

By James P. Cannon

(The following address by James P. Cannon, founder of the

was at a meeting just about this size 25 years ago this week — it was a joint meeting of the Central Executive Committee, Control Commission,@-

the functionaries and goon squads struggle, of which election camof the Communist Party. They paigns are a part. That is symbolic of the char

rose up too (laughter), but not in acter of our party - not as a so friendly a manner as you did critical propaganda circle of wisetonight, when I hurled into their acres, but as a part of the workface, for the first time, the ing class, participating in the sionism and degeneration was going to be raised in this country them even fear to listen. and fought for.

I recall that meeting and that country is proud of Local New speech tonight with pride, be- York for this great campaign, began. It began in struggle, for the most genuinely Trotskyist going to make the same kind of Joyce Cowley, and to all the rest paign. speech tonight. of you who helped to make the

But first I want to tell you it's campaign possible, helped to cona great joy and satisfaction to be tribute one more great action, L. Weiss, candidate for mayor, ports the present economic syshere with you tonight, to join in to stamp on the minds of hun-the celebration of our 25th an- dreds of thousands of workers comptroller, and Catherine Gratniversary. And it's especially the fact that there is one party, ta, candidate for President of the promises." satisfying that the celebration of even in the midst of all the reac- City Council, who ably chaired the our glorious anniversary is held tion and the witch hunt and the in connection with an election indifference, that is not afraid campaign meeting, that it is to tell the truth, and tells it, linked to an action in the class straight.

(The following address by James P. Cannon, founder of the Socialist Workers Party and editor of The Militant when it published its first issue 25 years ago on Nov. 15, 1928, was delivered at the New York meeting on Oct. 30 to celebrate a quarter-century of American Trotskyism. Comrade Cannon was greeted with a rising ovation. This is a transcription from a tape recording. **Toward Depression and War**

Build a Labor Party Now!

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face, for the first time, the announcement that the banner of struggle against Stalinist revi-own interests, even when they as when interests, even when they as yet fear to speak, and some of them even fear to listen. The party throughout the SWP Campaign in N.Y.

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NEW YORK, Oct. 30 - One of around TV sets and watched cause that's where our party by far the best, the most militant, its most spirited and best-attended Weiss and the American Labor rallies in years was held here to- Party candidate for mayor being principle, as outlined in the campaign we have ever conducted. night by the Socialist Workers interviewed on the Barry Gray teachings of the great Marxists For that the whole party gives its Party in celebration of its 25th program. To the question, "What all the way from Marx and thanks to our candidates, David Anniversary and the wind-up of is the difference between your Engels to Lenin and Trotsky. I'm Weiss and Cathy Gratta and the party's city election cam- parties?", Weiss underscored the anti-capitalist nature of the SWP

The rally responded enthuprogram, while Clifford McAvoy siastically to the words of David explained that the ALP "suptem" and aims to pressure the major parties into "keeping their

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18,365 VOTES James P. Cannon, National Chairman of the SWP and its FOR BARBARIA founder, was the principal

meeting.

speaker.

Discussing the accomplishments IN S.F. POLL of the party's election campaign,

paign we spoke on radio and TV SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 5 to hundreds of thousands of people. I am convinced that hundreds Frank Barbaria and Mrs. Frances James, candidates of the Socialist of them were won toward our ideas. I am equally convinced that Workers' Party, received 18,365 and 15,259 votes respectively for many more times that number will be won tomorrow." Supervisors in Tuesday's election. Pointing to the low registra-Local newspapermen declared tion, Joyce Cowley said, "This themselves "astounded" by the

Barbaria.

The entire audience arose in a In a hard-hitting campaign, the spontaneous ovation as Catherine Socialist Workers Party here took Trotskyism truly could not have on the campaign issues before 47 party, which is going to organize It has also been said by Engels been written." (The full text of union bodies, as well as 17 other tional Association for the Ad-



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Only Labor Can Avert Disaster

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By Art Freis American capitalism is heading for deplession and war. The private profits system holds out no hope for economic security and peace. The organized working class, by taking the fate of this country into its own hands, alone is capable of averting catastrophe. This is the prospect we see ahead as The Militant enters the second quarter-century of its publication. As in our first issue of Nov. 15, 1928, when we warned American labor of the depression and second world war that lay ahead, so in this issue marking our 25th anniversary we tell American labor: There is no hope under capitalism.

Socialism alone can guarantee. the peace, plenty and security we seek. The means of production and distribution must belong to the people as a whole. They must be operated under the control of the workers, with national planning and without profits.

The armaments expenditures re continuing. The U.S. armed forces in Korea, Japan, West Germany - half the countries of the globe, in fact — are being maintained and expanded. Government expenditures remain close to their all-time "peacetime" high. Yet, even the Korean War level of government spending is not enough to keep the American

Imprisoned and Slandered

I don't think I need to tell you down these damned prisons or Weiss said that "during this camthat I'm strongly in favor of put some other class of people these candidates. I am. I gravely in them. (Stormy applause.)

regret, however, that I can't I want to talk a little bit tovote for you Cathy, and Joyce, night about the party. The Soand David, because they took my cialist Workers Party represents vote away from me. That's one a program, first of all and above of the things I'm sore about. all. This program, as Engels once During the Second World War, I expressed it, is the conscious exsuppose most of you know, they pression of the unconscious hisput me and 17 other comrades in toric process which is operating expresses the widespread belief high votes for Barbaria and Mrs. prison, because we were opposed relenticssly and inexorably to that none of the major parties James, who ran on a socialist to the war and we said so - out transform society from capital- are concerned with or will do anti-war program, for the 30. loud.

oud. But they weren't satisfied just is to socialism. But when we say that we and our program are the the workers. It was a privilege for an independent labor party. to put us in prison. They conscious expression of this un-slandered us, accused us of dis-conscious historical process, it party in this campaign. It was an 961, only 57% of the ballots in loyalty to our country. And I does not mean that we are simply opportunity to express the feel- the previous election, when the resented that. Because I love this observers, analysts and commen- ings of the workers who today SWP candidates received about country and I'm loyal to it. All tators. Just because we are the remain silent. Tomorrow that 10,000 votes, or little more than silence will turn into a mighty half of this election's tally for into the hands of the people who toric process we also have the roar of protest." made it, and take it away from duty to participate in the process the 60 families and the other and help it along. That's the difgrafters and hangers-on who've ference between a party of action Gratta introduced James P. Can- its program directly to the orstolen this country from the peo- in struggle, and a mere circle of non, "the man without whom the ganized workers in the unions. ple who made it. I consider our academicians, analysts and ob- 25-year history of American The two SWP candidates spoke whole work of organizing this servers. Quite different.

the masses in struggle for a that we, the Marxists, the revo- his stirring address begins in an organizations, including the Narevolution, as nothing more nor lutionists, represent the future of adjacent column.) less than an operation for the the laber movement in its present.

recovery of stolen property. That is another excellent and NEW FRIENDS ATTEND There's nothing disloyal about accurate way to present it. But Along with the many active that. The accusation is a slander we don't merely represent the party members and sympathizers

future in the present. As active who attended, scores of new (Applause). All this talk of disloyalty is a revolutionists, we strive, by every friende participated who were slander added to the indignity of means, every day, by every form brought by shopmates or fellowdepriving us of our liberty, which of activity, including such great students or were attracted by was an injustice. And then on top activities as you carried on in this radio announcements. of that, because we had become election campaign - we strive The spirit of the meeting was convicts, they took our vote away to transform the present into the eloquently expressed by the genfrom us. That's when I really got future at a little earlier date. erous response to Catherine Grat-The program we stand on goes ta's appeal for funds to aid the that a'ong with the SWP endorsed mad. They said that since we belonged to the Socialist Work- back a long way. It is by no SWP activities. \$144 was colers Party, we had to go to prison. means our invention, by no means lected.

And then because we had been in new. It goes back, in an unbroken The rally opened with splendid prison we couldn't vote for the line of continuity, to the Comrenditions of American labor and party we belonged to. They got munist Manifesto of Marx and folk songs and Spanish Civil War us on a run-around there, and Engels of 105 years ago. Our songs by Timoteo, talented young I'll never be reconciled until we party goes back to that program guitarist and singer. get our vote back, and get our along an unbroken line of con-(Continued on page 3) country back, and either tear ing, the participants gathered James.'

vancement of Colored People, United Latin-American Club and the Spanish-American Club.

"The many individuals who supported this socialist campaign was an historic achievement. spent many hours going into the working class districts, knocking on doors and visiting to talk about the real issues of the elecgenuine labor party and selling copies of The Militant, the paper the two working class candidates,"

said James Nicholas, campaign manager for Barbaria and Mrs. James. "Often persons who had never heard of the SWP before commented that the most impressive and sincere of all the candi-At the conclusion of the meet- dates were Barbaria and Mrs.

Twenty-five years ago, on Nov. 15, 1923, The Militant was born. It is a difficult job to publish a fighting socialist newspaper in the richest capitalist country in the world.

But it is precisely in this country that the powerful ideas of Marxism are most necessary. The Militant provided these ideas to the workers in continuous publication for over a quarter of a century. This

It would have been impossible without the valiant Militant Army. The Militant Army is composed of devoted and fearless tion - stressing the need for a fighters who operate in all kinds of weather — climatic and political.

> They are the pluggers who have brought the Militant to the picket lines in the periods of stormy labor struggles.

They faced the cops, the fascists, the American Legionnaires, the Jim Crow racist mobs, the company thugs, - and got the paper to the workers rain or shine. They braved the gangs of Stalinist hoo-

ligans, who harrassed and beat our distributors in the early years, and the goons of the labor bureaucraev.

