

Allies Prepare Slaughter In Java And Indo-China

By Joseph Hansen

The drive of Allied imperialism to crush the rising colonial movement for independence in the Far East continued this week on the two fronts of Indo-China and Java.

In Java, the British made four landings at Batavia. Some 1,700 liberated Dutch prisoners of war have been armed. Another 10,000 Dutch troops are now en route from "Europe and America," according to a Netherland diplomatic spokesman in Australia.

The SWP's Stand On Benjamin Davis

The New York Local of the Socialist Workers Party, which is running Louise Simpson, young Negro trade unionist as the Trotskyist candidate for City Council in the New York elections, is calling upon the voters of Manhattan to designate Benjamin J. Davis, candidate of the Communist Party, as their second choice.

part of the discrimination imposed upon the Negro people has been its disfranchisement and deprivation of political rights. "We fight for the democratic right of representation for the Negro people in all spheres of public life.

S.W.P. Issues Call To Block Fascists

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 8.—The Socialist Workers Party today called on organized labor here to "set up machinery" to meet Fascist G. L. K. Smith's threat to again invade this area, and urged immediate preparations "to mobilize all labor and minority forces for mass picketing of any meeting" Smith "dares to hold in Los Angeles."

Buffalo CIO Votes Action Against Smith

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT BUFFALO, N. Y.—Amid considerable applause, a motion calling for united action of the CIO and AFL against the fascist Gerald L. K. Smith was passed unanimously at the Buffalo CIO Council meeting Tuesday, September 18.

Labor Strike Upsurge Reaches New Heights

"Let's Negotiate, Gentlemen"



WORKERS FACE GOVERNMENT STRIKEBREAKING

Last week saw American labor's militant coast-to-coast strike upsurge sweep to new heights as well over half a million workers in virtually every industry battled for their rights on the picket lines.

BITTER STRUGGLES These strikes are not episodic affairs. Many are nationwide in scope, engulfing whole industries. They are spreading rapidly into every center, large and small, of production and commerce.

Whether the union officials sanction these walkouts or not the workers are taking strike action on their own initiative, trusting in their own method of winning their just demands except their own militant mass action.

WHY THE STRIKES The workers know that the corporations looted the country (Continued on Page 8)

NEW YORK LONGSHOREMEN FIGHT FOR SAFE LOADS

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT

By F. J. Lang

NEW YORK, Oct. 6.—The world's largest port has been paralyzed for the past six days by the first work stoppage of longshoremen here since 1919.

All work, except for the provisioning of troop transports, was brought to a standstill on October 1 by a lockout initiated in the midst of negotiations for a new long-shore contract.

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GERST'S STATEMENT Jack Gerst, Secretary of Local 791, today told this reporter in an exclusive interview that "the

IN THE NEWS

Relief For The Greedy

A recent issue of "NAM News," organ of the National Association of Manufacturers, revealed: "The Administration and Congress appear in close harmony on the tax problem... Outright repeal of the excess profits tax is generally predicted... a reduction in the corporate rate likewise is expected."

Agreed At Last

"LONDON, Oct. 3.—The first peace conference of World War II failed last evening and after twenty-two days of almost continual meetings the Foreign Ministers of the five greatest Allied powers could agree only to terminate their present session." (N. Y. TIMES, Oct. 3.)

Poor Parasites

On their recent arrival aboard the Argentina at Le Havre, France, the Duke and Duchess of Windsor gave a press interview. Said the Duchess: "I'm dying to see the French fashions, but I will not be able to buy anything—it is much too expensive."

Sacrifice Profits, Too?

Billionaire John D. Rockefeller, Jr., told a business men's luncheon at the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria in New York, Oct. 1, "Unless we want peace as we wanted victory, more than anything else in life, enough to make any sacrifice for it, we may just as well begin now to prepare for the next war."

Needs Bigger Drawers

"The President is approaching the time when it no longer will be possible to file his troubles in the bottom drawer of the Presidential desk and expect them to solve themselves as time passes. The present White House troubles are tending to grow with time, not to diminish." (United States News, Oct. 5.)

War For "Democracy"

Scripps-Howard international political commentator Wm. Philip Simms on September 27 summed up the first five-power "peace" conference: "For sordidness this first peace parley made the 1919 Paris peace conference look like a thing of sweetness and light."

Detroit Police Attack Anti-Fascists



CIO auto union flying squadron members and other unionists resisting police attempts to break their picket line of over 1,000 workers protesting a meeting of America's No. 1 Fascist, G. L. K. Smith, in a Detroit high school on September 27.

