Detroit Election Results Analyzed

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Manhattan Trotskyist Indonesian People Fight Heroically Receives 1,324 Votes In Council Elections For Freedom From Allied Despots In Council Elections

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.-Louise Simpson, city council candidate in Manhattan of the Trotskyist Party, ballot designation of the Socialist Workers Party, received 1,324 first choice votes in the municipal elections here Novem-

6. The vote for Louise Simpson, young Negro trade un- Machinists ionist who carried the banner of Trotskyism in the coun-

cilmanic elections, was even 9larger than the 1,043 votes yet available on the number of cast in the borough of Manbetter for Fermal Debte Simpson or the sections which hattan for Farrell Dobbs, Trotskyist candidate for mayor, who polled a total of able that as a result of the in-4,276 votes in all five boroughs. tensive Socialist Workers Party His total represented a 400 per cent increase over the 1941 Trotskyist vote for mayor.

Comrade Simpson's vote was only 345 less than the 1,669 se- ulation, the Negro people. cured by Amicus Most, candidate of the Socialist Party, a minority party which in previous his 1,043 votes in Manhattan years polled thousands of votes for its candidates in municipal Harlem, indicating that oneelections. An estimated 16 per cent of all councilmanic ballots Negro workers. From this it can invalidated. Undoubtedly Comrade Simpson lost many

Complete information is not

Yale And Towne Strikers Resist Open-Shop Drive

Special to THE MILITANT

STAMFORD, Conn., Nov. 14.militant picket lines. They have kept the plant closed tight for the maintenance of membership Jim Crow," by Charles Jackson, contract granted by the War popular Militant columnist. Labor Board during the war.

last week applauded when the cally advanced workers. On the W. Gibson Carey, Jr., company the "Trotskyist Party" candipresident, popularly called "the date. Sewell L. Avery of Stamford." STAMFORD'S "AVERY"

hating National Association of ism. One of the chief planks in forces in the Firestone and (Continued on Page 8)

U. S. Troops Fire

In China Civil War

By Charles Carsten

in the battle for the strategically important city of Shan-

haikwan, American planes hovered over the battle area.

charged the Communist (Stalinist) controlled Kalgan ra-

connection with the movement moving to that area to wrest

dio, "to give cover to the Kuomintang armies."

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forces operating from the

United States - held Ching-

"killed," Navy brass-hats stated

that their objective in China

was " . . . support of the Nation-

of Chinese troops to newly liber-

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TRAINED AND ARMED

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ated areas."

American planes have strafed defenseless Stalinist-

The Shanhaikwan attack was launched by Chiang

gave her the highest proportion of votes. However, it is probcampaign in Harlem, a significant portion of her votes came from the most exploited and oppressed section of the city's pop-

An analysis of the vote cast for Farrell Dobbs shows that 341 of came from assembly districts in third of his votes were cast by also be concluded that a high percentage of Louise Simpson's votes came from this area.

TROTSKYIST CAMPAIGN

cialist Workers Party has carried on an extensive subscrip- tinue to reject out of hand the tion campaign for The Militant unions' demands for a 30 per in the Harlem area. Thousands cent wage increase, holiday pay, of Negro workers have become industrial accident benefits and new readers of the Trotskyist paper. A new Harlem branch gotiations have been virtually of the Socialist Workers Party has been established in recent months and SWP members have widespread public street sales of wage increase and renewal of "A Practical Program to Kill ported to have a million con-

Louise Simpson, like Farrell The whole community, sapped for years by this sweatshop, most class conscious and politistrikers barred from the plant ballot she was clearly labeled as

Louise Simpson and Farrell Dobbs campaigned on a program Former president of the labor- calling for revolutionary social-Manufacturers, Carey heads a their program was for an ununion-smashing coalition of 11 compromising struggle against local concerns refusing to renew every vestige of Jim Crow and fought election victories this (Continued on Page 2)

Bringing "Four Freedoms" To Indonesia San Francisco

Elevesia.

Solid In Strike

Special to THE MILITANT Bu Robert Chester

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 14.

The joint AFL and CIO machinist strike, which has shut tight more than 200 shops and shipyards in the Bay area, is continuing solidly in its third week.

Workers of all affected establishments, in an inspiring demonstration of labor solidarity, have respected the picket lines established by the striking unions, Lodge 68, AFL International Association of Machinists, and CIO Steelworkers East Bay Machinists Local 1304.

The strike has now settled down to a test of strength. The During the past year the So- employers, combined in the Metal Trades Association, conguaranteed weekly income. Nediscontinued.

Every employer attempt thus far to smear the strikers and Supported by all labor in this been conducting vigorous education "public opinion" against area, 3,500 employes of Yale & tional work throughout the area. them has backfired. A "milk Towne Manufacturing Company The Trotskyists have defied po- crisis" scare, base on an alleged today continued solidly their lice intimidation and carried on "shortage" of wax paper milk containers from the closed Amer-Trotskyist literature, including lean Can Co., has been exposed week in a fight for a 30 per cent the warmly - received pamphlet, as a hoax. American Can is re-

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AKRON, O., Nov. 10.-Militant Goodrich locals of the United Rubber Workers, CIO, won hardweek over candidates representing the conservative policy of increase in wages. the International's top machine.

the Akron CIO Council, defeated the incumbent John Saylor for the Goodrich presidency by a close margin. The total vote of 6,273 was the largest ever cast in the local union. Both candiheld villages in Shantung, according to press reports. And dates headed well organized groups which conducted colorful and energetic campaigns. The Goodrich plant was flooded with 200,000 leaflets distributed by

both sides. transported by American the most modern American In a release which was later tionalist troops to North China presidency and treasurer's post. North China is held by Chinese Communist (Stalinist) forces | yet been decided.

alist Government in China in Chiang Kai-shek's troops are FIRESTONE ELECTION

are training Chiang Kai-shek's though its area is only about were thrown into the fight to timization. (Continued on Page 8)

Special to THE MILITANT | mands during the recent weeks DETROIT, Nov. 18.—The mili- of prolonged negotiations, the tant, million-headed ranks of provocative and insulting countant, million-headed ranks of the corporation the CIO United Automobia barons have aroused them to a the greatest and most decisive

Giant Auto Union Faces

strike struggle in their fighting history. A titanic battle against NEGOTIATIONS FUTILE three of the greatest corpora-The delegates will have before tors, Ford and Chrysler, now ap- Thomas, UAW president, that

further negotiations with Gen-Today some 200 delegates of eral Motors will in all likelihood more than 100 General Motors be as futile and useless as all locals are arriving in town for previous attempts to wrest some a crucial conference tomorrow reasonable concessions through and Tuesday, to prepare for the across-the-table methods.

next and possible showdown In a statement made public stage of their conflict with the vesterday in the latest issue of Success At Last power-drunk, war profits-gorged the United Automobile Worker, GM corporation for a 30 per cent official international union orpresent Executive Secretary of mood. The arrogant and con- union and the Big Three in the temptuous rejection of their de-

MINE LOCAL FOILS ATTEMPT

Through a splendid demonstra- longer employed by the com-It was clear from the begin- members of United Mine Workning that it was a struggle be- ers Local 2399, William Pattertween militant unionism and the son, Daisytown coal miner who strike Vesta No. 2 until Patterforces of a combined Interna- recently ended a six-month pris- son was reinstated. A Navy spokesman stated that tional, Stalinist and company- on sentence under the notorious Executive board posts have not Corp., in whose Vesta No. 2 mine seniority. However on learning is "unconstitutional." he has worked for 18 years.

In Firestone Local 7, President sal notice last September while to Patterson's immediate rein-I. H. Watson and other militant he was serving his sentence in statement with full rights. to prevent them from occupy- officers were re-elected. The the Fayette County jail. This The Militant, which from the of Tammany's O'Dwyer as mayor ing the strategic region of Man- Firestone election battle was al- also brought with it the threat first exposed the victimization of New York, Roscoe Drummond so hard fought and a record vote of eviction of his family from of Patterson and gave national writes in the Christian Science The United States military | Economically Manchuria is to of more than 5,000 was cast. De- their company-house. But Local prominence to his case, greets | Monitor, November 5: "Mr. Trucommand in China, acting on instructions from Washington, east is to the United States. Al-

On his release from jail, No-fered unjust imprisonment.

DAISYTOWN, Pa., Nov. 10.— his job and was told he was no Defending Constitution

of the union's strike threat, the Patterson was given a dismis- company official quickly agreed Everybody's Pal

brothers in whose cause he suf- machine in New York as with

Greatest Strike Battle IN THE NEWS

the greatest and most decisive fight it out with no holds barred. Division Of Labor?

fear from the United States ter- nesia, now with machine guns, tions in the world, General Mothem the admission of R. J. ritorially or in a military way, from Britain economically, or Nations Organization is made to dress to a joint session of Congress." (N. Y. Times, Nov. 15.)

Several times as Senator and Vice-President, Truman tried to gan. Thomas indicated the im- get the nephew of the late Kan-These delegates, the local rep- minence of the strike by begin- sas City Boss Pendergast a fedresentatives of 325,000 GM work- ning: "I am writing this column eral job. Truman's personal apdent of Goodrich Local 5 and at ers, are in a grim and bitter as the showdown between your peals for the relative of his old political mentor were turned down. As President, Truman again "requested" the State Department to act. It did. Young Pendergast is now on the federal payroll at \$6,200 per annum as Acting Director of the Office of Inter-American Affairs.

The Ford Motor Company at tion of solidarity by his fellow pany. At the union meeting, Albany, N. Y., on November 13 November 4, it was voted to was fined \$300 for docking three employes for taking time off to vote last November. The company was found guilty of vio-A few days later Patterson lating a state law requiring that the American fleet had trans- backed bloc. The Bass group won Smith-Connally anti-strike law, again conferred with the comported more than 100,000 Na- both the key offices of president has won reinstatement with full pany labor relations man, who with pay on election day. The and secretary, but lost the vice- seniority, vacation pay, etc., this time proposed to reinstate company is appealing the decisfrom Jones & McLaughlin Steel him, but with loss of his 18 years ion on the grounds that the law

President Truman of the election

U. S. Army Weapons Used In Slaughter Of Javanese

By Joseph Hansen

The colonial peoples who have suffered centuries of despotic foreign rule are now making a titanic effort to break the stranglehold of Allied imperialism.

The Republic of Indonesia, which came into being with the downfall of Japan, at present stands

in the forefront of the struggle, battling for in- Jackson to Address dependence against all the odds of the modern Allied military machine.

The hopes and aspirations of hundreds of millions of downtrodden people throughout the orient lie with this young Republic. If Indonesia succeeds in winning freedom, then Malaya, Burma, India, Africa, Korea and the Philippines — all the oppressed colonial lands—will joyfully run aloft the banners of independence.

The brutal, murderous colonial system of the Allied powers is being shaken to the founda-

BUTCHER'S JOB

Great Britain was the first to leap into the breach. When the Dutch imperialists proved powerless to cut down the Indonesians, their British class brothers agreed to carry out the butcher's

With centuries of experience bombs and naval fire, now with n putting down rebellions and soft words and seeming placacolonial uprisings, able to vary bility, again with harsh ultimatand combine tactics with utmost flexibility, the British imperial- British are calling on all their "The world has nothing to ists have moved forward in Indo- experience - probing militarily

Protest Rally On Colonial Slaughter Charles Jackson, author of

the widely read column, "The Negro Struggle," will be one of the speakers at a mass meeting at the Hotel Diplomat in New York, Friday, November 30, 8 p. m.

The rally is sponsored by the Socialist Workers Party to protest the Allied massacre of the colonial peoples. The SWP demands the withdrawal of Allied troops from China, Indonesia and Indo-

Other speakers will be Farrell Dobbs, editor of THE MILITANT and George Novack, National Secretary of the Civil Right Defense Committee.

James P. Cannon, National Secretary of the Socialist Workers Party, will be chair-

ums and ferocious slaughter. The (Continued on Page 7)

Withdraw Troops From The Far East!

By The Editors

Great issues are at stake in the Far East.

The teeming millions of this vast area, embracing the marity of mankind, are struggling for their freedom. In Indonesia the entire populace has arisen in a mighty ef-

ort to strike off the shackles of more than three centuries of frightful oppression under Dutch imperialism. In Indo-China the masses are giving their life-blood to free

the land from brutal French Imperialist domination. In China the populace of one of the world's oldest civilizations,

after battling Japanese imperialism for almost a decade and a half, are girding themselves for a showdown struggle against their native and Allied oppressors represented by the butcher Chiang Kai-shek. All these people seek liberation from foreign despotism. They want freedom to choose their own form of government.

But the capitalist classes of the imperialist nations wish to preserve and extend their oppressive rule over these nations. The

capitalists derive colossal profits through merciless exploitation of the colonial peoples. They ruthlessly drain the rich natural resources. With bayonet and bomb they keep wages at starvation levels. Famine and disease haunt the colonial masses. American capitalists have direct interests in these lands and

ikewise own stock in the British, French and Dutch companies. The profits squeezed out of the colonial people pour into the bank vaults of Wall Street, enormously strengthening Big Business. That is why Wall Street is backing reaction to the hilt in the colonial lands. War materials from America's factories are freely

given Dutch, British and French troops. One of the main sources of strength for the murderous rule of Chiang Kai-shek is his access to American guns and ammunition and free transportation for his mercenary troops. The struggle of the colonial peoples is thus the struggle of

American labor. The American workers have everything to gain from supporting the battle for freedom of the colonial peoples. The overthrow of foreign domination means the weakening of Wall Street and the strengthening of American labor. It is the duty of every worker to do his utmost to help the

colonial peoples. Express your solidarity with the colonial peoples. Demand the withdrawal of all troops from the Far East!

