

Stalinists Hurl New Slanders At Revolutionists

By Art Preis

In the Sunday Worker, Oct. 29, the American Stalinists fired their opening barrage in an intensified world-wide slander campaign of the Kremlin bureaucracy against the insurgent workers and peasants of Europe and the vanguard party of international socialism, the Trotskyist Fourth International.

The blast of lies is an article with screaming double-banner headlines, "Trotskyite 4th International Used by the Nazi 5th Column."

It was written by the Worker's specialist in anti-Trotskyist red-baiting, George Morris, who professes to "expose" the "pattern of a Trotskyite 'fourth international' to cover up Hitler's fifth column now and fascism's postwar perspectives."

What the article really exposes is the panic fear of Stalin, counter-revolutionary despot in the Kremlin, before the rising tide of proletarian revolt in Europe. It reveals the vile lengths to which American Stalinism must go to hide its own perfidious efforts to sell out the American labor movement to Wall Street. And it serves to disclose the pattern of the propaganda preparations now being made by the Stalinists for their attempt, in alliance with the Allied imperialists, to crush the developing European socialist revolution.

The tissue-paper basis for Morris' lies is a dispatch sent to the Chicago Daily News on Sept. 28 by its Swiss correspondent, Paul Ghali. Ghali's story, credited to anonymous "private but most reliable channels," bears the clear imprint of Stalin's secret police agency, the GPU.

The GPU makes a business of planting its inventions in "respectable" capitalist organs whenever Stalin's agents can find journalists gullible or venal enough to give currency to the Stalinist lies. In this way, the GPU attempts to circumvent the well-known fact that any "information" known to come from Stalinist sources is thereby automatically rendered suspect.

Ghali's story attempts to link the Trotskyist Fourth International with an alleged plan of Heinrich Himmler to establish an underground terrorist group in France "to sabotage Allied communications lines and assassinate de Gaulle's French politicians." For this purpose, according to Ghali's GPU informants, the Gestapo is forming "groups of red terrorists" and "creating a fourth international amply contaminated with Nazi germs and

Leading the Ball

An observer in Italy writes: "I continue to meet people who are not leaders; people who need shoes, garments, candles, fats, sugar; people who are hunting for a rabbit for twenty hours, who are obliged to mill the scarce corn and wheat in a coffee mill; who are going around with shoes kept together with pieces of wire and string and with jackets which no second-hand dealer in the world would buy. But all these people speak very clearly, and they know very well what they are talking about. They say, pointing their fingers toward a villa: 'There they were giving balls for the Germans, and before they were entertaining the Fascists. TODAY THEY DANCE WITH THE AMERICANS, BUT TOMORROW THE BALLS WILL BE LED BY US.'" — (From The Nation, Nov. 4, 1944.)

destined to spoil the Allies' post-war reconstruction of Europe. But—carelessly revealing the source of this "private but reliable" slander—Ghali emphasizes that this "fourth international" is aimed against "particularly the Russians."

This GPU canard against the present-day Bolshevik movement of Trotskyism follows the classic formula. Lenin, Trotsky and the Russian Bolsheviks also were viciously slandered as "agents of the Kaiser" by Kerensky, and by other counter-revolutionists who attempted to destroy the Russian Revolution. The slander was revived in Stalin's infamous Moscow frame-up trials, when virtually all the living leaders of the Bolshevik Revolution, except Stalin, were defamed as "agents of Hitler and the Mikado."

Morris employs Ghali's GPU-inspired story as "confirmation"

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THE STORY OF DOMODOSSOLA What The Papers Didn't Tell

This is the story of Domodossola in Italy. These are facts which have never appeared in the American Big Business press. This is how Allied imperialism "fights" fascism.

Domodossola, near the Swiss border, is the key junction at the end of the Simplon tunnel through which the railroad runs feeding the Nazi armies in North Italy with supplies from the main industrial centers of Germany, the Ruhr and the Saar. Domodossola is therefore of prime strategic importance for the continued operation of Hitler's forces in Italy.

This town was seized by Italian Anti-Fascist Partisans on September 10. A bitter struggle forced the Nazi and Fascist garrisons to surrender. The Partisans held control of Domodossola until October 16, during which time the flow of Nazi supplies was totally halted. Operation of all war factories in the vital Piedmont and Lombardy areas ceased when the Partisans also captured the electric-power plant in the Ossola valley.

Scantly provisioned, lacking heavy arms and air support, the Partisan Army, numbering 10,000, grimly held on to its gains, waiting for Allied supplies in response to their repeated appeals. Their appeals were in vain.

A Swiss newspaper, Tribune de Geneve, on October 6 interviewed Colonel Federci, the Partisan commander. "We are all armed," he declared. "We requisitioned all sporting arms in the valley and have also taken many arms from the enemy. We could do great things if only General Alexander,

as he promised in a broadcast, would send us more guns. We have prepared two airfields, and we are waiting." But the next day, the same paper reported that the "urgent appeals had gone unheeded, and the Allies had failed to send food or arms." The impression was prevalent among the Partisans that Allied hesitation was due to "not easily ascertainable motives."

The Nazis and Fascists sent a powerful force, armed with tanks, flame-throwers and heavy artillery, against the Partisans. The Partisans held for two weeks, but were finally forced to retreat from Domodossola into the mountains. Today, Nazi supplies flow freely once more; the North Italy war factories are in operation. The war, and the slaughter, has been prolonged.

"The patriots in northern Italy have been dealt a heavy blow," reported the Tribune de Geneve on October 16. "The prestige of the Allies, who did nothing to help the Domodossola partisans, is sinking."

Last year the Allies bombed the workers' districts in Milan and other industrial centers, which the masses had seized in the great uprising after Mussolini's downfall, instead of blasting the Brenner Pass through which Nazi troops and supplies were pouring to stem the revolutionary upsurge. Now at Domodossola, the Allied imperialists once more have demonstrated that their main fear is not of the rival Nazi imperialists but the independent action of the revolutionary anti-fascist masses in arms.

Stilwell's Recall Exposes American Imperialist Aim To Dominate China

17 Trade Unions Protest Denial Of Pardon To The 18

Protests from trade union and other labor organizations against the recent denial of a presidential pardon to the 18 Socialist Workers Party and Minneapolis Truckdrivers Local 544-CIO leaders railroaded to prison under the Smith "Gag" Act, have been mounting in the past two weeks, according to the latest report of the Civil Rights Defense Committee.

While 6 of the imprisoned Trotskyists were released 2 weeks ago at the termination of their sentences, 12, including Grace Carlson, the only woman prisoner, still remain behind prison bars under longer sentences. The CRDC, official defense representative of the 18, has issued an urgent appeal to the entire labor movement to intensify the mass demand for President Roosevelt to pardon the 18 and has called for financial aid in providing relief for the remaining prisoners and their dependents and extending the campaign for their freedom.

Among the union bodies which have adopted resolutions recently in support of the 18 and made contributions to the CRDC campaign are the following: CIO United Automobile Workers Local 306, Detroit; Fleetwood 15, Detroit; 160, Henderson, N. C.; 242, Muncie, Ind.; Spicer Unit 12, Toledo, O.; Amalgamated 490, Highland Park, Mich.; CIO Steel Workers Local 1684, San Francisco; CIO United Gas, Coke and Chemical Workers, Dist. 8, St. Louis; American Federation of Hosiery Workers Local 148, Reading, Pa. Also AFL Ladies Garment Workers Local 102, New York City; Brewery Workers Local 97, St. Paul, Minn., and 264, Allentown, Pa.; Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, Bloomington, Ill.; Smith Steel Workers Federal Union Local 18806, Milwaukee; Suit Case, Bag and Portfolio Makers Local 60, N. Y. C.; Typographical Union Local 3, Cincinnati, O.; and Retail Hat and Furnishings Employees Local 271, N. Y. C.

One of the most significant expressions of support came last week from a group of progressive members of the CIO Fur Workers, which for years has been under the iron rule of the Stalinists who are conducting a virulent slander campaign against the framed 18 Trotskyists. Along with a financial contribution to the CRDC, these fur worker militants sent the following statement:

"We declare our solidarity with you in the fight for the rights of labor and free speech. Our influence may not be as strong as that of a great and influential trade union, for we are only a group of people who are fighting for our rights in our own furriers union which is under Stalinist domination. Nevertheless we will send a letter to the President asking him for a pardon for the 12 who are still in prison."

Mexican Government Launches Violent Anti-Labor Offensive

The increasing resistance of Mexican workers to the assaults on their already very low standards of living has led to a series of violent attacks organized by the official CTM-Stalinist apparatus with police collaboration against the insurgent groups. The first sign that the official policy was to be violent and bloody repression was the action taken against the demonstration at the Zocalo—the plaza in front of the National Palace—last July 20th.

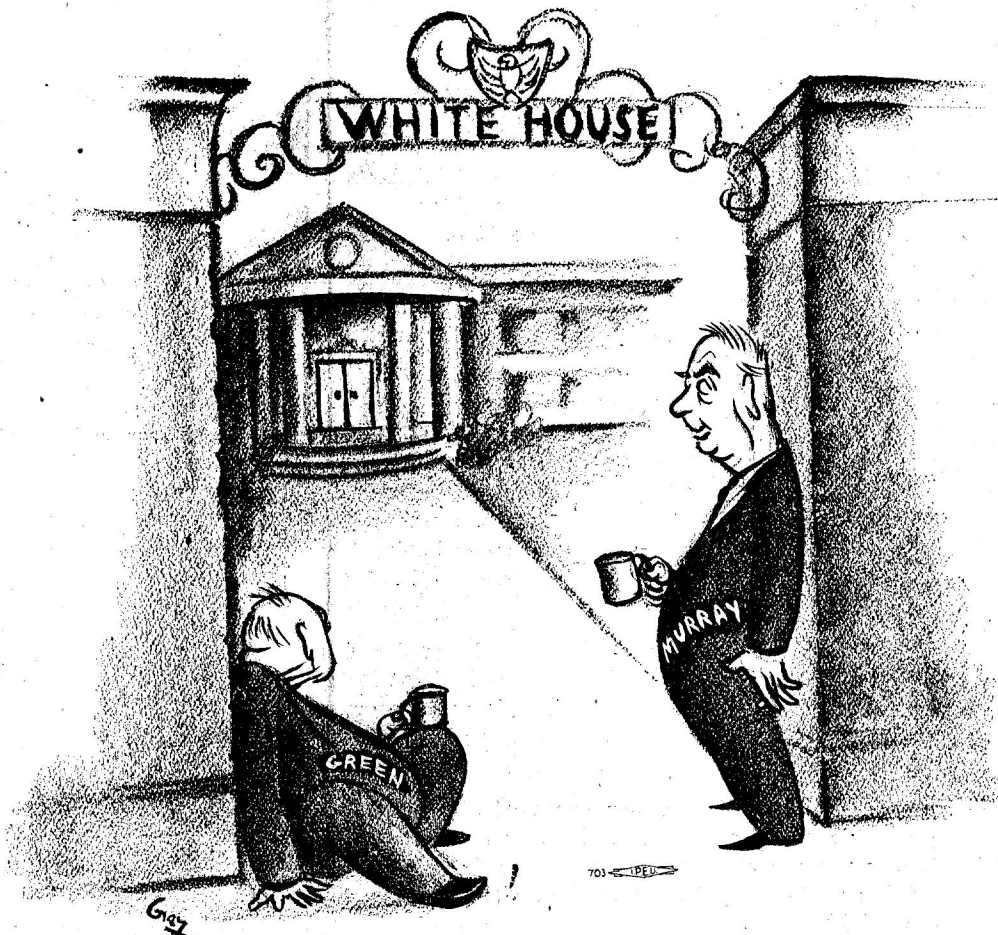
58 workers were arrested during this demonstration against the new "Social Security" Law. One of those arrested died of injuries suffered at the hands of the police who beat him badly after he was taken to jail; an operation was performed on him in prison, but under such neglectful treatment that he died soon afterward—his friends unable to arrange with the prison authorities for better care. Of the other arrested workers, defense efforts have been successful in

liberating only two on bail. The police and courts are trying to keep the others in jail during their trials by accusing them of crimes that call for more than a seven year sentence—in which case no freedom on bail is possible.

WORKERS PROTEST

Recent events have brought in to the open the CTM-Government-Stalinist alliance aimed at stemming the insurgent workers before they finish with the official CTM-type of unionism.

Beggars At The Gate



Mass Jim-Crow 'Mutiny' Trial Convicts Fifty Negro Sailors

By R. Chester

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 26.—In a drastic move to maintain its vicious jim-crow segregation policy, a seven-man, gold-braid, navy court-martial has found 50 Negro sailors guilty of "mutiny." Penalties may range from extended prison sentences to the maximum, death. The verdict was brought in after only 45 minutes of deliberation upon the conclusion of 33 days of contradictory testimony and summation arguments.

The case goes back to the Port Chicago disaster, when a ship being loaded with ammunition blew up, causing the death of 327 men and tremendous damage. The great majority of the men were Negro sailors in "labor battalions" doing longshore work. All the men brought to trial were involved in the tragedy, being either survivors or among the squads that cleaned up the wreckage and remnants of bodies dismembered by the explosion.

INDIGNATION STIRRED

This disaster caused a profound reaction in the men and appears to have brought to the surface their resentment against navy jim-crow policy. Up to the outbreak of hostilities, Negroes were accepted in the navy only in the capacity of messmen. "Only after things got hot," stated Thurgood Marshall, chief counsel for the NAACP, "did the navy open up other opportunities to Negroes in other capacities." Even then they were jim-crowed into segregated units. "Somehow or other," Marshall pointed out, "these units happen to get assigned to the dirtiest, hardest and most dangerous jobs."

The navy uses Negro labor gangs extensively in the San Francisco area to load ships. They

usually work under the direction of white officers. Training for skilled types of work is often insufficient. It has been pointed out that the longshoremen's union does not permit men to work ammunition until they have had five years' experience. Yet some of the men at Port Chicago were put on ammunition after two or three months' training. On top of that, navy officers often use speed-up methods, pitting one crew against another. It has been reported that officers in charge would make side bets with each other on the comparative outputs of their gangs.