Stalinists Whitewash Detroit Police Terror

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT

DETROIT, Oct. 1.—A resolution denouncing the Detroit Police Department for its brutal assault on unarmed unionists peacefully picketing a meeting here of Fascist Gerald L. K. Smith, was presented Friday night by Ernest Mazy, UAW Briggs Local 212 executive board member, to the Region 1 conference of CIO auto union locals, but was tabled through a maneuver by leading Stalinists. The

Stalinists sought to whitewash the police and denounced instead the Trotskyists as "super-militants" responsible for the mass picket line against the fascists.

EXPOSE THEMSELVES Immediately after Williams made his vicious attack on the leaders of the mass anti-fascist picket line, his supporters offered a motion to table the entire resolution in order to prevent Mazy and other auto militants who played a prominent part in the picketing from taking the floor and exposing the treacherous role of the Stalinists.

gave their own orders." He complained in a rage that Arthur Burch, Socialist Workers Party organizer, played a leading part in the anti-fascist demonstration.

These Stalinist remarks were made in the discussion of their amendment to Mazy's resolution—an amendment against the "super-militant Trotskyites for their provoking the police by provocative slogans, etc."

60,000 AFL Lumber Men Out On Strike

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 4.—More than 60,000 AFL Sawmill and Lumber Workers Union members in the Northwest's major industry are going into the third week of their strike with unabated militancy.

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GET WILD SUPPORT

The strike is receiving the full support of the Pacific Coast Metal Trades Council, the Sailors Union of the Pacific, the Washington State Building Trades Council, and the Brotherhood of Carpenters.

Especially helpful has been the action of the Sailors Union, (Continued on Page 2)

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Detroit SWP Opens Campaign For Frankenstein

Special To THE MILITANT
By John Saunders and Art Preis

DETROIT, Oct. 3.—The Detroit local of the Socialist Workers Party this week opened an all-out campaign in support of Detroit's labor candidates, Richard T. Frankenstein for mayor, and Tracy M. Doll, George Edwards and Rev. Charles A. Hill for Common Council.

Thousands of printed cards are being distributed inviting the workers to hear Arthur Burch, Detroit SWP organizer, give a series of three radio addresses on "Why Trotskyists Support Detroit's Labor Candidates." He will speak over station WXYZ on Saturdays, 11:45 a.m., October 20 and 27, and November 3.

The forthcoming municipal elections are expected to be the most important political event in the history of Detroit labor and will have significant national repercussions. Labor in this city, center of the mighty CIO auto workers, may well set in motion a nation-wide movement towards the formation of a labor party.

LABOR SUPPORT

Understanding the real implications of this election, the SWP is throwing its full weight behind the labor candidates. Its support for Frankenstein, it has made clear, is based not on his personal policies or record, but on the fact that he is a genuine union representative in a non-partisan race and is backed officially by the CIO and auto locals.

When Frankenstein announced his candidacy, the Detroit workers, anxious to use any appropriate opportunity to express their desires for independent labor political action, began to rally around him as their own candidate. A spontaneous labor political upsurge was precipitated and his campaign was speedily converted into a labor campaign with the endorsement of numerous leading CIO locals and the CIO-PAC.

BRITISH LABOR VICTORY

Confounding all the capitalist "inside dope" boys who predicted a scanty vote because "labor is apathetic," Frankenstein won the majority nomination in the August 7 primaries, getting 14,000 more votes than his nearest opponent, Republican Mayor Jeffries, whose police recently clubbed unionists picketing Fascist G. L. K. Smith's meeting.

WEAK CANDIDATE

Frankenstein himself has proved a weak candidate, taken strictly on his personal merits. He readily succumbed to the clamor of the big business interests who are yelling that the CIO plans to "take over" the city. Frankenstein has gone around declaring he is "not a labor candidate" but a candidate of "all the people." This does not help his chances with the overwhelming majority of the Detroit populace. The union members and their families will support Frankenstein precisely because he is a union man and a genuine labor candidate and because they want a class political party and program.

Further, Frankenstein has little personal popularity among the auto workers, because of his rotten role as a UAW vice-president. He has repeatedly intervened against striking workers and consistently opposed militant policies against the profiteering, union-busting auto corporations. Nevertheless, the bulk of the auto workers, who are advanced in their political thinking, are backing him primarily to express their desires for independent labor political action.

significance of Frankenstein's campaign and the labor response to it, when it reported: "Monday's Labor Day celebration will provide the kickoff in the final lap of the contest for Mayor of Detroit. CIO unions are stressing the political campaign in their floats and signs to be carried in the parade."

CAPITALIST PRESS

The capitalist press, well understanding that Frankenstein's strength lies precisely in the fact that he is a labor candidate, has been deliberately baiting him with the charges that he is a "CIO candidate," "Do You Want The CIO To Run City Hall?" and implying he does not represent the interests of the AFL, etc. Frankenstein has snapped at this bait, loudly proclaiming he is "not a labor candidate," thus serving to alienate his strongest support.