Protest The Massacre Of The Colonial Peoples

MASS MEETING FRIDAY **NOV. 30** 8 P. M.

and 53,000 to Formosa.

control from the Stalinists and

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Demand The Withdrawal Of Allied Troops From China, Indonesia And Indo-China Speakers:

CHARLES JACKSON Writer of 'The Negro Struggle' FARRELL DOBBS Editor of The Militant

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The SKF strikers deserve

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Big Vote For Detroit Labor's Mayoralty Candidate Spurs Movement For An Independent Labor Party NOTES By Bill Morgan

Jeffries on the other hand never repudiated the support of

the fascist Gerald L. K. Smith, although Frankensteen openly

charged Jeffries with welcoming the aid of Smith's followers, who

played a leading role in disseminating anti-labor and anti-Negro

By Arthur Burch

DETROIT-Despite the use of unlimited funds by Big Business in the most vicious anti-labor and anti-Negro campaign in the history of Detroit elections, labor's mayoralty candidate Richard T. Frankensteen, vice-president of the CIO United Automobile Workers, on November 6, received the impressive total of 216,917 votes against 274,455 for Mayor Jeffries. Frankensteen's vote was 41,000 larger than that cast two years ago for Fitzgerald who was endorsed by the CIO, AFL and Negro organizations, and even topped the figure of 207,821 polled then by the victorious

This campaign can best be compared with that of 1937 when labor ran its own slate of candidates. At that time O'Brien, backed by labor, received only 154,048 votes against 261,048 cast for Reading, the candidate of Big Business. Frankensteen's vote, in this election was 62,000 larger than that rolled up by labor eight years ago, whereas Jeffries received only 13,000 more votes than Reading. Despite a population increase of about 25 per cent, the vote for the employers' candidate increased only five per cent, whereas the labor vote rose 40 per cent.

Never was the capitalist technique of "divide and conquer" more clearly illustrated than in this campaign. A veritable lynch spirit was aroused in the white communities against the Negro minority. This drive was spearheaded by a chain of 16 newspapers such as the "Home Gazette," the "North Detroiter" and the "Redford Record." all under the directorship of Floyd Mc-Griff. Containing scare headlines like "White Neighborhoods Again in Peril" these papers were freely distributed throughout all white sections of the city.

"Divide And Rule" Technique

of thousands of leaflets reading: "So Why Should Colored Folks candidate could have brought them to the polls. Vote for Frankensteen? Frankensteen Has Not Proved Himself a True Friend of Negro Race."

In Jewish communities, the North Detroiter, appearing partly in English and partly in Jewish, pictured Frankensteen as anti-Semitic. Throughout other sections of town Jeffries' crowd spread the word that Frankensteen was "Jewish" and urged them against voting for a "Jewish" candidate. In Polish sections, leaflets like the following appeared: "The Truth for Polish-American Patriots. Stalin Reaches Into Detroit. Frankensteen Supports Communist Gang Who Praise the Russian Conquest of Poland."

Jeffries and the kept press screamed that Frankensteen's election meant that the PAC-CIO would take over the city hall. This did not prevent Jeffries' slimy crew from distributing leaflets at plant gates with the query "Is Frankensteen Ashamed to Be a Labor Candidate?"

In addition to race-baiting the candidate of Big Business resorted to its inevitable twin, red-baiting. Both at public meetings and over the radio Jeffries denounced the "Trotskyltes" and "Communists" for their support of Frankensteen. The McGriff newspapers blazoned the headline: "New Violent Group in Frankensteen's Camp. Trotskyites Already on Rampage Here, Want Power." The ferocity of the attack against the Trotskyists can be gleaned from the first sentence of the article: "The Forces of violence and terror threaten the city of Detroit! . . . The Socialist Workers Party known as Trotskyites is openly campaigning for Frankensteen . . .'

Big Business was determined to stop labor's challenge to its political power at all costs and by any means. But how did Frankensteen meet this frenzied onslaught? By retreating. In the last days before the election, for instance, Frankensteen published large advertisements in all the capitalist newspapers reassuring the "respectable" citizens that he was opposed to com-

Comrade John Travis

Boston Local of the Socialist Workers Party, passed away, fol-

lowing an operation for the removal of a diseased lobe of

13 years ago. But through sheer determination and grit he

had conquered it so that his case became less active. He

still suffered from periodic hemorrhages and it was to rid

had but one regret and that was that his health did not

permit him to function as fully as he earnestly desired. He

envied those who could give all and did give all, but had no

use for those in good health who toyed with the movement.

He underwent the operation full of joy because he envisioned

a new political life opening up for himself, one in which

he could play a leading role commensurate with his newly-

optimism to the Boston organizer his determination to re-

constitute the old Lynn branch and build it up to be a tower

of strength in the Trotskyist movement. Happy in the thought

that his wife had just joined the movement, he told of how

he had advised her to make friends and contacts by enter-

taining them at home so that when he came home from the

ferings bred by capitalism with its wars and poverty. The

filthy lying of the capitalist press caused deep revulsion in

him. The thought that with better health he would be

able to struggle actively for Socialism gave him an unquench-

able desire to regain his health. Under the very best medical

attention he underwent his operation successfully, only to

always be an inspiration to all those comrades who had the

pleasure of knowing him. The hope of mankind for salva-

tion from decaying capitalism will be realized through workers

with fighting hearts and loyal qualities with which Comrade

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Comrade Travis' devotion to the socialist movement will

pass away from some undetermined cause shortly after.

Comrade Travis was extremely sensitive to all the suf-

hospital he could "work on them."

Only the day before the operation he confided with great

himself of these that he undertook the operation.

On Friday, November 2, Comrade John Travis of the

Comrade Travis became a victim of tuberculosis over

During his membership in our movement this comrade

methods of Big Business.

literature on behalf of Jeffries.

Fails To Inspire Followers

Frankensteen failed to inspire his followers to get out labor's maximum vote. It was Jeffries who drew the class lines while Frankensteen attempted to blur them over. It was Jeffries who admitted in a warning to Big Business that a victory for labor's candidates in Detroit would stimulate labor throughout the country to run its own candidates. Jeffries accused the national PAC of sending organizers to help Frankensteen and stated frankly that he favored segregation of the Negro people and challenged Frankensteen to make his stand known.

But Frankensteen was tongue-tied. He failed to boldly as sert that he was labor's candidate. He neglected to tie up with labor's fight against Big Business, the struggle for better housing for the Negro people, the fight against segregation and discrimination. He kept silent about National PAC aid and why labor should welcome it to combat the National Association of Manufacturers' support of Jeffries on a national scale. Had Frankensteen rallied the ranks of labor along class lines he would have stood an excellent chance of winning the election.

Through its free use of money and its scurrilous campaign, Big Business was able to get out a maximum vote of all reactionary and anti-labor elements. This vote is fairly constant, as revealed by a comparison of the figures of 1937 and this year. It was by and large the working class which remained at home At the same time Negro communities were flooded with tens and only a more inspiring campaign along class lines by labor's

Frankensteen's policy of class collaboration inside the UAW-CIO returned to plague him on every occasion during the campaign. Big Business, for instance, utilized such renegades as Charles Edgecomb to point out to the voters that it was not Jeffries but Frankensteen who referred to strikes as "Mobocracy." And despite Frankensteen's denunciation of "communism," his alliance with Stalinists within the UAW-CIO against the progressive and militant workers was well known.

Socialist Workers Party Support

The Socialist Workers Party supported Frankensteen for election despite his bad union record and his lack of a sound political program for labor. We gave him critical support because he was a labor candidate and it was necessary for all labor to unite against the candidate of Big Business and thereby to further the independent political action of the working class. Through the radio, the press, in meetings and leaflets we did everything possible to show Frankensteen the correct method of carrying on a genuine labor campaign against the forces of Big Business. But Frankensteen was more interested in such political hacks without following as Friel, who was defeated in the primaries, Fitzgerald who was defeated by Jeffries last year, and other stalwarts of the Democratic machine. To gain their "support" Frankensteen sacrificed a fighting program against Big Business.

The most significant lesson which labor has learned from this election is that it is necessary to build its own labor party if it hopes to wage a successful political fight against Big Business. The absence of such a party in Detroit hampered labor at every turn. The AFL, MESA and other unions would be drawn into such a party, as well as the CIO, and no labor bureaucrat could then so easily throw the support of labor organizations behind the candidate of Big Business, as happened in this campaign. People of the lower middle class could also become an integral part of an independent labor party. This election has convinced labor that it no longer has to rely on the capitalist political "friends of labor." There is greater determination than ever among the ranks here to wage an all-out campaign in the unions, especially the powerful UAW-CIO, to launch a labor party in the next immediate period.

Simpson Gets 1,324 Votes In Manhattan For Council

ity for the Negro people.

The results of the councilmanwant genuine independent labor political action and are anxious to back candidates representing an independent working - class party. This was evidenced, in part, by the successes of the Communist Party in the council-

manic elections. WORKING CLASS VOTE

on the Communist (Stalinist) two Stalinist candidates was far blocks, in advance of the combined vote of 112,624 of their closest competitors running on the Democratic Party ticket. In the Bronx. Stalinist Michael J. Quill. head of the CIO Transport Workers Union, came in first, running as an American Labor Party candi-

candidates jointly of the Democratic and American Labor Party ran, did they receive anywhere near the votes given for those winning candidates running on a strictly independent working ing and decorating. The first class party ticket.

The Communist Party poll for city council in Manhattan and night, December 2. There will Brooklyn was the highest in its be a gala housewarming Decemhistory, and represents about a ber 15, but all Militant readers 40 per cent increase over its vote are invited to visit the new in 1943. Its votes far surpassed the votes cast for candidates of the Democratic Party who were endorsed by the ALP, which the Stalinists control.

Davis, on the basis of his being a Negro candidate running on an independent working class party ticket, was the second

for full and unconditional equal- During the campaign the Stalin- unions. Throughout the giant ists claimed that the vote for GM empire the workers have Louise Simpson would "split" the been alerted for strike action by ic elections in New York fully vote for Davis. On the contrary, confirm the contention of the swelling the final total of the SWP during the campaign that votes cast for Davis was a large the workers of New York City proportion of second choice votes cast by Trotskyist voters whose first choice was Louise Simpson.

Detroit SWP Opens New Hall

DETROIT.—On December 1 Benjamin J. Davis, Negro can- the Detroit Branch of the So-

its increased activities. Occu- lines. pying the entire second floor of the building, it includes a meet-However, in no instances where than 200 persons; two offices;

> December 1 and 2 have been set aside for the task of movregular forum in the new headquarters will be held Sunday headquarters any time after De-

Ask Your Shopmate To Subscribe to The Militant

Striking West Coast Machinists



Striking members of East Bay Machinists Local 1304, CIO United Steelworkers, picketing an Oakland, California, plant, one of more than 200 San Francisco Bay area shops and shipyards shut tight by a united strike of AFL and CIO machinists

Giant CIO Auto Union Faces Biggest Battle

automobile industry moves to a the key issue. "We do not be-

tiations, but added that "there and biggest money-making enutterly to grant any increase in losses in take-home pay as somenegotiate."

RANKS PREPARING

The "tough" attitude of the

That the auto union ranks have long since come to the conclusion that the only way they can negotiate with the auto corporations is on the picket lines is shown by the extensive strike preparations under way for the choice vote of the Trotskyists. past weeks in almost all the local

Largely on their own initiave, that the auto workers are spearlocal union leaders, backed by their memberships, have been taking the practical measures required to conduct a prolonged, waiting for a signal to action, bitter strike action. Most GM are the steel, electrical and ralocals have voted strike assessments, which the workers, eager for battle, are willingly paying. In many areas, food and other supplies are being stocked.

Here in Detroit, the center of

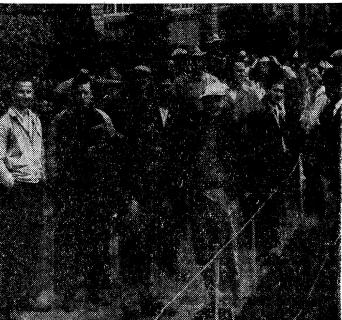
didate for council in Manhattan on the Communist (Stalinist)

Party ticket, was swept into of
This was the first time that Party ticket, was swept into offield with the second highest 6108 Linwood, on the corner of are under way for a central comworkers assures us that they will be leadership had cotted in one fice with the second highest Marquette. These headquarters, missary and food purchasing do their part heroically. But the the leadership had acted in acnumber of votes in Manhattan. two blocks south of West Grand agency. A speakers' bureau and battle that is being joined is cordance with the wishes of the He received 63,498 first choice Boulevard and three blocks east publicity committee have been not only against the auto corpvotes. In Brooklyn, Peter V. of Grand River, are easily set up to unify the strike, sus- orations. It is against the whole results spoke for themselves. Cacchione, running on the Com- reached. The Grand Belt car tain the morale of the strikers ruthless gang of Wall Street fimunist Party ticket, won first stops at the door; the Dexter and answer the inevitable strike- nanciers and industrialists. They both yards with the speakers place with 68,095 votes. The bus, 14th street car, and Grand breaking propaganda barrage of can be defeated with the united emphasizing the fact that all the Business. It wants to prevent combined vote of 131,593 of these River car stops within a few Big Business. Support of the power of all organized labor. men responded unhesitatingly to by law the possibility of inde-AFL ranks, thousands of whom The new home of the Detroit work for construction contrac- struggle of the auto workers will A speech that received a big Branch is four times the size of tors in GM plants, is being lined have decisive bearing on the hand was one that condemned the present headquarters, in up. Assurances have come from wage struggle of millions of oth- the inactivity and do-nothing keeping with the rapidly expand- AFL stewards that their mem- er union men and women. To policy of the leadership of Local ing membership of the SWP and bers will not cross CIO picket ensure such a successful outcome 16, for the past three years, and

AUTO BARONS UNITED

competitive factors, a hope rerest of the industry.