They are the people who got subscriptions in house-to-house campaigns, in the factories, in the unions and sold the paper on the streets.

They are the people who, especially in the early years, hocked their valuable pos- General Motors president who sessions and went without eating to save the paper and pay the printer.

They wrote for The Militant from the firing line of the class struggle. They didn't have official titles. They didn't care about fame. They are the unknown and unsung heroes of the 25-year history of The Militant.

We salute the Militant Army on our 25th birthday. This Army will swell its ranks. It will send its patrols to every corner of the country wherever labor works and fights. Join the Militant Army. Subscribe. Get subs from your friends and shopmates. Get the truth to the workers. Only the socialist truth can set us free.

capitalist economy from showing serious symptoms of decline.

War spending and the speedier approach of H-Bomb annihilation are all that the Big Business leaders and their political agents offer as the means to keep the shaky economic structure from peedy collapse.

Thus, C. E. Wilson, former heads the Defense Department. at his latest press conference reassured his scared fellow-millionaires and billionaires that there is always war spending to fall back on to keep their profits flowing in at the "normal" rate. He told them:

"The rumors that defense spending will be cut to such a point that it will adversely affect business aren't true.

INSOLUBLE PROBLEM

If he means "adversely affect profits," he may be right, because the tax laws have been rigged to keep profits high even if sales and production decline. But the workers are already being adversely affected, by the millions, through loss of overtime pay, cutbacks to part-time work and outright lay-offs. Every worker waits in trepidation lest he be next in line for a pink slip.

At the heart of the insoluble problem of the profit system - as more "a mimeograph machine those chalked up by the Demo- for the victory of all the Repub-The Militant has analysed it for 25 years — is the tremendous accumulation of idle capital that The Democrats, of course, are Big Business cannot convert into capital investments. American capitalism is being literaly choked by a titanic total of \$88-billion of positions won last year will have working capital that cannot "find other and more far-reaching cona home." unless it be in other lands. That is the cancerous source of war and depression that fatally afflicts American im-

perialism. mayor. Rudolph Halley of the time in 18 years the GOP lost it. 75% of the people queried thought tion, and will encourage workers Capitalism cannot be cured. to engage in more militant strike American workers must build a the Republicans. Halley's candi- mayor for the first time in ten as President (this is not the same and political actions. And that's whole new system of their own. thing as saying that they would what's needed to hasten the day They must build a party of their In Cleveland, O., a Democrat vote for him). But just one when the labor movement will own and a government of their won in the race for mayor, re- month later, on the eve of the break with the capitalist poli- own to establish the new social placing another Democrat, Nov. 3 election, the same poll ticians who control the Demo- order that history sets as our reported a drop to 65% in his cratic Party and form an inde- generation's supreme task.

has reached since he took office. the true interests of the working people,

OTHER CONSEQUENCES

the beginning of layoffs in the son has set 42 2/3 cents an hour plants are proving more potent as the "fair and reasonable" than the artificial glamor which minimum wage to be paid

Sen. McCarthy's investigators, Cohn and Schine, each drew \$74 a day for their junket around Secretary of Agriculture Ben- Europe last spring investigating "subversion" and waste. This was in addition to transportation costs since the pair got free rides everywhere from the Military

Our Founding Editor Elections Show Shift Away from GO By George Breitman Eisenhower also endorsed the ALP state chairman and quit the contests too, but theirs were Eisenhower staked his prestige

since 1940.

GOP candidate for Congress from party. He said it would become fewer and less important than in the Nov. 3 elections by calling Political currents in this counthe 6tn District in N. J. This seat, try definitely have shifted since which the Republicans won by a the Republican sweep in 1952. 54,000 margin last year, has The upset election of a Demonever been held by a Democrat. cratic Congressman in a normally But a little-known Democrat won on Nov. 3. Republican Wisconsin farm dis-

trict last month was confirmed MARCANTONIO QUITS ALP by the Nov. 3 elections as the As was expected in New York City, Robert Wagner, the Tambeginning of a trend toward the Democrats. This trend points to the strong possibility that the Democrats may recover control much trouble getting elected the office of mayor — the first ber the Gallup poll reported that workers after Eisenhower's elecof both houses of Congress in the 1954 elections.

In industrial New Jersey, a traditional Republican stronghold dacy, looked formidable only n non-presidential years, a liberal three months ago, when it seemed Democrat, Robert Meyner, won the conservative Impellitteri the governor's seat by a landslide would be his Democratic opover Republican Paul Troast. The ponent, but it wilted when he GOP accepted the backing of the ran against a New Dealer like ed to the U.S. Senate. But this popularity - the lowest point it pendent labor party to fight in Hague machine in Jersey City, himself and when he failed to gain and resorted to redbaiting against any labor support outside of the Americans for Democratic Action, AFL garment workers. which backed Meyner. The Repu-

blicans also got an endorsement ican Labor Party. who got 104,000 of Troast from Eisenhower. But votes in the contest for City that didn't stop the Democrats Council President two years ago,

GILT BEGINNING TO PEEL from winning their first guran fourth with only 54,000 votes. pernatorial election in the state Thereupon, former Representative Vito Marcantonio resigned as made some gains in municipal artists built around the general. Louisiana sugar cane workers. Air Transport Service.

rather than a political party." crats. Viewed as a whole, the lican candidates, but it didn't do But outside of New York City trend was away from the Repub- his party or himself any good. there were numerous surprises licans in both the East and in municipal contests. In Buffalo, Midwest. A special election on the first ones to benefit from the "useful" - that is, profitable the Democrats won the post of Nov. 10 to fill a congressional decline in Republican strength. mayor and control of the City seat formerly held by a Repub- But the failure of the GOP to Council, ending eight years of lican in California also has the consolidate and hold onto the Republican rule. In New Haven, GOP high command worried. a Democratic mayor took over It is only one year since Eisenmany-New Deal candidate run- for the first time in eight hower was elected, and the gilt is sequences: It will counteract some

ning with the support of most of years. In Columbus, a Democrat beginning to crack and peel on of the moods of pessimism and the labor leaders, didn't have upset all predictions by winning the Eisenhower myth. In Septem- conservatism created among the Liberal Party ran third, behind In Akron, O., a Democrat became Eisenhower was doing a good job vears.

Thomas Burke, who was appointtoo was regarded as an upset because the successful candidate ran

without the support of a large Clifford McAvoy of the Amerpart of the regular Democratic been expected.

This indicates that falling farm machine, and a GOP victory had prices, cuts in overtime work and

Naturally, the Republicans the political ad-men and ballyhoo-

JAMES P. CANNON



THE MILITANT

Our Militant Paper Alone Has Told the Truth

By Murry Weiss

The members of The Militant staff have for some time been preparing for this 25th birthday of our paper, which coincides with the 25th anniversary of the Socialist Workers Party. Part of the

preparation was to look through Patriotic Blunders," Trotsky the files of The Militant. What traces the previous degeneration an experience! Through these of the Second International from its revisionist roots to its colyears The Militant has become a rich. storehouse of Marxist lapse in the First World War. The root error of the Social treasure. The keenest revolu-Democracy was also to substitute tionary thinkers of the internathe conservative national thinktional workers movement provide some of their most lucid con- ing of the labor bureaucracy tributions to socialist thought in for revolutionary internationalism. our pages. Leon Trotsky, for Trotsky said: "The worker who clearly un-

derstands that the fate of the

Soviet Republic and hence his own

entirely depends on the interna-

tional revolution will fulfill his

duty in relation to the USSR

example, was a regular contributor from the period of his exile from the Soviet Union, (1928) to the day of his assassination by the Stalinists in Mexico on Aug. 21, 1940.

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much more energetically than the Students of Marxism will unworker who is told that what we doubtedly assemble all of Trotalready possess is nine-tenths of sky's writings for The Militant socialism." and nublish them in more acces

The subsequent course of hissible book form. The Militant ory showed how the Stalinist files also contain a comprehensible ine, based on the theory of Sorecord of international working ialism in One Country, demoralizclass struggles, particularly the ed and defeated the working class great theoretical and political in one country after another. d'sputes in the workers' vanguard.

This record likewise, constitutes an invaluable tool for Marxist WORLD PERSPECTIVE In this first installment of a scholars.

'Criticism of Fundamentals," the While searching through The basic world perspective of Marx-Militant files we became deterism in this epoch is explained. mined to bring to our readers Trotsky brings to the center of some of these treasures of Marxhis analysis the role of United ism during the coming period. States capitalism in relation to In these lines, however, we can Europe and the world:

deal only with some of the basic "It is precisely the international conceptions and principles that strength of the United States and were formulated in the founding its unbridled expansion resulting years of our paper and have from it, that compels it to include remained our guiding principles powder magazines throughout the to this day. world among the foundations of

STALINIST REVISIONISM

Volume 1, Number 1 of The Militant on Nov. 15, 1928, published the first installment of Leon Trotsky's fundamental work, "The Draft Program of the Comintern, A Criticism of Fundamentals." In this work, Trotsky demolishes the revisionist theory of establishing socialism in one backward country, a theory which means in affect abandoning the international revolution. He establishes that this reactionary, nationalist bureaucratic theory is a break from the whole theoretical tradition of Marx and Lenin.