PROPAGANDA LIES

In spite of Frankenstein's conduct and lack of a fighting program for labor, the workers are rallying to him in such a degree that the capitalists are desperate. The capitalist line now is to attempt to spread pessimism among the workers by making it seem that he doesn't have a chance. The bosses represent the present strikes and militant actions of the Detroit workers as "hurting" Frankenstein's "chances." But they know full well that the desire for independent labor political action is part and parcel of the present militant spirit of the workers and is Frankenstein's greatest assurance of victory.

Despite all this propaganda, a common sentiment expressed here among the workers is that "any union man in the mayor's office would be better for us than any capitalist politician."

DEMOCRATIC SUPPORT

So great is the boss fear of a labor victory in the elections that the local Wayne County Democratic Party, which is a mere hollow shell today, was compelled to jump belatedly on the Frankenstein bandwagon and endorse him. This is an attempt to blur the fact that a labor candidate can win without and against the capitalist parties. In the event of a Frankenstein victory, the Democrats will claim credit.

Thus, the capitalist press represented this move as "an attempt to bulwark Frankenstein's strength at a time when his majority bid has suffered a severe setback due to uncontrolled strikes." (Detroit Free Press, Sept. 20.)

The most informed and politically conscious union militants know that it is because Frankenstein has a great chance for victory that the Democratic machine is trying to hang on to the workers' coat-tails and to prevent a clean break. This endorsement, however, will not help Frankenstein with the workers, but only compromise him.

TROTSKYIST SUPPORT

An important, if not decisive element in a possible Frankenstein victory, is the support of the Trotskyists. Their opposition to Frankenstein's policies in the union is well known. The fact that the Trotskyists can support him solely on the grounds that he is a labor candidate will undoubtedly reinforce the convictions of the best unionists that they should back Frankenstein despite his bad union record, and thereby advance one important step further—the movement for independent labor political action and the formation of a labor party.

Kelsey-Hayes Strikers Silence Thomas



Over 2,000 Kelsey-Hayes strikers booing and jeering United Automobile Workers President R. J. Thomas at a mass meeting in Detroit. Thomas was silenced by the angry workers when he issued a strikebreaking order for them to go back to work. Here he is shown pleading as the workers storm up to the platform.

Texas CIO Oil Strikers Wage Militant Fight For 30% Raise

Special to THE MILITANT
HOUSTON, Texas, Sept. 29.—Oil worker history is being made in South Texas as militant and progressive District 4 of the CIO Oil Workers International Union continues shutting down plant after plant in the heart of the country's main oil-producing area.

At this writing, OWIU Locals 23 and 254 have nailed the lid on Texaco, Atlantic, Gulf and Neches Butane in the Port Arthur area. Local 449 has sewed up American Liberty, Pan-Am and Republic at Texas City, and Locals 227 and 387 are busy educating the oil barons on the picket lines at Sinclair, Shell and Crown here at Houston.

21,000 ARE OUT

Bulk plants of all these, in addition to those of Pure Oil and Cities Service, are also struck and all pipe lines have ceased flowing. Better than 21,000 enthusiastic strikers are informing the corporations that they mean business when they say "52 For 40 or Fight!"—for the 40-hour week with no reduction in weekly take-home pay.

Morale is high among the strikers. Canteens have been set up before plant gates and are serving coffee, doughnuts, sandwiches and cigarettes to the strikers. Despite company requests, police have so far refrained from interfering with the canteens. It is a wonderful sight in this Southern area to see white and Negro workers in many places picketing side by side in spite of instructions from some backward union officials that the Negro workers are "to stay home and stay off the picket line."

Massed Pickets Halt Huge Standard Plant

Special to THE MILITANT
By John A. McClure

HAMMOND, Ind., Sept. 30.—Striking oil workers closed down the huge refinery of the Standard Oil Company at Whiting yesterday morning, when the day shift of 3,000 workers was prevented from entering the plant by a mass picket line of striking workers from five other refineries in the Calumet area which have been closed for two weeks.

The hundreds of pickets massed almost two thousand cars bumper to bumper around the Standard Oil plant starting at 3:30 a.m., Saturday. The strikers then formed a solid line two and three deep behind the cars. A number of night shift workers in the Standard plant who belong to the CIO joined the picket lines.

An independent union holds the bargaining rights in the Standard plant. It has made the same wage demands as the CIO, for a thirty per cent wage increase. But it merely referred the demand to a conciliator of the U. S. Department of Labor, and under the existing contract his decision is binding on both parties.

A Correction

It has been called to our attention that in the October 6 issue of The Militant, our article on the Zionist protest rally used the chauvinistic expression "white hope." We regret our oversight in using this phrase.

Strikers Resist Union-Busting Of SKF Trust

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SKF's three plants. Outside of the office staff and foremen, only 12 misguided workers managed to sneak by the pickets. The main fight is being carried on at the No. 1 plant, Erie and Front Sts. Carrying banners announcing their grievances and condemning the company's anti-union policies, the pickets effectively closed the two main entrances to the plant.