BASIS OF CHARGE

The trial testimony showed that the men feared to continue loading ammunition after Port Chicago. Petitions had been circulated asking for transfers to other types of work, stating that they feared to work ammunition after seeing the effects of the blast. These petitions were used as the basis for the charge of "conspiracy to mutiny." Although much reference was made during the trial to "refusal to work" lists, no clear-cut evidence was presented that the men had re-

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\$65 Fines for Fraternalization

Eisenhower's Supreme Headquarters has prescribed a penalty of \$65—considerably more than a month's pay—for any American soldier found fraternizing with German civilians in occupied parts of the Reich. In the eyes of the brass-hats, says United Press, fraternization includes "any type of unnecessary conversation." So strictly is the rule applied that no soldier can buy a glass of beer outside the Army mess bar, because it is assumed that to do so he would have to talk to a German bartender.

But fraternization cannot be stopped. This is shown by the large number of fines imposed on soldiers, who resent the dictatorial interference with their all-too-limited freedom.

French Stalinists Retreat On Issue Of Armed Militias

After a brief show of opposition, the French National Council of Resistance, dominated by the Stalinists, has begun to retreat before de Gaulle's drive to disarm and dissolve the Patriotic Workers' Militia and to consolidate his counter-revolutionary regime by eliminating all organs and elements of revolutionary workers' power in France.

Following a protest by the National Council of Resistance against de Gaulle's decree, the political bureau of the Stalinist party declared on Nov. 2 that it refused to "associate itself in any way" with the government's decision and called upon "all Communists (Stalinists) in whatever post they are" to act in accordance with this refusal.

For the first time, the Stalinist leaders personally attacked de Gaulle, saying that: "The President of the Government has assumed the responsibility of treating the French Resistance as a negligible quantity." The political bureau urged "all patriots" to be vigilant to defeat "all the provocations that might be tried by the Cagoullards (Fascist cutthroats) who fill the headquarters of the secret service" of the government.

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Washington Demands Control Over Chinese Armed Forces

Government Lifts Censorship On Rottenness Of the Chiang Kai-shek Dictatorial Regime

By Li Fu-Jen

Roosevelt's recall of Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, commander-in-chief of the China-Burma-India theater, followed by the recall of Clarence E. Gauss, American ambassador to Chungking, marks a new climactic point in the developing crisis of China and serves to reveal—this is the most important aspect of the matter!—what amounts to the first overt move by the American imperialists to bring China under their control and domination. It is the first step in a long-range plan to convert China into a colony of Wall Street.

Although Roosevelt declared at his press conference on Oct. 31, that Stilwell's recall was "just a case of personalities," thus reducing the matter

to a simple personal feud between the American general and Chiang Kai-shek, all the published facts and circumstances point to the conclusion that Washington is engaged in exploiting the crisis of Chiang's regime in order to further the China aims of the American imperialists.

Associated Press correspondent Preston Grover disclosed, in a dispatch from New Delhi passed by the War Department censorship, the tell-tale fact that Major-Gen. Patrick J. Hurley, Roosevelt's personal representative in Chungking, had demanded that Chiang "reorganize his Cabinet and eliminate reactionary obstructionists and anti-foreign members" and that "an American general be placed in command of Chinese operations not only in Burma but elsewhere in major operations against the Japanese."

Hurley, accompanied to Chungking by Donald M. Nelson, former chairman of the War Production Board, was armed by Roosevelt with "vast powers" designated to force from Chiang "commitments for increased cooperation with the United States in the war against Japan." Grover asserted.

U. S. ULTIMATUM

The American demands "were put forcefully to Chiang, in some instances backed by specific messages from President Roosevelt." In other words, an ultimatum was presented. Chiang, according to the correspondent, made the desired commitments "virtually under threat of American withdrawal of support of the Chiang Kai-shek government."

Stilwell proceeded to act on

Chiang's commitments, but Chiang, fearing the political consequences of such a brazen sell-out to the Yankee imperialists, drew back in precipitate haste.

CHIANG AND U. S.

As reported by Brooks Atkinson of the N. Y. Times, in an article written in this country and passed by the War Department censorship following his return from Chungking, Chiang was "at first inclined to agree" to Stilwell's appointment as supreme commander of Chinese forces. But later his attitude became "stiff and hostile." At a private meeting of the Standing Committee of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang (he announced the terms of his personal ultimatum to Americans who were pressing him for military and governmental reform:)

- 1. Stilwell must go.
2. Control of American lend-lease materials must be put in his hands.
3. He would not be coerced by Americans into making terms with the Chinese Stalinists.
4. If America did not yield on these points, China would go back to fighting the Japanese alone as she did before Pearl Harbor.

Following Stilwell's recall, T. V. Soong, Chiang's foreign minister, issued a statement declaring that China and the United States were in "complete agreement" on closer military, political and economic cooperation and that henceforth "relations between the two countries will be more understanding, more intimate and more fruitful than ever before."

This diplomatic sidestepping cannot conceal the deep significance of the ultimatums exchanged between Washington and Chungking. If, as Soong suggests,

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Railroad Labor Bureaucrats Side-Track Union Convention

By James Montgomery

For the second time in ten years the B. of L. F. & E. membership has been persuaded to cancel its National Convention by its reactionary and overpaid craft officials. The Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers is one of the 21 craft unions into which the American railroad workers are divided and disorganized. Both times the move to postpone the convention was initiated by the \$15,000 a year President, D. B. Robertson, and the first time he did it he had to twist the law to suit his purpose.

The proposal to postpone the convention was incorporated into a ballot to the 952 lodges under date of June 27th, 1944. The ballot was mailed to the lodges without one word of warning or discussion on this important proposal to postpone a national convention which only meets once every four years. The ballot was also loaded with all kinds of propaganda in favor of postponement—654, with 190 against, and 108 lodges not voting at all. The way things now stand the organization will be credited with holding only two conventions during a period of 18 years from 1931 to 1949!

When a reactionary leadership strengthens its grip on a union, conventions are spread further and further apart, and postponed as often as possible. This has been the trend in the B. of L. F. & E., as the following record will show. From 1873, when the organization was started, until the Minneapolis convention in 1886, the union held conventions annually, from 1886 till the St. Paul convention in 1910, every two years, from 1910 to the Milwaukee

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# TRADE UNION NOTES

By Joseph Keller

The deliberations and decisions of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, in convention assembled two weeks ago at Toronto, were in marked contrast with the more progressive views and actions of the Canadian Congress of Labor which had held its convention the week previously. The CCL, to which the CIO industrial unions are affiliated, had endorsed the Canadian Commonwealth Federation, counterpart of the British Labor Party, and rejected the no-strike pledge.

But the TCL, dominated by the craft unions including AFL bodies, and with the Stalinists playing a key role, continued to support reactionary policies. Reaffirmation of the no-strike pledge was shoved through without a dissenting vote and the old-line craft bureaucrats and Stalinists joined in expressing their allegiance to the anti-labor capitalist Liberal Government.

The most significant development revealed by the convention was the extent to which the Stalinists have become entrenched in the bureaucracy. The machinery and organization of the convention was in the hands of J. A. Sullivan, TCL Secretary-Treasurer, and President of the Canadian Seamen's Union. Stalinist Sullivan was interred by the "democratic" Canadian government during the period of the Stalin-Hitler pact, but was released after he jumped on the imperialist bandwagon when Hitler attacked the Soviet Union. Sullivan's union, together with the International Association of Machinists, headed by Stalinist Robert Haddow, and the Lumber Workers, bossed by Stalinist Bruce Magnusson, constituted the main source of Stalinist strength at the convention.

So great is the pressure of the Canadian workers for organization that in the past year the TCL membership, according to TCL President Percy Bengough's report, has jumped from 190,000 to 340,000, topping the 250,000 membership of the CCL. Of course, part of the TCL membership increase on the records is due to the fact that, unlike in previous years, the internationals were not permitted to continue their practice of reporting low membership figures to keep down their payments of TCL assessments. But the bulk of the TCL growth has been due to an influx of new workers anxious to be organized in spite of the indifferent efforts of the craft moguls and Stalinists. Delegates from the West complained bitterly about the lack of organizers and indifference of the TCL leaders.

Our Canadian correspondent sums up the TCL convention in the following words: "The overwhelming majority of the nearly 800 delegates were just old-line petty bureaucrats, whose average age was easily 20 years over that of the delegates at the preceding CCL convention in Quebec City. It was obvious that the new influx of membership has not yet been able to break through the fossilized crust of the TCL machine, excepting where the Stalinists have been able to do this by proving themselves loyal water-carriers and trustworthy exponents of the class-collaboration policy of the TCL leadership. Deliberations at the convention were characterized by an air of boredom, sleepiness and lack of vitality, contrasting sharply with the electric atmosphere prevailing at the CCL convention the week before."

Nevertheless, Canada's workers, as reflected in the CCL convention and the advances of the CCF party, are on the move. The new fresh layers of workers flocking into the TCL will be

caught up in the progressive and militant moods sweeping all Canadian labor and will not be over-long in organizing resistance against the cynical and unscrupulous sell-out machine of the Stalinists and the Old Guard bureaucrats of the TCL. "The next convention of the Trades and Labour Congress of Canada," our correspondent predicts, "should tell a different story."

Another demonstration of the nefarious strikebreaking role of the Stalinists was given on the Pacific Coast last week in the strike of 2,500 members of Local 1,304, CIO United Steel Workers, who ceased machinist repair work on 82 ships in San Francisco Bay.

Responding to the slander of Mayor Roger D. Lapham, powerful anti-labor shipowner, that the strike was "close to treason" and his lament that it was "strange that no leader of organized labor has publicly condemned those responsible for the present tie-up," the Stalinist leadership of the CIO in Alameda County hastened to join the baying wolf-pack of reaction against their brother CIO members. Naturally, Stalinist Harry Bridges' henchmen of the CIO Longshoremen's Union were right in the forefront of the snarling reactionaries.

Under cover of their CIO posts, the Stalinists issued a public statement calling the CIO machinists who were fighting to defend their union standards "enemies of labor and of the nation." This vicious canard was broadcast by those who have called on labor to surrender its strike weapon permanently.

The Stalinist statement did not end with mere slander, however. These slimy finks brazenly proclaimed that "we will support the armed forces and the appropriate Government agencies and the President in any action necessary to halt this or any other strike."

This is the first recorded instance in the history of the American labor movement that so-called labor leaders have announced in advance their support of the use of armed violence against striking workers.

Moreover, the statement actually demanded that the government "give no consideration to the demands of Machinists' Union Local 1304 while it is in violation of the no-strike pledge."

Truly, there is no depth, however low, to which the Stalinists will not sink in their efforts to convince Wall Street and Big Business that they are the most reliable agents of capitalist reaction within the labor movement.

One of the fastest growing CIO organizations is the Oil Workers International Union, which held its 15th annual convention recently in Fort Worth, Texas. A healthy sign at the convention was the rejection of the Stalinist efforts to push themselves to the fore and shove over anti-democratic policies.

A progressive step adopted by the convention was the decision to publish a union paper, the Oil Workers International. Among one of the first features of the paper, according to a Texas correspondent, "will be to debunk the fantastic and romantic ideas Texans have of the Texas Rangers."

Our correspondent reports the statement of Organizational Director W. B. Taylor to the convention that the Texas Rangers, who were formed originally to rid Texas of cattle-rustlers, are now being used for "something for which they were never intended, union busters." Our correspondent adds that "the companies are calling them in, in West Texas, to brow-beat, coerce and abuse union members."

# Branches Speed Up Pamphlet Sales

By The Campaign Manager

Taking advantage of the political meetings held in the election weeks, comrades in many parts of the country have given an added spurt to their work in selling the Minneapolis Case pamphlets. At least 264 pamphlets presenting the basic principles of the Trotskyist program have thus been sold.

Other reports from the branches comment on the favorable response of Militant readers to the Pamphlet Campaign. The steady increase in sales of our literature shows that by the end of this campaign over 10,000 Minneapolis Case pamphlets will be in the hands of these advanced workers. Reading "Socialism on Trial" by James P. Cannon, "In Defense of Socialism" by Albert Goldman, "Who Are the 18 Minneapolis Prisoners?" and "Why We Are in Prison" will make many of these workers new adherents to the cause of socialism.

## From Our Mailbag

Philadelphia: Our records show that so far we have sold 100 pamphlets. Please send us 40 more! The 52 we sold this week were all sold at a Socialist Party election rally at which Norman Thomas spoke.

Milwaukee: By checking the exact number of Minneapolis Case Pamphlet Sets sold here, we can definitely inform you that we have sold 148 pamphlets, almost double our quota. In addition to selling pamphlets to Militant readers, we sold 44 at one Socialist Party campaign meeting, and another 40 at a meeting where Norman Thomas spoke. Incidentally, we have completely sold out our stock of individual trial pamphlets.

Detroit: We covered a Henry Wallace meeting last Friday and sold 32 sets (128 pamphlets) there. We hope to go over our 1,000 quota by the end of the Campaign.

Youngstown: One of our comrades visited a Negro subscriber who remarked that he liked the paper and was interested in the pamphlets. After adding that in Georgia where he comes from, he would "have his neck broken" if he were caught with them, he bought the pamphlets and renewed his subscription. Another subscriber told our comrade who visited him that he was buying The Militant and pamphlets for his young daughter, who liked the paper very much.

Los Angeles: One of our comrades working in a large plant has sold 60 pamphlets and 20 trial subscriptions to The Militant in his shop. He has had discussions on the nature of Fascism with a group of fellow-workers, many of whom have been helping him sell the subs and the Minneapolis Case pamphlets.

San Francisco: We're well over our quota of 350 pamphlets, and still at work! We visited one Negro subscriber who had already mailed in his own renewal and four premium subs for his friends. Now he is helping us to complete the work of visiting other subscribers in the neighborhood.