Stalinism. like all revisionism. attacked the foundations of Marxist theory - in the name of Marx American imperialism has grown and Lenin! In this way it covered itself in the eyes of the workers ready ruined the whole capitalist with the authority of these revoluwas imperative that this fraud period has already destroyed crisis of 1929: be exposed

Trotsky showed how this theo- stability for the capitalist system. to reach the apex of its growth... 'normal' cyclical depression hav- ican workers, from opportunist retical departure from Marxism- Now the United States itself further expansion leads American ing only slight and passing enchantment with the flashy independent revolutionary party slum area we sold 20 Militants. reference to it by our candidates Leninism could be the source of stands before the glowing prospect capitalism to further and more effects. On the contrary, because capitalist boom of the twenties, of the American workers that and one sub was sold. future betrayals of the working of a socialist transformation with drastic attacks upon the standards of the qualitative changes which they switched to the ultra-left participates in the mass strugclass and would lead inevitably depression and ruinous war the of life of the American masses are taking place in American to the degeneration of the Comonly alternatives the capitalists and to an attempt at an armed capitalist economy every such redivision of the world market cyclical depression intensifies to munist International. In a chapter | can offer. entitled, "The Theory of So-In the Nov. 15, 1928, issue of and spheres of imperialist domi- the highest degree the contradiccialism in One Country as a The Militant the Trotskyists nation, both of which only further tions of capitalism, undermines of Inevitable Social counter the American Stalinist intensify these contradictions the deeper the entire structure Source

Socialist Appeal TOR ORG INIZATION OF AN INDEPENDENT LABOR PARTY FOR MILIT (R) TRAINING MDER TRADE I NON CONTROL **ROOSEVELT DICTATOR UNDER NEW BILL** OTHER OWNERS CONTRACTOR OF THE U.S. The sident Roose in France Class War Tears Loose in France Class War Tears Loose in France Neo Executive Board Adopts Bankers Give It WPA coint "Plan" For Draftege TI-3 THE MILITANT @ Colore Class War Tears Loose in France Laws Weekly Organ of the DRIVERS VICTORIOUS MINNEAPOLIS pcal 574 Wins Right to Represent of Fascism In Germany de Men; Discrimination Barred United Front Is a Traitor ment The Strike Triumphant 574 Acts in of Settlement ----Hitler Is Consolidating we why Is the Comintern Silent on Germany? Whoever Blocks the Hitlerites Move Forward; Communists Mark Time For the Russian Opposition! Against Opportunism and Bureaucrary in the Workers Communist Party of America ! AMERICAN COMMUNISTS BY JAMES P. CANNON, MARTIN ABERN 103 TPEU

These are some typical headlines in The Militant during the late twenties and the thirties. At the bottom is the historic first issue of Nov. 15, 1928, with its declaration, "For the Russian Opposition!" The Opposition was the militant workers in the Soviet Union who, under Leon Trotsky's leadership, fought

the Stalinist degeneration. Other headlines tell of the great strike victory of Minneapolis Truckdrivers Local 544 in 1934, the Trotskyist campaign calling for a working-class united front against Hitler, and Roosevelt's moves toward dictatorial power before World War II.

Illusions about the health and leading to the downfall of Amer- | eventually leading to deep-going the first: 1) Organize industria unions; 2) Break with the ideology ship rally. durability of the capitalist boom. ican imperialism. In the light of crises." Two years later when the "deep and politics of capitalism. They show how the boom has the above, the present economic The Trotskyists were always crisis" was in full swing the world. The revolutionary upsurge already developed the elements of depression must inevitably be-American Stalinists turned 180 fighters in the class struggle. tionary thinkers. Therefore, it of the post-Second World War a bust and forecast the great come the forerunner of a deepgoing crisis. . . The depression degrees. From pessimism regard- They were never mere sideline rally. And 25 copies were sold have become acquainted with it as every last vestige of historical "American capitalism is about cannot be viewed merely as a ing the prospects of the Amer- critics. All the work of the found- on one of the newsstands. In our a result of its widespread dis-

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ing years laid the basis for an

ganda for the overthrow of the damning proofs of the treacherou.

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government, the Fish Committee character of their party. The Trotskyist movement is a was in reality an expedient to distract attention from the misery revolutionary movement. Thereof the unemployment crisis. . . It fore it has always been a moveis imperative to arouse the widest ment of youth. On June 1, 1929, possible movement against this the Militant published the first Fish Committee. . . Elihu Root letter from Leon Trotsky on has already advanced the idea of "Tasks of the American Opposicreating a special secret federal tion." In this letter, he said: police . . . to spy more effectively "Every member of the Opposiover the revolutionary work- tion organization should be ers . . . the coming storm and obliged to have under his guidance stress period in the class struggle several young workers, boys from will mark more and more vicious 14 to 15 up, to remain in conattempts to place heavier shackles tinual contact with them, help on the labor movement. The De- them in their self-education, train partment of Justice will be more them in the questions of scientific extensively subsidized and its socialism, and systematically instool-pigeon activities re-enforced. troduce them to the revolutionary The industrial espionage system politics of the proletarian vanguard . . Those who are afraid will be intensified. . . The criminal syndicalism and sedition laws of of rough work we don't want. The the various states will be brought calling of a revolutionary Bolinto more frequent play." shevik imposes obligations. The With the approach of World first of these obligations is to War II, the Federal Smith "Gag" struggle for the proletarian youth, Act supplanted the repressive to clear a road to its most opstate laws. It was used for the pressed and neglected strata. first time in 1940 to prosecute 18 They stand first under our ban-Trotskyist and union leaders of ner.'

Minneapolis and to jail them for As we embark on the second 25 years of our fight for socialism their opposition to capitalist war. The Militant has waged a strugthe Militant will rally the workgle for the defense of all victims ing-class youth of the generation of the witch-hunt persecution to the revolutionary banner. The down through the years. From youth of today are looking for a the struggle for the release of revolutionary philosophy and pro-Mooney and Billings to the de- gram. They are disgusted and fense today of the Stalinist vic- repelled by the decay of the tims of the Smith Act trials, the capitalist world which can offer Militant has fought for the basic them no better future than principle of working - class soliatomic war and depression. Our darity in defense of civil liberties. paper and the Socialist Workers

Party will find a road to the The fact that the Stalinists systematically violate this prin- worker and student youth with ciple, as they did in the Min- the socialist message of hope and neapolis trials, is one of the most struggle.

THE MILITANT ARMY

Chicago Militant salesmen are rades in Flint who sent in 16 warming up for the 25th An- Militant subs in the past two niversary Militant Mobilizations weeks. This response indicates

to begin Nov. 8. good possibilities for the coming Literature Agent Militant mobilizations.

Alice Wiley reports New York wound up its/ Milisales of 77 papers in tant sales and distributions in connection with the local election the past week. "We feel we are making campaign this week. Literature a good beginning Agent Murray Forbes reports that for the national sub over 1,200 copies of the election campaign," she campaign issue of The Militant writes. "This week were distributed to workers at Bert, Marj and Jacki street meetings, forums, and sold 14 Militants at rallies this past week. He writes: an NAACP member-"At many of these meetings

he appearance of The Militant "Benny sold five copies at the evoked a sympathetic response. University of Chicago. Elaine Many workers who have never sold 13 copies at the CIO-PAC heard of The Militant before work on the South Side semi- tribution, sales, and constant over radio and TV. The Militant

"Comrades Dee, Mari, Bert. has become synonymous in the

tween the East and West. the class struggles in Old Europe uprisings in the colonial masses wars and revolution. This or the one hand transforms the United States capitalism into the hasic counter-revolutionary force in the present epoch, becoming constantly more interested in the maintenance of order in every corner of the globe, and on the

other hand prepares the ground for a gigantic revolutionary explosion of this already dominant and still increasing world imverialist power." Little need be added today to

its structure - the antagonism be

this remarkable analysis of the central axis around which capitalism is spinning to its destruction. like a monstrus tumor; it has al



The first issue of the Militant after Hitler's invasion of the Soviet Union on June 22, 1941, declared: "Defend the Soviet Union." It called for a revolutionary workers' defense of the nationalized property in the Soviet Union against Nazi capitalism. Other headlines tell of the Socialist Workers Perty's fight against fascism in America, leading a series of huge demonstrations against native fascists, like Father Coughlin's Christian Front, from New York to Los Angeles in 1939.

insanity of the "Third Period." gles of the workers every day They depicted the situation as Comrade Cannon, founder of the immediately revolutionary and Socialist Workers Party and the door to door work each Saturday squandered the resources of the Militant's first editor, wrote in afternoon. radical movement in wild adventhe Feb. 15 1931 issue on the what to do about them?' and our tures based on bureaucratically effect of the boom of the twenties program is our major talking conceived timetables and orders on American radicals: to "take to the streets and fight "The post-war prosperity, which

for power.'