The banners boldly proclaimed the workers' feelings against the blood-soaked international trust, which has sucked profits out of workers on both sides of the war: "Denazify SKF!" "This is not Sweden, SKF, This is America!" "World War No. 3—Labor vs. Concentration Camp Management!" "Industrial Dictatorship vs. The People vs. Post-War Profiteers," were some of the banners carried by the workers.

COMPANY PROPAGANDA

The company, faced with the complete shut-down of its plants and the solidarity of its 3,500 men and women employees, resorted to the old gag of a statement in the local press announcing the closing of its plants until, as the hypocritical language of the statement declares, "a complete change in the attitude of union representatives . . . makes it possible for the company to reopen its plants."

The union replied with a statement headed: "A Rebuttal to Vicious Lies and Unfair Labor Propaganda Spread by SKF." The union charged that the company has been carrying on an incessant drive since 1934, to reconstitute its company union in its plants. It is this union-busting campaign which brought about the present strike and not any unreasonable demands on the part of the union.

The union, in its statement, clearly puts forward the issues of the strike in a question directed to William A. Batt, president of SKF and a high official in the administration of President Truman: "Why does Mr. Batt tolerate such anti-union activity by the executives of the company?"

LESSON NUMBER ONE

The statement concludes with three main demands: 1. That the non-union employes appointed to the position of set-up man in violation of the contract shall be removed. 2. That the dismissed steward be reinstated. 3. Immediate contractual disposal of grievances and arbitration awards.

The local union leadership, under its earnest, hard-working president, Steve Root, has shown

Detroit Readers!

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good understanding of the issues involved in the fight against the roller-bearing trust. It is to be hoped that they show an equal understanding in dealing with the representative of the Bureau of Conciliation, which is attempting to mediate the strike.

Lesson number one, for all unions, is that strikes are won on the picket line. With the continued solidarity and determination so far shown by the SKF workers, there can be but one conclusion to this basic fight—complete union victory.

Buffalo CIO Votes Action Against Smith

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ers and not by relying upon capitalist politicians and "friends," as the Stalinists preach. Smith is moving cautiously after the setback he received from the Los Angeles workers. The way he sneaked into Buffalo is evidence of this. But since he got away with two meetings here, it is expected that he surely will return to continue his capitalist-financed fascist activities. His avowed aim is to smash the unions and persecute minority groups.

Buffalo labor must prepare for his return. Militant unionists here realize that a real united front of all labor organizations and groups opposed to fascism is needed. Militant labor action against Smith and all others of his kind provides the real answer to the growing threat of fascism.

TRADE UNION NOTES

By Joseph Keller

The "Red" Scare Begins

"Trotskyism" is becoming the big "red"-scare bugaboo used by labor's enemies in their intensified campaign to smear and disrupt the present strike struggles of the American workers.

Last week we commented on the attempt of "pro-labor" Victor Riesel, N. Y. Post columnist, to represent the current Detroit auto strikes as nothing more than the doings of a "handful of Trotskyites" who want "immediate revolution."

The notorious George E. Sokolsky, rabidly anti-labor columnist, has also taken up the hue and cry. In his September 28 (N. Y. Sun) column, titled "The Enemy Within," Sokolsky complains: "Strikes are mounting in number and in seriousness. Some are not even authorized by their international unions. Some are definitely political in character as when a Trotskyist union in Detroit strikes against a mixed Social Democratic-Communist union."

Of course, Sokolsky is talking gibberish. And he knows it. He'd have a tough time showing an instance where any Detroit strike is being conducted for any reason other than to win some long-delayed and just demands from the corporations.

Sokolsky's invention is intended merely to smear the current strike struggles with some good old-fashioned red baiting. The Trotskyists, whose record for trade union militancy is well known, make the handiest whipping-boys for the Sokolskys these days.

"Savior" Of Democracy

Michigan's Governor Kelly put on the garb of a savior of democracy when he intervened against the striking Kelsey-Hayes workers in Detroit. He claimed that he had "heard" that "not more than 25 per cent" of the workers favored the strike and he was going to find out "if it really is the will and wish of the majority of the strikers" to continue to "strike against the government."

Kelly didn't have to wait long to find out. Three days later, on September 28, a mass meeting of more than 2,000 Kelsey-Hayes strikers booed R. J. Thomas and other top CIO United Automobile Workers officials off the platform when they tried to order the strikers back to work.

We didn't notice Governor Kelly rushing into print on behalf of the democratic rights of the Kelsey-Hayes workers last week when Thomas and the other UAW leaders bureaucratically ordered the removal from office of 17 elected Kelsey-Hayes unit officers.