New York: We are now past the 70 percent mark in the Literature Campaign, with 2,044 Trial Pamphlets sold. In addition we have obtained 334 six-month, one two-year, and 11 one-year renewals for The Militant, with 72 new trial subs and 277 premium subs for friends of subscribers. A Brooklyn comrade told of visiting one subscriber who said he didn't want to renew his subscription. "I would like to ask you some questions about the Minneapolis Case, though," he added, inviting her to come into the house. She took out the pamphlets, discussed the case with him, and left with both the subscription and the pamphlets sold!

Another comrade tells of her method of arousing interest in the pamphlets. In Harlem, for instance, she mentions that "Socialism on Trial" gives the Trotskyist position on equality of races. Then she turns to the index, opens the book at the testimony on race equality, and reads aloud Cannon's statement on the witness stand. The clarity of the answer, and the ease with which she can refer to it, never fails to sell the pamphlets.

## SCOREBOARD

	Quota	Sold	Percent
Flint	10	32	320
Toledo	160	360	225
Milwaukee	80	148	185
Reading	90	152	169
Philadelphia	80	100	125
St. Paul	140	156	112
Buffalo	400	444	111
San Francisco	350	388	111
Cleveland	200	212	106
Los Angeles	1500	1380	92
Detroit	1000	876	88
Minneapolis	330	272	82
New York	2800	2044	70
Seattle	500	338	68
Youngstown	120	76	63
Chicago	700	376	54
Rochester	140	64	45
San Diego	80	24	30
Bayonne	180	44	24
Newark	700	152	22
Akron	70	20	20
Boston	230	40	17
Allentown	40	0	0
New Haven	40	0	0
Pittsburgh	10	0	0
Quakertown	10	0	0
St. Louis	10	0	0
Texas	30	0	0
Total	10,000	7698	77



The four pamphlets above, packed in an attractive container, are being offered to new readers of THE MILITANT for only 25 cents, by Pioneer Publishers. The regular price is 40 cents.

## SWP Celebrates Anniversary Of October 1917 Revolution

NEW YORK, Nov. 5.—Several hundred members and sympathizers of the Socialist Workers Party tonight celebrated the 27th anniversary of the Russian Bolshevik Revolution at a mass meeting here in the Irving Plaza ballroom.

Inspired by the news of the developing revolutionary socialist struggle throughout Europe, the assembled workers pledged themselves to the defense of the remaining conquests of the October Revolution, the nationalized property and planned economy of the Soviet Union, and to carry forward the struggle for international socialism, the program of Lenin and Trotsky which led the Russian workers and peasants to power in 1917.

E. R. Frank, Associate Editor of The Militant and Fourth International, and Eloise Black, Or-

ganizer of the East Side Branch of the New York SWP Local, addressed the meeting on the significance of the Russian Revolution for the workers of the world today. The great documentary film of the Russian Revolution, "From Czar to Lenin," was shown as a special feature of the celebration.

"We celebrate the Russian Revolution on its 27th anniversary," declared Comrade Frank, "with the conviction that the masses of France, of Italy, of Greece, of Belgium, of all Eu-

rope are beginning the fateful revolutionary march which will lead them to their own October Revolutions where they, like the workers and peasants of Russia in 1917, will overthrow their landlords and capitalists, take over the factories and farms, and proceed to build a new society on socialist foundations."

Pointing to the recent direct reports of the survival and growing strength of the Trotskyist parties of the Fourth International throughout Europe, the speaker voiced confidence in the ability of the insurgent proletariat to "build their revolutionary party in the very heat of the struggle." "Far more likely than the definitive crushing of this wave of revolutions by the military forces of Anglo-American imperialism and the Kremlin bureaucracy is the fraternization of the revolutionary masses with the rank and file soldiers and the flames of the revolution leaping over and catching fire in England and in the Soviet Union and making its effects felt even across the Atlantic."

Eloise Black described the imperishable achievements of the October Revolution. "The revolution proved for all time that the workers are capable of making a successful social revolution, that they are able to organize and run society for the benefit of all the toiling masses. The capitalists and their agents scoffed at the idea that 'dumb' workers and peasants could establish their own government and organize production. But this has been done in one of the most backward countries."

Prior to the showing of the inspiring film record of the Russian Revolution, "From Czar To Lenin," the meeting sent messages of solidarity to the 12 imprisoned Trotskyists and to Natalia Trotsky, widow of Leon Trotsky, co-leader with Lenin of the Russian Revolution and founder of the Fourth International. A collection of \$95 was made.



During the last four months we have received 1,388 new introductory subscriptions to The Militant. Of this number, the branches sent in 908 subscriptions which is conclusive proof that they realize the importance of getting The Militant into the hands of as many workers as possible. Our subscribers sent in 480 which shows that they too are conscious of spreading as far and wide as possible the program and ideas presented in The Militant.

We quote from letters sent us by our agents and subscribers showing how they feel about The Militant:

San Francisco: "In one place the comrade securing renewal was greeted with the remark: 'Oh, you're from that good paper!' It seems that the wife reads the paper more carefully due to having access to it while her husband is on the road (railroad dining car worker) much of the time. She is particularly impressed with 'The Negro Struggle' column. She is a member of the NAACP and likes the manner in which Jackson points out the shortcomings of the leadership of that organization and what the real program should be. She takes the paper to work with her where all the women fellow-workers are anxious to read it. She has stated she will try to sell trial subs to them. Her husband accepted the suggestion of taking The Militant with him on the road and selling subs to the other railroad workers."

Minneapolis: "One comrade went to see the subscriber for whom I'm sending you renewal. His wife answered the door and when our comrade told her the purpose of her visit, the wife called her husband who was playing cards in another room. She said, 'I'm sure he wants to renew it for I have heard him tell some of his friends what a good paper it is.'"

presented. No forum is scheduled for November 19th. All friends and readers of The Militant are invited to attend the November forums, to be held at the school, 116 University Place. Forums begin at 8 P. M.

Toledo: "Enclosed are two 25c subs obtained by the branch and thirteen introductory subs obtained by subscribers. These Toledo subscribers are doing very well and more subs will come in next week."

"One of our subscribers who was born in Poland which was then part of Russia said that upon first reading The Militant he thought we were too harsh on Stalin. After reading the paper for two months and also the pamphlet, 'Fascism' by Leon Trotsky, he approached our worker in the factory and said, 'You know, perhaps I'm more radical than I thought I was. I should like to have a one-year subscription to The Militant and Fourth International. (We had given him a sample copy of the F. I.) Your paper is the only one telling the truth about the European situation today. I cannot tell you how pleased I am that you have given me this opportunity for a source of information other than the capitalist press.'"

Milwaukee: "Please cancel my subscription when it expires. I enjoyed it very much and many others enjoyed it with me. I am a widow making my living with keeping roomers. But the government froze my income before I knew it and could raise the rent. Food prices and other commodities are still going up. I still have to eat. So with regret I had to cancel the subscription to The Militant."

(Because this subscriber has expressed a sincere interest in The Militant and because we feel that our paper will continue to be of interest to her and her friends, we are keeping her name on our mailing list so that she will receive The Militant regularly every week.)

San Francisco: "I've been reading your paper for three months and truthfully like it. I always give it to my friends. We like 'The Negro Struggle' best of all and wish you would add more. I am going to get my friends to read The Militant. I've got four now, thanks to you. I'll give them each a card. In my opinion I think The Militant is our only way out and I am willing to do anything I can to help fight against discrimination."

## Navy Convicts 50 Negro Sailors Of 'Mutiny' In Trial

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fused to obey direct orders from their officers.

One important point stands out from the testimony. Any exhibition of resentment by the men against their lot was immediately translated by the officers into a threat against their authority and discipline. The whole navy system of intimidation was brought into play.

When the news that the men did not wish to handle ammunition reached the officers a series of questionings and musters were held. Men were questioned individually and statements drawn up by the officers were given to them for signature. Groups were lectured and the navy manual on mutiny read. Many of the statements were not taken verbatim.

### THE NAVY'S METHODS

One ensign testified that he asked the men to tell him "all about it" and then selected "that which he thought was important." Another officer testified that he took down notes in long-hand and then dictated statements that he considered were "the substance of what the men said... excluding irrelevances." Many of the men testified that they were told to sign the statements, and did so because "they thought they had to."

The army and navy have made a whole system of allowances for battle fatigue, shell shock and psychological reactions to the horrors of war. Yet in this case, where the men went through one of the severest munition disasters of the war, no consideration for its effect was made.

In his final statement Prosecutor Lt. Commander James F. Coakley, who has been accused by Thurgood Marshall of prejudice, said: "Any man so depraved as to be afraid to load ammunition deserves no leniency."

### FREE THE FIFTY!

The case has held the interest of Negroes all over the country. They see in it a representation of the whole system of discrimination as practiced by the U. S. armed forces. They see in it a repetition of the discrimination they have experienced all their lives. Many young Negroes, believing this a "war for democracy," hoped that by joining the armed forces they could win some for themselves. Their experience has proved otherwise. All the conflicts in society are reproduced in the army and navy with intensified force.

This trial, the largest mass trial in navy history, bids fair to become the Negro "cause celebre" of the war. Resentment is piling up. The imposition of sentences will touch off movements of protest by colored workers all over the country. Their demand will be "FREE THE FIFTY SAILORS."

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## Wright Lectures At School Forum

NEW YORK, Oct. 29. — The concluding forum in the October Series conducted at the New York School of Social Science was held here tonight, with John G. Wright speaking on "What is Happening in Germany." The forums were very successful, with a large number of newcomers attending each of the four sessions in the series.

Announcing its plans for November, the New York School of Social Science has scheduled Charles Jackson, author of The Militant column "The Negro Struggle," as the speaker for November 12. Comrade Jackson will discuss "The Struggle for Negro Equality." On November 26, a report of the Socialist Worker Party Convention will be



# Perspectives Of Revolutionary Situation In France

This is the last of a series of three articles dealing with the revolutionary developments which commenced in France with the Paris uprising of last August. It outlines the present main political tendencies and the prospects of the mass struggle against reaction. The previous articles dealt with the Paris uprising and described how the French workers armed themselves.

By Frank Lawrence

Over two months have passed since the August uprisings and the assumption of office by the provisional government of de Gaulle and not one of the fundamental problems confronting the French people has found a solution.

In an address delivered on October 1 at Lille, de Gaulle presented the following grim picture of the present material situation: "Today... we are an impoverished great nation... Our communications everywhere are broken, our canal locks destroyed, our ports unusable, and our factories without raw materials, without coal and without current, our mines without pitprops."

How does de Gaulle propose to rebuild the war-shattered economy? To dupe the masses who want an end to the anarchy of decaying capitalism and to the domination of economic life by the big banks and industrialists, he attacked the "trusts" and talked about the necessity for a "planned economy" and "state direction of the great sources of common wealth." But he immediately hastened to reassure the capitalists that such state regulation and control will not "of course, exclude those great levers of action: men of initiative and fair profits."

The demagogy is only too transparent and familiar. To appease the masses and to gain time, de Gaulle is compelled to "talk like a Socialist." To protect the capitalist collaborators and to eliminate workers' control over the seized factories and forestall their revolutionary expropriation he is using the power of the state to act as "trustee" and policeman for the capitalist owners.

In the case of the seizure of the Renault plants for example, Pierre LeFauchaux, an industrialist, was appointed manager of the property by the government. De Gaulle takes over factories which have previously been taken over by the workers, for the same reasons that Roosevelt takes over strike-bound plants: to smash the independent class action of the workers and to protect the threatened interests of the bosses.

## DE GAULLE DICTATOR

De Gaulle is not only working to keep the old capitalist gang in power and to suppress the masses at home. As a tool of French and Allied imperialism, he has to drag the French people back into the imperialist war. Our Paris correspondent points out in the October Fourth International: "The French ruling class, expressing itself through de Gaulle, is staking its claim to share in the peace settlement, the partition of Germany, and the policing of Europe as a great power. As a matter of fact, however, France no longer has the power to play such a role in view of its economic, political and military weakness and the preponderant power, economic and military, of the U.S.A."

"But in an attempt to stake his claim, de Gaulle plans—as his speech at the Chaillot Palace shows—to rebuild the French army and gear the whole economic life of France to the war effort. Such a burden will prove too heavy. France will be like Balaam's ass. The imposition of such a burden upon the already weary masses after four years of German occupation and exploitation can only be achieved by dictatorial methods."

The dictatorial and counter-revolutionary character of de Gaulle's regime has been conspicuously manifested in his attempts to disarm the workers, his clash with the official Resistance Movement, and the censorship of official statements of the Communist Party.

## STALINIST POLICY

The majority of the revolutionary workers in France today follow the Communist (Stalinist) Party, but the Stalinists, in obedience to the Kremlin's foreign policy, support and participate in de Gaulle's counter-revolutionary government. Despite occasional friction between them, the Stalinist program is essentially the same as de Gaulle's. Here is how Jacques Duclos, secretary of the French Communist Party, outlined its program to the correspondent of the London "Evening Standard" on Sept. 15: "French capitalists are 'idiots' if they are afraid of Communism" (read Stalinism), declared Duclos. He went on to say that, far from his party insisting on a Communist government for France, they will even refrain from putting forward a program of radical social reform. "We are not even interested in the question of a 40-hour week. As far as we are concerned, the workers will work 60 hours weekly if it

is necessary for the rehabilitation of France."

On the question of Stalinist representation in the government, Duclos said: "Yes, I know we have only two members in the Cabinet and that they occupy two of the least important posts—Ministries of Health and Air—but what does that matter? We are simply not interested in holding office. All we want is to help get things done. That is why Communists will co-operate with any government elected by the French people."

Duclos denied that the Stalinists ever demanded self-government for France's colonies. "The natives in the majority of these colonies are backward people, and it is France's responsibility to give them a helping hand." As for the Indo-China Stalinists, "they would not be opposed to French troops fighting to regain it for France."

## TROTSKYIST PROGRAM

In irreconcilable opposition to this Stalinist program of submission to capitalism, imperialism and its agents stands the revolutionary program and activities of the Trotskyists. In many places Trotskyist workers, according to our correspondent, took the initiative in occupying the factories and constituting the workers' committees as the basis for the creation of a workers' power as the alternative to the provisional government.