Ford rejected out-of-hand any



But that "this is the time,"

happy" since the strike of 1941

What is at stake in the im

class. Behind the auto workers,

dio, packinghouse, construction,

He stated that there would be "that this is the time to settle on another attempt to resume negogeneral wage increases." seemed little hope that anything terprise in the world, has refused the union, was indicated in the increases to take care of the ers have won by bitter struggle.

corporation, its deliberately pro- Ford's throat, the company is- Unions and to the public and vocative conduct throughout the sued 31 demands for "company Labor press." negotiations, Thomas states, is security"—the right once more "no doubt" due to the "provis- to ride rough - shod over the ions of the Federal tax laws workers. under which GM's strike losses THE REAL ISSUE would largely be repaid out of the Federal Treasury through tax

the auto workers. These industrial giants, commanding staggering financial resources, mobilize a national offensive of American capitalism. pending battle is not merely the interests of the auto workers. their local leaders. The capitalist class recognizes

STRIKE COMMITTEE

Committee may take on national ment. proportions at the GM delegates' conference convening tomorrow large library; kitchen; and coat- at the Barlum Hotel. Up to now the direction and conduct of the struggle has been formally confined to a six-man "strategy committee" set up by the international executive board two

Any hope that there would be a division in the ranks of the auto corporations because of peatedly expressed by the UAW op leaders, was rudely shattered this week when the Ford Motor Company issued a statement, in advance of scheduled negotiations, lining up solidly with the

What has Truman said or ployment compensation. The

done to make General Motors, company continues to reject ar-Ford or U. S. Steel sit down with bitration but the pickets are union representatives to bargain holding firm. collectively?

But in his recent generally GM's Gravy Train that to express Truman's policy

Right To Strike

on wages.

taken action designed to prevent the Federal Government. any tampering with the right to Mr. Sloan explains that this strike at conferences between la- | windfall resulted from "a very unbor and management. The lo- usual set of circumstances which cal is wary of so-called "Peace arose as a result of the term-Pacts" concluded by top union ination of the war . . . bureaucrats without benefit of he adds encouragingly, "In lieve." said the Ford statement, rank and file authority.

tions on the right to strike," Lo- be expected to continue and afcal 7 calls upon the coming fect reported earnings well into Tenth Annual Convention of the next year, it is important that worth while would result. The in the minds of the auto corp- URW to "go on record against our stockholders understand just corporation, the largest, richest orations, to conduct an all-out any restrictions whatsoever upon what these circumstances are war to undermine and destroy Labor's traditional right to and why.' strike and . . . that no officers of our International Union enter Sloan's report to GM's stockwages without corresponding further proposals of Ford to de- into any pact or agreement with holders about a 30 per cent raise price increases, and treats our stroy union security and other any corporation, group of corpo- in pay for the workers who profully justified demands for wage conditions which the Ford work- rations, business organizations or duce all of G.M.'s products and with any government agency profits. which in any way restricts, quathing on which they will not Declaring that its experience lifes or repudiates the right to New Labor Shackles with unionism has been "un- strike and . . . that copies of this resolution be sent to . . . Philip Murray, President Truforced a union contract down man and all CIO International resentatives has voted favorably

Inspiring Struggle

The seventh week of the SKF tions." strike in Philadelphia finds the

15,000 Jersey linked with the very top ruling strata of Big Business, intend to Shipyard Men union-busting in the interests of Stage Walkout

(Special to The Militant) By A. Williams

KEARNY. N. J., Nov. 10-Some heading a developing struggle of 15,000 workers of Federal Shipthe entire American working building and Drydock Company. in the Port Newark and Kearny vards, walked out in a protest demonstration yesterday afternoon. This demonstration was railway and millions of other called by Local 16, CIO, Marine workers. That is what deter- and Shipbuilding Workers, to mines the strategy of the auto protest the firing of a shop moguls. They are conducting a steward for an alleged minor infraction of company rules. The issue will not be decided It was a direct provocation by the struggle, a City-Wide Strike in Detroit and the other auto the company and a continuation

Meetings were held outside of

A successful outcome of the this action to defend their union.

is the bounden duty and respon- their refusal to take any real The Detroit City-Wide Strike sibility of the whole labor move- action now for a 30 per cent

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By Bill Morgan

What "Mandate"?

A resolution on wage policy was dollar suit against the union passed by the CIO Executive for alleged damages, an injunc-Board on November 1. Reflecting the current mood of the rank suit by some company stooges and file, the resolution makes to tie up the union's funds. good reading—except for the last paragraph which should be read twice by every union militant. support for their devotion to un-

After arguing strongly for ion principles. They have been wage increases for all workers, attacked with every law in the the resolution winds up by call- books and every trick known to ing upon the owners of industry the bosses. The corporation has to comply with the "mandate" refused to negotiate and the of President Truman to engage strike has become a lock-out in "bona-fide collective bargain- during which the workers have ing and grant substantial wage had to wait four long weeks beincreases." What "mandate"? fore being eligible for unem-

vague speech on wage-price policy, Truman distinctly said, "We must understand that we cannot hope with a reduced work-There will have to be a drop." Nothing could be clearer than

of General Motors Corporation. has just announced the "take" for July, August and September week, to maintain now the same take-home pay for labor generally that it has had during the war.

There will have to be a dayn, to \$36,791,784 despite the fact that sales volume of war materials fell to about one half the amount for the first six months

Alfred P. Sloan Jr., chairman

This huge profit was made possible by a tax refund of \$9, Akron Firestone Local 7, CIO 612,000 and a special income United Rubber Workers, has just credit of \$24,026,000 allowed by

view of the fact that such cir-In a resolution on "Restric- cumstances, at least in part, may

There is nothing in Mr.

The Military Affairs Committee of the House of Repon a bill not only to take away labor's right to strike, but to make unions liable for all "damages" that may result from any and all "local contract viola-

This is the same committee Ford's declaration leaves no strikers still on their toes match- that forced through the notoridoubt that the Big Three "Axis" ing blow for blow with the boss- ous wartime Smith-Connally shackle both of labor's hands by including in this new bill a provision denying trade unions the right to participate in or contribute to candidates running for any Federal office. At the hearings in Washington no representative of labor was allowed an

opportunity to be heard. The bill would nullify the right of collective bargaining as provided for in the Wagner Act. It. provides penalties against any labor organization or its officers for damages that might happen to any part as a result of a strike. The most flagrant violation of contract by an employer is permitted without penalty and without giving labor recourse to protect its interests.

Section 3 of the Act makes it impossible for any labor organization to participate in the free election of any public official in either primary or general election campaigns and prohibits labor organizations from taking part in political conventions.

Not content with hamstringing labor on the economic front. the House Military Affairs Committee is obviously keeping an eye on the growing labor party sentiment which threatens the political power of stooges for Big pendent labor political action.



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NOTES

England

The English Trotskyists have nominated Comrade Charles dock worker, as the Revolutionary Communist Party candidate and hypocritically proclaims that on the Mersey Ward, Bootle, in "No Chinese or Korean's return to the Mersey Ward, Bootle, in "No Chinese or Korean's retur the forthcoming Borough Counto to the homeland will be delayed Mid-October English Socialist in the mines," he has ordered

joined the Communist Party. A "Those who produced the most year later he was elected or-ganizer of the Bootle unemployed est repatriation," reported the movement. Under his efficient, Post. fighting leadership, the unemployed secured many concessions



CHARLES MARTINSON

ger Marchers at that time.

against Franco and Fascism as Hall, Secretary of State for Cola member of the International onies, threatening a general pro-Brigade in 1936 that Comrade test strike unless their demand Martinson first observed the de- for the recall of Richards and generation of the Communist other high-ranking officials is Party, and its treacherous col- met. laboration with the bosses. Today he is a member of the Trot- Poland skvist movement.

struggles on behalf of the work-ploitation used against the working class, Comrade Martinson ing class" and fought for years stands on a fighting program of by all the labor unions of the revolutionary socialism.

Japan

ists during the war have now Polish press a "reform," and was paroxysm in the Flemish villages til the king had a chance to rebecome "slave laborers" for the approved by Jan Stanczyk, pres- against the reformist Premier ply to them! He refused to em- maneuver boomeranged against the villages, U. S. occupation authorities, ac- ent minister of Labor and Social Van Acker. "Death to Van Ack- ploy his own weapons before the bourgeoisie." cording to a Tokyo dispatch in Welfare in the Warsaw govern- er," "Lynch Van Acker"—these they had been neutralized by the the November 7 N. Y. Post. Some | ment. 15,000 Chinese and 78,400 Kor- The physical exhaustion of the erable walls in the country. At that the masses, finally realizing real! Recently when the min- French rulers also extracted the iness replied with a blood bath. ean striking mine workers were Polish workers is close to the the same time a series of atthe utter decay of the monarchy, ers of the village of Anderlues, revenues necessary for their osthe utter decay of the monarchy, ers of the village of Anderlues, revenues necessary for their osthe utter decay of the monarchy, ers of the village of Anderlues, revenues necessary for their osthe utter decay of the workers are patiently awaited the moordered back into the Hokkaido limit. The death toll is mount- tempts against the lives of work- would resolutely launch into the coal mines by their "liberators," ing steeply. According to a War- ing class leaders have been per- struggle for the republic! instead of being granted the re- saw dispatch in the "N. Y. petrated. Nothomb, Catholic patriation they were anxiously Times" of Oct. 16, "Poland's 20,- Senator, publicly declared that CAPTIVES OF COALITION

to coal mine operators for \$100 more unreported ones." beginning of the war the Kor- up, together with hunger and in- ment," as well as other reac- afraid to take power. They inflicted upon their German tion. rations and 23 cents a day. By ter." Already health authorities is doing everything possible to a bourgeois party, in order to be

Koreans were estimated to be laboring as virtual slaves in Japanese factories and mines.

While Major General A. D. militant Liverpool Bruce, commander of the 77th Division occupying Hokkaido Isthe miners back into the pits In 1932 Comrade Martinson at a pay scale of 20 to 66 cents.

Nigeria

The main demand of the Nigerian workers in the general strike of last summer was 2 shillings and 6 pence a day minimum wage. The government promised to grant this demand. Now, however, Captain D. H. Holley, head of the Labor Department, has broken this promse, according to a dispatch from London in the Chicago Defender. Instead the government has offered the workers a three pence increase, totally inadequate to meet the steep rise in the cost of

Leaders of the Nigerian trade unions called a mass meeting and issued an ultimatum to Governor Sir Arthur Richards that unless the full amount promised, together with back pay, is immediately granted, the general strike will be renewed.

A mass meeting of workers in from the local authorities. Com- Lagos unanimously adopted a rade Martinson was also Chief resolution of "No Confidence in Marshal of the Lancashire Hun- the administration of Richards."

With a long record of heroic "the worst form of capitalist ex- Catholic Party, the party of But to whom does Van Acker fiasco. world, is now being introduced on a wide scale in Poland, ac- mediate return of King Leocording to the September-Octo-Chinese and Koreans forced ber Poland Fights. This "Stak-

the war's end, however, 2,000,000 are sounding grim warnings.

Karl Marx's Indictment Of Dutch Colonial Rule

Karl Marx, in Capital, Volume I, first published in 1867, describes how the Dutch brought the blessings of Western civilization to the Far East. The facts he presents have never been re-

"Of the Christian colonial system, W. Howitt, a man who makes a specialty of Christianity, says: 'The barbarities and desperate outrages of the socalled Christian race. throughout every region of the world, and upon every people they have been able to subdue, are not to be paralleled by those of any other race, however fierce, however untaught, and however reckless of mercy and of shame, in any age of the earth.'

TREACHERY, MASSACRE

administration of Holland—and "An official report says: "This Holland was the head capitalist- one town of Macassar, e.g., is full ic nation of the 17th century— of secret prisons, one more horis one of the most extraordinary rible than the other, crammed relations of treachery, bribery, with unfortunates, victims of massacre, and meanness.'

istic than their system of steal- families.' ing men, to get slaves for Java. The men stealers were trained for this purpose. The thief, the interpreter, and the seller, were native princes the chief sellers. "The young people stolen, were thrown into the secret dungeons

READ THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL'



KARL MARX

of Celebes, until they were ready "The history of the colonial for sending to the slave ships. greed and tyranny fettered in "Nothing is more character- chains, forcibly torn from their mise.

"SWEET COMMERCE!"

ment of 21,875 Pounds, the price Belgian bourgeoisie. Driven to ago a rumor — completely un- Along this road, and only emeyer, commander of United vember 18 according to the As- once again raised the banner of

of his treason. lowed. Banjuwangi, a province document which proves that Leo- Acker.

INTERNATIONAL Indo-Chinese Battle For Freedom Against Imperialist Rule Of France

Hands Off Indo-China

Belgian Reaction Arms Aarshal of the Lancashire Hunthe administration of freeliances. The trade unions sent a cable to Prime Minister Attlee and George Hall, Secretary of State for Colonies threatening a general prolity of the Lancashire Hunthe administration of freeliances. The trade unions sent a cable to Prime Minister Attlee and George Hall, Secretary of State for Colonies threatening a general pro-

By E. Germain

(Special to THE MILITANT) The piece-work system of pay, war reigns in Belgium. The bloc of German capitalism. pold III.

slogans can be read on innum-000,000 souls are dying off from "no matter what the scoundrels himself!"