OUR MARXIST ANSWER

The Militant of Feb. 15, 1931 happening. Let us wait and see' gives a Marxist answer to this became a sort of platform for preparation for Anniversary sales. ultra-left phrasemongering of the many during this period. People Stalinists:

who had been concerned with the writes. "The crisis still continues in its problem of making a revolution downward sweep. . . But to turned to the problem of making present this as the final crisis of a living while awaiting further American capitalism would be developments. But what now? The when the time approaches. false. It is still the world economic crisis is smashing all dominant power within a declinthis calm routine."

ing capitalist imperialism." Declaring that "revolutionary Showing how the economic health requires exercise" Cannon crisis, which put millions of pointed the way to active par- Consistent sales in front of a workers on the breadlines, has beticination of the revolutionists in come a social crisis of world the preparatory struggles for the The Militant and new friends for capitalism the Militant made a time of storm" that lay ahead. realistic appraisal of the situa-As the wheels of production here in Minneapolis, Millie has ame to a virtual halt and America

"There is not a 'widespread took on the appearance of a workers radicalization," nor a country afflicted by some great The one-vear renewal revolutionary upsurge of the and devastating plague, the labor American masses' at the present movement was confronted by the Helen reports good sales also of time. To proceed from such a life and death struggle to survive fictitious analysis can lead only and to take up the fight for the Fourth International. theoretical to fundamentally false concluneeds of the unemployed. The sions and isolation. . . But the Militant called for immediate and skvism. situation is full of promising adequate Government relief. On

potentialities for a rise in the Dec. 1, 1930, we outlined the labor movement, for its entering program for a fundamental struginto a more active resistance and gle against unemployment: struggles for its ngeds." THE 30-HOUR WEEK

This forecast of the coming awakening of the labor movement "The central point in such a from its state of shocked helpprogram must he the SIX-HOUR lessness in the depression to a DAY AND THE FIVE - DAY new militant upsurge was con-WEEK WITH NO REDUCTION IN PAY! If the 8-hour day was stantly hammered at in the early years of The Militant. the slogan of the militants 50 years ago, the 30-hour week is an The platform of the Communist Opposition (Trotskyists), pubeven more timely one today, in consideration of the technical ished on Feb. 15, 1929, says:

"The main reservoir of labor advance of industry alone." militancy is the masses of un-This demand, which has become skilled and semi-skilled workers known in the modern labo in the unorganized basic inmovement as 30 hours work for dustries. . . The party must turn 40 hours pay, was the starting its face to these unorganized point for the elaboration of the masses, put itself at the head of whole program of transitional their strugles and lead in the demands and slogans such as the work of organizing them into new cost-of-living escalator clause of industrial unions. . . In this American Trotskyism which has protracted struggle on all fronts entered into the consciousness extending over a period of years and experience of the American the decisive break of the workers working class.

with the ideology of capitalism On July 26, 1930 the Militant will be effected and the genuine attacked the Fish Committee class movement of the workers one of the first Congressional will be built." witch-hunting bodies: These were the two points that "Commissioned by Congress to the Trotskyists fought for from investigate Communist propa-

Dot, Benny, Bernie, Jacki minds of hundreds of workers and Elaine participate in this with a fighting party and a socialist program.

'The Chicago slums. "Here is the week's roundup: Oct. 27, 800 papers were distributed at an ALP rally by Johnny T., Johnny A., Manny and point. We find this an excellent project which will eventually pay Meryl. Oct. 28, a distribution by depressed the entire labor move- off in new recruits to socialist three comrades at a CIO rally for Wagner. Oct. 30, at an ex-

Minneanolis writes to increase tremely well attended and highly their Militant bundle order in enthusiastic combination rally of the Socialist Workers Party, celebrating the windup of its Literature Agent Helen Sherman "This is a starter. We local election campaign and the 25th anniversary of the party, 60 hope to increase it still more. copies of The Militant were sold. Look for another extra order for the Militant Anniversary issue "Nov. 1, Pauline and Berta sold 10 covies at an election forum held by the Community Church. "The new sub sent in from the

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this passive attitude. 'Nothing is

office last week was obtained by, Here, as at previous meetings, Millie from one of her regular The Militant was recognized by customers at the Labor Temple. those attending the forum. On Oct. 30, David L. Weiss, appearunion hall make new readers for ing on Barry Gray's television show, had a chance to show the socialism. Over a period of time. front page of the latest issue of the paper to the television made this record. She also brought audience. Once again this served in one of the enclosed renewals as an indelible reminder that The Militant is a newspaper comes fighting for workers' demands and from a militant convinced socialist friend who lives out of town." fearlessly expressing the truth."

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How Socialist Workers Party Began and Where It Is Going

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capitalism. And the economists in

us has solved the problem!"

(Continued from page 1) and generalized into the program Bill Haywood and Vincent St. harder times. of the party today, and are a part John and Frank Little. of our strength and our confidence.

represent.

and the sole heirs of the Hay- given a sharpened program by market martyrs of 1886, the the great Russian Revolution of that the boom was going to last pioneer fighters for the eight- 1917, was all brought together forever! The world situation hour day, to whom every union and concentrated in the Com- seemed to have turned definitively man who enjoys a shorter work- munist Party as it was launched to the stabilization of capitalism. day and union conditions today, in 1919. That's where we come The great promise that had been whether he knows about it or not, from. We come from the party whether he ever heard their that took shape in the fight of 1917, which carried with it a names or not, owes a debt of against the first imperialist war, gratitude that some day will be out of the cadres of American recognized. We go back to the o'd radical workers who first respond-Socialist Party of the time of ed to the great Russian Revolution Debs, which roused a whole led by Lenin and Trotsky.



Socialist Workers Party| That's why we trace the origin is the heir of all of that. It of our party, the origin of the represents all of that. And we SWIP as a distinct party, of our can say proudly that in its 25 own making and our own building, years it has represented it to that day, 25 years ago this honorably and creditably. In addi- week, when a small group in the tion to all that has gone before Communist Party raised the us, on which we built, and which banner of Trotsky and his prois part of our strength and our gram. They expelled us for that, confidence, we have made our own and we struck out on a new road, contribution in 25 years of battle. to build a new party, to replace

We date the origin of our party the one that has been corrupted to 25 years ago, because it was and degenerated, to build a new at that point when it seemed, for party on the old program. a time, that the chain of con- The issues that were raised tinuity of the revolutionary move- that day, at that meeting, have ment and of revolutionary thought | been put to the test of 25 years and revolutionary program was and surely, those have been the almost broken. Under the impact biggest and the most eventful international revolution developof world events, the reaction that years in all history. I think no set in after the first revolution- one can deny tonight that the test ary post-war wave, the old pro- has shown who was right and who and transformed the world. They the leaders of the Communist a handful of people. They exgram of revolution, the old pro- was wrong. You have it vividly evolved the monstrous conception Party, as it was evolved in that pelled us. They broke up our gram of Lenin, was revised and illustrated at this very meeting discarded by the usurping clique in the speech of David Weiss, reof Stylin that had gained power counting the campaign of the Soin the Soviet Union. cialist Workers Party against the

The Communist Party in this whole capitalist war set-up and country had been softened up by his scornful denunciation of the the long prosperity, the long campaign program of the miser period of hopes deferred. Its able Communist Party, wiping the eadership had turned conser- spittle of Wagner off their faces "vative and Stalinized - and it and still saying "vote for seemed for a moment that con- Wagner."

activity according to the program illustrated the verdict on the in the rest of the world, and old theory that the contradictions That sounds funny now doesn't capitalism in 1928, which the in these 25 years because we have based on theoretical analysis and of Marxism was suddenly about dispute that was raised in the transform the communist parties of capitalism would explode and it? That the supporters of Stalinists took for permanent, been active on many fronts. They living evidence of development in

generation to an elementary movement, and the accumulated victory as Lenin's part tinuity, and by that same token understanding of the class strug- effects of the reaction and the Russia. is connected in its actions with all gle, and to the movement which witch hunt - if they find that it the actions and efforts of all the they created, which made it is not so easy to stand firm for terrible defeat, capitalism got working class of all countries of possible for us to build on, and revolutionary principles and to re-stabilized in Europe. Reaction the world for 105 years; and all to be here today. We are the be active and aggressive for them set in. In one country after antheir experiences, all their vic- direct descendants and heirs of - if you think it's difficult now, other, the labor movement, the tories and defeats, are assimilated the old IWW, the heroic IWW of I can tell you there have been communist movement was pushed

There have been harder times great boom of the twenties was And we are also the heirs and to be a revolutionary socialist, and roaring along at such an unthe sole continuators of the early October 1928 was one such time. More specifically, in this coun- Communist Party in this country, The situation then was sometry, the Socialist Workers Party which was founded in 1919. It what different from now. Cergoes back to all the great strug- grew up out of the left wing of tainly the prospects for socialgles and movements of the past, the Socialist Party which had ism didn't look very promising of the American working class, fought the struggle against the to anybody. And many got disand represents their tradition too. first imperialist war, and out of a couraged and lost all perspective So we speak here not only for section of the IWW which had of the future. The reason was ourselves. We speak for all those suffered persecution of all kinds they saw things from too close a who went before us and broke the in its strikes and battles during view - what was before their trails for us, and whose banner the war and the pre-war period. eyes - and did not see them in we carry, and whose cause we That whole movement of left- process, with a historical perspecwing radicalism of the American

tive and a Marxist analysis. We are the direct descendants workers which was unified and Why, in 1928, don't you know - there were people who thought raised by the Russian Revolution great revolutionary wave across Europe for five years, had finally subsided. The Russian Revolution survived, but it was isolated in a capitalist world. The German revolution, which had been counted upon as the great reinforce-

ment, which would seal the doom of capitalism all over Europe, which had every possibility of success, had been defeated finally longer operating in this country, in 1923 for lack of a revolutionary that the "old books" didn't have party capable of leading it to the answer any more.