The Trotskyists are continuing to push forward this program as the sole solution to the fundamental questions of economic and political life. Meanwhile, as our correspondent writes, the Communist Party "finds itself in the dilemma: it is faced with an offensive by the reaction to liquidate—legally and peacefully if possible—the duality of power, and it is equally afraid of leaning on the support of the masses. The Trotskyist organization, on the other hand, calls for the strengthening of the workers' committees in the factories and their coordination—first on a local, then a regional and national plane."

The accelerated tempo of de Gaulle's reactionary drive to disarm the workers, restore power and property to the capitalists, the inability of the provisional government to provide elementary necessities to the starving and poverty-stricken French masses while it proceeds to carry on the war in conjunction with the Anglo-American conquerors—all these developments are straining the class antagonisms to the breaking point. The second stage of the revolution which erupted last August is now opening.

## THE ONLY ROAD

The central issue at stake in this struggle—the struggle for power—has been set forth as follows by our correspondent: "The problem that poses itself in France is—who will triumph? The workers and peasants through the development of their class organs—workers' committees, peasants' committees, etc.—into a Soviet Government, or the bourgeois reaction in the form of a military Bonapartist dictatorship? There is no middle road possible."

The road of emancipation for the French masses was indicated 27 years ago by the workers and peasants of Czarist Russia, who, under the leadership of the Bolshevik Party of Lenin and Trotsky, ended capitalism and landlordism in their country and thereby opened up a perspective of glorious development toward a new socialist society.

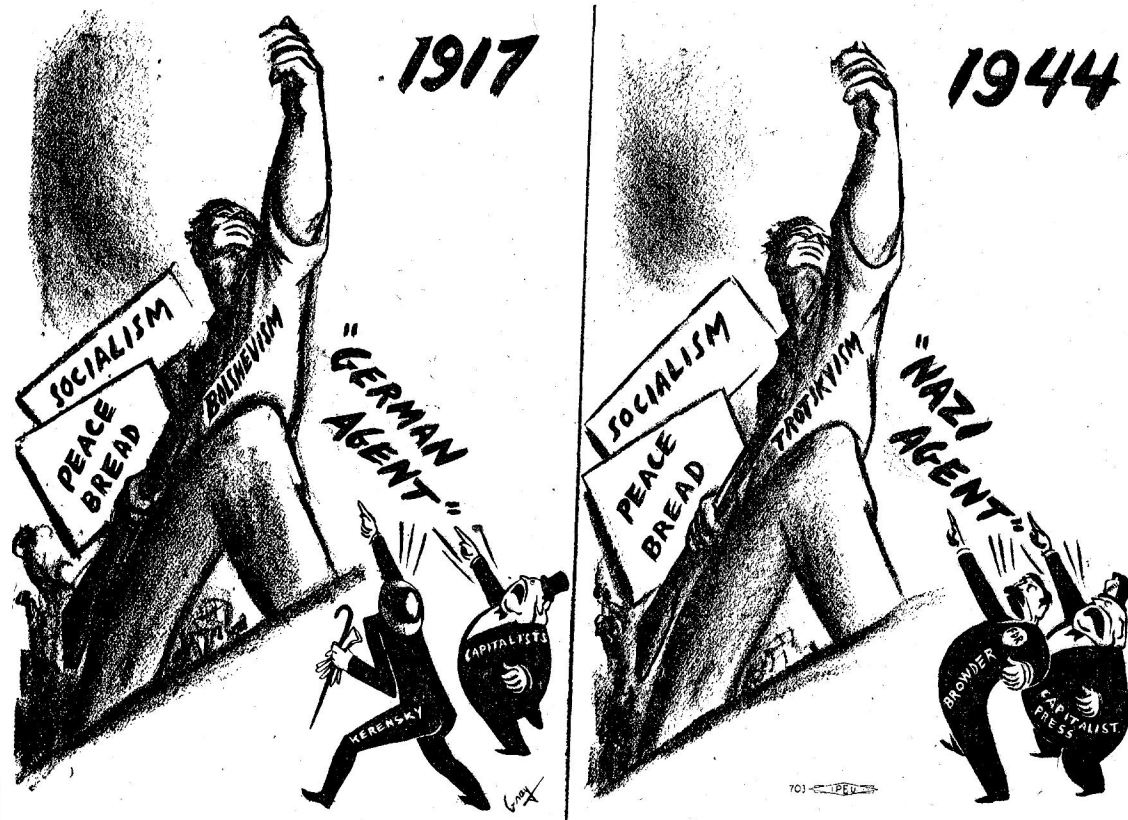
Together with the task of extending their dual power through their own class organs, the advanced French workers now have the task of building a mass revolutionary combat party, a Trotskyist party, after the pattern of the Bolshevik Party in Russia. Only such a party can lead them to the vanquishment of the reaction in a triumphant struggle for power.

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## New Times - Old Slander



# Stalinists Hurl Slander At Fourth International

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of the GPU-extorted "confessions" during the Moscow trials when, he says, "the Trotskyites described in cold, plain words how Leon Trotsky directly negotiated with Rudolph Hess, Hitler's No. 2 man." These false accusations against Trotsky have been condemned by world opinion ever since the publication of the findings of the International Commission of Inquiry, headed by Professor John Dewey, which in 1938 branded the Moscow trials "charges" and "confessions" as complete fabrications of the GPU.

Only last week, The Militant published a letter from France conveying the tragic news of the murderous blows struck at our Trotskyist go-thinkers by the Nazis during their four-year occupation of Europe. "The Nazi repression dealt us heavy blows everywhere. Dozens of militants were shot, mainly in France and Holland, Greece and Belgium. Hundreds of others were imprisoned and deported to Germany. Among the leading comrades: In France, eight members of the leadership were deported to Germany; in Belgium two, including the secretary of the Party. In Greece, the secretary of the Party, C. Poulipoulos, was shot, together with two other members of the leadership. Comrade

Wintley, leading comrade of the German group in France, was recently murdered by the Gestapo." This is how Heinrich Himmler has "aimed to create a fourth international!"

## SMEAR TROTSKYISTS

But this same tragic news was accompanied by the inspiring report of the European Conference, representing five Trotskyist parties, which was held under the shadow of the Nazi terror last February in France. This report confirmed the survival and growing influence of the Trotskyist movement in Europe and the white-hot revolutionary temper of the European masses who every day draw closer to the socialist revolution under the banner of the Fourth International. It is this prospect, so feared by the Kremlin and its tools, that has dictated the present Stalinist counter-revolutionary slander campaign, of which Morris's article is one lurid expression.

Morris's article, intended to prepare American public opinion for the Roosevelt-Churchill-Stalin attempt to drown the European socialist revolution in blood, is an extension of the Stalinist lynch-incident drive against the militant workers, and in particular the Trotskyists, in America. This latter campaign has been going on for months, growing in virulence with the increasing re-

sistance of American labor to the corporation-government assaults on workers' rights and conditions.

Thus, Morris directly connects Ghali's GPU-concocted story about "Himmler's fourth international" with "the group that is now jailed in Minneapolis for sabotage of the war effort," that



is, the 18 Trotskyist and Minneapolis Truckdrivers Local 544—CIO leaders who were railroaded to federal prisons under the infamous Smith "Gag" Act and whose release and pardon has been demanded by over 3,500,000 trade unionists.

By labeling the Trotskyists, the most uncompromising working class fighters against fascism and all other forms of capitalist reaction, as "agents of Hitler and Himmler," and by assailing all militant workers who defend labor's interests as "Trotskyites," the Stalinists thereby hope to smear all who resist the anti-labor, union-busting schemes of American Big Business.

# FRENCH STALINISTS RETREAT ON ISSUE OF ARMED MILITIAS

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N. Y. Times correspondent: "Cars bearing red flags with the hammer and sickle and loudspeakers, drove slowly through Paris proclaiming: 'They want to disarm the patriotic militia in favor of the fifth column, don't let them take arms from the patriotic guards!'"

De Gaulle answered this verbal defiance by censoring that section of the Stalinist resolution which denounced the activities of his secret service gangsters. The fact that the two Stalinist ministers remained in the de Gaulle government indicated that the Stalinists were not serious in their opposition. They were making these theatrical gestures of defiance in order to appease the aroused revolutionary workers, while preparing the way for capitulation to de Gaulle and to the Allied imperialists behind him. This is in line with the Kremlin's policy.

The counter-revolutionary conspiracy between the Allies and de Gaulle was openly admitted in the same dispatch by the N. Y. Times correspondent: "In official circles it is pointed out that the strength of the Government depends upon arms for its police and troops—arms that can come only from the Allies. These circles say that when General de Gaulle at a press conference last week asked for more arms, he had in mind not only the war but the need of maintaining order inside the country, either with police or with troops."

Confronted with de Gaulle's intransigence, the National Council of Resistance proposed a compromise. This compromise provided

# Railway Union Leaders Side-Track Convention

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keep convention in 1937, every three years, and since 1937, conventions are only scheduled for every four years. The idea to spread and postpone conventions, like every other reactionary idea, is usually proposed by the officials who prefer to run the union as if it were its private property.

## OFFICIALS CONNIVE

In search for excuses to do away with the 1945 quadrennial convention President Robertson sought and received the warm and enthusiastic support of U. S. and Canadian government officials. In the following paragraph we quote in full the last paragraph on page two of the ballot which shows how anxious Robertson was to find an excuse for cancelling the convention, and how he pleaded with the Government officials to help him to put over his reactionary scheme:

"Prior to consideration of the matter of postponement by the above named officers, efforts were made to secure an expression of the attitude of the two governments with respect to our holding the scheduled convention in Toronto, Ontario, in July, 1945. Explanation was made to the proper officials that our conventions usually remain in session from four to five weeks, and at times for longer periods, and are composed of nearly 1100 delegates, officers and incidental employees, a substantial majority of whom are engaged in active railroad service in the United States and Canada. It was also brought out that our Ladies' Society holds its convention, usually about two weeks in length, simultaneously with ours, and is constituted of approximately 750 delegates, officers and employees. Government attention was likewise directed to the fact that the holding of a convention would require the release of railroad employees from service during the period of the convention to permit them to serve as delegates or in other capacities in connection with the proceedings."

In response to the International President's request for an expression of his views based upon the foregoing submission, J. M. Johnson, Director of the Office of Defense Transportation, Washington, D. C., addressed the International President, thanking him "for your evident desire to fully cooperate with this office in our efforts to conserve transportation facilities."

Through the union's Vice President, W. G. Graham, stationed in Canada, the Transport Controller for Canada, T. C. Lockwood, was similarly approached on the desirability of postponing

the labor convention, and he, like Mr. Johnson, was in full accord with Robertson's wishes to cancel the 1945 regular convention of the Union. There was mutual harmony all around between Government and union officials on the question of postponing workers' meetings and conventions. The Government officials will cheerfully agree with any labor leader to eliminate labor conventions, and they would be equally willing to support a proposal to do away with unions altogether.

However, the government officials took no action in urging the Shriners and the American Legion to postpone their conventions, and they meet every year. The government officials, like the reactionary labor leaders, are only interested in postponing the conventions of the workers.

Here is a case where the President of a labor union appeals to government officials for their moral support in favor of postponing a labor convention behind the backs of the union membership. He did not have the decency to permit his members to discuss his proposal to postpone the convention in the official monthly organ, the Magazine. He discussed his proposal with the government officials but not with members. He slipped the ballot to the lodges without a word of warning or discussion in the monthly Magazine. He knew his reactionary proposal wouldn't stand a discussion so he asked for a vote without a discussion.

## PROGRESSIVES BLOCKED

It is true that most of these conventions of the railroad crafts are useless and expensive, as they

have been conducted in the past. Through the stranglehold which the union officials have on the circulation of all progressive ideas in the unions between conventions, they have been able to prevent the formulation of any good and progressive programs for these conventions by the militants in the union ranks, with the result that these rail union conventions have degenerated into mere spending sprees of the dues payers' money by delegates and officers alike.

## CONVENTIONS A NECESSITY

Nevertheless, conventions like lodge meetings are an absolute necessity to every union and we cannot improve them by not holding them. Conventions offer members the best opportunities to get rid of a useless leadership and objectionable laws, of which the B. of L. F. & E. constitution is loaded. Only one man in the B. of L. F. & E. enjoys the freedom of the press and that's the President. No other officer or member is permitted to put his ideas in print and circulation on union matters without permission of the President. If you don't believe this, just look up the law on the matter. They even have a law on page 127 of their constitution which provides that a local lodge must obtain a special dispensation from the President before it can admit an American Indian to membership!

The B. of L. F. & E. cannot afford to pass any conventions. On the contrary, it needs to hold them more often. It needs many improvements in its laws and leadership, and it needs an organized left wing inside the union to aid and direct the movement for these improvements.

# Mexican Authorities Launch Fierce Anti-Labor Offensive

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to the CTM union by means of bribes and threats. When some organizers for the Federation intervened, the gunmen shot them down in cold blood—wounding three, one very gravely.

part of the government apparatus.

As unions or parts of unions have revolted from the domination during the past three or four years, they have tended to support one of the newer and more militant federations. The latter being free from commitments to the government, have been more outspoken in demands for higher wages and in fighting the gangsterized CTM. Indignation of the workers because of worsening conditions crystallized in the struggle over the Social Security Law—newly instituted by the Government in collaboration with the CTM leadership.

The great mass of the workers were completely opposed to this law which provides for an equal amount taken from their wages and from the capitalists for establishing a fund for various services such as sick benefits, unemployment, etc. The workers realized that such a law, administered by the corrupt union leadership and by the government, was merely a new form of tax on their incomes and represented a cut in wages at a time when a rise has actually become a life and death question. The independent unions protested against the law and led the struggle against it, receiving a great amount of mass support.