> tatorship, "re-establish" the ec- masses. onomy of the country by imposon the proletariat.

REFORMISTS, STALINISTS

FEAR THE MASSES ist leaders are not opposing the mobilization of reaction by any mobilization whatsoever of the masses. On the contrary, they are caught between their fear of the bourgeois offensive which threatens to throw them out of the government, and their fear of a working class offensive which could rapidly plunge the country into a revolutionary situagovernment has itself reinforced capitalist reaction in the most notorious fashion. Forced to oppose the offensive of the Leopoldists (partisans of the return (where the most belligerent layers of the bourgeoisie and the militant workers wish to carry it, and place it on the Parliato conclude a rotten compro-

For months the Van Acker government has withheld a devastating document on Leopold tion of the trusts! "To secure Malacca, the Dutch III, refusing to publish it, re- MASSES WANT TO ACT!

which, in case of Nazi victory, When the reaction tried to hold the dynasty would keep its a Leopoldist rally at Brussels, throne in Belgium in exchange 2,000 Stalinists, Socialists and BRUSSELS, Belgium, Oct. for incorporating the country Trotskyists in a counter dem-29.—An atmosphere of civil into the economic and military onstration transformed the Roy-

the big bourgeoisie, has un- issue the document? To Parlialeashed a press campaign of ment? To the people? To his convened in secret session, in-

"grabbed" by Japanese civilian 10,000 a month. There are 1,- ing the country, the King will Van Acker could have constitut- And when a German miner died usurer. eans were induced to work in adequate medical care means tionary bands, are arming open- want nothing better than to re-Japan on the promise of better "disastrous epidemics this win- ly. In brief, bourgeois reaction main captives of a coalition with BREAK THE COALITION! achieve its end: paralyze the able to absolve themselves of all working class, prepare the dic- their treason in the eyes of the

ered all its blows against the than the following fact recently likewise demanded the struggle Manchuria produces nine times working class, the Van Acker revealed in the press: The Solvay for the Republic. trust, which has just given a At the same time the PCR twenty million franc subsidy to shows the masses the only way among its administrators the against the offensive of the re-

tographed beside John Jean hoods.

alist meeting into a complete bad alcohol made by the Indo-

sought to paralyze the most mil-

FOR THE REPUBLIC!

The Revolutionary Communist Party, Belgian section of the Thus while the bourgeoisie, Fourth International, unceasing increasingly heavy burdens thanks to its Catholic party, re- ingly summons the workers to with all its means, it at the same aims. Refusing to follow the reparty. When Van Acker attempted a timid reply to the mobilize the masses for the imfilthy campaigns of the reaction- mediate overthrow of the monary press and suppressed the archy for the Republic. With Catholic Journal Le Quotidien this aim the RCP demands that cludes as many skilled workers (The Daily), the Liberal min- full light be shed on all the facts as all the rest of China. isters immediately threatened to and that all the documents be resign and Van Acker was forced published. This activity finds to reauthorize the publication of increasing sympathy among ever give it predominant influence this most blackly reactionary pa- greater sections of the workers, over China. There are more facper. Nothing illustrates better and at the Congress of the So- tories and railroads in Manchurthe true role of the Liberal party cialist Party numerous delegates ia than in all the rest of China.

mentary stage where it hopes ly permits himself to be phe- the factories and the neighbor-

down and disarm the neo-fasto his house and assassinated the monarchy which constitutes masses, the masses clearly ex- electoral battle for a bold pro- dispatch after a press confer-

under the guidance of our com- tentatious domination and for upon the guillotine, or through ment when the fall of Japan rade Bougard, went out on strike support of their army and police tortures which the Hitlerian would place in their hands the against the boss, they succeeded by heaping heavy taxes upon the brutes have since only practiced arms of the Nipponese troops. When in August the Catholics in also drawing the German pris- small farmer, thus forcing him on a larger scale. The demon- And these arms today are serv-Originally the Chinese were tuberculosis alone at the rate of do who are at present govern-"police gangs" working with the 200,000 reported cases of tuberc- return before the elections and ed a Socialist-Communist gov- in the Charleroi Valley because In order to reinforce their guns. The demonstrators were Japanese army in China. They ulosis and it is believed that will be able to transform them, ernment, organized immediate they delayed treating him prop- domination, the French fostered run through by bayonets of were shipped to Japan and sold there may be twice that many if he wishes, into a plebiscite for elections and gained an overwhelming victory as in England the Belgian miners spontaneous- of schools. Before the conquest, called "rebellious" villages and The "Royalist Militia" and or in France. But in reality, the ly stopped work in protest the Indo-Chinese enjoyed a high farms were bombed to the slave labor without pay. At the system with its inhuman speed- the "National Royalist Move- reformists and Stalinists are against the shameful treatment level of civilization and educa- ground. Thousands of con-

Leopoldist propaganda, includes to organize a serious resistance Liberal deputy Ch. E. Janssens! action; that is, to transform the But the Stalinist paper, which "vigilance committees" and a bitter battle for the region Acker government strives to take the struggle out of the streets and does not add that Ch. E. Jans-Alliance" into genuine organs of a decisive effect on the outcome sens sits "fraternally" with the struggle, through the expulsion of the civil war. Stalinist leaders in the "Com- of the bourgeois representatives INDUSTRIAL WEALTH mittee of Democratic Alliance" and the inclusion of revolutionat Brussels, and that he willing- aries and delegates elected from the Kuomintang government in

munist Party, who pretends to committees, the workers could reactionary Chiang Kai-shek after victory. "struggle" for the nationaliza- organize their own militia, track regime. cist gangs, compel the reform- orders of American brass-hats, ialists are making no moves to corrupted the Portuguese gover- fusing to show it to the people. However, if the treacherous ists and Stalinist leaders to break have "been purposely allowed to withdraw the troops. Wall Street mosphere of prostration, of denor. He let them into the town The government openly declares working class leaders do every- the coalition with the liberal retain arms to preclude disord- is daily becoming more deeply the chief agents in this trade, in 1641. They hurried at once that it is afraid to "discredit" thing possible to paralyze the bourgeoisie, and engage in an ers," said a November 16 A.P. involved in the civil war.

> reply by the violent attacks of founded—spread through Brus- along this road, the workers are States forces in China. "Wherever they set foot, dev- its adversaries, it issued the sels that a coup d'etat was go- assured of winning over the ma- The "disorders" are, of course, had been made on the possible astation and depopulation fol- famous "Schmidt document," a ing to be attempted against Van jority of the country. But if the actions of the Chinese Stal- future withdrawal of the Mar- rising of the Greek people. Tothey continue to delay in taking inists who are defending the ter- ines from North China." Gates day we say from the bottom of of Java, in 1750 numbered over pold III during the war went to Immediately the miners of the this road, they can become dis-ritory they hold. Thus the lie admitted "the possibility of in- our hearts: "Hail to the Com-80,000 inhabitants, in 1811 only Berchtesgaden and there dis- Borinage district decided to call credited and prepare the ground is again given to the fraudulent volvement of United States mune of Saigon! Freedom for

The most important began in necessary to tell the whole truth.

(Translated from October 15 "Front Ouvrier" - Workers' Front-Trotskyist newspaper of Ly-

Despite the lies and slanders of a hypocritical press — amid which Marcel Fourrier, in Franc-Tireur, strikes a discordantly courageous note—the truth is beginning to break through. From authentic sources, we can already glean an idea of what is happening in Indo-China.

The capitalist press has tried to deceive us in two ways: first by presenting the 'difficulties" as artificially fomented by the Japanese; second, by trying to make us believe that the Anglo-French in Cochin-China dominate

the situation. The two statements are equally false. To explain what is happening in Indo-China as a Japanese in the western hemisphere is stirred up by "agitators" or by the passed over France in 1936 did manuever is as absurd as to pretend that the workers' movement

"hand of Moscow." The Annamite revolt is the culmination of long years of frightful oppression, long years of fighting for

If the Annamites today prefer to take up arms and die rather than be again forced under French domination, it is because they retain as bitter a memory of their prewar despots as we have of the Hitlerian occupation. To depict this hell would require pages and pages.

IMPERIALIST OCCUPATION:

Of all the French colonies, Indo-China has been most mistreated, since it has been the most favorable land for Big Business. All travelers who have vitnessed the exploitation of the coolies on the rubber plantations or in the coal mines have uttered -when gold of the Bank of Indo-China hasn't silenced every human feeling in them - the same cry of horror. We refer the reader to the testimony of Dorgeles, Roubaud, Paul Monet, Leon Werth, Andree Viollis, etc.,

The domination of Big Business in Indo-China operated through a heavily-paid, topheavy administration. This administration drained the country's resources-remember how? -by flooding the country with Chinese Society of Distillers, up- 1930 with the mutiny of the

never been accepted by the An- suffered the same slow death as namite people. Since the begin- those at Buchenwald and Dachning of French occupation, there au. has been a succession of revolts. It must also be said, for it is

AMERICAN SHIPS CARRY FRENCH TO INDO-CHINA

American troop ships are carrying French armed forces from France to Indo-China to fight against the Annamese people.

"The Victory ships Taos and Pauchag" left Marseilles "October 31, each carrying more than 1,000 troops to Indo-China," reported a special correspondent to PM, November 12.

"The crewmen of the Taos signed on in New York with the understanding that they were to proceed to India to bring American troops home. Upon their arrival (in Marseilles) they learned they were also to be used to carry French troops to the Orient.

"Prior to the sailing of the Taos and the Pauchag, three other Victory ships left France bound for French Indo-China carrying French troops.'

Meanwhile Brass Hats, in response to servicemen's demands to return home, alleged that a "bottle-neck" in shipping prevents early withdrawal of troops from over-

The working class reacts on which they levied an "hon- sharpshooters of Yen Bay (Tonagainst all provocations of the est" commission, and by ped- kin). Headed by young intelextreme violence for the imextreme violence for the immediate return of King Leoown party? Not at all! To certain heads of all the parties, instinct. The capitalists have olized.

lectuals who had become acquainted in our own schools in The Radical Socialist, Albert France with the rights of man, cluding the leaders of the Cath- itant section of the proletariat, Sarraut, then Governor General, it soon took the form of a genu- feat. Nor have the Annamites Agitation favoring murder and olic Party! He did not want to the miners, by bringing thous-acquired wretched notoriety by inely popular movement. Everyto labor by the Japanese capital- hanov system" is called by the assassination is being pushed to publish his own documents un- ands of German prisoners of war urging his subordinates to push where the peasants rose up. In the Japanese occupation authorto work in the mines. But this the sale of alcohol and opium in peaceful processions, unarmed ities. With remarkable political except for placards with de-Indo-China is essentially an mands, they flocked to the chief advantage of circumstances, The international solidarity of agricultural country; 90 per cent towns to protest against the exenemy. For he correctly fears the proletariat has proved very of its people cultivate rice. The cessively heavy taxes. Big Bus- of independence. No freedom

were moved down by machine fall back into the old slavery.

demned political prisoners were All available information proves This despicable regime has deported to Guiana where they that it was a powerful mass

thanks to its Catholic party, reinforces the Leopoldist camp struggle for their own class aims. Refujing to follow the re time paralyzes the anti-Leopold-ist camp thanks to its Liberal field of useless, constitutional computation of the computation

(Continued from Page 1) one-seventh of all China and its population only one-tenth, it in-

Manchuria's industrial assets as much coal as the whole of China. It has vast untapped resources such as tungsten, shale oil, gold, iron and coal.

Chungking is prepared to wage

The United States is aiding order to prevent the Chinese the war that "liberated" coun-Stalinists from dominating Man- tries would be free to choose

Japanese troops, subject to the out of China, American imper-

cussed with Hitler a plan by a general strike the next day for the worst bourgeois reaction. declarations of the Allies during forces."



Terfve, Secretary of the Com- Basing themselves on these churia and to bolster the utterly their own form of government

Despite their promises to get

sociated Press that "no decision freedom.

that the repression continued even under the Popular Front. The hurricane of freedom that der the administration of Marius Moutet the imprisonment of revolutionary Indo-Chinese militants did not cease. Just as at present, certain parties through their silence and complicity assisted in the attempts to strangle

the Indo-Chinese people. The Indo-Chinese people aspire to liberty and are ripe for freedom. To explain why Indo-China is the most developed among all the French colonies, the most capable of taking care of itself, would carry us too far afield. Let us give in a few words the principal reasons for this maturity.

First, an old and authentic civilization exists in Indo-China: Second, neither feudalism nor a capitalist bourgeoisie exists which would be inclined to share with the French despots the income from the exploitation of the popular masses, or to conquer independence solely for their own exclusive profit. That is why the intellectual elite of the Annamites, after having been nationalists for a time, today adhere in the majority to revolutionary Marxism. Is not the President of the Viet Minh, really the militant communist Nguyen Ai Quoc? His book The Process of French Colonization is known to all the friends of the Indo-Chinese people.

In the light of what has preceded, the events now taking place in Cochin - China assume full meaning. The Japanese have not "fomented" Annamite rehellion in order to avenge desense, they have simply taken without arms. The Indo-Chin-

From September 24 to October 1. there was a genuine armed insurrection, a genuine Commune which burst forth in Saigon. This was not the work of the Japanese or of some native "agitators". movement. Despite their boasts, the Anglo-French forces do not at all appear to be masters of the situation. And the Armistice which they concluded with the Viet Minh seems to us rather a sign of weakness than of strength.

