of these walkouts NO MORE CONFIDENCE on the Korean war. The Borg-Warner strike, however, was

pletely reversed its previous my wife and kids." resolution and capitulated.

present at the meeting of the voted reluctantly to end the vote would soon be taken. Pesco plant local here, the mem- strike.

### As one member said, "The

threat of injunctions and govern-The International Executive ment interference in the legiti-7,000 workers until industry- over again not to question the wide bargaining was won. The judgment of our great leaders. union had twice defied WSB That record is wearing pretty thin. Meanwhile we continue to the first blow, walked off the job. lose strikes and our real wages When the International failed to are scraping the bottom of the On Oct. 16, the international barrel. In this case the Borg-Resistance continued, and penalboard voted to end the strikes at Warner Corp. cracked the whip Douglas Aircraft in California and Truman and the WSB jumpand Wright Aeronautical plant in ed to its command like trained

Another worker, a charter ruled an exception, because, ac- member of the union and a PROMISE STRIKE VOTE cording to the United Automobile steward, said that "three years Worker, "total production in the ago I was asked to have conaircraft plants is defense produc- fidence in the Reuther leadership tion while only a 'negligible on its decision to re-elect Trution consists of defense items." repeal the Taft-Hartley law. I

# Florida Sheriff Kills Negro On Eve of Retrial

One Negro youth is dead and another near death after being shot by a Florida sheriff who was transporting them to the site of a retrial ordered by the Supreme Court.

Samuel Shepherd, 24, and Walter Lee Irvin, 24, railroaded and three others were arrested. in 1949 in the famous "Little these contents were arrested, charged with the "rape." Of Scottsboro case," were being imprisonment, and two to death, taken to Taveres, Fla., when the after a mock trial in which the sheriff shot them down. He most elementary standards of claimed that the handcuffed pair justice were disregarded. The had "attacked him." It is reported, however, by defense attorney for the two youths, that they were both confident of acquittal, and had no reason to try to

#### LYNCH ATMOSPHERE

This latest outrage came as the next day. They were shot by climax to a frame-up attempt that | Sheriff Willis V. McCall, who, it has become known as the "Little Scottsboro case." On July 16, severely beaten the three prison-1949, a 17-year-old farm wife in ers while they were in his Groveland, Fla., claimed that she charge. had been raped by four Negroes. This charge was made in a lynch atmosphere that had been developing for some time in the town, which consists of 400 Negroes the site of the murders to press and 600 whites. The local big for an investigation, as Negro broadcasts in addition to articles shots were frothing at the mouth and labor anger mounted throughbecause of growing resentment out the country this week. The among the local paper mill em- CIO Convention, meeting in New oloyees, mostly Negroes, at em- York, heard a report on the ployment conditions and pay events, which took place during

> The rape charge became the excuse for a bloody anti-Negro terror, with mobs burning houses, shooting and beating in the Jim Crow sections of the town. So violent did the situation become, that National Guardsmen, called after a few days, removed the whole Negro population.

#### DECLARE MISTRIAL

Negro youth was shot to death, agencies to look into the matter.

inexcusable bad police work." Earlier, NAACP Executive Secretary Walter White had demanded a federal investigation of the outrage. In response to the widespread pressure, the Justice In the course of this terror, one Department has ordered federal

Supreme Court declared this

travesty a mistrial and reversed

the decision of the lower court.

sentence was lifted by Supreme

Court decision, were shot while

being transported for their

retrial, scheduled to open the

was shown at the first trial, had

DEMAND INVESTIGATION

Thurgood Marshall, special

NAACP attorney, has flown to

the convention, and passed a

strong resolution backing the in-

vestigation demands of the

NAACP. In a wire to President

Truman, Philip Murray called the

shootings "either murder or

The two Negroes, whose death

# Reuther Policy Demoralizes Workers, Dodge Vote Shows

By Everett Kennedy

DETROIT, Nov. 22 - For the first time in its hismission majority to a test, a joint gious and nationalist bigots who meeting of union representatives, did not yet dare to openly raise local in the CIO United Automobile Workers, has rejected tory, the membership of Dodge Local 3, second largest

spite of some of its inadequate asserted: "The Klan did not get Although a majority favored So scandalous was the top leadervotes for strike authorization is unprecedented in this local union gates demanded that Reuther with a long record of militancy, discuss the speedup and the

especially in view of the serious ssues involved: First, the growing speedup effort by the company; then, the discharge several workers, including Jimmie Solomon, Chairman of the Trim Shop Committee.

This vote reflects the demoralizing effect of the policies and actions of President Walter Executive Board in curbing the fighting actions of the workers in their attempts to combat the speedup over the past several months in Chrysler Corporation. When Chrysler launched its

speedup drive, there were spontaneous walkouts in Chrysler plants throughout the city. In every instance, the International Union officials refused to back up the rank and file. The International Board even placed an adstrikes of Local 227 members.

The Dodge Main plant was the chief target of the speedup be-The Trim Shop workers, who felt support them, they had to return. ties were heaped on by the company, until finally Jimmie Solomon, Shop Committee Chairman, was fired for calling a mass to discuss speedup.

So great was the membership's resentment that the local's Executive Board issued a leaflet calling for a plant shutdown. portion' of Borg-Warner produc- man because he promised to Representatives of the International swarmed down on the mass Confronted by the WSB's was stupid enough at that time meeting held that day and with threat of an injunction the in- to collect dollars for the PAC. I threats and pressure, as well as ternational board on Nov. 1 com- need more than confidence to feed lies about the strike being fostered by "scheming poli-Faced with the ultimatum that ticians," pushed through a return-In spite of all assurances and they either return to work or get to-work motion. Nevertheless, the appeals for "confidence in our no international support and have International spokesmen claimed international leadership" by the Taft-Hartley injunction that speedup would not be the international representatives thrown at them the membership tolerated, etc., and that a strike

Weeks went by as speedup con-

Socialist Workers Party decided publicly before the Commission. 11,000 members turned out last tinued unabated, penalties mountto accept the Minneapolis law in In a stirring speech Carter week in pouring rain to ballot, ed and no strike vote was taken. it became an issue in UAW con-The failure to muster sufficient | ferences. At the recent Chrysler conference, the Chrysler dele-Solomon discharge and refused to permit him to proceed with a factional tirade against Ford

Local 600 and John L. Lewis.

### MOOD OF WORKERS

Finally, when it became clear hat the Reutherite International board did not intend to fulfill its promise, the Dodge Local 3 membership meeting voted unanimously to take a strike vote on the speedup and discharge questions. Before the vote, it was announced by Local 3 President Art Grudson, a Reutherite, that the vote would involve only the issue of speedup and not the firing of Solomon, because of failure to file a grievance in Solomon's case in 48 hours "in accordance with procedure." Widespread layoffs, with more just around the corner, also had an important effect on the mood of

#### REJECT STRIKE News of rejection of strike

authorization has been taken as a working conditions established signal for a new crack-down by from the early days of the union. the company. The foremen are vying with each other to tighten the screws on the workers. The auto workers, and the Dodge workers first of all, are getting another lesson in what the policies of the Reuther leadership are costing them and of the meeting of Trim Shop workers need to get a new fighting leadership and return to militant. democratic unionism in the UAW-CIO.

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