The government with the aid and support of the CTM and the Stalinists is striking back vehemently. Since the July 20th demonstration it has begun a systematic campaign to weaken and crush the more independent unions. Using as a pretext this demonstration, it arrested leaders of the Libertarian Federation of Workers and Farmers of the Federal District. One of the arrested, Pedro Hernandez, General Secretary of the Federation, was threatened and bribed into betraying his union and went over to the CTM. In addition some Stalinist agents who had wormed their way into the Executive Committee of the Federation made public pronouncements against the "Trotskyist provocateurs" at the Zocalo demonstration.

Taking advantage of these betrayals and the resulting confusion, the CTM and police then organized an attack on the union headquarters, taking it over, destroying or stealing the furniture, equipment and records before the rightful leadership succeeded in having it restored to the union. Shortly afterwards some CTM gunmen paid a visit to a construction project where the workers were members of the Libertarian Federation and again tried to "recruit" them in-

MUTUAL AID  
These gangster methods employed by the CTM-Government-Stalinist alliance are an indication of what the other independent unions are facing in Mexico.

Confronted with a struggle for their very existence against the combined attacks of the CTM gangsters, the police and the Stalinists, two of the principal independent union federations have signed a pact of mutual aid. This pact between the Libertarian Federation and the Revolutionary Syndicalist Federation agrees to: 1. Mutual aid in defense of the unions and their members against any attacks; 2. Coalition of the two federations as against the CTM bureaucracy; 3. A joint struggle against the monopoly and reappointment of CTM leaders to the Conciliation and Arbitration Boards (which determine whether a strike is "legally" existent and then attempt to settle it) and 4. Common study for proposing reforms of these Boards. The most important aspect of this pact is clearly the promise to defend one another against future attacks by the Government-supported CTM gangsters.

In answer to the offensive of violence and murder undertaken by these gangsters, the independent unions have no recourse but to unite and prepare for a militant defense of their organizations. For the offensive is clearly aimed at reestablishing the CTM monopoly over the workers' organizations in order to crush the inevitable resistance to the skyrocketing cost of living, the unemployment, poverty and other consequences of the imperialist war that are already descending upon Mexico. The violence of the CTM-Government offensive is teaching the Mexican workers that only a vigorous and militant answer by their own class organizations can save them from complete annihilation; that the CTM bureaucrats and the Stalinist betrayers are not their friends but their mortal enemies, and must be cast out by the labor movement.

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# Labor Commemorates The 48th Anniversary Of The Death Of The Haymarket Martyrs

By Ruth Johnson

On November 11, fifty-seven years ago, the State of Illinois took the lives of four Haymarket martyrs, in the mad hope that with their death, the very ideas of militant labor struggle and the fight for the emancipation of labor would vanish from the American scene. But the capitalist murderers were wrong—twice wrong.

August Spies, Albert Parsons, Adolph Fisher and George Engel, framed up and condemned to death by the courts of capitalism, are remembered and honored today for their heroic leadership of the fight which won for the working class the right to the eight-hour day. Tomorrow, as the American labor movement in its political struggles learns more and more clearly the need for socialism, these Haymarket martyrs will be honored equally for their deathless fight to bring to the American working class an understanding of the need for a new economic order. On that day, the final challenge of August Spies, hurled at capitalism as the hangman adjusted the black hood of death, will appear in all its might:

"There will be a time when our silence from the grave will be more powerful than the voices you strangle today."

## LABOR STRUGGLES

The Haymarket frameup climaxed the first May Day demonstration in labor history. By a resolution passed in the 1885 convention of the Federation of Trades and Labor Unions of the United States and Canada (later the American Federation of Labor), May 1, 1886 had been designated as the day for workers to go down to work in their demand for the eight-hour day. All over the country, workers by the hundreds of thousands answered the call, laying down their tools to pick up banners proclaiming the eight-hour day. So powerful were the demonstrations that in many large centers the workers won their demand, and resumed work on May 2.

## HARVESTER STRIKE

Not so in Chicago, where May Day came as the climax of a long, bitter struggle between the workers and the bosses. In Chicago, then the heart of the radical movement in America, the workers had organized at the great McCormick-Deering Harvester plant, under the leadership of August Spies and Albert Parsons, editors of the anarchist "Die Arbeiter Zeitung." The company had answered the work-

## Honeymoon Over

Although the French and Greek people have experienced only a few months, and even weeks, of Allied occupation, popular disillusionment in the "democratic" and "liberating" role of Anglo-American imperialism has become so deep and wide-spread that the capitalist press has been forced to give hints of the real situation. Thus, N. Y. Times correspondent Milton Bracker wired from Rome on Nov. 4 that:

"... The Allies are increasingly sensitive to the harmful effect on liberated populations of what they conceive to be broken promises. The 'honeymoon' has long been over in Italy. In France—at least in the Cherbourg area—Sgt. Jack Foisie, who has just returned found many people partial to the Germans. In Greece the tendency of the population to expect aid sooner than it can be available is causing much serious concern."

ers with a 2-month lockout, then still in progress. Another strike was being waged by the lumber workers. As May Day approached, the Chicago police, urged on by the notoriously reactionary Chicago Tribune, made preparations for a final assault upon the workers.

On May Day, the workers of Chicago thronged the streets. All day long, roving detachments of police attacked parading workers in pitched battles. On May 2, the bosses proclaimed a lock-out against the workers throughout the city. Locked out of their own jobs the May Day strikers on May 3 joined their brother workers on the picket line at the McCormick Deering plant. Again the police launched an attack, leaving four workers dead and unknown numbers injured.

On May 4 a mass meeting was called in Haymarket Square to protest police brutality. Among the speakers were Parsons, Spies, and a third anarchist, Fielden. A rainstorm sent most of the crowd of 3,000 workers home be-

## Scene At Haymarket Meeting



The Haymarket demonstration, held in Chicago on May 4, 1886, to protest police brutality against workers on the picket line at the McCormick-Deering Harvester plant, was assaulted by police as Fielden spoke from the platform. An unknown person, believed to have been a police provocateur, threw a bomb into the crowd, killing several persons. The anarchist labor leaders Spies, Parsons, Engel and Fisher were hanged after a frame-up trial.

fore the last speaker, Fielden, took the stand. Then came the assault. Over 150 police, armed with guns and clubs, charged the remaining handful of the crowd. As Fielden protested that the meeting was peaceful, and on the verge of dispersing, a bomb, thrown from the roof of the Marshall Field warehouse, burst in the midst of the group.

## HAYMARKET TRIALS

Seven policemen and four workers were killed, many injured. The next day, every labor leader in Chicago was put under arrest. The capitalist press howled for the blood of the "anarchists." A grand jury, carefully selected from prosperous business men, indicted 8 men, Spies, Parsons, Fielden, Schwab, Lingg, Neebe, Engel and Fisher, for the murder of the first policeman to die.

The trial began on June 21, 1886, before Judge Gary, notori-

ous defender and later president of the steel trust. From the beginning, the trial was a legal farce, with at least a third of the jurymen admitting under examination that they "hated all anarchists, socialists and communists." Not a shred of evidence was presented to show that any of the defendants had planned or thrown the bomb. On the contrary, the evidence, including the fact that Fielden himself was seriously injured, indicated that the bomb was thrown by a police provocateur.

## LABOR PROTESTS

After many weeks the trial ended with seven of the men condemned to be hanged. The eighth, Oscar Neebe, was sentenced to fifteen years in prison. All appeals, all protests of the American and international labor movement were disregarded, until finally, shortly before the execution, the sentences of Fielden

and Schwab were commuted to life imprisonment. Lingg, defiant and contemptuous of his persecutors, committed suicide in his cell on November 10, 1887. On November 11, August Spies, Albert Parsons, George Engel and Adolph Fisher were murdered on the gallows.

## WORKING CLASS MARTYRS

The Haymarket martyrs who gave their lives for the working class were anarchists, ardent revolutionists convinced of the need for fundamental social change. Today we know that anarchism, despite its noble ideals, cannot succeed in liberating the working class. But we honor the Haymarket heroes for their revolutionary integrity and courageous leadership of the labor struggles of their day. And we advance a program of revolutionary socialism which will lead the working class to the very victory they gave their lives for—the overthrow of that system of exploitation condemned in these eloquent words by Engel during his trial:

"I am too much a man of feeling not to battle against the conditions of today. Every thoughtful person must combat a system which makes it possible for the individual to rake and hoard millions in a few years, while on the other side thousands become tramps and beggars."

## Diego Rivera Joins With The Stalinist Assassin Siqueiros

MEXICO, D. F., Oct. 15. — Diego Rivera completing his political evolution, has finally landed in the camp of Stalinism. Lucha Obrera, organ of the Mexican Trotskyists, reports in its September number that this well-known painter has made his peace with the Stalinist-G. P. U. apparatus in the person of its most eminent Mexican representative—the artist-assassin, Alfaro Siqueiros. Diego went so far as to permit himself to be photographed embracing Siqueiros while making "Commor cause with him and other Stalinists in the face of defending the 'liberty of artistic expression.'"

In the period 1936-1939, Diego played the role of "friend" and "protector" to Trotsky, obtaining the right of asylum for him in Mexico. In 1939 Trotsky broke with him when he saw the direction of his development. During the elections of 1940, Diego supported Almazan, the conservative capitalist candidate for president. At that time, it is interesting to note, the Stalinists (who supported Avila Camacho) slandered the Trotskyists by claiming that they were supporting Almazan. As proof of this "support," they cited Diego Rivera's action, not being deterred in this by the fact that Trotsky had publically broken with him some time before.

When in 1940 Rivera's current friend Siqueiros launched the May 24th machine-gun attack on Trotsky's house, Rivera—always capable of the most fantastic statements to gain publicity—announced that after attacking Trotsky's house, the assassins had besieged his own. At that time, he recognized them as being G.P.U. agents. No matter. Now, four years later he finds himself at home in their arms and they extend a gracious welcome. Siqueiros himself has been rewarded for his murderous work by an invitation to teach this February at the Buffalo Art Institute. (See The Militant for Oct. 21.)

Lucha Obrera remarks that Rivera must be bothered by the mural he painted in his revolutionary days—that now stands in the Palace of Bellas Artes. In it he represents Trotsky and the Fourth International as the culmination of historical evolution and as the leaders of the only progressive way out for humanity. "But Rivera has already substituted the phrase he presented in this work: 'Workers of the world unite in the Fourth International' with 'Renegades of the world, unite under the Stalinist boot.'"

## Pioneer Paragraphs

## INTERNATIONALIST PROGRAM INSPIRED TROTSKYIST CADRES

In spite of everything—I have cited many of the negative sides and difficulties—in spite of everything, we gained a few inches. We instructed the movement in the great principles of Bolshevism on a plane never known in this country before. We educated a cadre that is destined to play a great role in the American labor movement. We sifted out some of the misfits and recruited some good people one by one; we gained a member here and there; we began to establish new contacts...

Those were cruel and heavy times. We survived them because we had faith in our program and because we had the help of Comrade Trotsky and our international organization. Trotsky began his great work in exile for the third time. His writings and his correspondence inspired us and opened up for us a window on a whole new world of theory and political understanding. The intervention of the International Secretariat was of decisive help to us in the solution of our difficulties. We sought their advice and were sensible enough to heed it when it was given. Without international collaboration—that is what the word "internationalism" means—it is not possible for a political group to survive and develop on a revolutionary path in this epoch. This gave us the strength to persevere and survive, to hold the organization together and to be ready when our opportunity did come.

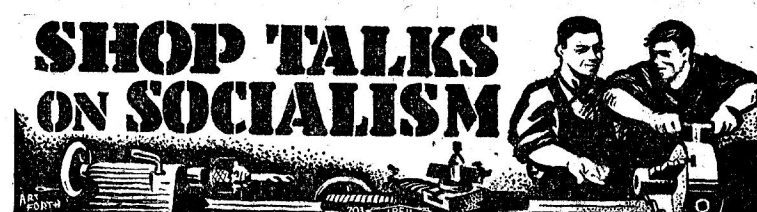
When the first crack in this wall of isolation and stagnation appeared, we were able to leap

through it, out of our sectarian circle. We began to play a role in the political and labor movement. The condition for that was to keep our program clear and our courage strong in those days when capitulations were taking place in Russia and discouragement was overcoming the workers everywhere. One defeat after another descended upon the heads of the vanguard of the vanguard. Many began to question. What to do? Is it possible to do anything? Isn't it better to let things slide a little?

Trotsky wrote an article, "Tenacity! Tenacity! Tenacity!" That was his answer to the wave of discouragement that followed the capitulation of Radek and others. Hold on and fight it out—that is what the revolutionists must learn, no matter how small their numbers, no matter how isolated they may be. Hold on and fight it out until the break comes, then take advantage of every opportunity. We held out until 1933, and then we began to see daylight. Then the Trotskyists started to get on the political map of this country.

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## SHOP TALKS ON SOCIALISM

By V. Grey

It's hunting season again, and everybody is kidding everybody else about how many pheasants they didn't get. A couple of the fellows live in small villages nearby, and they just stepped out in the back yard and knocked down a bird apiece before they came to work in the morning. But they were the lucky ones. Some of the boys took the first day off entirely, trudged around all day without even getting a shot at anything.

What everyone was laughing about though, was the way the fields were so crowded with hunters and the woods so thick with them that you couldn't have let go with a shot without hitting someone. Slim said that when he fired at a partridge he thought he saw, he clipped three hunters at once.

It's worse than ever now, of course, because you can't get enough gasoline to go very far into the country. So every hunter and his brother just has to tramp around in the fields near town. Cartridges are easier to get than they were last year. But what good are they if you don't get a chance to use them? There's plenty of birds in the deep woods, and up in the hills fifty miles from here. But if a fellow goes out there—supposing he has the gas—he wants to stay a couple of days or so. Harry Johnson does that every year. But there aren't many who can afford to do that, no matter how crazy they are about hunting.

"I notice," observes Shorty, "old Hawkshaw in the front office has been gone all week. Probably won't be back until pheasant season is over."

"That's right. He'll be gone again in deer season too. He's got a lodge in the Alleghenies. I'd be up there, too, if I had his dough and that hunting lodge."