Stalinist Strikebreaking

Despite their alleged "left" turn, the Stalinist strikebreakers did their anti-labor chore for Westinghouse Electric Corporation against the militant 20-day strike of the Federation of Westinghouse Independent Salariat Unions which ended on September 30.

60,000 Lumber Strikers Fight For Wage-Increases

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which has tied up lumber ships at Everett, Washington and in the Columbia River basin. In spite of Dave Beck's announcement that the AFL Teamsters will not comply with the SLW's "hot cargo" ruling, rank and file teamsters have refused to cross the lumber workers' picket lines.

TWO RIVAL UNIONS

The strike is unfortunately weakened by the conflict of two rival lumber workers unions. The CIO International Woodworkers of America, with a membership in the Northwest of 40,000, is demanding a 25 cents an hour "across the board" increase and \$1.15 hourly minimum. The IWA membership has voted to go out on strike if necessary to enforce these demands. However, to date the leadership of the IWA has issued no call for a strike.

It is true that the IWA officials have extended their moral support to the AFL strike. But they continually misrepresent the strike as one merely involving industry-wide negotiations, which they claim the IWA already won several years ago, brushing aside the fact that the SLW is battling for wage increases similar to those demanded by the IWA.

Furthermore, the Stalinist-inspired leadership of the IWA in Washington is obliquely attacking the SLW strike, although officially giving it support. They have put forward the fantastic claim that the lumber operators wish at this time to lock out the entire industry in order to break the unions and that a lumber strike now therefore plays into the hands of the lumber bosses.

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N. Y. Trotskyists Back Ben Davis As Second Choice For City Council

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inevitably betray the struggle of the Negro masses for equality.
Benjamin J. Davis appears on the ballot as a candidate of the Communist Party. He was first nominated and then publicly repudiated by the corrupt Tammany machine. He is running as an independent candidate despite his readiness to be the candidate of the Democratic Party of New York City. His willingness to accept the nomination of the Democratic party which includes among its leaders the bitterest enemies of the Ne-

gro people, shows that Davis cannot be relied upon to conduct any militant and uncompromising fight in the interests of the Negro masses.
"His policy of collaborating with the agents of Wall Street is part and parcel of the treacherous policies of the American Communist Party. The Stalinist Party, of which Davis is a national officer, functions as a servile tool of the reactionary foreign policy of the Stalinist bureaucrats in the Soviet Union. During the war the Stalinists urged the Negro people to subordinate and sacrifice their struggle for the sake of supporting Wall Street's war. They echoed the capitalist propaganda that the imperialist war would bring "democracy" and "the four freedoms" to the oppressed peoples of the world, especially the Negroes in the United States.

because he and his party have anything in common with real Communism, but solely because he is a Negro candidate on the ticket of a working class party. The method of proportional representation governing the councilmanic elections permits the voters to indicate their order of preference opposite the names of the various candidates.
"For City Council vote for Louise Simpson Number 1, Benjamin J. Davis, Number 2."

Simpson Scores Anti-Negro Role Of Big Business

NEW YORK. — "The recent outbreak of violence against Negro students and workers stems from the union-busting campaign of Big Business and its stooges in government," declared Louise Simpson, young Negro trade unionist and Trotskyist candidate for New York City council.
"The fountainhead of race hatred," Comrade Simpson added, "is in the very heart of the nation's capital. From the Halls of Congress there has been spewed forth a venomous stream of incitement against minority groups in general and Negro people in particular.

WHAT WAR BROUGHT
"Contrary to those false promises, the war has resulted in the spread of race hatred and the intensification of discrimination and oppression. American imperialism has extended its Jim Crow practices into countries which have been relatively free of such abominations. The Negro people both here and abroad have gained neither democracy nor freedom.
"Despite their lip-service to the struggle against race discrimination, the Stalinist party still pursues the pernicious policy of collaboration with the capitalist class and its political agencies which has already had such disastrous consequences for the Negro people. The so-called Communist Party long ago discarded all the principles and practices of communism. The revolutionary struggle for a socialist society which holds out the only hope of salvation for the Negro people is championed in this election only by the Trotskyist candidates: Farrell Dobbs for Mayor and Louise Simpson for City Council.
"We call upon the workers and all progressive forces in New York to cast their second choice vote for Benjamin J. Davis, not

CIO Red Caps Raise Demands For Higher Pay

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CHICAGO, Oct. 2.—Redcaps, dining-car and Pullman laundry workers today demanded a 50 per cent wage increase to adjust widespread wage inequalities among these low paid workers. The CIO United Transport Workers Employes, to which the workers belong, sent a notice to more than 60 railroad companies asking that they set a date not later than October 30 for initial conferences to open negotiations on the wage demands.