SUPPORT VIET MINH!

Such is the situation at the moment. But tomorrow it can develop in a less favorable direction for the Indo-Chinese people. The arrival of the French fleet at Saigon, the debarking of troops, is already restoring to French colonialism a little of its swagger. General Leclerc (De Haute Cloque) speaks again of reestablishing "order." The big capitalist companies who live on the robbery of Indo-China and who are very influential in the Rue Saint Dominique are going, make no mistake about it, to exert pressure to change the policy of the "outstretched hand" to one of brutal force against the Viet Minh.

The Annamite people understand—and they are right—that they must save themselves. But great dangers still menace them. And on the hard road to their liberation they need the support of the French workers, or to phrase it better, of all those in France for whom the word "democracy" has not yet been emptied of all meaning.

Let us give this support with-

out losing a moment. And let us know how to thank those who, shaking off the atmoralization, of impotence and despair in which the world has Under-Secretary of the Navy appeared to wallow since the him, to 'abstain' from the pay- the most solid support of the press their will to act. Ten days gram of transitional demands. ence with General Albert C. Wed- Artemus Gates declared on No- end of the great cataclysm, have

> Yesterday we saluted the un-Indo-China!'

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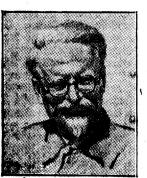
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Only the world revolution can save the USSR for socialism. But the world revolution carries with it the inescapable blotting out of the Kremlin oligarchy.

-Leon Trotsky

Support The UAW!

As in the heroic days of the 1936-37 strike wave, the militant auto workers are preparing to spearhead a great and crucial struggle of American labor.

In the battles of nearly a decade ago, the auto workers humbled some of the most powerful fortresses of the open shop and climaxed with victory the basic conflict of that period -the right to a union and collective bargain-

Today, all of American labor confronts a new stage of epic struggle. That is the battle for higher living standards and permanent security. Shall the workers go back to the breadlines, the welfare bureaus, the beans and gravy existence of the 1929-1940 capitalist

Big Business says yes! The Wall Street monopolists say yes! They are plotting and scheming to drive down wages, inflate prices, maintain a "reserve army" of unemployed to use in undermining union organization and conditions.

The American workers say no! They are determined to prevent the war profits-bloated corporations from slicing their take-home pay and purchasing power. Their determination is expressed in the demand voiced by millions of organized workers, in every section of the labor movement, for a reduced work-week with no reduction in take-home pay. For the auto workers that means a 30 per cent increase in basic wage rates.

A strike of the auto workers will unquestionably bring the developing wage conflict toward full nation-wide unfoldment. Every resource of Big Business and its government will be concentrated against the auto workers to smash their struggle and frustrate their demands.

The monopoly capitalists know only too well the meaning of a victory for the auto workers. It will inspire an overwhelming tide of labor resistance to Wall Street's hunger plans. It will weaken, if not shatter, the Big Business offensive to drive down the living standards of the American people and thereby to further increase the war-swollen profits of the corp-

orations. Every worker in America must appreciate what he has at stake in the auto workers' battle. His own chances for a steady job at a decent living wage are at issue. The capitalists, as a class, are moving against the auto workers to crush them and pave the way for crushing the aspirations of the workers in all industry.

There can be but one answer from the entire labor movement. It must rally to a man behind the auto workers. Unbreakable labor solidarity is the order of the day. "All support to the embattled auto workers!" must be the slogan the moment the auto workers hit the picket lines.

"Business Secrets"

Big Business corporations reject the just demands of workers for a 30 per cent wage increase. At the same time, they have issued an ultimatum to the government, demanding huge price increases. However, General Motors and U. S. Steel, for instance, have refused to make available even to the Office of Price Administration, the full record of their costs and profits.

The pretext for thus concealing how much these war-enriched corporations have stolen from the public treasury and squeezed out of the blood and toil of the workers, is - the "sanctity" of "business secrets."

Every time an effort is made to investigate the swindling and the frauds perpetrated by Big Business, to determine what monumental loot they are wringing from American workers, the corporations fall back on the same old cry of "business secrets."

Leon Trotsky, founder of the Fourth International, stripped the veil from the hypocritical claim that the shady workings of the corporations must be protected. In "The Death Agony of Capitalism and the Tasks of the Fourth International," written in 1939, Trotsky declared:

"The motivation offered for the principle of 'business secrets' is ostensibly, as in the epoch of liberal capitalism, that of 'free competition'! In reality, the trusts keep no secrets from one another. The business secrets of the present epoch are part of a persistent plot of monopoly capitalism against the interests of society. Projects for limiting the autocracy of 'economic royalists' will continue to be pathetic farces as long as private owners of the social means of production can hide from producers and consumers the machinations of exploitation, robbery and fraud. The abolition of 'business secrets' is the first step towards actual control of industry."

It is the duty of organized labor to lay bare, as Trotsky put it, "that unconscionable squandering of human labor which is the result of capitalist anarchy and maked pursuit of profit." To that end, the unions must counter the capitalist claim of "inviolability" of "business secrets" with the demand:

OPEN THE BOOKS AND RECORDS OF THE CORPORATIONS!

Stalin And Indonesia

When British troops first entered Indonesia after the defeat of Japan, they were welcomed by the heads of the Nationalist movement. The Nationalists counted on the fulfillment of the promises of the Atlantic Charter, expecting that the Allies would surely grant the people of Indonesia their freedom from Dutch imperialism.

However, the British troops were ordered to shoot down the Indonesians. Then the British Government announced an understanding with the Dutch Government regarding restoration of Dutch oppression in Indonesia.

The heads of the Nationalist movement appealed to Truman and Attlee for help in their struggle for independence. But both Truman and Attlee maintained a studied and contemptuous silence. Allied troops, using American-made armament, dropped bombs and high explosive shells on populous areas of Java.

Finally, Soekarno, President of the Republic of Indonesia, and Soebardjo, Foreign Minister, addressed appeals to Molotov and Stalin, asking the Soviet Union to intervene in behalf of the people of Indonesia.

Up to now, Stalin and Molotov, like Truman and Attlee have not seen fit to even reply to the plea of the besieged Indonesians.

At the same time, the Anglo-American imperialists now slaughtering the Indonesians have launched a diplomatic offensive against the Soviet Union. It is an open secret that this offensive is but one of the stages toward armed assault on the Soviet Union. Obviously the people of the Soviet Union and the people of Indonesia face the same world enemies.

Consequently, not to help the Indonesians constitutes basest betrayal of the interests of the USSR.

The attitude of Stalin toward the colonial masses is the direct opposite of that of Lenin and Trotsky. These two founders of the Soviet Union, throughout their lives, stood in the forefront of the struggle for freedom of the colonial peoples. They considered the working people of the colonies as powerful allies of the working class in the industrial centers.

To see how rotten and counter-revolutionary Stalinism has become, one need only recall how Lenin would have acted. Lenin would not have waited for an appeal from the beleaguered Indonesians. From the beginning he would have supported their struggle and warned the colonial fighters well in advance of the perfidious intentions of Allied imperialism.

The program of Lenin-betrayed on every point by the Stalinists—today is the heritage of the Fourth International alone. Only the Trotskyists uphold Lenin's policy of full support to the colonial peoples in their struggle for independence.

Bandits' Agreement

The Washington columnist Drew Pearson on November 12 revealed a secret agreement between Roosevelt and Churchill. At the Quebec Conference held in September 1944. Pearson reports, the two imperialist politicians drew up a program to utterly destroy Germany.

"The industries in the Ruhr and Saar would therefore be necessarily put out of action, closed down." reads the secret agreement. "The districts should be put under some body under the World Organization which would supervise dismantling the industries, and make sure they are not started up again by some subterfuge.

"This program looks forward to converting Germany into a country principally agricultural and pastoral."

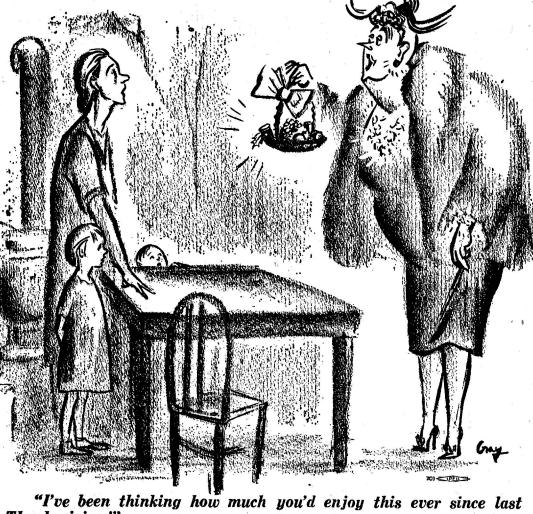
The document was laconically signed "O. K." and initialed by both Roosevelt and Churchill. At the time of the Quebec Conference, Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau publicly advocated precisely this plan. The people were horrified, for a "peace" based on such a plan meant the annihilation of tens of millions of Germans. It meant, moreover, the decline of all Europe. With the stilling of the industrial heart of the continent, millions of people outside Germany likewise would inevitably face starvation and death.

In view of this unfavorable public reaction, spokesmen of the Roosevelt Administration denied supporting the harsh and frightful "peace" outlined by Morgenthau.

Under cover of secret diplomacy, however, the heads of Angle-American imperialism went right ahead behind the backs of the people and cynically agreed to carry out precisely the horrible "Morgenthau" plan.

Right now this plan is being put into effect by Truman, Attlee and Stalin. Without consulting the people of the Allied nations, the Allied Governments are methodically dismantling and blowing up the great productive industrial plants of Germany.

Capitalism has brought Europe to the brink of the abyss. The coming winter will witness scenes of such horror as to pale anything yet recorded in history.



Thanksgiving!"

short stories is The Mexican.* needed to buy arms. This stirring tale of the devotion and heroism of a revolu-

of the Mexican people against When Rivera, a hungry-looking youth of 18 first appeared at the headquarters of the "junta" or local branch, the revolutionists suspected him of being a spy. The hate that burned in his eyes made them uneasy.

He asked only one privilegeto work for the revolution. His first assignment was washing the floors and windows of the headquarters, cleaning out the spitoons and keeping the fires. The cold-eyed youth merely

asked: "Is it for the revolution?" Assured that these tasks too anything to advance the cause.

Eventually Rivera worked up to setting type for the small revolutionary press. Then a strange thing happened. He began bringwork," but he helped finance the

The climax of the story is built on a crisis in the revolutionary movement - when the fate of the revolution hung by a thread.

One of Jack London's finest | The thread consisted of \$5,000 | Mexican which is not well known,

money is one of the most excit- work, The Iron Heel. tionist has now been made into ing scenes in all of Jack London's a movie, El Mexicano, by Mex- works. The youth had obtained by examining Hollywood's handers for the championship.

> fighter against what seem overwhelming odds.

Enough of this original story the film considerably above Hol- fosters fascism, and demonlywood standards.

HOLLYWOOD'S MOTIVES El Mexicano goes back into

Rivera's past, shows how dictator Diaz machine-gunned were for the revolution, he went striking workers and ferociousto work without another word. ly hunted down those who op-In Jack London's story, this posed the regime. The movie young revolutionist typifies the also adds a wide ribbon of roindomitable Jimmy Higgins mance, tosses in a petty-hourworker, the backbone of the rev- geois sympathizer of the junta olutionary party, willing to do who eventually turns traitor, and completes the bill with a jailbreak and plenty of gun-fire and hard riding.

But the devotion of the revolutionists to their cause, the power ing to the junta at irregular in- of a great idea to inspire people tervals increasing amounts of and convert them into truly humoney. He not only did the "dirty man beings permeates the movie, of satire on the Yankees will lifting it far above the usual thus be lost to those lacking a mind-deadener cranked out by good knowledge of Spanish. How-Hollywood.

*Available in the collection, Jack London. It has even turned one can enjoy. The boxing match "The Night Born," By Jack Lon- out a few versions of the Call of alone is worth the price of ad-

Hollywood has avoided Jack Lon-How Rivera tries to get this don's most famous and greatest

We can answer the question

ico's studios and is showing cur- his previous financial contribu- dling of Martin Eden. This powrently at Spanish film theatres. tions by taking merciless beat- erful novel of the rise of a work-In Jack London's story the ings in the training camps of ing man to fame was reduced to a hero personifies the revolution professional boxers and in the simple adventure and love story amateur ring at Los Angeles. Now after Hollywood's surgeons had the hated dictator Porfirio Diaz. he must fight to win against one finished cutting and face-lifting. of the country's leading conten- All the sections about Martin Eden's approach to socialism Jack London shows how the were completely amputated. power of the revolutionary idea However, Hollywood could not inspires and fortifies the youthful cut out the socialism in The Iron Heel, for the entire story, although written as far back as 1907, prophesies the coming of s left in El Mexicano to raise fascism, shows how Big Business

> against fascist barbarism. Hollywood, completely under the control of Wall Street, could no more convert into movies the works Jack London based on socialist ideas, than could the German studios under Hitler.

> strates that only the socialists

are capable of leading the fight

Mexico, however, still lives unof Porfirio Diaz and in addition feels every day the bitter pressure of Yankee imperialism. A portion of Jack London's revolutionary spirit can therefore seep into its films.