## THE BIG SHOTS GET ALL THE SHOTS

That's a big "if." Will there ever be a time when the ordinary working man can leave the shop a couple of weeks at a time, go up in the north woods, with canoe, reel and gun—and live a little bit of the life that so many small game hunters dream about? Just think, there are hundreds of thousands of square miles in Canada, with lake, mountain, swamp and pool beckoning to the hunter. But what hunter can go up there? Why, Hawkshaw in the front office, and his masters, Grace, Girdler, Morgan and Co. They get all the shots they want, even when their guide doesn't aim the gun for them.

A workingman doesn't have that privilege—gas rationing or no gas rationing. You're tied to your job, and you just can't go off on these jaunts you dream about, when the wife and kids need the things they do.

Did you ever stop to think, though, that we could put up a hundred thousand well equipped lodges throughout Canada—about five thousand in each of the forty eight states, enough for the gang in every shop on the continent—keep them well stocked and equipped, give every hunter or would-be hunter a week with pay and a few bucks for expenses thrown in? That we could do all this for about one percent of the money the U. S. is spending on war? Well, we could—and we will.

When we working people have to take over production, as we will all over the world, there will be no more capitalist business rivalry that results in war. About twenty million lives and a thousand billions of dollars will be saved for each generation that way. If that were the full extent of what socialism could do, that alone would guarantee every workingman and woman the realization of their physical needs as well as many luxuries besides hunting.

As for people who don't like to hunt or fish, who can't bear to see the worm wiggle on the hook, well, they won't feel cheated either when they see the hunters having such a swell time of it. Maybe they'll go on a European tour—gaze at the Parthenon and the Pyramids.

## THESE DREAMS WILL BE REAL UNDER SOCIALISM

These things sound fantastic beside the dull life we've got to endure now—when we get outdoor life through the pages of Street and Smith's magazines, or go get a free trip to Europe to shoot men instead of animals. They sound like a politician's promises—a capitalist politician before election who got a little overrosey in his predictions. But they will be realized under Socialism. It will be as easy as it is to quit work when the whistle blows.

The faker Huey Long had the slogan, "Every man a king." But that's impossible to-day. Under capitalism the wealth just cannot be shared. At least not shared fairly. Most of us realize that. And so we're pretty skeptical of big promises. We have seen our fathers and mothers work their lives away for the bosses, we see ourselves doing the same thing—and a free life, much less a happy hunting season is hard to believe possible. Only the bosses, and the rascals and robbers of Wall Street, have had these in the past. But socialized production is going to secure them for us all.

No single politician is going to get these benefits for us. The working people are going to take them out of the hands of the ruling class, and make them the property of all. The capitalist politicians can't even live up to their miserable boast of a "chicken in every pot" because their system is so decrepit. But in our Socialist system of jobs for all, and therefore goods for all, we can say "two pheasants for every hunter." And make it stick, too.

# Why Labor Must Begin Building Its Own Political Party Now

We reprint below the fourth in a series of extracts from Joseph Hansen's pamphlet, "American Workers Need A Labor Party," which will soon be published by Pioneer Publishers. In this section, Joseph Hansen describes how a labor party can and will be built by the determination of the advanced workers themselves to solve their problems in the coming period.

By Joseph Hansen

A pessimist might feel that organizing an independent labor party is hopeless. "Look how the cards are stacked," he might complain. "Against us is Wall Street, two political parties, powerful labor lieutenants, and worse than anything, the gullibility of the public."

Powerful as these forces might seem, however, they lack the decisive weapons. First, truth is against them. They are forced to lie. Second, the economic interests of the majority are against them. With these two mighty weapons, the truth, and the interests of the majority, a number of resolute, militant, intelligent trade unionists can start the process going which will surely end in the organization of an independent labor party enrolling tens of millions of supporters.

There were pessimists who thought labor would never organize industrial unions. Wall Street opposed such unions. Republicans and Democrats opposed them. So did the labor lieutenants like William Green. But the job was done despite this array of forces. Once started, nothing could stop the organization of the basic industries into industrial unions.

American labor today stands at the beginning of a similar development on the political field. The auto workers who found out how to get together to buck General Motors, Chrysler and Ford; the maritime workers who defeated the shipping moguls; the steel workers who cracked the Steel Trust—workers such as these will likewise find a way to close ranks against the political machinery of the bosses.

The first job is to explain patiently to your shop-mates the inside stuff about boss politics. Take your time explaining. Don't forget that even if your shop-mate argues heatedly against you, chances are he picks up your explanation and repeats it to his friends.

Take for instance the old argument that "now is not the time to build an independent labor party." Don't give up in disgust because you've heard this so many times it sounds worn out. Remember that your shop-mate doesn't really believe it. He is simply repeating an argument someone gave him, which he is passing on because he didn't know to answer it. If you give an effective answer, the original argument will disintegrate very shortly in his mind and he will begin passing on what you've said. He will even begin taking credit for your explanation, claiming it as his own original idea. In a way he's right. At bottom he knew all the time the job can't wait.

Look how the argument "now is not the right time" has helped the bosses. They hold every one of the seats in Congress, the White

House and the Supreme Court. Labor does not hold a single seat despite the fact that it represents the majority of the population.

## How to Answer Opposition Arguments

The bosses always work according to the opposite slogan. On the desk or office wall of business executives can be seen the neatly engraved daily reminder: "DO IT NOW!"

Sometimes an apt quotation will give your shop-mate food for thought. Patrick Henry, one of the illustrious leaders of the American revolution, told the faint-hearts:

"They tell us, sir, that we are weak; unable to cope with so formidable an adversary. But when shall we be stronger? Will it be next week, or next year? Will it be when we are totally disarmed, and when a British guard shall be stationed in every house? Shall we gather strength by irresolution and inaction? Shall we acquire the means of effectual resistance by lying supinely on our backs and hugging the delusive phantom of hope until our enemies shall have bound us hand and foot?"

Likewise with the argument that "labor should not split the vote by organizing its own party." Don't get heated when you hear this argument. Prepare to answer it as you did the argument about not doing it now. Who gains from such a belief? Who would be interested in spreading it? Does labor get anything by voting for the bosses' political machine? Recall the example of what happened to John L. Lewis and Labor's Non-Partisan League in 1936.

You might ask your shop-mate, "What's wrong with splitting the vote? Isn't that precisely what we want to do, start splitting the vote in the direction of labor?" Why should Wall Street have a monopoly of the votes? Why are they interested in maintaining a monopoly of the votes? Doesn't the beginning of a trickle of votes for labor begin to weaken Wall Street? Suppose this trickle would become converted into a flood of votes. Suppose labor ends up with all the votes in the country except the votes of America's 60 families. Wouldn't this be a good fair way to split the vote?

One of the first practical jobs in building the independent labor party is, therefore, learning the bag of arguments that Wall Street spreads among the workers, analyzing these arguments, and preparing a set of answers and explanations. You will be surprised to find how few arguments there really are and how easily they are answered.

Remember—each time you give a convincing answer to one of these arguments, you start the opposite idea rolling through a section of the labor movement. In the long run, nothing can stop correct ideas that represent the economic and political interests of the majority.

Remember—you are not alone in this work. Labor everywhere is seeking independent political action. Hundreds of unions have passed resolutions calling for the formation of an independent labor party. Your own union may be on record. Already powerful groups are organizing to advance the same program. In Michigan, for instance, a number of trade unionists, representing more than 100,000 workers, have organized the Michigan Commonwealth Federation, pledged to independent political action.

## MARITIME

A HISTORICAL SKETCH  
A WORKERS' PROGRAM

By FREDERICK J. LANG

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The Negro Struggle

By Charles Jackson

Prose And Poetry

The saga of the Negro soldier and the treatment he is receiving from the military agents of American imperialism continues to be related in different forms almost every day.

It is becoming clear to the Negro people that the winning of this war has not meant and will not mean the winning of first-class citizenship by the oppressed colored minority here in America.

The clarification of this issue has largely been accomplished by the Negro soldier who has written home his experiences to relatives and friends. He has told of the never neglected measures to keep him in "his place" in the training camps here in America — more especially in the South.

From England, Italy, and the South Pacific have come authentic reports of military enforcement of segregation of American Negro soldiers in previously unbiased civilian business places.

In addition to this it has been revealed for the first time that the reactionary military caste is going so far as to prevent Negro soldiers from mailing home information telling how much better he is treated by the English people than he is in his own country.

Dear Yank: I am an American Negro with three years in the Army; and, if it makes me any more a soldier there is not a blemish on my service record.

I have written letters back home in which I have told about the lack of racial segregation in England and the freedom which the colored soldier enjoys here.

mander why I insisted on flaunting in the officers' faces (through mail) the fact that the colored man enjoys much more equality in England than he does in the Southern States.

My answer was that there was no intent to flaunt anything in anyone's face. I write to tell my people back home things of interest, and so far as I am concerned (and I understand postal regulations will bear me out) the censor is an impersonal machine whose only function it is to pick out information of value to the enemy.

Since then I have received letters from my parents (who have five other sons in service) and my friends stating that not one of my letters has arrived without something cut out and asking why I don't tell them about the English people.

Mail is supposed to be morale building, but this sort of nonsense only makes the people back home more miserable and the men here prone to feel disrespect for their superior officers.

Sgt. JAMES R. BROWN

This may be "nonsense" to Sgt. Brown but to American capitalism (which determines military policy) it is quite logical. Here is why. In England Negroes are such a tiny minority that they are useless as a scapegoat to split the working class.

If the Negro is to be used as a scapegoat against the labor movement it is essential that he be denied equality and rigorously segregated. If it is generally known that the Negro enjoys first class citizenship in England without catastrophic consequences, in short, if too many letters from too many Sgt. Browns arrive here, it will inspire the Negro masses and progressive white elements to fight — now — very militantly for immediate abolition of segregation.

The censors lied, Sgt. Brown, your letter does contain information of value to the enemy — the most basic and the most dangerous enemy of American imperialism — the American working class.

Gen. Stilwell's Recall Exposes Wall Street's Imperialist Aim To Subjugate Chinese People

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The "differences" have been eliminated by the simple expedient of removing Stilwell, then the conclusion seems inevitable that Chiang, having "saved his face" before the Chinese people, has secretly capitulated in essence — or will capitulate — to the demands of Washington.

The powerful Yankee imperialists are in no mood to be trifled with by the satrap who rules in Chungking. They are aware of the shakiness of his regime and are in a position to exert tremendous pressure to gain their ends. They aim to drive the Japanese imperialists from China in the exploiters and oppressors of the Chinese people.



STILWELL

ordinate China's military struggle for independence to American strategic aims and requirements. If Chiang will not cooperate, they will find a Chinese warlord who will.

Once American troops have landed in force in eastern China, American imperialist pressure on Chiang — if his regime survives that long — will become all the greater.

Business Week, authoritative organ of American Big Business, with sources of information among the policy-makers in Washington, predicted with assurance in its issue of Nov. 4 that "the Allies — operating through a military government — (will) take a firm hold of populous coastal areas of China when they are liberated" and that Chiang will be "forced into progressive liberalization of his government if he is eventually to assume control of the government of liberated China."

The reference to "liberalization" of Chang's bloody and reactionary regime is simply a deceitful euphemism intended to cover the predatory purpose of the Yankee freebooters to convert China into their colony. They intend to use Chiang as an instrument for the accomplishment of that purpose, or — find an alternative to Chiang!

LIFT CENSORSHIP It is not by chance that the Stilwell episode has been accompanied by a fresh outpouring of criticism of Chiang's dictatorship, new tales of the pervasive corruption and ineptitude in high places which has nullified all the great sacrifices made by the Chinese soldiers in the fight to expel the Japanese invaders.

For years Kuomintang-dominated China has been depicted by all spokesmen of capitalism, including Roosevelt himself, as a "democracy." The true and fearful facts about Chiang's regime, as vile in all respects as Hitler's, were suppressed. Only the Trotskyist press carried factual, unvarnished accounts of the Chinese situation. Today, in order to further the imperialist aims which they serve, the capitalist press agencies and newspapers, with the approval of the War Department censorship, are publishing news that only recently was taboo.

Thus Thoburn Wiant, Associated Press correspondent in London, who was formerly in China, now tells us that Chiang is "more concerned with the inevitable civil war against the 80,000,000 Chinese Communists than with the struggle against Japan. . . Democracy does not exist in China. There is probably no more efficient dictatorship than that of the Kuomintang. There is no freedom of speech, or

of press, or of much of anything else. There are secret police, concentration camps and firing squads for those who dare to speak, or write, or act out of turn."

Why was all this kept dark so long? "First," says Wiant, "because of Chinese censorship. Second, because Washington held out hope that the mess could be cleaned up. Washington, through General Stilwell, gave Chiang every assistance possible under the circumstances. The mess became, so bad, however, that General Stilwell was finally recalled to Washington."

In plain words, Roosevelt conspired with Chiang to hide the foulness of the Kuomintang regime from the rest of the world — as long as it served his purposes. He propped this regime up, painted it in the glowing colors of a fighter for "democracy," acquiesced in its unbridled oppression of the Chinese people. Today, when the revolting corruption and ineptitude of the regime have progressed so far as to reduce almost to zero its effectiveness as an instrument of American imperialist policy, Roosevelt permits some of the facts to be made known. Today as yesterday, Roosevelt and those he serves are concerned least of all with the awful plight of China's millions. Their interest is solely in the "manifest destiny" of American imperialism, which is to dominate and exploit these and other millions throughout Asia.

might destroy his regime and, by raising the masses to their feet, sweep away the whole rotten system of landlord-capitalist exploitation which he personifies.

As correspondent Wiant reports: "Chinese (meaning Chiang's commanders) in many sectors are resisting (the Japanese) only on a token basis." They are saving their soldiers and their ammunition for civil war. And as correspondent Brooks Atkinson reveals, Chiang "hedges and hesitates" over anything involving the use of his troops. He refers to Chiang's "basic unwillingness to risk his armies in battle with the Japanese" and says "foreigners can only conclude that the Chinese Government wants to save its armies to secure its political power after the war."