In addition to asking for the adjustment of wage inequalities, the union made a demand for a 15 cents an hour increase above the adjustment rates to offset the rise in the cost of living. By adjusting wage inequalities the union seeks to increase the present hourly wage rates from 57 cents to a minimum of 85 cents. The UTSEA-CIO is also demanding a reduction of hours for dining car workers from 240 hours per month to 160—a 40 hour week—with no reduction in take-home pay.
Willard S. Townsend, president of the UTSEA-CIO, in announcing the new wage demands declared that the "major areas of wage inequalities in the railroad industry exist among the low-paid service employes, which include redcaps, dining car employes and pullman employes. Today there is no real economic justification for this condition.
"The maintenance of static wage rates in the face of the tremendous rise in the cost of living during the war has virtually pauperized large areas of railroad service employment. The present basic minimum wage rate of 57 cents per hour does not half way assure decent living standards. . . the best cure for this condition is a drastic revision of the basic wage structure of the industry."

Capitalist Legislation Fosters Race Ghettos

By Jean Simons
(The Second of Two Articles)
Any history of the drive to force Negroes into hell-holes like those which segregated Jewish people in Europe, gives the lie to what capitalist politicians say about their wars.
Established nationally during the First World War "for democracy" the drive to shove Negroes into ghettos has grown by leaps and bounds during the Second World War "against fascism."

As we pointed out last week, the capitalist politicians got around the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution by legal trickery. Using the old howl about "individual rights" they "illegally" decided that while all individuals are equal under State law, individuals can discriminate against whom they please.
If you can't follow the reasoning, don't worry about it — it's tops in hypocrisy.
By the Second World War, many States had established segregation "laws" that varied only in detail.
STATE LAWS
In Alabama, Colorado, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma and the District of Columbia, it is "legal" to bar Negroes from buying or leasing property in "white" areas. In California, Virginia and Ohio it is "illegal" to bar them from buying property in a restricted area but "legal" to bar them from living on their property once they have bought it.
There is also some variation in the wording of the restrictive clauses. In most states "Negroes" or "persons of African descent" are specifically barred, but in California covenants restrict use of such property to "Caucasians" in order to bar other races as well as Negroes. The first restrictive covenant suit in California (1892) involved a Chinese. In Los Angeles in June 1945, Judge Myron Westover ruled that property restricted to use by Caucasians is barred to American Indians.
A most far-reaching restriction is one in an area near Fresno, California, which bars "any Negro, Chinese, Japanese,

The above is a sample of the propaganda fostered by Jim Crow advocates in their drive to establish walled-off ghettos in America for the colored people. See accompanying story.

Hindu, Armenian, Asiatic, or native of the Turkish Empire, or descendant of above named persons."
All these restrictive clauses add up to one thing: Ghettos.
But the colored people aren't just "taking it."
Centered in Los Angeles where conditions are particularly vicious, the legal fight against race restriction has been conducted with energy and devotion by capable Negro attorneys.
That is important, but it's not enough. Trying to wipe out ghettos by winning a few victories

Midwest Vacation School Inspires Stirring Report

By William F. Warde
Approaching the Midwest School and Camp for the first time, some comrades may have wondered whether it would equal their expectations. The first sight of the camp buildings on the wooded rise overlooking the blue waters of Little Pleasant Lake sixty miles from Detroit was reassuring. Then came the warm greetings, the eager questions from the staff and the previously-arrived guests. And by the time the genial manager, Oscar Coover, with his omnipresent pipe, had checked you in and assigned you a room, you felt at home.
It did not take long to discover how different the atmosphere of this working class camp was from the profit-gouging enterprises and "restricted" resorts catering to the well-to-do. Here were men and women who had sweated the year round in the auto plants, the steel mills, the ships and the shipyards. They had come not only to refresh their bodies with good food, pure country air and healthful recreation but to stimulate their spirits and their minds through the education, congenial companionship, and enthusiasm to be gained from a more conscious participation in the fight for socialism.
BASIC COURSES
The program of activities was designed to satisfy these requirements. The mornings were devoted to courses on the theory and history of the revolutionary movement. Under the trees small groups of workers became better acquainted with the basic ideas of Trotskyism under the direction of an experienced comrade. In a class held on the inside windswept veranda another instructor explained the fundamentals of Marxist economics with the aid of simple diagrams on the blackboard.
The more advanced courses on Marxist philosophy and historical materialism gave workers a clear insight into the scientific foundations of socialist thought. Lectures on the history of the Third and Fourth International critically reviewed the outstanding political events and class battles of the past thirty years. These battles gave birth to the Trotskyist movement, the sole authentic continuation of communism as taught and practised by Marx and Lenin.
NEW IDEAS
In response to the demands of the students discussions were held in the evenings and sometimes on rainy afternoons on the most urgent problems of the labor movement: the building of a Labor Party, the tasks of the militants in the unions, the significance of the recent shift in the Stalinist line, the fight against Jim Crow and the welding of the alliance between the white and colored workers. These problems were considered in close connection with the political work of the Socialist Workers Party in all its phases from recruiting new members to ways and means of getting more subscribers for The Militant. Through the class of ideas, the exchange of experience and the pooling of information, workers with different backgrounds and from various unions and sections of the country felt themselves grow a head taller.
As the days went by, their minds became more and more purged of the false conceptions and prejudices implanted there by capitalist society. They assimilated the new, life-giving ideas of Marxism gratefully as a growing tree absorbs the rain and the sun. They became convinced that communism was the hope of the world and only the revolutionary road charted by the Fourth International could lead the workers to that goal.
These ideas and experiences placed the Trotskyist movement