How the CP Was Softened Up

The Stalinist gang in the Soviet no intervening crisis, softened Union, limited and narrow in up the Communist Party in this their outlook, concerned only with country and got it ready for the their own privileges, abandoned corruption of Stalinism. The all hope of the international leaders of the Communist Party revolution. They began to think became convinced that there could only in national terms and evolved be no revolution in this country a new "theory," revising Marx in the foreseeable future; that

and Lenin and their theory of the the United States, in any case, was an "exception" to the Marxing in stages from one country to ist law. another until it engulfed the world

sionists never tell the truth, they to by nearly everybody else in and broke up meeting after meetnever say what they really mean, the country. That was almost a ing, and beat up all the Trotthey always speak in double- unanimous opinion. talk - what they really meant

was: no revolution outside of us didn't agree. A few of us had same Daily Worker that is today read "the books." And from the boosting Wagner, the Democrat One revolution is enough, they books we derived a theory and a for Mayor, they slandered us

we have here, come to terms with our eyes was only temporary and imperialism" and "counter-revolutinuous line of revolutionary In that alone is strikingly the capitalists for the status quo superficial. We held on to the tionists."



could go back home and tell their Socialist Workers Party own capitalists: Why don't you WORKERS, FARMERS - TOILERS OF AMERICA

do like that and solve the problem The second imperialist world war has ended. Siz and then we won't need a revolvears of wholesale slaughter and devast ution or anything like that! And been brought to an awful climax with the discover every labor faker in the country of the atomic bomb and its use, with frightful effect was sure that what was going against the people of Japan. The din of battle has ceased. Mankind now must com

The din of battle has ceased. Mankind now must contem-plate the destruction and the ruin, the pain and the heartbreak, which the war has caused. People in every land are celebrating the end of the carnage, not so much with joy as with a seuse of relief that it has come to an end. They do not and cannot feel secure. Over their celebrations, like a lowering cloud, hangs again foreboding of things yet to come. Here in America, where the civilian population has been spared the monstrous agoiny endured for long, unbroken years by the peoples of Europe and Asia, joy that the war has ended is also tinged with dread for the future. on then would go on forever. And virtually all the leaders of the Communist Party eventually got reconciled to the idea that the Marxist prognosis of contradictions of capitalism leading to crisis and revolution were no

Revulsion and Anxiety .

The atomic bombing of the Japanese cities of Hiroshim and Nagasaki, with a combined population of 600,000 me women and children, has seen a wave of revulsion and anxiet throughout the world, especially among the toiling population who are the principal yitims of war. It is universally realize throughout the who are the pr hat mankind has been saved from total annihilation in Worl War II only because the atomic bomb was invented so late War, 11 only because the atomic bomb was invented so late. There is also the conviction, amounting to exertainly, that another world war will mean the doom of the human race. Harted of imperialist war, and fear of what the future holds, is driving the workers to revolutionary political con-clusions. The imperialist rulers, who alone have profited from the war, seek to prevent this at all costs. They want to side-track the workers from the struggle to end the capitalist system and establish socialism, which is the only sure guarantee that another war will be impossible.

Here is an issue of The Militant famous round the world. While the capitalist and Stalinist press hailed the close of World War II as the dawn of "enduring peace," we told the truth:

admit then, that it was not easy contact with Trotsky and had him market crash sent its rever- tamper with their orthodox doc at the start. The Stalinists gave and his advice and his thinking berations throughout the world, trines or the program of their Now I must say the theory of us a rough time. We were only all the time.

skyists. Beat us up on the streets. writings as our guide. And we are convinced by all years. the evidence that the whole course

We were isolated and alone

listened. And a few more. And out

tantagonisms has shitled. War is the end result or one con-scapitalist hung for profiles, markets, colonies, spheres of in-ence. It is a lie' that war can be prevented by treaties and prements among the imperialist bandhits. The League of ations could not prevent war. It was dead and buried before orld War II broke out. The United Nations organization II not be able to prevent a third world war. Its yery formula "prace by force" implies war and not peace. In unguarded ments the imperialists and mit that they know of no way to revent war. The admission is implicit in the maintenance of treating any ments. First Washhadon disatches on the atomic antic armaments. First Washington dispatches on the atomic nb quoted official quarters as saying this new weapon would volutionize all future warfare." Couid anything of plainer?

America Will Not Escape

America Will Not Escape Nor should any man deceive himself that America will escape the annihilating blasts of the atomic bomb in a fature war. Air power and sea power will afford no sure protection. Scientists already tell us that an air force will not be necessary to carry this new missile on its deadly mission. It will be fued immense distances in the form of a jetpropelled rocket that will speed to its target at a lightning rate and with unerring accuracy. New York or Detroit or Los Angeles will be as vulnerable as Hiroshima and Nagasaki. It is at this point that the liberal apologists and defenders of the bloody capitalist system come forward to explain that the new weapon makes future wars "unthinkable," because its extensive use would mean the utter annihilation of the human race. Thus, another dangerous illusion is sown. After World War I these same liberals declared that an-other var was "unthinkable," because its evaluative to the suffered another terrible blood-bath, do they seek to inquire why the "unthinkable" came to pass? They do not. For honest inquiry leads straight to the conclusion that under capitalism wars are

ads straight to the con ght to the conclusion that under capitalism wars and and inescapable, and that once war begins all the and thus divert them from the struggl th alone can end the horrors of war for all time, while quaking in their shoes at the realization

But there IS a way - THE WAY OF THE SOCIALIST DOJ PEUPEU

"There Is No Peace." We pointed out on Aug. 18, 1945, that a new and more horrible world war was in the making unless the workers take power and establish socialism.

No Time to Lose!

and capitalism began to writhe in party. That they will not allow, And we still have Trotsky, its death agony of crisis and war and it's an utterly pessimistic despite the fact that the Stal and revolution from which it can enterprise for anybody to even greatest revolutionist, the most out 25 years ago. Today, on our optimistic and we have unlimited

teroic man of modern times - 25th anniversary, we are more confidence in the program upon they finally assassinated him in confident than ever for firmer which we have built our party ---But we didn't agree. A few of Burglarized our houses. In the 1940. But we still have Trotsky's reasons and with stronger proofs the program derived from the from all the events of the past 25 basic doctrine of Marx, Lenin and

Trotsky. As we start off on the We are frequently spoken of second 25 years of our struggle of world development in the last as "optimists." Throughout the for socialist America there are 25 years has confirmed Trotsky's labor movement we Trotskyists two things we need and two things analysis. The stabilization of have become known far and wide we've got. First, is the conviction, see the Trotskyists always the last 25 years, that capitalism tional socialist revolution is alfrom here tonight. And the second asset we have is the conviction Trotsky in his lifetime - in the latter 11 years in direct collaboration with us - is the only program to organize the revolution and to lead it to definitive victory and the transition to socialism. We celebrate our glorious 25th anniversary tonight at the halfway mark of our journey and task, with our work only our half done: Twenty-five years ago, last Wednesday, we started from scratch, with only a handful of people and a program, to build the new party of the American Revolution. We've succeeded with that half of our task. On the basis of the Trotskvist program, we have built a party whose cadres can never be broken. In the next 25 years the cadres of this party, armed with the same program, will grow and expand and become the leaders

of "socialism in one country," by long, difficult period of the boom meetings. When we tried to hold a meeting s. When we tried to hold a meeting they brought in a mob The greatest political thinker, the fident of that when we started On the other hand, we are

thought; let us try to save what conviction that what was before every day as "agents of American

from revolutionary organizations upset it and create the conditions to break. But not everybody gave meeting 25 years ago who Wagner, that the finks who broke would be revolutionary and who aiming to lead the masses in for revolution. way. Not everybody capitulated.

Russia.

Those who resisted the degenwould capitulate. And by showrevolution into miserable preseration in this country found in- ing who was right, and who was spiration and guidance from the wrong, the events of the last 25 Soviet diplomacy. That was the first issue of our Militant publish- advocates of the incentive pay writings of Trotsky in far-away years have shown to whom the program foisted, step by step, ed a few days after we were ex- speed-up of the workers during Russia. Trotsky was conducting future belongs. The future upon the Communist Party of pelled from the Communist Party, the war - that these people the great heroic fight against the belongs to those who link themdegeneration, against the revision selves with the progressive course and discarding of the program. of the historic process and help it And we who heard his voice, who along. The future belongs to had the opportunity, after many those who stand firmly by the years of suppression, to get hold program.

of his writings, revolted against the Stalinist degeneration of the people in October 1928. Now, if Comintern and of the Communist some comrades, feeling the weight other great leaders of the Revo-and oppression and horrors that paratus; they had the money -Party in this country. We raised of the long war-boom and the lution. the banner of Trotsky on October conservatizing effect of it on the

27. 1928.

That wasn't so clear to many

working class, and on the labor long boom of the twenties, with

in the period of reaction in the boom which had everybody imperialism" and "counter-revolutwenties. This monstrous revision- fascinated, already showed signs tionists" 25 years ago! I say it ism and betrayal - revisionism of cracking and was heading for sounds funny now but it wasn't has always been the prelude to be- a bust and a crisis. And that this so funny then. trayal - culminated in 1927 with crisis would shake U.S. capital

the expulsion, from the Com- ism to its foundations and that They had the audience; they had munist Party, of Trotsky and the out of that crisis and the misery the daily press; they had the apwould follow would come a new and nobody was listening to us. It Here in the United States the working class. And a new labor makes me laugh ironically when

movement and the conditions for I hear people say these days: building a revolutionary party. "What's the use of running an And we said about the Soviet election campaign, nobody is Union and the Stalin program, in listening to you." I wonder what our first number of The Militant such faint-hearted people would 25 years ago: The Stalinist prohave said in 1928, when we tried gram of Socialism in one country

to explain the problems arising is a revisionist betraval of Marxout of the great theoretical fight ism. The Trotsky program of inin the Russian Communist Party, ternational revolution is realistic and nobody would listen because and right and we will support it nobody was interested. at all costs, no matter how small Did I say nobody listened? our numbers may be, because we

believe the program will carry us to victory in the end. And we said that the issue

of our constant pounding and pounding and talking and talking would not be decided by the vote whether the people would listen or at the meeting where we made our not, we assembled the original declaration and were expelled cadres of this party. People listen from the Communist Party. We now a hundred and a thousand said we would support the protimes more. We didn't have the gram of international revolution forces for an election campaign as advanced by Trotsky, and on then. We couln't dream of getting that rock we would build a new on the radio. We couldn't dream party in this country. That's what we started out to do 25 of having a meeting of this size, to say nothing of having a years ago.