FEARS CIVIL WAR

It is true, as Wiant reports, that Chiang is "more concerned with the inevitable civil war against the 80,000,000 Chinese Communists than with the struggle against Japan." The Stalinist-controlled areas in northern China, where some of the basic elements of the agrarian revolution have been partially achieved (division of the land, reduction of land rents and taxation, etc.), are a terrible threat to Chiang's regime of landlord-capitalist oppression. He keeps upwards of half a million troops — some reports say close to a million — blockading these "Red" areas.

However, the raging economic crisis, combined with the utter failure of the defensive war against Japan under Kuomintang direction, have weakened all the rods of Chiang's regime and encouraged his warlord rivals — many of them his own regional commanders — to nurse hopes of being able to step into his shoes as "leader of the nation."

Separatist and particularistic tendencies, strongly reminiscent of the warlord era between 1911 and 1927 when China was truncated and torn apart into many principalities, are becoming rampant once more. Chiang therefore hesitates to embark on large-scale military action against the "Red" areas for fear of unleashing countrywide civil war which

terminal for all supplies flown into China from India. Yunnan's defection from Chungking would isolate and weaken Chiang's regime still further. It is not improbable that Lung Yun is being used by the American imperialists as a foil to Chiang and a warning of the fate which awaits his regime unless he does the bidding of Washington.

YUNNAN WARLORD

Indicative of the break-up of Chiang's authority is a significant editorial article which appeared in the Yunnan Daily News of Nov. 1 in which Chiang's regime was branded as "Fascist" and blamed for the military crisis. This paper is owned by Gen. Lung Yun, provincial governor of Yunnan and long-time rival of Chiang Kai-shek, who has never given more than nominal allegiance to the Kuomintang regime. He controls the armies of the province. His bold attack on Chiang as a "Fascist" has but one meaning: Lung Yun is preparing to break with Chungking at a propitious moment.

Especially significant is the fact that Yunnan province, in the strategic southwest, is the area in which American military forces are most numerous and active. It is the China base of the campaign in Burma, at present the main theater of American operations in continental Asia. Its capital, Kunming, is the air

PITTSBURGH—Designating November 24 as National Unemployed Day, organizations representing over 750,000 jobless workers called for nation-wide marches on relief stations to present the demands of the nation's unemployed. A delegation was planned to visit Roosevelt as the climax of the demonstration.

FRANCE—Torn by internal crises, France once more hovered on the brink of civil war, as the government of Doumergue collapsed, giving way to the regime of Etienne Flandin. "The government of Flandin," said The Militant, "not quite so reactionary (as Doumergue's) in appearance, but no less anti-working-class in character, will prove to be no better than a temporary stop-gap. . . On the political field the Fascist organizations arm everywhere for the destruction of the organs of working class democracy, the political parties and the trade unions. On the other hand, the revolutionary fever of the French working class is rising. Between this hammer-and-anvil the new middle-of-the-road party must come to grief."

The Masses Chiang Kai-shek Fears



Pictured here is part of a crowd of 50,000 workers, students, shopkeepers demonstrating in Shanghai in 1931 to protest the Japanese invasion of Manchuria and the sell-out policies of Chiang-Kai-shek's government.

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So far we have had no word of the role of the Chinese masses, the workers and peasants, in the fast developing crisis. The Chinese Stalinist leaders are trying to rescue the Kuomintang regime. They have proposed that Chiang "democratize" his government on the basis of a coalition of all the parties, including their own. The Yankee imperialists, appraising the Stalinists at their true political worth (all reports regarding the proposed coalition refer to them as the "so-called Communists"), favor such a coalition in the interests of their war with Japan.

STALINIST ROLE

Chiung resists this proposal because he fears that any relaxation of his regime of suppression may bring the masses to their feet and open wide the floodgates of revolution. He resists American pressure because he fears that open capitulation to the Yankee imperialists would arouse a popular furor similar to the years 1931-36 when, time and time again, he yielded to the Japanese imperialists.

The task of China's national liberation is first of all the task of the Chinese people themselves. Chiang's regime has revealed over the course of seven years its utter incapacity to direct a successful struggle against even a single imperialist power — Japan. It has plunged the country into the deepest crisis, the masses into fearful misery. Completely alien to the people, enjoying not a shred of popular support it is obliged to lean more and more heavily on the Yankee imperialists who are preparing a new slavery for China's millions.

The Chinese workers and peasants will in due time settle accounts with Chiang's murderous regime. In this they will inevitably have to confront, too, the American imperialists — Chiang's present patrons. The working-class of America must not permit the Yankee imperialists to go through with their nefarious plans for the enslavement of China. Now — today! — when the political representatives of the Wall Street brigands have plainly betrayed their real intentions, a mighty shout of protest must go up:

CHURCHILL'S PLAN For Germany John McGovern, Independent Labor Party member of the House of Commons, asked Churchill early last month for an assurance that "if any German citizens should shoot Hitler, Goering, Goebbels or Himmler they will not be dealt with as the assassin of Darlan was dealt with in North Africa" — by a firing squad.

Churchill replied that McGovern was asking him "to give an assurance covering a vast field of uncertainty which is influenced at every stage by hazard and chance." Evidently the British Premier is ready to deal with German anti-fascists in accordance with his new formula that the war is growing "less and less ideological" in character.

Diary Of A Steel Worker

By Theodore Kovalesky

You were just a guy like a million other guys. Of course I can't know, but I think you were just another guy, maybe named Eddie or Jack or Bill, a guy going to work every day and taking your girl out Saturday nights.

And then the draft came along and yanked you out of normal life with a million others; and they measured you, and inspected you, and tested you, and gave you a number, and a uniform, and a gun with a bayonet.

They told you, "Go out and fight for the American way of life. Kill the Huns. We'll crush Prussian militarism, and then we'll hang the Kaiser. We're depending on you brave boys to defend democracy."

So with "Over There" ringing in your ears, with "My Man" crying in your ears, with "Mademoiselle from Armentieres" bawling in your ears, you went out to defend democracy in the "war to end all wars." You defended it in the mud and blood of the trenches. You defended it in the stink of the casualty clearing stations. You defended it in the mad, sleepless bombardments. You defended it in the bayonet charges and lonely hand-to-hand clashes. ("Poor devil, it was either your guts or mine," you thought when you wrenched out your bayonet.) Then you caught it. Something tore away your dog-tag, ripped open your body, and put out the sun.



It must have hurt, pal, — Eddie or Jack or Bill, whatever your name was. It must have hurt like hell to lie there with your face in the mud, your legs kicking in the mud, your fingers clutching, and grinding the mud, your blood reddening and thinning the mud.

Somebody got a telegram that said, "The War Department regrets. . ." It said, "Missing in action. . ."

But one day, they came and picked you up. They crated you and shipped you back across the ocean. And nobody knew you. . . but still everybody knew you. For you were the Unknown Soldier.

Then they mocked and insulted you. Thin hypocrites and fat hypocrites in expensive suits made speeches. Admirals and generals stood at attention. And they took you (just an ordinary guy, Eddie, or Jack, or Bill, a guy like a million others, eating hot dogs with the girl friend in the summer evenings, maybe running a lathe in the daytime), and they turned you into a symbol of J. P. Morgan's war, into a monument to justify their "traders' war."

And then, with "democracy" victorious, you lay in your front tomb, with young soldiers paid to walk back and forth in front of your door.

"Democracy" victorious, you lay in your tomb, while they starved the children of Europe.

You lay in your tomb while they castrated and lynched Wesley Everett and smashed the Wobblies, while they hanged Negro soldiers in their uniforms, while they raided the trade unions and tarred and feathered radical workers.

You lay in your tomb while your buddies, basket cases and madmen lay in secluded hospitals that even today no outsider may see.

You lay in your tomb while terrified capitalism savagely murdered Sacco and Vanzetti.

You lay in your tomb while the souplines formed, and gaunt, ragged men plodded uncertainly through the snows and confusion of the "American way of life."

You lay in your tomb while they gassed and slugged and bayoneted the bonus marchers and their wives and kids, burned their miserable shacks on the river bank, burned their last miserable possessions.

You lay in your tomb while the Chicago cops shot down ten other ordinary guys on Memorial Day, 1937.

And now, you'll soon have company. They're readying another selection of unknown dead. They're getting out the spades and prayer-books. The hypocrites in their expensive clothes are writing more speeches. The generals and admirals are polishing up their medals and clearing their throats.

More telegrams are being sent to people, saying, "The War Department regrets. . ." saying, "missing. . ."

More unknown and ordinary guys are lying twisted in death-agony in the mud of today's "traders' war."

Move over, pal. One of these boys is going to be your buddy.

But, we're working on it, Eddie, or Jack, or Bill, or whatever your name was. One of these days, the rest of us ordinary guys are going to smash the system that put you where you are today, the rotten system that makes these "traders' wars."

Then we'll take you out of that show-place where they put you. We'll grind to dust that monument to filth, disease, hunger, blood, agony, and mud, and we'll lay you in a cool, grassy grave where you can rest.

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Just A Negro Soldier

Submitted by Bill Horton

I'm just a Negro soldier Fighting for "Democracy," A thing I've often heard of But very seldom see. In the South I was just a "nigger" On whom the boss man kept close track To see that I grew no bigger Than the clothes upon my back. In the North, of course, it's different, That is, they had a different name For Jim-Crow it was segregation But it amounts to just the same. Yet I must be patriotic Must not grumble or complain But must fight for some "four freedoms" On which I'll have no claim. I must fight under every condition Face bayonet, shot and shell But with Jim-Crow "recognition" Tho' I crash the gates of hell. They expect me to be loyal? But in my heart I'm not For how can a second-class citizen Be a first-class patriot? To hell with a war impelled by greed While the hungry masses cry But to win complete equality I'd fight and gladly die.

In Detroit

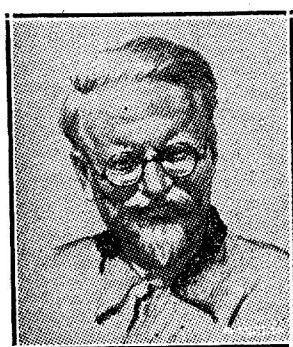
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Stalin And Iran

Iran, containing some of the world's richest petroleum deposits, has become the object of a tri-cornered struggle between the British and American imperialists and the Stalinist bureaucratic clique in the Soviet Union. With British, American and Soviet troops occupying the country, Stalin precipitated the under-cover struggle by a demand for oil concessions. The government of tiny Iran, neighbor of the powerful Soviet Union, could not resist alone. In rejecting Stalin's demand it undoubtedly had the secret backing of the imperialist claimants to the country's black gold.

ernment by one that is "friendly." Having turned his back on the socialist revolution, he is obliged to imitate the sordid methods of the real colonial bandits.

The Wage-Freeze

To avoid "embarrassing" Roosevelt, the labor bureaucrats acquiesced in postponing any further action on labor's demand for an upward revision of the wage-freezing Little Steel formula—until after the election. The top union leaders were more concerned with shielding Roosevelt than with defending the standard of living of the workers. It is apparent that from the point of view of pressure politics—the politics of rewarding friends and punishing enemies—the labor movement was in a stronger position to command concessions before, rather than after, the national elections. What "pressure" will the "labor statesmen" employ after the capitalist politicians have been elected to office? On the basis of past performance we can predict that they will appear, hat in hand, scraping and bowing before the elected representative of Wall Street, wheedling and begging for a few crumbs to help them hold-the-line against their own membership.

But while the spineless labor skates cringe and crawl and whine for concessions, the agents of Big Business bellow and roar and pound their fists demanding that the wage freeze be continued. The occupant of the White House is much more impressed by the latter method. Whenever the labor movement has begun a campaign against the wage-freeze, the representatives of Wall Street have launched a counter-campaign. It is a matter of record that Roosevelt and his henchmen on the War Labor Board have always fallen in line.

In the dispute over the demand of the unions for a modification of the Little Steel formula, the agents of Big Business came forward with the demand that the wage freeze be continued until after the defeat of Germany. Roosevelt's first assistant, James Byrnes, went even further by demanding that wage controls be continued "until total victory is achieved over Japan." The labor skates who agreed to wait until "after the election" will now be confronted with the demand to wait "until after the war." By that time the cost-plus patriots will have no need of "wage-control" as there will be available a vast army of unemployed to aid them in driving wages downward.

The cowardly methods of the labor bureaucrats have proven impotent to defend the interests of the workers. It is necessary to employ entirely different methods, the methods of independent class action. These methods require that the unions first regain their independence of action by breaking decisively with the policy of depending on spurious "friends of labor" to defend their standard of living. Demand that the labor representatives resign from the employer-dominated War Labor Board! Rescind the no-strike pledge! Build labor's own political party—the Independent Labor Party!

'Freedom Of The Air'

American imperialist aims of world domination, and the role of the Washington government as the instrument and executor of those aims, are being revealed once more in the International Civil Aviation Conference being held in Chicago.

President Roosevelt keyed American policy when, in a message to the opening session on Nov. 1, he urged the fifty participating governments to reach an agreement which would bar "great blocs of closed air" in the post-war world. He warned that if the conference were to adopt any system of closed air blocs it would be "tracing in the sky the conditions of possible future wars."

Washington's demand for "freedom of the air," being pressed by the American delegation at Chicago, parallels its doctrine of "freedom of the seas." Both express the imperialist ambitions and designs of American capitalism which, with its unrivalled economic power, demands unrestricted right of way so that it may establish its sway over all the world.

Fearing the competition of American civil aviation on the world's airways, the British delegation, backed by Canada and the rest of the British dominions, has advanced a counter-plan to Roosevelt's. It calls for the creation of an international air authority which would establish and control routes, allocate quotas, fix frequencies and rates. The British imperialists are utterly opposed to the American stand for free competitive enterprise in what the N. Y. Times calls the "immediate post-war air race."