HOW SUB CAMPAIGNS MIRROR SWP GROWTH

By Larissa Reed
In launching the October 14-Militant subscription campaign it is instructive and stimulating to review some of our past campaigns through which we can observe the steady growth of the Socialist Workers Party.
Eleven years ago when, as the Communist League of America, we first took the road of an independent party, The Militant "cleared the decks" for a sub campaign in January, 1934. A goal of 1,000 new readers was set "for a limited time" on a special offer of 25 cents for six months. Two and a half months later we went "over the top" with 1,014 subs.
These were the days when our comrades were leading the great strike struggles of the Minneapolis truckdrivers, Minneapolis challenged New York and triumphed with 404 subs and New York's 128. It wasn't until ten years later that New York "got even."
MINNEAPOLIS LABOR CASE
In 1941 we launched another big campaign to see how many combination subscriptions to The Militant and the Fourth International we could get in two months' time. Eight issues of The Militant and two of the Fourth International were offered at the special price of 50 cents.
This was the period when the government was preparing for American entry into the Second World War. In the summer of 1941 came the FBI raids upon the Twin Cities headquarters of the Trotskyist and the arrests and convictions of our comrades in the famous Minneapolis Labor Case. This campaign wound up with 798 new combination subscriptions.
Two years later, the Roosevelt administration, in its wartime witch-hunt against revolutionary socialist ideas, cancelled The Militant's second class mailing rights. We found this violation of freedom of the press so vigorously that the Post Office Department was compelled to restore our rights in March, 1944.
THREE-MONTH DRIVE
One week after this victory, we launched a three month subscription campaign offering a special price of 25 cents for 13 issues. The branches entered into spirited competition with each other. N. Y. West Side local made up for New York's earlier defeat by

Trotskyist Runs For Office In British Election

The British Trotskyists are running Herbert Bell for office in the Wallend Ward election at Newcastle, according to the September Socialist Appeal, official organ of the Revolutionary Communist Party, British Section of the Fourth International.
Comrade Bell, declares the Socialist Appeal, "played a primary role in the building of the Labor Party and the Independent Labor Party, in several areas being the founding member. He was one of the first Labor Councilors at Newbiggin. At Scarborough in 1929 he was Labor Party agent and increased the vote from 800 to 7,600.
"Today he is a leading member of the Revolutionary Communist Party in the North East. Having lived and suffered on Tyneside as a worker between the two world wars he is familiar with the problems of the Tyneside workers."
ADVANCE OWN PROGRAM
In their first election leaflet the Newcastle Trotskyists declare that although they took active part in the fight for a Labor Government, they do not "believe that the Labor Party program is, or ever can be adequate to solve the major crises which lie ahead, and while we wholeheartedly support every action against the capitalist system which the Labor Party takes, we will at every stage advance our own independent program."

READ 'THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL'

The past two campaigns, so successful despite wartime repressions, are an indication of what can be expected from our present Militant drive which takes place in a period when workers throughout the country are on the march.

The NEGRO STRUGGLE

by CHARLES JACKSON

"Labor with a white skin cannot emancipate itself where labor with a black skin is branded."
—KARL MARX

As A Man Thinketh . . .

If you think racial prejudice is born in a person and can never be changed, if you are not convinced that it is the rules, the regulations, the customs and the teachings of society which mold a man's way of thinking and his likes and dislikes, you should ponder a moment on the "strange ways of white folks."
Take for example their decidedly different way of thinking as far as the question of race is concerned. Look at how their outlook varies in different parts of this country and how they are misinformed by the sources of public information.
There are, without a doubt, millions of white people throughout the North who do not even know that such a thing as Jim Crow exists. They have read and have been taught that this is a democracy in every sense of the word. They have no idea that a ten per cent segment of our population is mercilessly discriminated against and forcibly segregated into American ghettos. They do not know that if your skin is the "wrong color" you can no more enter a downtown theatre in the nation's capital than a rich man can enter the kingdom of heaven" or to come down to earth, than a poor man can enter the kingdom of economic security.
STRANGE EXPERIENCE
Many Negroes have agreed that this is one of life's strangest experiences. To go through life living in terms of Jim Crow every moment of the day and then come North and meet a liberal small-town white person who states that he cannot conceive of such conditions even existing in this United States of America.
Because, you see, they have been indoctrinated to believe that way, they would swear on a stack of Bibles that this IS in truth and in practice the "land of the free" and that there is "equality and justice for all." They would bet their bottom dollar that you were lying when you say that the 14th and 15th amendments to the Constitution and the sacred Bill of Rights are being openly violated in America each and every day of the year.
On the other hand let us take a look at the millions of white people in the deep South. They belong to the same species and often may belong to the very same family as those whites of whom we just spoke who live in small towns in the North. Those people of the "dear old South" not only know that there is such a thing as Jim Crow but they actively take a part in carrying it out.
"NATURAL THING"
The fact that they know of such a practice in America and that they help carry it out daily