I'll admit now what I wouldn't television audience in those days

What We Had for Support

But we had something else. We | very difficult to be a consistent had conviction in our program, revolutionist in good times and and that's a mighty strong prop bad.

of support. In the fight for So-We had all that in the early cialism you have to encounter and days. That's a fact. And we still expect difficulties. You have to have it. And in addition, we had founded and built. Our party was expect hard times on some occa- on our side in that unequal fight sions. But you can stand them in the beginning, we had the on certain conditions - if you greatest political thinker of Our party began in a doctrinal have a clear historical perspective, modern times. That was Com- struggle against a revision of the if you are not overwhelmed by the rade Trotsky. That made the difevents of the moment but see ference.

in the events of the moment that When we started our fight he different thing is preparing for was in exile in Alma Ata, in omorrow. If you have a clear Asian Russia, thousands of miles istorical perspective and a clear away. We had no contact with read you can be a revolutionist him but we had some of his writinder any conditions. Of course, it ings in our hands, his criticism against the revisionists. In the helps too if you have a good of the program. That was our course of these and other doc-"belly" too as the boys say. That only connection with him at the trinal battles we became real helps. As a matter of fact, if you start. Later on, after he was Trotskyites, and proud to bear

haven't got a good "belly" it's deported to Turkey, we got direct the name.

which was supposed to last in-all strikes during the Second World definitely, lasted only one more with the same attitude and the cannot survive and that interna-In the very first issue of The War; that the finger men of the year. Just one year and 2 days same spirit, and our-"optimism" sure groups in the service of Militant, comrades, in the very FBI, during the war; that the after I made my speech in that has been frequently noted and ready knocking at the door. Stalinist Central Committee meet- spoken about by friends as well That's our profound conviction of ing, and told them that this as by enemies." "The Trotsky- the state of the world as it looks boom would not last and would ists," they say, "are very optimisthe Soviet Union by the Stalinists we printed an assertion that the called us "agents of American run into a crisis which could tic people." Now, there's a certain change the whole thing and open justification for this opinion of that the program, formulated by up the perspectives of the revoluus, but it shouldn't be taken onetionary party — just one year sidedly. We are not cheerful idiots and two days after we were ex- by any means. We are not pelled and organized the original optimistic about everything. Our nucleus of the SWP, the great optimism is a discriminating, boom blew up. selective, reasonably based optim-On October 29, 1929, the stock ism.

Pessimists and Optimists

About some things we are Trotsky's teachings have been pessimistic. For example, we are assimilated into our flesh and pessimistic and have not a trace blood and bone. His teachings of confidence in the future of have sustained us for 25 years, capitalism. In that, I think, we and enabled us to stand up against have a common bond with the all pressures, and to endure all highest brains of American hardships, and still persevere and capitalism who are very doubtful continue and fight and hope and n their own minds too. They don't believe in the future. And if someknow what's going to be, and one asks: "What are the chances say so frankly in their financial now to change us after all this. That's not quite correct. A few organs. In 1928 they were all to 'revise' us so to speak, at this happy and confident, but now late date?" We would have to they're all full of doubts and answer pessimistically: "No gloom, and they wish somebody chance whatever." The Trot- and organizers of the Socialist would tell them that things are skyites are fixed the way they Revolution in the United States. not as bad as they look. We can't are and there's no chance to That's the way it's going to be

tell them that because we're honest, we always tell the truth, sm. That's all we can tell them. country or in any other country. On the other hand, we are optimistic and for good sound reasons, about the prospects of revolution in all countries. in-

by goons at a CIO Rally for cluding this one. Wagner last Thursday evening We are pessimistic, profoundly pessimistic, about anybody's the paper outside Manhattan chances to revise the basic pro-Center. The Militant distribution gram upon which our party and was in support of the election our world movement has been campaign of the Socialist Workers Party, which is running David born in struggle against Stalinist L. Weiss for mayor in tomorrow's revisionism, don't forget that. election. Marxist program. The party was steeled and strengthened in a great doctrinal battle against Burnhamite revisionism in 1939-

1940 in the last year of Trotsky's life, when he directly participated and led the party in our fight

and the truth is that things are worse than they look for capital-We have not a trace of confidence in the future of capitalism in this **ASSAULTED BY GOONS**

a young woman, were assaulted

NEW YORK, Nov. 2 - Two | two distributors and tear up the distributors of the Militant, one Militants in their possession.

The young woman, less than five feet tall, was punched around the head and face, leaving bruises Wagner last Thursday evening when they attempted to circulate up against the wall by six assailants and "worked over." SWP candidate Weiss the next day sent the following telegram to Joseph Curran, NMU President: "LAST NIGHT A GOON SQUAD ORGANIZED AND LED BY JOHN HUNT NMU PORT

After distributing papers for AGENT ATTACKED AND BEAT only a few minutes, two of three UP ELECTION CAMPAIGN distributors were approached by WORKERS DISTRIBUTING John Hunt. New York port agent CAMPAIGN MATERIAL OF for the CIO National Maritime SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY. Union, and told: "We don't want WILL YOU DISASSOCIATE any commiss around here. Beat NMU FROM THIS ACTION it." AND CONDEMN IT?"

Both distributors insisted on No reply to this protest has their right to hand out a workers yet been received. This is the newspaper. Hunt thereupon sum- only time Militant distributors moned a goon squad, which have been molested in this camproceeded to physically attack the paign.



In early 1933, the ringing appeals of Leon Trotsky to the German working-class parties and to the international working-class to unite in revolutionary struggle against Hitler, who had just come to power, were history-making headlines in The Militant. Two typical headlines of the period are shown. After the capitulation of the Stalinized German Communist Party before Hitler. Trotsky declared the Third International bankrupt and called for a Fourth International.



The Negro Struggle — **Our Proud Record**

By Albert Parker

"The trade union bureaucrats, like the bureaucrats of false Communism, live in the atmosphere of aristocratic prejudices of the upper strata of the workers. It will be a tragedy if the Oppositionists are infected even in the slightest degree with these qualities. We must not only reject and condemn these prejudices; we must burn them out of our consciousness to the last trace. We must find the road to the most deprived, to the darkest strata of the proletariat, beginning with the Negro, whom capitalist society has converted into a pariah, and who must learn to see in us his revolutionary brothers. And this depends wholly upon our energy and devotion to the work."

This guotation is from a letter to The Militant by Leon Trotsky, printed May 1, 1929 — the first letter the exiled Soviet leader was able to send this paper, in which he outlined his opinions on the tasks facing American Marxists. Trotsky's attitude of uncompromising struggle against Jim Crow in every form was shared by The Militant from the beginning, and has characterized it throughout its 25-year history.

Every important battle in defense of Negro rights in this quarter-century has been reported and supported in this paper, every attack on Negroes and the fight for equality has been exposed and opposed vigorously. The Scottsboro frameup of 22 years ago is one example; EVERY important development of that historic case is recorded in the pages of The Militant.

We emphasize the word "EVERY" because that is one of the things that distinguished our coverage of the Scottsboro case from that of the Daily Worker. When the Scottsboro Defense Committee made a dirty and unprincipled deal with the Alabama authorities in the mid-1930's, agreeing to have some of the defendants plead guilty in return for letting others go free, our paper exposed the deal and called on the people to repudiate it.

The Daily Worker, being implicated in that deal, denied that it ever had been made and denounced us as "disrupters." But the truth came out into the open two years ago when the chairman of the Scottsboro committee admitted that our charges were correct, and that the Communist Party had approved the deal with the Jim Crow authorities.

But it was not until World War II that The Militant became widely known as the most reliable champion of the fight against Jim Crow. The big issues in the struggle before Pearl Harbor were segregation in the armed forces and barriers against employment in the plants, and thousands of workers were first educated and involved in the fight against these evils through this paper.

The Militant, to take one example out of many, was the only paper, outside of the Negro press, to report the facts in the case of the U.S.S. Philadelphia, where 15 Negro sailors were court-martialed in 1940 because they dared to sign a letter protesting segregation and abuse as mess-attendants. It was the only paper to organize a campaign of defense of the Negro sailors in the first open struggle against segregation in World War II. The Militant was also in the forefront of the fight to win jobs for Negroes in the war industries. Its support of the Negro March on Washington Movement, before anyone had ever coined the expression FEPC, was one of its proudest achieve. ments. While many Negro papers tried to duck the issue and omitted all news about the MOWM, this paper gave it the must

publicity and support - more than it received from any other paper in the coun-

every month of the war because everycne could see that there was no more fearless trast with the Daily Worker, especially after Hitler attacked the Soviet Union and the Stalinists became the most rabid patriots, was plain for all to see: While the Stalinists told the Negroes to subordinate. friends by opposing the war and championing every just demand of the Negro people and the workers generally.

In fact, this was one of the things about us that most irked the Roosevelt administration. In 1943 the Justice and Post Office Departments set out to suppress The sign and eviction proceedings were Militant by cancelling our mailing privileges, and prominent among their charges Liberties Union stepped in on against us was the fact that we had vigorously supported the March on Washington Movement and called on the Negro people to fight without compromise and without delay for all their social, economic and political rights - despite the war.