Unfortunately, English titles are not provided with El Mexicano. Much of the stinging bits ever, the Mexican interpretation An interesting question arises. of an American prize fight and Why doesn't Hollywood utilize especially an American profesthemes like the one in El Mexi- sional boxer handshaking himself cano? Hollywood knows about into the ring is pantomime any-

Reviewed by Joseph Hansen

don. A. Appleton Century Co., the Wild and The Sea Wolf. But mission. curiously enough, besides The Congressmen At Work

Some of Wall Street's Congressmen apparently have been studying how the Roman emperors appeased the hungry proletariat with circuses and games. Senator Langer of North Dakota, for instance, evidences close acquaintance with Roman political lore:

"For many years, Mr. President, we have had an Army-Navy football game . . . Mr. President, I believe that the admission to this game should be free. I believe that there should be no tickets reserved except 100 for the President of the United | so that in the next 48 years the Secret Service: 10 for the Secretary of War. 10 for the Secretary of the Navy, and 10 for the Governor of the State in which the contest may be played."

The rest of the Cabinet and State officials, presumably, would have to scramble for seats along with the Senators and Representatives.

BRILLIANT PROVISION

Alabama at a place designated these two great world wars." by the Governor of the State, Senator Bilbo did not say wars.



States and his guests and the game will have been played in every one of the 48 States."

A few minutes later, Senator Bilbo of Mississippi reported "on behalf of the National Memorial Stadium Commission."

Senator Bilbo generally campaigns against the Colored people, but this time he had another axe to grind. He wanted "the greatest stadium not only in the United States but in the world, and which is to be built To help poor people, unable to upon such lines and be of such afford transportation long dis- magnitude that there will be tances to see the free game, the nothing in the world like it. It is Senator included a brilliant pro- to be finished in marble; it is vision: "In the bill which I am to be a covered stadium, and it introducing . . . commencing al- | will have attached to it other atphabetically, the game shall be tractions which will make it the the free Army-Navy football played in every State in the great show place of the nation as Union, commencing next year in a memorial to the soldiers of game in the greatest memorial

whether his "Jim Crow" signs in the modern Colosseum would be carved in marble. Bilbo only specified "a landing strip for privately owned airplanes."

What with hot dog concessions, bottled pop and all, the stadium will eventually become a "self-liquidating proposition." But right now, to put it bluntly, a small appropriation from public funds is needed "so that we can convince business concerns that may be willing to invest their money to build this greatest stadium in all the world."

Why don't the two Senators make a deal? If Senator Langer would give up Army-Navy games in 48 States and agree to staging them in the super-colossal stadium, maybe he could line up Bilbo's vote. And if Bilbo would limit the rake-off to the concessions, while accepting Langer's proposal for free tickets to the Army-Navy contest, then he could line up Langer's vote. It looks like a natural.

And to make the whole thing a real whopping success, how about donating free airplanes? Then anybody who wants one can try out the landing strip when he comes to Washington to see in the world to Wall Street's

PROBLEMS FACING WAR VETERANS

By CHARLES CARSTEN-

No Place To Come Home To

Men are coming back from far-flung battle fronts where they have spent the last winters either in cold, wet fox-holes and pup-tents, sleeping on frozen ground, or in torturous heat, drenched by heavy tropical rains. Or they have stood watch on deck exposed to freezing winds.

Uppermost in their thoughts was return to a comfortable home. But what do they find on arriving in this country?

The only homes or apartments available are either those renting for such exorbitant sums that GI's can't afford even to look at them, or vermin infested coldwater tenements with a bathtub in the kitchen and a toilet to be shared with half a dozen other families. The floors are rotting away, the doors are broken and the windows - in case they aren't broken won't open if they're closed and can't be closed if

Even these miserable places are scarce. And veterans don't want that kind of a "home" as a reward for their long years of hardship.

The situation in New York is indicative of conditions throughout the country. Here there are 20,000 veterans without homes. This number is being augmented at the rate of 3,500 a week as men are demobilized from the armed forces. Many men in hospitals, men with wives and small children, can't be released because they have no home to go to.

A typical occurrence was reported by the N. Y. Times, November 13. "More than 1,000 men back from the wars crowded the Commodore Hotel lobby and overflowed into the street as they sought to obtain priorities for 600 of the apartments in the Bronx recently vacated by the Waves."

In addition several thousand phone calls were received from veterans during the day. They were told they had to apply in person. Groups of veterans and their wives gathered on the sidewalk and voiced their angry disapproval of the situation. They spoke about a march on City Hall to demand temporary housing.

Even in this early stage of demobilization the housing shortage is approaching the proportions of a major crisis and scandal.

The housing shortage doesn't come as a surprise to the authorities. Before the war there weren't enough dwellings. No new housing units have been built in the last five years. Buildings have depreciated during the war, many have had to be abandoned and many more should be condemned as unfit for human habitation. The problem was acute during the war. Thousands of veterans looking for a place to live have set in bold relief the scanda-

The situation was foreseeable and could have been averted. Yet, even now the government has no plan

This indifference on the part of the government is in marked contrast to its actions in preparing for the war. Barracks to house millions of men mushroomed overnight. Factories sprang up with amazing speed — when it was a question of preparing for

Typical of the speed in those days was the construction in six weeks of Atom City in Oak Ridge, a city of 75,000 persons needed for work on the atomic bomb. If this could be done for war why can't it be done to house the men who fought in that war?

Reliable housing authorities state that temporary housing for veterans could be made available in 30 it. Nor are there plans for large scale permanent low-rent housing projects.

In this as in everything else the government clearly demonstrates its callous indifference to the needs of workers and veterans. In no case is it willing to initiate a program in the interest of the men who fought the war.

Steel Union Exposes Bosses' 'Poverty' Plea

The greatest steel strike in history looms as nearly a million CIO steel and metal workers await the outcome of an NLRB strike vote on November 27 in support of their demand for a \$2 a day wage increase.

Pleading "poverty" for the war-profits glutted steel industry, Benjamin F. Fairless, president of U. S. Steel Corporation, twice flatly refused to meet a government conciliator. Instead he handed the government an ultimatum to boost steel prices. The obedient Office of Price Administration is pushing through the price boost while Fairless continues to flout the Labor Department.

Fairless lied that present steel prices "do not enable us to grant a wage increase at this time." In reality the steel industry could pay the \$2 raise and still treble its prewar profits next year, according to Philip Murray, president of both the CIO and the United Steelworkers of America.

Murray has disclosed a "conservative" \$800,000,000 of "hidden" steel war profits in five years—"hidden" in excess reserves, excess depreciation write-offs, amortizations and allowances for pensions for millionaire executives. This \$800,000,000 "hidden profits" brings total steel war profits to \$2,000,000,000 (two billions) — enough profits in five years to pay the \$2 raise for eight years.

Whereas the \$2 raise would amount to \$250,000,-000 a year, the steel barons are already guaranteed \$300,000,000 in tax refunds, plus \$125,000,000 already saved by elimination of overtime pay, plus another \$225,000,000 through repeal of the excess profits tax. What's more, government-financed plant modernization has raised labor productivity about 25 per cent in steel.

Accusing Fairless of "crying poor" with "pockets bulging with war profits," Murray said the steel industry can pay the raise in 1946 and still net \$474,000,000, three and a half times average annual 1935-39 profits or 45 per cent above the corporations' take-home in 1941, the most profitable war

U. S. Steel has boasted in business circles of being "in the best financial position it has ever experienced." In contrast, steelworkers' wages buy 10 per cent less than in January, 1941, when they averaged \$33.60 a week. Cuts of 25 to 50 per cent have resulted from downgrading and reducing the work-week, while prices continue to skyrocket since last year when the CIO determined the cost of living had risen 45

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Scores Betrayers Of Working Class

A Labor Party came to power in Australia in 1928 and obtained a striking Labor victory in 1943. Yet Australia has vici- Judges fill the jails ously treated Japanese prisoners | Hysteria and sentiments of war, if we are to believe re- Make pathetic tales. turning soldiers. They drowned some and mutilated others and now the remaining prisoners are Masters like the wage-slaves to be managed as you relate in

The Militant. In America the heavily unionised districts such as New York, Chicago, Detroit, etc., voted for Roosevelt and his Wall Street War in about the same proportion as did the Poll Tax electorates of the South. And no | Monopolies want more profits union leader large or small has To fill the banks up more uttered one word against the de- Flags, prayers and profits struction of the livelihood of the Give powers to millionaires workers in the vanquished coun- | Security from monopolies tries. In fact Mr. Hillman, CIO agent in Europe, has asked that workers be represented on the United Nations Council so they can be sure that the Potsdam Agreement will be carried out and German industry destroyed. He no doubt is the man who direct it into other channels) had it succeeded in America. ..

the Labor Party, is sending ists. Now it is time to be loyal troops to shoot not only British to labor and fight for the secursubjects but French and Dutch ity you were told you won by well. And his proposed reforms in England seem to be a plan for a broader distribution of the spoils obtained by colonial

Gray should do a cartoon of "Musical Tunes" for the few within the Labor movement who still hope that organized labor for their unemployed, for all are and Labor Parties will use their strength for something other the employed fight side by side than an immediate increase in their own pay envelope, but as yet there have been no symptoms.

Recoversion Hits Negroes Hardest Editor:

The great task of reconverand already we can see they are unable to cope with the sitthe statement "every worker is for Big Business. entitled to a job."

This is just one of the proofs that the capitalist system has outlived its time but, of course, the capitalists as always are struggling to maintain their system and profits. Just a few weeks ago, they screamed "victory is ours, the peace is won, the war is over." At that very moment we became unemployed and will continue to be so while plants and factories are being closed

During the war years, the Negroes were the last ones hired, filling jobs vacated by white workers, at less pay, more work and discrimination. Now in this so-called "peacetime" the Negroes are the first ones fired because they were the last ones hired.

The Negroes are a minority and helpless people, and their allies must come from the ranks of labor. Together they can fight a battle for labor that will unquestionably be victorious. Today the Negro people are being forced back into their former places, the dirtiest jobs with lowest wages and deplorable hours. Discrimination is again rising rapidly. Experienced Negro workers are being denied the opportunity to use their skills to the best advantage. Instead, inexperienced white help is employed at less than standard pay. In this way, both workers are cheated and the bosses gain on two points: the work is done cheaper, and the unity of the laboring class has been weakened. That is the aim of all capitalists.

These methods of the capitalists are not new. Every worker building, a magnesium smelter should recognize them even in a blackout. We all realize that under this capitalist system there will never be enough jobs for everyone.

We must remember that when the employer can get plenty of employes, he is independent of oven, a cement mill, a paper mill, any individual, black or white. And he uses his independence as a weapon against every worker. Wages are reduced, hours are increased, and conditions are poor. These things we should know. Now the question is, what of the Far East? can we do? How can we fight a victorious battle?

explain the answer, but I shall were less than \$60,000,000. But to provide means for an exis- could get a copy of it and I know go a bit further. All factory in other parts of Asia which the tence on this earth. workers, office help, salesmen, U.S. has now wrested from unite in one fight for labor. It | Japan, nearly 200 U.S. firms | ity group, especially in this | you have to publish it. is only then that labor shall have direct holdings in business country, my race has grasped really come into power. Not ev- amounting to \$250,000,000.

PRAY AND LOSE

Governments take from taxpaye To pay the politicians Monopolies rob consumers Aided by traditions Pastors pray and ring the bells

Banks are filled with money Stores control the food Hungry, nearly nude— The unemployed workers Are the capitalist's delight Cheap labor and lots of it Keeps capitalism right.

Governments want more taxes To build more "peace" or "war" Does not come from prayers

Davis Dusenbery Rochester, N. Y.

ery place of employment has a union, not every union is a good union: but it is every worker's duty to himself and his children would have headed the Labor to join with the masses from all Party (if he had not chosen to fields of labor and become a soldier for labor just as you were a soldier in the army fighting In England, Attlee, head of for the profits of the capitalthe peace.

Every worker in America should be a reader of The Militant, every worker should investigate the cause for which it fights. No worker is secure so long as another worker is unemployed. The unions must fight part of the laboring class. Unless with the unemployed, both will sooner or later belong to the army of the unemployed.

Workers, today we are standing at the door of golden oppor- Editor: tunity. We can unite and open the doors of every factory and cause of socialism and be destroyed under capitalism.

sion now faces our government military army, but the growing dicate and does advertising work, uation. The best we can get is it might mean a loss of profits from the strike. The composi-

later—remember the breadlines, hungry children, separated families, sickness, robberies, murders, suffering on every side. mass unof living hell, the wealthy conof life. Are we going to re-live one escape. Every worker must positors. at this moment realize what is happening, and join in the fight.

re-live those years. In conclusion I want to ask every reader of The Militant to

QUESTION BOX

Q: What is the destructive capacity of the atomic bomb? atomic bombs of the smallest size can kill 20 per cent of a na-

Q: What kind of plant and Why Workers Seek equipment is included in Ford's River Rouge plant?

tion's people IN AN HOUR.

A: During the war the government built four important new plants at River Rcuge; a \$37,-000.000 engine construction with a capacity of 110,000 pounds a month, and the largest iron foundry in the world. Besides the foundries, blast and open hearth furnaces, River Rouge includes a power and light plant, a glass factory, steel mills, *coke tool and die shops and machine shops and laboratories.

vestments in Japan before the war, compared with other parts

A: At the time the U.S. entered the war in the Pacific, One word . . . Organize! can American investments in Japan

give his copy to someone and tell him of our fight for jobs for

If there is an interested family in New York City unable to pay 50 cents for a six-month subscription to The Militant. I will be glad to pay for it personally upon receiving your name, address and zone number.

Victor A. Howell, New York 3, N. Y.