is not nearly so significant as the fact that they consider all this to be the natural thing. To them, Negroes are supposed to catch hell just as sure as the sun is supposed to rise on a cloudless day. To them a "Nigger" is just a dog and that is as it should be. You can give him a pat on the head when he licks your boots and wags his tail but don't forget to dish out to him a kick in the hindquarters every now and then just to remind him that he is still a dog.
If you told them that all scientific investigation has proved that the black man is the equal of the white man in every respect, they would be convinced that you were "teched in the head." In fact, to state that a Negro is not a dog would elicit about the same consternation in the average southerner as would a statement that there is no God in Heaven.
TWO BELIEFS
Thus we see two entirely different beliefs neither of which is based on the truth. In each case the individuals have come to accept as part of their "knowledge" that which they had read and heard. These kinds of beliefs can be changed just as easily as they are established.
In the middle we have the Negro who, even though he may be illiterate and may not have had the advantage of all the stack of scientific evidence to bear him out in his conclusion, will yet instinctively know that he is any man's equal if given the same chance to learn and develop.
He may "Yes Suh!" or "Yes Mam!" all the white folks on the pullman train because at the time that is the job to which he is driven by economic necessity. But you can bet that he knows and will say so to those he trusts, that he never once truthfully thinks that another man for all his fine clothes and his white skin is a better man or has more brain matter than he — given equal opportunity for training.
The only place where he is stymied in finding the correct program and the right people who can help him realize the truth which he holds within his mind. It will be a great day when the Negro masses find the program of the Trotskyists, the program that will liberate them and white workers too with the inevitable Socialist reconstruction of Society.

Socialist Workers Party Branch Activities

- AKRON—Visit The Militant Club, 405-6 Everett Bldg., 38 East Market St., open Tues. and Thurs. 2 to 4 p.m.; Mon., Wed., Fri. 7 to 8 p.m.
- ALBANY—Public discussion meeting on current topics every Thursday, 8 p.m. at Militant Labor Forum, 8 E. corner Front and Hamilton Streets, Altamont.
- BOSTON—Office at 30 Stuart St., open evenings (except Sundays) until 9:30; also Monday and Saturday afternoons. Come in and get acquainted. Complete stock of literature.
- HUFFALO—Open house every Saturday night at the Militant Forum, 629 Main St., 2nd floor.
- CHICAGO—Visit the Chicago SWP headquarters (except Sundays) until 9:30; also Monday and Saturday afternoons. Come in and get acquainted. Complete stock of literature.
- LOS ANGELES—Buy The Militant, 4th International and other Marxist books and pamphlets and get information about the SWP at the following places in the Los Angeles area: LCP ALLEGES, Socialist Workers Party, Rooms 200-205, 232 S. Hill St., WA-7938. SAN PEDRO, Socialist Workers Party, 1909 S. Pacific, Room 314.
- MILWAUKEE—Visit the Milwaukee branch of the SWP at its headquarters, 928 Plankinton Ave., Room 21, any evening between 7 and 9:30 p.m.
- NEWARK—Lectures are held every Friday at the Progressive Workers' School, 429 Springfield Ave., at 8:30 p.m.
- PHILADELPHIA—SWP headquarters, 405 W. Girard Ave., Open forums every Friday 8 p.m. on current topics. Socialist Youth Group meets on alternate Saturdays, 8 p.m. All young people invited.
- PORTLAND, Ore.—Visit SWP headquarters, 220 S. W. Alder St., Room 509, open 1 to 4 p.m., daily except Sunday, and 8 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday and Friday, Sunday, Oct. 21—"Unemployment: How to Fight It." Speaker: C. M. Heenan. Saturday, Oct. 27, 7 p.m. Social All Militant Readers Invited.
- SAN FRANCISCO—Visit the San Francisco School of Social Science 305 Grant Ave., corner of Grant and Sutter, 4th floor; open from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 7 to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- TOLLEDO—Forum held every Sunday evening at 905 Jefferson Ave., Room 306, 8 p.m. Open House every Saturday night; dancing, refreshments.