The attempt to suppress this paper for telling the truth was defeated — thanks, partly, to the protests raised in its behalf by Negro and labor groups.

War is a test for every socialist paper and movement, and The Militant met the test face-on and honorably. It did not run away or try to hide its opinions, but stood up, unafraid of persecution, and spoke the truth as it saw it. A paper that does that establishes its right to existence, and principle to signing any oath as proves that it can be relied on in peace as well as in war.

In war and in peace, The Militant has fought the good fight. It struggled to save GUILT BY RELATIONSHIP the life of Odell Waller, Virginia sharecropper who was legally lynched in 1942 for defending himself against a white man. It revealed the truth about the 1943 anti-Negro riot in Detroit and the anti-Jim Crow demonstration in Harlem. It organ- He could not sign it truthfully ized a national campaign against the Fontana, Calif., atrocity where a Negro family was burned to death by Ku Klux Klan forces.

The Freeport case of 1946, where Negro of the key civil liberties cases of veterans were shot down in cold blood by cops; the terror in Tennessee the same Kutcher was fired from the Vetyear, where a whole community was at-tacked: the trial of James Hickman Chi tacked; the trial of James Hickman, Chi- bership. Contending that neither cago worker indicted for killing a landlord he nor his party is subversive, responsible for the death of Hickman's he demands that he be restored children; the case of the Trenton Six in to his job and that the "subver-1948; the Groveland, Fla., lynchings and tional. His eleventh appeal in the Veteran, published this month. legal lynchings in 1949 and 1951; the Cicero riot in 1951 and dozens of bombings of Negro homes in Chicago; the brutal murder of Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Moore, the NAACP leaders in Florida — in all the NAACP leaders in Florida - in all bat them. If it had done nothing else, The Militant it has done more, much more. Among other in the Oct. 29 Samasamajist. The things, it has armed white and Negro group walked out at a Party Conworkers with the program to end Jim ference Oct. 18 when their views come favorable, the seeds planted by ine whelming majority of the dele- Silva, is composed largely of Militant will produce their proper fruit in gates. a society completely free of segregation, discrimination and exploitation.

increased trade union membership brought the

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COST-OF-LIVING hit a new all-time peak i

OVER HALF THE U.S. ARMY is stationed in

foreign countries - 15 out of 23 Army and Marine

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secretary-treasurer of the CIO Oil Worker.

and a deep freeze to keep it in and still hav

KING-SIZED GIVEAWAY. T. M. McCormick

mid-September, government figures show.

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try, white or Negro — and hundreds of its readers became active participants and local leaders in the fight that forced Roo is-velt to create the wartime FEPC. The Militant's reputation in the Negro community rose by leaps and bounds with

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ACLU ACTS

behalf of two of the families and

took the issue to the state courts

in order to restrain the evictions

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Workers Party.

NEWARK, Oct. 31 - The Kutcher housing case opponent of white supremacy. The con- moved closer to a court decision last week when the final brief was filed in the New Jersey Superior Court.

The case began last December when the Newark Housing Au- VA case was filed in federal court thority ordered all federal hous- in Washington earlier this month. The ACLU brief in the housing ng tenants to sign an oath cercase notes the fact that the SWP ifying that no one occupying and postpone their fight for equality until their apartments belonged to any has never received a hearing on after the war, we won thousands of new organization included on the At- the "subversive" designation it torney General's "subversive" list, arbitrarily got from the Attorney Those who failed to sign the oath, General. This means that the Atrequired by the 1952 congressional torney General never produced any evidence for the designation Gwinn amendment, were threatenand never allowed the SWP to ed with eviction. refute the charge. The U.S.

Supreme Court called such pro-Whon nine families refused to cedure "patently arbitrary" in a 5-to-3 decision in 1951. the American Civil

"HAPPINESS OF MANY" The Newark Housing Authority's brief, filed last week, argued that no constitutional rights were infringed by excluding tenants who refuse to sign the oath. It claimed that this was lirected the NHA to suspend a case where "the selfish few would prevent the court from protecting the rights and happiness of many."

The ACLU attorney, Emil Oxfeld, handled the case for James It did not explain how the Kutcher, the legless veteran; rights and happiness of many Kutcher's father; and Harry L. would be protected by depriving them of the right to belong to legal organizations of their own Lawrence, a teacher, does not legal organizations of their own belong to any group on the Atchoice.

torney General's blacklist, and The NHA also said, "Nonhas no objection to signing signers should not be permitted to dictate under what rules they On Kutcher Book 'loyalty oaths" as a teacher. But he was opposed as a matter of will accept the bounties of Congress." As Congress Weekly, the a tenant. Since the case went into American Jewish Congress magcourt. Lawrence has moved out of azine, pointed out last winter, under this doctrine "non-signers" could be excluded from the benefits of the public schools, the Kutcher's 74 - year - old father fire department and even the use also does not belong to any organ- of the highways - all of which ization on the blacklist. But he

are financed by public funds. Superior Court Judge Freund cause, as head of the family, he will render a decision in this case on the basis of the written briefs. The ACLU intends to take the case to the federal courts if it gets an unfavorable decision in the state courts.

In fact, for the last five years In a similar case in the New he son has figured publicly in one York courts last July, Justice Martuscello denounced the Gwinn the current witch hunt. James amendment as unconstitutional unreasonable."

> James Kutcher's own account of the housing case is contained in

Victimized



JAMES KUTCHER

Press Comments

James Kutcher's book, The

Case of the Legless Veteran,

which was published last

month, is beginning to attract at-

tention and comment in the daily

"The much argued case of

Kutcher, a Newark resident, 18

summed up in this impressive vol-

Oct. 29 Newark Evening News,

the largest circulation in New Jer-

Reporting how Kutcher was

fired from his job with the Vet-

erans Administration in 1948 be-

cause he belonged to the Socialist

Workers Party, which is on the

Attorney General's arbitrary

'subversive" list, the News raview notes: "No actual act of dis-

loyalty was ever alleged against

him; his discharge was automatic

"Since then Kutcher has been

indefatigable in seeking reinstate-

ment. He has pleaded his case

before hundreds of organizations

all over the country, has won the

and without a trial.

and labor press.

30-Hour Week Program Gains Wider Support Ford Facts, published by CIO United Automobile Workers Local 600, largest local union in the country. in its Oct. 31 issue headlines the support which the program

for a 30-hour week at 40 hours 🖲 pay is gaining inside the auto un- ing their sentiments known. It behooves the International Union; on and the labor movement. The Ford 600 delegates fought in fact it behooves the leadership

of organized Labor generally to for this program at the last UAW become aware of these grass roots national convention against the rumblings from the dues-paying opposition of UAW President membership. To lead, one must be Walter Routher and his lieutenin advance and if the leadership ants. does not stay in front of the mem. Ford Facts reports on the action bership, they will become tram-

of a number of California Genpled. eral Motors locals and the General Motors Sub-Council of the UAW in adopting resolutions ly fight for a 30-hours week with calling on the UAW top leaders "to take immediate action on a program calling for a 30-hour week at 40 hours' pay for all

guaranteed annual wage. Let us combine these two objectives in our fight for 1955." The inclusion of the guaranteed annual wage along with the demand for a shorter work week with no loss of take-home pay answers Reuther's attempt to falsely make the two demands mutually ex-

The article addresses itself to

"the top echelons to let us united-

40 hours' pay. Let us fight for a

Ford Facts expresses the hope will use his prestige and high oftion in Cleveland, starting Nov. ers, and now the entire American 16, to put the CIO on record for Federation of Labor, are asking for a shorter work week." the shorter-work-week program and show that the CIO is not When Ford Local 600 first ad vocated the "30 for 40" program lagging behind the AFL in pushin the UAW, Ford Facts recalls, ing for this vital program to meet "we were called every conceivable growing unemployment.

name under the sun. At the last RAISED IN MILITANT

UAW convention, the 30-hour The new interest in the proweek with 40 hours' pay was gram of the sliding scale of hours, branded as 'Communist'-inspired which is concretized in the "30 for demagoguery and economic supidity. Since that time, however, 40" slogan, is especially gratify-President Dubinsky of the Gar- ing to the Militant. We raised ume," says the review in the ment Workers Union has won a the slogan of the 30-hour week shorter work week. The C10 back in 1930, in one of our earliest a conservative newspaper with Brewery Workers were on strike issues, as a key demand for the workers to meet the depression and were successful in gaining a shorter work week and, last but threat. Over the years, the Militant has continued to explain by no means least, the AFL in its recent convention, went on and popularize this program, even while many in both the ranks and record for a shorter work week." "Yes, we in Local 600 are proud leadership of labor became fooled into thinking that U.S. capitalism that we have been in the foreno longer faced the threat of defront of organized labor in map-

ping an economic program. This pressions and mass unemployment. could only be done with the sup-Today, as Ford Facts has deport and understanding of the scribed, the slogan of the 30-hour Ford workers and will bear fruit to the degree that it is supported week at 40 hours' pay is becomby all workers," says Ford Facts. ing a living reality of the labor "The rank and file workers movement, gaining headway

throughout the country are mak- every day.