Mother Proud of **Trotskyist Daughter**

Editor: I am so pleased with a letter have received from my mother n California that I am sending it to you. It was through me that

she became acquainted with the Trotskyist movement. "My dear Daughter Mili: You said in your letter that you are working full time for the Party. I am very happy that you are. I are now content to fill the role

not like the one we have now. "Your work helps to better conditions for all workers in the world and for the boys who come home alive from the army.

"This summer when I was at the West Coast Camp School, I met the most wonderful people I ever saw, all working so hard in the school and for the Party. You really have fine comrades and I had very much pleasure with them.

"I am very, very proud of you, Mili, and of Rudy, my darling son-in-law, too. Both of you do such fine, intelligent work. Keep on working for the Party and a better world."

Cites Weakness Of **Craft Unions**

Some of the inadequacies of the AFT, craft union system can plant, or we can be cool to the be seen in the compositors' strike in Chicago against the job printing shops. The Western News-The capitalists gloried in their paper Union, because it is a synarmy of the unemployed is "un- is not considered a newspaper worthy" of consideration because and, therefore, is not immune tors are demanding a 30 per cent Workers of America, stop and increase in wages, two weeks think a moment. 1929, 1930, and vacation with pay a year, 12 paid holidays a year sick leave.

In order to battle the union the Western Newspaper Union employment, all these ills of life, has been able to get some of its were the reward of capitalism to syndicate mat work done outthe workers. During those years side of Chicago, and then has shipped the mats to its other tinued to consume every luxury printing offices throughout the country, of which Minneapolis those years, or learn of some- is one. In this manner it is cirthing even worse? There is but cumventing the striking com-

The casters in the AFL union here are not only not going out It is left to us, the workers of in a sympathy strike, but are America, whether or not we shall also working on mats which have clearly been made by non-union labor. Such 'practices obviously weaken the strikers' position and the union's.

If the compositors belonged to the CIO instead of the AFL, an industry-wide strike would be called and the dispute would be settled in short order. In spite of this, the strike is now (Oct. 23) going into its third week and there is not a sign of a settlement A: While the death toll of in sight. If the workers ever ex-World War II ran into scores of | pect to win any permanent gains, millions, no nation lost 10 per they will have to stand together cent of its people in the whole and throw the craft-type of six years of the war. Today union into the ashcan for industry-wide organization.

W. R. Minneapolis

Refuge In Religion

I have read Victor Howell's reply to Joseph Hansen's letter guilty. in The Militant concerning Victor Howell's "Letter To The Negro Children.'

I sincerely agree with Victor Howell on his comment on the Republicans and fascists are sup-November 3 issue of The Militant. | porters of the system of murder as to the procedure used in bringing the principles of socialism to the Negro people.

Being a Negro, I feel that I can very well understand why Exposes Conditions the masses of my race seek consolation in religion. Having been In Philadelphia Q: How large were U. S. in- oppressed and exploited for Hospitals many, many years, religion is to them not only a sanction against | Editor: the forces of injustice, but they feel it is also a way by which faith in themselves and one an- to state I have read the Militant other can be accomplished, so as

the banner of religion, as would as an attendant at a hospital,

Workers' Forum | U. S. Aims To Use Japan Against | Soviet Union, Says Latest F.I.

Fourth International, just off ism." the press. The editorial points LABOR REVIVES out that the interests of these two powers clash most sharply "in the vast Pacific arena where

S. chiefly lies."

from the one they used in crush-116 University Place, ing and dismembering Germany. ican imperialists are sitting on a Alarmed by the totality of their social volcano which may erupt 'destructive handiwork" in Ger- at any time." many which "created an enorm-

class agree to this role? The edi- imperialist "victors." torial states, "Its great gamble

a drowning man struggling for some hope of existence in a rag-

As friends would approach him in a lifeboat and fight over whether it is best to throw him an iron life-preserver of criticism or a rope of hope with understanding — thus do I view step in momentarily relinquishing for a criticism of religion, the attempt to bring the principles of socialism to the Negro people as their true solution to their economic, social and political problems.

Subjected to the insensible injustice and atrocities thrust upon them by the system of capitalism, is it any wonder that people of all races and nationalities seek consolation in religion?

Today this pitiful world is controlled by a decaying system of rule which threatens to destroy the whole of mankind.



Wars, hunger, starvation, disease and death throughout the entire world signify a decay of capitalism and the inevitability of socialism to solve these miserable problems and conditions.

Today it is not a question of race, color, or creed. The question involved is a war between classes, the working class against the capitalist class. Workers of all races, color and

creeds today must build an independent working class political party which will lead the workers as they militantly struggle and fight along the road that leads to socialism. C. P.

New York

On The Stalinist Support of O'Dwver

In the article in the November 10 Militant about the Tresca case, you point out that Generoso Pope had "intimate connections with the fascists." PM published a photograph which shows Pope with his friend. Mayor-Elect O'Dwyer. The same issue of the Militant carries an article about Peter Panto, a Communist Party member, who was murdered, and about the refusal eat. And long hours—12 hours lish an exposure of these condiof District Attorney O'Dwyer to is a short work day here! track down those he knew to be

By supporting O'Dwyer in the recent election the Stalinists remind the workers once again that they, as well as the Democrats, of innocent workers.

> D. B. New York

In writing these few lines to you regarding your paper, I wish for the past year or so when I it is a very good paper consider-As the worst-oppressed minor- ing the conditions under which

In Philadelphia I am working

There are only two major | derstand that they have a com- | nationalized | property of the

military powers left in the world mon enemy—the revolutionary USSR." This irreconcilable anthe United States and the world working class. That is why tagonism remains, he points out, USSR," states an important ed- "for a generation Japan has fill- even though the Kremlin has "Washington, Moscow ed the role of 'gendarme of the thus far "limited itself in the and Japan," in the November East' against the tide of Bolshev- occupied countries to social re- the excellent job they have done

However, the editorial conconclusion that Japan can be OTHER FEATURES the imperialist destiny of the U. converted into an anti-Soviet tool of American imperialism, For this reason, the editorial "for the Japanese masses have explains, the U. S. imperialists yet to speak their word . . . the must adopt a different policy Japanese labor movement is reviving . . . the victorious Amer-

ous vacuum in which . . . the of this editorial, is another ar- for the greedy" tax bill passed Stalinist bureaucracy of the So- ticle in the latest issue of the in the interests of the profiteers. viet Union proceeded to move," Fourth International, "The Big the U. S. imperialists are now Five at London," by William F. preparing the Japanese ruling Warde, which gives an analysis ticle written in March 1945 by class to become their agent in the Far East against the Soviet this first peace conference, and munist Party of Germany who Will the Japanese capitalist and spheres of influence by the over to the position of the Fourth

and Japanese capitalist class un- which still remains rooted in the excellent issue.

forms and has brutally sup- in publicizing The Militant. Durpressed the attempts of the ing the period of the election cludes, it is not at all a foregone and place the workers in power."

The November Fourth International contains many other interesting articles and features including: the 28th Anniversary of the Russian Revolution; the ed in supporting the worker living confascist menace again emerging in this country and its principal figure, Gerald L. K. Smith; the British Dock Strike and the La-Related to the subject matter bor Government; the new "relief

"The New Versailles and the German Revolution" is an arthe present jockeying for power broke with Stalinism and came International. An article by The author shows that under-Charles Carsten on the Argenfor empire having failed, they lying the struggle among the time crisis, a letter by Leon of the SWP this week. They "Big Three" (who dominated the Trotsky on the Agrarian and write: wish more people would be like of humble agent of the Wall "Big Five" Conference) "is the National Questions, written in you and work for the Party. Then street brigands and to help them social-economic antagonism bewe would build a better world—
in establishing their rule in the tween the capitalist world and 1935 and sent to the South Afsale in all our books and namph-Far East." For both the U. S. the degenerated workers' state rican Trotskyists, round out this

Veteran Of World War II. Writes On Armistice Day November 11, 1945

After four years in the army and one year combat in the Southwest Pacific area, it is indeed a wonderful feeling to be out of uniform and free from the physical danger and stifling intellectual atmosphere. The war has not made a jingo "flagwaver" out of me: I can say the same for a good number of buddies still "in" or "liberated." In fact. I am now more convinced than ever that this war, as the last war — as any war organized and conducted by a capitalist state — was basically imperialistic. A study of the boss press — from the conservative through the phony "liberal" - brings home with increasing clarity the fact that those who won in this war were the "democratic imperialist" regimes and those who lost, who never have anything to gain in such a war, were the G.I.'s slaughtering each other for "God and country" on the battlefields, and the working classes and peasants of all lands, bluffed, misled, or bludgeoned into submission!

Coming from a working-class family, which, from the day of its arrival in the "land of opportunity" knew only bitter struggle for a union, for better wages and for job security, I do not have to be convinced that the international Socialist society is the only answer to present-day social and economic problems. Indeed, it seems to me that Socialism is the crying need of our civilization. There is no other out in this epoch, where capitalism can offer only periodic wars and economic crises, each more dreadful than the last; where "democratic" capitalism and its other face, fascism, resort to increasing violence against the working masses, who, through the class struggle, find the way to the revolutionary socialist cause.

I salute the Socialist Workers Party for its forthright against the capitalist class and the flunkies of that class in the labor movement: the counter-revolutionary Stalinists and the labor-bureaucrats. With its program of working-class struggle against imperialist war, Jim-Crow, anti-Semitism, unemployment and capitalist oppression in general, I am sure the Socialist Workers Party will before long become recognized among thousands of working-class militants as their party, their guide, and their leader in the struggle of the working-class against the boss class.

On this day, November 11, 1945 - fifty-eight years after those great heroes of the working-class were hanged in Chicago after the infamous Haymarket frameup-I stand with you under the banner of international working-class solidarity. I repeat the words of August Spies who shouted from beneath the hood which covered his head as he was being led to the gallows by the capitalist hangman on that memorable day in 1887: "There will come a time when our silence will be more powerful than the voices you strangle today!"

Long live the International of Lenin and Trotsky, the Fourth International! Down with the Stalinist misleaders and betrayers of the world working class!

Comradely,

Those who try to educate the

Ex-Sergeant, U. S. Army which is run and overrun by kind of maintenance. The high-American fascists. est-paid attendant receives \$65

The management of this insti- a month, out of which about \$6 tution, like every other that is a month is deducted for taxes. capitalist, knows how to keep the workers divided by paying rest of the employes to the value one worker a dollar a week more of organization, are reported by than another. And as is natural stooges of the management. I under capitalism, working condi- can't understand how Hitler's tions in this hospital, and in all concentration camps can be any Philadelphia hospitals, are bad. worse than the conditions exist-Once you try to fight against ing in the Philadelphia hospitals,

the miserable conditions, you can and yet the hospitals are filled rest assured you won't last long. with stooges. The employes here get very small wages and very little to with the hope that you will pubtions.

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mankind." friends are to be commended for masses to overthrow capitalism campaign, innumerable copies of the Bedford-Stuyvesant area. We the paper were distributed at distributed several hundred copstreet corner meetings. In addi- ies of The Militant, and obtaintion, speakers at meetings advo- ed 4 subscriptions from workers cated the reading of The Mili- who were impressed by our patant, pointing out "the consis- per, and the social program of tent role The Militant has play-

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ditions, higher wages, against

Jim Crow at home and in the

armed forces, and proving that

only a socialist society was the

We have a very interesting letter from the New York local Crow, and she thought discrim-

"During the recent period we equal." sale in all our books and pamphlets dealing with the Moscow ed this report: "A young worker Trials, our position on the So- came into our headquarters last viet Union, and on Russia in Friday, and said he wanted some interest in basic questions is very held that evening. He told us significant in view of the fact he had been sold a subscription that most of the queries for lit- to The Militant several weeks erature and information of this ago, and prior to contact with our type come from Stalinists and paper had never read such ideas. Stalinist sympathizers—especial- To quote him: 'I'm a building y young ones.

"During the recent election campaign in New York the Daily Worker renewed its vicious atacks on Trotskyism. The result was to drive these young peo- and program it presents. I took ple to our headquarters to get material on Trotskyism! They ed it to some of the boys during come to ask questions and stay lunch hour. After glancing briefo buy books. Trotsky's pamphet — Fascism — What It is — How To Fight It is of especial interest to these young workers who have been taught, in the CP, that Trotsky was an arch come back to discuss and get more material. "And that is not all. Several

them have been attending our mass meetings and forums. At the Russian Revolution Anniversary meeting one of the young men signed a card indicating that he wants to join the party!"

SWP sells a great many Pioneer books and pamphlets. the paper, and exclaimed that a They have a very attractive litcome in to buy books.

Local New York comrades and solution for the salvation of

A post-election report was sent to us by Abe Davis of the Brooklyn Branch: "We held a very sucaction our speakers discussed."

Dorothy Lessing writes from Baltimore: "Here as everywhere else that The Militant is sold, I've met with friendly and sympathetic response. Of the first 12 people in Baltimore that I approached, 9 took subscriptions. The box on the masthead of the paper, 'How Trotskyism Fights Jim Crow,' drew some interesting comments from the white workers I canvassed.

"One housewife, whose husband was a railroad worker, urged her husband to subscribe because The Militant fought Jim ination and segregation were terrible, and that all men were

From Philadelphia we receivgeneral. This re-awakening of information on the forum to be construction worker, and after work I spend an hour reading and studying The Militant. I find it very engrossing, and am keenly interested in the ideas the paper in to work, and showly through it, they decided they too wanted to subscribe."

Eloise Gordon sends in these two interesting experiences from Pittsburgh: "We sold a number counter-revolutionary. They not of subscriptions, one of which only come once but most of them was taken by a woman who runs a coffee-lunch room near the B. & O. Railroad roundhouse. She's a socialist by conviction, and was delighted at our suggestion that she put The Militant at the disposal of the railroad workers who 'coffee-up' in her little restaurant. She says she knows just whom to show it to!