They are opposed to it for the same reason that caused them to stand out against the American demand for a return to the gold standard made at the recent Bretton Woods conference; for the same reason that they oppose the American "free trade" policy. They know that in a world of unrestrained competition, they will inevitably lose out to their far more powerful Yankee rivals.

When Roosevelt declares that the seeds of war will be sown if closed air blocs are established, he is trying to pose as a lover of peace and to saddle on the British imperialists, in advance, the responsibility for a third world war. His words are also intended as a warning to the British bandits that any obstacles they may erect in the path of Wall Street's march to world domination will be ruthlessly swept aside.

The germs of war are ever present in the world of capitalist-imperialism. The antagonisms between the competitive capitalist states cannot be eliminated by conferences, because they arise out of operations of the capitalist system. Peace can be had only by demolishing the "free enterprise" system of capitalism and erecting in its stead a world socialist society based on true international co-operation.

WORKERS' FORUM

The columns are open to the opinions of the readers of The Militant. Letters are welcome on any subject of interest to the workers, but keep them short and include your name and address. Indicate if you do not want your name printed. — Editor

Hiring Hall in Danger

The Seafarers' International Union (AFI) received a letter from Admiral Land, War Shipping Administrator, calling a conference in Washington, D. C. for next Friday (November 10) to decide the question of allocation of personnel in the Maritime Industry. A similar letter was received by all other unions in the Industry.

Although the letter was vague as to exactly what Land and other government representatives will propose at this conference, it seems to be in response to the recent demand by Joseph Curran and Frederick N. Myers, NMU officials, that a conference be called for the express purpose of establishing a government-controlled shipping pool.

According to the heads of the SUP-SIU here, Weisberger and Hawk, Land is attempting to bring seamen under control of the War Shipping Administration's Recruitment and Manning Office by getting all-around agreement among the several unions here — NMU, MFWO, and SUP-SIU — to permit RMO allocation of men whenever there is a shortage of seamen in one area and possibly an over-supply somewhere else.

Such a situation is in the offing in the near future with possible cessation of large-scale military operations in Europe and continuation of the war in the Pacific. This affords the RMO an opportunity to move in on the west coast hiring halls by shipping men overland and demanding that they be placed aboard ships in jobs that the unions cannot find replacements for in their own halls.

If this is the plan Land has in

mind, he will find stiff opposition from the representatives of all the west coast unions at his conference on Friday. Whatever faults those unions may have — such as their discriminatory practices against Negro seamen — they have fought throughout the course of the war to retain control of hiring and have never given up their rotary system of shipping for the wartime rules which the RMO has tried to substitute.

SUP MEMBER, New York.

Socialist Unity

I wish to express my appreciation for your splendid paper. Even though few of us agree in total, we ought to get together for combined strength to defeat the enemy—the plutocrat. I regret more than I can express in words, the fact of innumerable groups all desiring the overthrow of capitalism, but unable to reconcile their differences enough to consolidate.

Why not preach and preach the unity of all socialistic forces? Yes, and all groups who no longer believe in a money-dominated world? — But I must say, that your paper is one of the best in my opinion.

Mrs. M. A. B., Omaha, Neb.

EDITOR'S NOTE: There is no more progressive sentiment than the desire of the workers for unity against the exploiters. But the long experience of the world labor movement in the struggle against capitalism has taught the lesson that a simple desire for unity, however sincerely felt, is not sufficient to weld the class-conscious workers together into an unconquerable force for the achievement of socialism. An army that is unitedly

marching in the wrong direction can never win a battle. Nor can the working class, basing itself upon a wrong program aimed at false objectives, hope to win its emancipation.

It is true that there are various parties outside the Trotskyist movement calling themselves "socialist" or "communist." But if we examine their programs, policies and history we find that they have led the workers only to defeats and into blind alleys. The only party which proved capable of leading the workers and oppressed to victory over the plutocrats was the Bolshevik Party of Lenin and Trotsky. This party did unite the Russian masses, but only upon a correct program, which it defended against all the other so-called "Socialist" and "revolutionary" parties.

We Trotskyists adhere to the program of Lenin and Trotsky. We believe in sound Marxist principles, firmly maintained. That is why we are convinced we shall really unite the American workers victoriously under our leadership.

We do not reject the idea of organizational unity on correct programmatic foundations. The American Trotskyists worked for and effected a fusion with both the American Workers Party in 1934, and the left wing of the Socialist Party in 1937, when we perceived these groups moving in a revolutionary direction.

At all times we stand for united front actions of workers' organizations and parties, despite differences in general programs, against the attacks of capitalist reaction. We recommend that Mrs. M.A.B. and other friends interested in these important questions read James P. Cannon's "The History of American Trotskyism."

INTERNATIONAL NOTES

Soviet Union

A chapel of the Russian Orthodox Church in the former Soviet Embassy and consulate-general buildings in Istanbul, Turkey, closed since the Bolshevik Revolution of 1917, has been reopened by order of the Moscow government, according to the N. Y. Times. The Soviet Embassy is now located in Ankara, the new Turkish capital, but the buildings in Istanbul have been serving as a "summer residence" for Stalin's diplomats in Turkey.

By ordering the reopening of the chapel, Stalin indicates how far his reactionary regime has traveled in cancelling out the revolutionary advances made by the Bolsheviks. One of the first acts of the Bolshevik government of Lenin and Trotsky was the issuance of a decree separating church and state, thereby depriving the Orthodox Church of state aid and support in its work of drugging the minds of the people with the opiate of religious superstition.

The Russian Orthodox Church was one of the most powerful props of Czarism. The Stalin regime, divorced from and hated by the Soviet masses, is now seeking to revive the Church and make of it a prop of Stalinism.

Belgium

The workers and peasants of Belgium, like their brothers in France, Italy and Greece, are beginning to discover the realities of Allied "liberation." The bread, peace and freedom they were led to expect after the expulsion of the Nazis have not materialized. Large numbers of the population are armed and are not prepared to go back to the old way of life. The Belgian capitalists are worried. So are the Allied "liberators."

Writing from Brussels on Oct. 31, Anne O'Hare McCormick of the N. Y. Times declares that neither the exiled government (which returned with the Allied armies) nor the Allies can "fulfill the hopes of the populace for bread and work." The country's economy is ruined and the Allies are interested, as in Italy, in repairing only those plants and utilities that serve their military purposes. They have brought in very little food. There is a "disastrous scarcity of essential goods" and prices remain sky-high.

Fearing a revolutionary up-

heaval, Britain is planning to ship more food into the country to avert overthrow of the government. Says the correspondent: "The army chiefs are anxious to support the present government because they want no upset during the most critical winter of the war. The experience of occupation is teaching the military command that diversion of supplies is sometimes a necessary alternative to diversion of armed forces to police starving populations behind the lines."

Greece

Despite the presence of British troops, who are its main support, the reactionary Greek government of Papandreu seems to be on the edge of a revolutionary precipice over which it may be plunged any day by the actions of the rebellious masses who, arms in hand, are showing the greatest determination to fight their way forward to a new revolutionary future.

An AP dispatch from Athens states that "hunger is lending a new edge to the political strife." There was rioting in the capital and, in addition to urgent demands for jobs and food, the Greek workers are demanding the establishment of people's courts to exact "immediate revenge" against collaborators.

The AP correspondent expressed the belief that there would be, inevitably, "more disorders" unless the government re-established and stabilized the drachma and effected a speedy distribution of relief supplies to the hungry, ragged masses. The terrible plight of the masses is sufficient to illustrate by the fact that the Greek drachma now has an exchange "value" of 22 trillion to the British pound. In other words, the currency is all but worthless. And it is with just this currency that the people must try to buy the needs of life.

Spain

The revolutionary movement against the brutal Franco regime is spreading, according to statements by the Spanish Republican radio in Toulouse, France, and Associated Press dispatches received in London. Insurgent Spanish Maquis who recently crossed into Spain from southern France have been joined in action against the Franco government by guerrillas inside Spain.

According to the Toulouse radio, "Catalonia and other parts

of Spain are already in open revolt" under the direction of the underground Supreme Junta of the Spanish National Union in Madrid. In the mining area of the Asturias, where the mine-workers were bloodily repressed in the uprising of 1934, the banner of revolt has been unfurled, while guerrillas have occupied several small towns in the Aran Valley of the central Pyrenees.

The Toulouse radio declared on Oct. 24 that Spanish Maquis who had crossed from France into Spain and been defeated in clashes with Franco's troops, were disarmed by American soldiers when they recrossed the frontier into France. De Gaulle troops disarmed others.

The De Gaulle government, which is now seeking to disarm the French resistance movement, is particularly apprehensive over the developing civil war in the French-Spanish frontier region and has ordered closure of the frontier. Together with the Allied imperialists, De Gaulle is conspiring to strangle both the French and Spanish revolutions.

Philippines

American imperialist "liberation" of the Philippines is revealing the same essential pattern as in Europe and North Africa. The Philippine government-in-exile, headed by President Sergio Osmeña, landed on Leyte with MacArthur's troops and has not taken very long to expose itself as a puppet of the Wall Street pirates.

Carlos P. Romulo, of the government's Department of Information and Public Relations, stated last week that "Japanese language instruction has been abolished and American patterns of education, used prior to the war, will be re-established." And in Washington it has been hinted that American military occupation of the islands, when the Japanese have been driven out, may last "indefinitely."

The promise of "complete independence" is thus thrown overboard before the islands have been reconquered. And the new Philippine "government" reveals itself as the national screen behind which American imperialist policy goes forward. The Filipinos will learn that their freedom and independence can be won only in struggle against the imperialists of every brand, never as a gift of those who profit from the subjection of colonial peoples.

How Allies Have Treated Some Fascist Big-Shots

We have heard much official propaganda about the "pattern of liberation" in Italy. From the Congressional Record of September 19, we can get a revealing glimpse of that "pattern." Congressman Marcan-tonio, describing the activities of the Allied Military Commission and Allied Military Government, recited some "highlight" facts concerning the treatment of former fascist and pro-Nazi big-shots.

"First. One Borriello, a Fascist owner of a cotton trust in Southern Italy, was requested by Italian officials to be jailed. This request was refused by AMG officials on the ground that he was a 'confidential assistant' to several Allied generals. . . Borriello had been described as a Fascist, a pro-German who had been decorated by the Nazis, who together with his wife had spread Nazi propaganda in Naples until the very entrance of the Allied armies. Borriello is not only free in Naples but he is operating a shipping agency for the Allies.

"Second. The Lainati case has aroused the indignation of all pro-Democratic Italians. Lainati was a Nazi labor agent and a representative of a Fascist syndicate. . . He was placed in charge of the port of Naples. Anyone employed there had to be approved by him.

"Third. The LaLoggia case is equally revolting. LaLoggia was the head of the Fascist syndicate and a major in the Fascist anti-area militia. AMG used him as regional director of labor in Sicily. He had the temerity to propose a plan which would have destroyed labor unions, a plan which was accepted by the Allied Control Commission and submitted by it to the Italian Government."

And this is the testimony of a Stalinist flunkey whose chief function is to deceive American workers into believing that American imperialism is waging an anti-fascist war.

A Glimpse Into Future Under Capitalist Rule

The capitalist ruling class is lurching in promises of a "post-war" world of security and plenty for the people but it is making practical preparations in anticipation of an opposite state of affairs.

An alert Indiana reader of The Militant sent us an editorial from the Terre Haute Tribune and Sunday Star, Oct. 29 titled "A Glimpse of the Future."

The editorial states that "peace directors incline to the idea that the after-the-war period will be taken advantage of by irresponsibles who will need custodial (police) influences," and cites the statement of Elmer J. Hoffman, secretary of the Illinois Sheriffs' Association, that "we may reasonably expect to face the most dangerous and destructive crime wave of all time."

The editorial then notes approvingly that in preparation for this "crime wave," Hoffman announced a program of courses sponsored by state police agencies "in cooperation with the U. S. Army" intended to instruct police "to meet all sorts of emergencies, including racial outbreaks, social unrest, mob violence and a general crime wave."

It is clear that the expected "crime wave" will be largely social and political upheaval and the "criminal activities" for which the police are being specially trained will be strikes, demonstrations and other forms of mass struggle against intolerable conditions.

Thus American capitalism is preparing its armed minions to coerce the workers into acceptance of its program for monopoly curtailment of production, high prices, mass unemployment and wage cutting.

Nazis Leave GM Plants 'Ready For Business'

Under four years of the Nazi occupation the French masses suffered hunger, forced labor, imprisonment, torture, death. But there was a bright side to the picture—for the capitalists, including some of America's biggest corporations with extensive "holdings" in France.

We learn from the Paris correspondent of the Detroit Free Press, Oct. 25, that the "properties of General Motors in France are practically intact and business awaits only the word 'go.'" While most of the big French-owned factories were the targets of Allied bombings, "General Motors' three big Paris industries have escaped bombings" and also the "destruction which the Germans attempted on their way out." So considerate of both sides!

GM continued with its efforts at "business as usual" on the other side of the battle-lines, and didn't fare so badly. For instance, "although every industry in France was German supervised, Frigidaire wasn't bothered much. The task here was to keep the organization together, give service to its customers even under the hard conditions of war and keep the dealers going." Yes sir, "war to the death against Fascism"—and keep the rich customers and the dealers going! GM officials in France boast about the "passive resistance" they put up after the Germans took over the big auto assembly plant. "It is estimated that overhauling an engine normally takes 38 hours. During the time the plant was supervised by the Germans it took—normally—170 hours. The German managers fumed and stormed but were never able to speed things up." Of course, the GM officials don't mention what part the workers played in maintaining this "passive resistance" whether GM liked it or not.

Not everything is rosy, to be sure, now that the Allied armies have moved in. "Business is having trouble getting started again," one of the main reasons being that "labor is demanding a share in profits, a voice in management, a raise in wages." In the meantime, "GM's three plants are in good condition, the market is waiting . . . everything is coiled like a spring ready to be released."

There's another spring coiled and ready for release. That's the revolutionary workers of France who have been occupying factories, setting up factory committees and moving to a settlement of accounts with the capitalist collaborators of the Nazis, including the American Big Businessmen