A new slander is being spread by the Stalinists. They

are carrying on an intensive whispering campaign that

"a Trotskyite tried to murder Robert Thompson," the im-



these cases no paper surpassed The Mili-tant in exposing the guilty and in sum-moning white and Negro workers to com-

A pro-Stalinist minority grouping has split from the would have sufficient reason to be proud Lanka Samasamaja Party, Ceylon Section of the Fourth as it celebrates its 25th anniversary. But International, according to a report of the party published help Left unity but hinders Left

unity enormously." The group of splitters, which Crow altogether. When the conditions be- came under attack from the over- is headed by P. H. William de

petty-bourgeois elements who had lost faith in the capacity of the The Samasamajist reports that workers of Ceylon. They dragged

an internal struggle had been their feet in the recent nationwide going on within the party for stoppage ("Hartal") which was hree years. The democratic rights led by the orthodox Trotskyists of the minority were rigorously of Ceylon.

safeguarded by the majority. Some of them are deluded by They were given full opportunity the hope of a possible "regenerato express their views before the tion" of the Stalinist bureaucracy membership, and even had equal in the Soviet Union which would representation in the central con- find its reflection in the Ceylonese trol bodies. But when two pro- Stalinist movement. Some seek Stalinist resolutions submitted by opportunist advantage by cutting them to the conference were their ties with orthodox Trotdecisively and emphatically re- skyism. jected, they decided to "with-

The Lanka Samasamaja Party "criminally irresponsible" and as

ISSUES REVEALED "a move which helps and has al-"This group withdrew from the ready directly helped the UNP Conference on the untrue plea Government." They are "running

that they had been labelled Stal- away from revolution." figured out the value of administration giveaways to Big Business interests of coastal oil lands and inists," says the statement. "No The Party statement ends up other national resources at a trillion dollars. He speaker at the Conference called with the following declaration: said: "With one trillion dollars they could buy a them Stalinists; though many a \$5000 mink coat for every woman over 21 years speaker correctly designated their "THE PARTY GOES ON"

"The Party goes on and forward views as Stalinist. They have since enough money left over to pay off the entire separated themselves from the despite them. The Party or-

Party on the false plea that the ganizes, carries forward and Party does not stand for the develops the mass struggle United Front while they do. On against the capitalist UNP Govthe contrary, the National Reso- ernment despite them. The Party lution accepted by the Conference continues its principled struggle stressed the struggle for a United for the United Front of the work-Front of the working class parties ing class parties despite them, ing continued support until the on the road to the replacement | The Party pursues this objective case is won."

of the capitalist UNP Govern- not as an end in itself like these BRITISH REVIEW ment with an Anti-Capitalist Gov- false politicians, but as the means

The first review received from to the achievement of the poli-A Stari England, where the book was "The resolution of this group, tical objective of the masses; published after American pubwhich the Conference rejected, in- namely, the replacement of the lishers found it too hot to handle. stead counterposed programmatic capitalist UNP Government with appeared in the Oct. 2 issue of unity with the Stalinists to the an Anti-Capitalist Government, In Socialist Outlook, the weekly pa-

United Front of the working class that struggle, the Party will conper of the left wing in the British parties. Above all, their propa- tinue to keep its guns trained on ganda now seeks misleadingly to the UNP-led capitalist foe and Labor Party. Its review said in present their action as a move in not on the Party's critics within part:

"The book gives a remarkable the interests of Left Unity. But the Left. The Party goes with insight into the witch hunt which it is surely absurd and criminally the masses and at their head irresponsible to break unity it against the capitalist rulers and is today ravaging American demthe name of unity and to set up their imperialist overlords. Sur- ocracy. . . But the fight against Carpenters, who died recently, left an estate a fourth 'party' in the name of a mounting every setback, confident valued at "several hundred thousand dollars," struggle for the unity of the three of ultimate victory, the Party the new totalitarianism is growstruggle for the unity of the three of ultimate victory, the Party ing and James Kutcher, the legreported the Oct. 26 Associated Press. To his son existing Left parties! It is a dis continues its 18-year-old strugless veteran, has become the sym-I bol of that fight." ruptionist move which does not gle for a Samasamaja Ceylon!"

STALINISTS SPREAD NEW support of many of them, par cularly here in New Jersey. With the help of a defense fund the the VA has refused to reinstate LIE ABOUT TROTSKYISTS case was carried into court, lost him. . . This book is issued to inform the public in detail what

has happened."

CIO NEWS ARTICLE

prisoned Communist Party leader, 9-An even longer article on the book appears in the November isis being defended by Trotskyites." sue of the New Jersey CIO News. These are both downright lies. The New Jersey CIO was the first of the hundreds of labor organiza-The signal for this whispering campaign came from the Daily tions in this country that came to the aid of the legless veteran. Worker. In its accounts of Thompson's assailant, it repeatedly After summarizing the contents of the book, the CIO News writes: states: "And he was being defended by the Workers Defense "The 40-year-old veteran announced that he will donate ail League, a Trotskyite organizahis royalties from the book to the tion. Kutcher Civil Rights Committee,

WDL NOT TROTSKYIST a non-partisan group formed in While in no way subscribing to 1948 to help him recover his job. the Daily Worker's guilt-by-The committee, which has raised funds to help his legal appeals, association smear of the Workers is composed of prominent labor. Defense League, it is necessary liberal, church, academic and ar- for us to state the facts. The tistic figures. Among the found- Workers Defense League is in no ers were the late Dr. John Dewey, way, shape or form "a Trotskyite Trotskyist movement - is guilty educator and philosopher, and organization." As anyone familiar

with the labor movement knows, Carl Holderman, State CIO president. Eight hundred national and it is an organization whose characterizes their behavior as dent. Fight hundred national and he denship reflects liberal and "criminally irresponsible" and as local organizations, including leadership reflects liberal and social-democratic views. more than 70 in New Jersey, have Trotskyists have no connection supported its work, although diswith Thompson's assailant. They agreeing with Kutcher's politica call for the latter's full punishviews."

ment. However, the real culprit :s Then, after listing the CIO and the government - instigated witch liberal organizations that are supporting Kutcher's fight, the artimentary on the political atmoscle concludes: phere in America when a man stand the sharpest scrutiny.

"The book includes a letter from awaiting deportation thinks he the late Philip Murray, expressing can win citizenship by crushing

his deep interest in the case; a the skull of a Communist Party statement by Carl Holderman exleader. plaining the issues involved; and Our record on Thompson and a resolution by the State CIO the other imprisoned Stalinist Convention endorsing the work of leaders is clear. This paper was the Kutcher committee and pledgone of the few anti-Stalinist voices raised against the Smith Act frame-up of Thompson and

his colleagues. It calls for their

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and that "the would-be assassin release and an end to the political persecution of the Communist Party. Not because we have any political sympathy for Stalinism, but because we believe in civil liberties.

WHY THIS SMEAR

Why does Stalinism attempt this monstrous frame-up to smear Trotskyism with political assassination? It is because Stalinism's own record is so thoroughly besmirched with that very crime including the murder of Trotsky. It wants to convince its own rank-and-filers and others that its principal political foe and victim of its assassins - the of the same crime.

It is too late in the political day for Stalinism to convince public opinion with its latest fabrication. Its "credentials" the Moscow "confession" trials and the assassination of Leon Trotsky - are too widely known. At the same time the credentials of Trotskyism - the proud record hunt. Indeed, it is a savage com- of the Socialist Workers Party - is open to all and can with-

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national debt. EXPLOSIONS of privately owned trucks carrying Defense Department ammunition is causing widespread protests. Following an explosion which took four lives in the outskirts of Omaha

Near Axtell, Nebraska, a truck loaded with over 30,000 pounds of bombs caught fire and blew u and near Lovelock, Nevada, a burning truck bombarded a quarter-mile area with mortar shells. Mid-Western towns and cities are passing ordinances against passage of ammunition-loaded trucks and the trucking companies are getting court injunctions against the enforcement of

such ordinances. WEST KENTUCKY COAL CO., the biggest

non-union mining company in the U.S., has finally decided to negotiate with the United Mine Workers Union.

UNION CZAR William Hutcheson of the AFI Maurice he left the presidency of the union.

Notes from the News

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divisions.

STRUGGLE IN THE ACLU. The American Civil Liberties Union is in the throes of a struggle over basic civil liberties questions. A referendum of ACLU branches was recently taken on propositions to water down the organization's stand on guilt-by-association, loyalty purges, and discharge of those who invoke the Fifth Amendment. The referendum went against watering down the traditional civil liberties position. Of the ACLU's 23 branches, 19 voted against the propositions, three voted for, and one abstained. It is feared, however, that the ACLU's Board of Directors is about to override the referendum.

AFL SECRETARY - TREASURER William Schnitzler told the Kentucky Federation of Labor convention how the Eisenhower administration had dealt with "the mess in Washington." "They cleaned it up, all right. They washed its face, pinned a rose on it, put it in the Social Register and gave it membership in the Country Club," said Schnitzler. However, he credited the Republicans with having got rid of five-percenters: "They brought in scabs who do the work at four per cent and even three per cent. Those are just about the only prices, other than farm prices, that have gone down since the last election." * * *

"MILLIONAIRE'S CABINET." U.S. News & World Report carries an article to show that appointing millionaires to cabinet posts didn't originate with Eisenhower. Under Roosevelt 28 per cent of cabinet rank appointees were millionaires; Truman appointed 19 per cent; however, Eisenhower's record to date is 50 per cent.

FASHION NOTE. That weekly Bible of executives, Business Week, points out a new trend in men's clothing including a \$12 how tie made of mink.

MEMBERSHIP in the British Labor Party has increased by over a quarter million in the last year, bringing the total to 6,100,000. Of the increase, local party units accounted for half, while

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Nebraska, more explosions took place last week.

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