"Another new subscriber is a The New York Local of the quite enthused when we explainwoman laundry worker who was complete economic and political erature rack, and a comrade is change was exactly what she at hand to talk to people who thinks is necessary to meet the problems of the workers. She told Fascism—What It Is—How to us she was one of the local or-Fight It, by Leon Trotsky, 15c. ganizers of the women's suffrage Order from Pioneer Publishers, movement, and led the parades 116 University Place, New York | through the main streets of Pittsburgh."

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6,845 New Readers Of 'Militant' Gained; J. P. Cannon Speaks In Chicago Sub Campaign Hits 68 Per Cent Of Quota On 1917 Revolution Anniversary

By Justine Lang

Campaign Director The end of the fifth week of our national subscription cam- only four in this category. How- four branches accept the chalnaign brings our total of new Militant readers to 6,845. This and Portland, Ore. now join 10,000 new subscriptions in this

was introduced to 1.388 additional readers. A check of the

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ers Party have now gone over the branches that have a subscrip-100 per cent mark. Last week. tion quota of 50. This includes St. Louis, Philadelphia, Connecticut and Pittsburgh were the and San Diego. Will any of these ever, Reading, San Francisco lenge?"

for the excellent work done in and at this point in the cam-During this week, The Militant advancing from tenth place last paign, Connecticut leads by eight week to third place this week. scoreboard reveals that seven A note from the branch reads: branches of the Socialist Work- "We want to challenge all other

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As reported previously, Conis 68 per cent of our quota of them, in our "over the top" class necticut accepted the challenge Reading is to be commended extended to them by Pittsburgh,

> subs. From letters received, both branches are aiming for 200 per cent. It remains to be seen which quote from some of their letone will achieve its goal first. In addition to these seven top scoring branches, special recog-

have completed over three-

fourths of their quota. New York with the highest has sent in 815 subscriptions-82 per cent of its quota.

St. Louis, Cincinnati, Rochester have gone all out in this camraign and in this fifth week have achieved 84 per cent of their respective quotas.

> Seattle also has made a notable advance this week, from sixteenth place to twelfth, by completing 80 per cent of its quota. Several branches are making special efforts to complete their quotas ahead of schedule. We

Fred Martin, Milwaukee Campaign Director: "We plan to nition is given to the next five throw all our energies into branches on our scoreboard who reaching our quota this week with a full scale mobilization on Sunday, November 18."

Libby Jones, Buffalo: "It looks quota, 2,000, has completed 87 like Buffalo will really have to per cent of its quota, having ob- step on it to compete with the tained 1,732 new readers. De- splendid records of some of our troit with a high quota of 1,000 other branches, particularly Philadelphia! Several of our best sub-getters are on the sick-

Each figure reading "The Militant" represents 500 subscriptions sold. Each blank figure represents 500 subscriptions not yet sold.

list, notably Fred Kaminsky who sold 190 subs in the Spring campaign. He just got out of the hospital and won't be able to participate at all in this campaign.

"However, the rest of us are determined to work twice as hard to make up for it." C. Cathy, Brooklyn Branch:

"Jimmie Wright, a new recruit has been inspiring the Brooklyn branch with his enthusiasm and steady efforts in the sub drive. Last week he obtained 10 new-readers for The Militant, and on last Sunday's mobilization, he reported back with 17. This not only sets a fine example for the branch, but makes for socialism through two world to his credit." We might point out, it also makes him a national pace-setter.

150 people tonight at Bucking- would continue to speak. ham Hall on the 28th Anniversary of the Russian Revolution The meeting was sponsored by Philadelphia Hears the Chicago Local of the Socialist Workers Party. Comrade Cannon's speech inspired the audience and was received with prolonged applause. The enthusiasm of the workers

was demonstrated in the generous collection of \$150, contributed toward the work of building the Trotskyist party. Among the workers in the

audience were 14 steel workers who traveled more than 25 miles from the Calumet steel belt. Six workers, present for the first time at a Trotskyist meeting, became so convinced of the party's program that they immediately joined the Socialist Workers

Comrade Konikow Speaks in Boston By J. Kitting

BOSTON, Nov. 10-The choice before the workers today is socialism or barbarism, declared comrade Fred Mauer to an Mary Clark Gives audience of friends and sympathizers at the Russian Revolution Anniversary meeting. ternationalism

veteran revolutionist, spoke of the October Revolution, despite her own experiences as a fighter Stalinist degeneration. war, she was urged to change fully side by side; sooner or later

CHICAGO. Nov. 10-James P., the topic; to go easy. At those the imperialists will seek to des-Cannon. National Secretary of times, thinking of Karl Lieb- troy the remaining conquests of the Socialist Workers Party, ad- knecht, standing alone in the the October Revolution," dedressed a capacity audience of Reichstag against the war, she clared Comrade Clark. "Only the

William F. Warde By John Haas PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 9 - A

capacity audience of workers commemorated the 28th Anniversary of the Russian Revolution Addresses Group tonight at 405 Girard Ave. William F. Warde, associate editor of The Militant and Fourth International, reviewed the ideas and program of the Bolshevik

Party of Lenin and Trotsky

which led the Russian workers and peasants to victory in 1917. The example of the Russian Revolution, the speaker pointed Meaning to American Workers." out, demonstrated to the workers of the world that they have more talent and energy than the ruling class. It gave them more confidence in themselves. Today the October Revolution still stands as the beacon light for all the oppressed peoples seeking a way out of capitalist misery and destruction.

Speech in Akron

AKRON, Nov. 9. - The Ak-Reviewing the development of ron Branch of the Socialist the October Revolution, the Workers Party celebrated the speaker emphasized the role of 28th Anniversary of the Russian Lenin and Trotsky as not only Revolution tonight. Mary Clark leaders of the revolution but un- described the conquests of the compromising proponents of in- first successful workers' revolution. She explained why we de-Comrade Antoinette Konikow, fend the remaining conquests of

"The two antagonistic systems Jimmie top-scorer with 43 subs wars. She recollected that under the imperialist system of the Unpressure of the hysteria during ited States and Britain on the the last war, when she spoke out one side, and the Soviet system boldly against the imperialist on the other, cannot live peace-

extension of the Revolution to the advanced countries can guarantee the defense of the Soviet Union and the regenera-

John G. Wright

tion of the First Workers' State.

ST. PAUL, Nov. 9-Despite a snowstorm and icy streets, 21 workers turned out tonight to hear John G, Wright speak on 'The British Labor Victory-Its The audience listened with great interest as the speaker traced the history of the working class movement in Britain and its culmination in the labor party victory. The same process is developing in the United States.

After the meeting members of the audience remained to disfurther with Comrade Wright, educator and writer for the Socialist Workers Party. Sympathizers displayed their interest in the SWP by purchasing many of the basic pamphlets.

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THE HISTORY OF AMERICAN TROTSKYISM — by James P. Cannon

OUR APPROACH TO LEFT-WING DEVELOPMENTS IN

Previous installments of Comrade Cannon's book described the emergence of the American Communist Party out of the left wing of the Socialist Party in 1919, the expulsion of the Trotskyists in 1928, the formation of a new party and the Minneapolis Strikes of 1934.

Fresh workers and younger elements, untainted by responsibility for the betrayals of the past, had been shaken and awakened by the tremendous impact of world events, especially the crushing of the German labor movement with the coming of fascism to power. A new wind was blowing in this old decrepit organization of Social Democracy. A Left Wing was forming there, manifesting the impulse of large numbers of people to find a revolutionary program. We thought this could not be disregarded because it was a fact, an element of American political reality. Even unification of the vanguard, we realized that we could not ignore or arbitrarily shut off from participation in this new movement these new elements of strength and health and revolutionary vitality. On the contrary, we had an obligation to help this inchoate movement in the Socialist Party to find the right road.

We were convinced that without our help they could not do it, because they had no Marxist leaders, they had no tradition, they were beset on every side by influences and forces and pressures that blocked off their road to a clear view of the revolutionary program. Their ultimate fate, the possibility of their development on the revolutionary road, rested with the more experienced and tested cadres of Marxism represented in the newly-founded Workers Party. The leaders of the nebulous Left Wing in the Socialist Party called themselves the "Militants." Why, we have never been able to ascertain. THE MILITANT was the name of the official organ of the American Trotskyists from the very beginning, and everyhody recognized that it was the right name for our paper. THE MILITANT signified the party worker, the party activist, the party fighter. But why the leaders of the Left Wing of the Socialist Party at that time, who were philistine to the marrow of their bones, without tradition, without serious knowledge, without anything at all, could call themselves "Militants"—that remains a problem to be solved by the students of historical research who are yet to come in our movement. The reason hasn't been discovered yet. At least I never learned it.

This wretched leadership, these accidental figures, pretenders, windbags, incapable of any real sacrifice or serious struggle for an idea, without serious devotion to the movement-most of them are working for the government at various war jobs today—these "knights for an hour" didn't interest us very much. What interested us was the fact that beneath the froth on the top there was a quite live youth movement in the Socialist Party and a considerable number of activist worker elements, trade unionists, and fighters in the unemployed field, who constituted good raw material for the revolutionary party. There is a big difference. You can't do much with the type of leader which the Socialist Party in any of its wings had then or now. But out of serious rank and file militants, trade union activists, and radical youth, you can make a party which can lead a revolution. We wanted to find a road to them. At that time nobody knew, and least of all did the young Socialists know, which way their movement was going to go. They were stifled by their conservative bureaucracy in the Socialist Party, and time and time again their worthless leaders—the socalled "Militants"-showed fendencies to capitulate to the Right

We Turn Our Attention to the Socialist Party

On the other hand, they were beset by the Stalinists who had a powerful press and apparatus and plenty of money to corrupt, and who didn't hesitate to use money for just that purpose. At that time the Stalinists were exerting extraordinary pressure en the Socialists in order to lay hold of this progressive left-wing movement and turn it back in the direction of reformism by way of Stalinism. They had succeeded in doing this in Spain and many other European countries. The young Socialist movement in Spain, which had on its own initiative announced its support of the idea of a Fourth International, was neglected by the Trotskyists of Spain, who, sterilized in sectarian unity, eschewed any kind alley of sectarian futility. of maneuvers in the direction of the young Socialists.

They were satisfied to recite the ritual of the split between working the demagogic "unity" slogan for all it was worth. We and isolated the Ochlerites.

recognized the problem and realized that if we did not bestir

MILITANT PACE-SETTERS

Here are the twenty who have sold the highest number of subs.

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Philadelphia

Pittsburgh

San Francisco

Seattle

We had barely started our work under the independent bancialist Party and its developing Left Wing. We argued along the and was in good health. The tip of the little finger remained indeveloping movement of Left Socialism and turn it in the direc- That is why the party lives today and is able to talk about that tion of genuine Marxism. And in order to accomplish this we time. must lay aside all organizational fetishism. We cannot content though we had formed a new party, and had proclaimed it as the tarians. This Left Wing is a loose grouping of thousands of people Party—before the way was clear to solve this problem of the Left in the Socialist Party, somewhat hazy in their conceptions, con- Wing of the Socialist Party. These internal struggles, which confused and badly led, but very valuable for the future if they receive sumed the energies of the new party almost from its inception, the proper fertilization of Marxist ideas.

> Our position was formulated in the Cannon-Shachtman resand also from Muste. The Oehlerites took their stand on dogmatic no sooner launched the new party than we were confronted with sectarian grounds. Not only would they have nothing to do with the problem of the Left Wing of the Socialist Party. We could any present orientation toward the Socialist Party, but they in- not agree on what to do, we had to spend a year fighting it out. sisted, as a matter of principle, that we specifically exclude this from any future consideration. We have formed the party, said the Oehlerites. Here it is. Let the Left Socialists join us if they accept the program. We are Mohammed and they are the mountain, and the mountain must come to us. That was their whole prescription for those confused young Left Socialists who had and myself. We were received with enthusiasm along the way. never shown the slightest inclination to join our party. We said: One could notice in the radical labor movement a general spirit "No, that is too simple. Bolsheviks must have sufficient political of appreciation of the fact that a process of unification had beinitiative to help the Left Socialists find their way to the right gun after the long period of disintegration and splits. We had program. If we do this the problem of uniting with them in a ommon organization can be worked out easily."

> Muste opposed this—not on principled grounds, but on grounds organizational fetishism, perhaps personal pride. Such sentiments are fatal in politics. Pride, anger, spite—any kind of subjectivity which influences a political course leads only to the defeat and destruction of those who give way to it. You know, in the prize-fighting profession—"the manly art of self-defense"—one of the first lessons the young boxer learns from the casehardened trainer is to keep cool when facing an antagonist in the ring, "Don't ever get mad in the ring. Don't ever lose your head, because if you do you will wake up on the canvas." Boxers have to fight calculatingly, not subjectively. The same thing is doubly true in politics. Muste couldn't bear the thought that after we had founded a party and proclaimed it the one and only party, we should then pay attention to any other party. We should go on in our own way, keep our heads up and see what happens. If they failed to join us, well, that would be their own fault. Muste's position was not sufficiently thought out, not reasoned with the necessary objectivity. It would not do in the situation. If we had stood aside, the Stalinists would have gobbled up the Socialist Left up Muste and me—who, I must admit, were looking a bit seedy Wing and it would have been used as another club against us, as

Sectarianism Is A Political Disease

Before the Socialist Party question could be solved, and thereby another obstacle removed from the path of the development of the American party of the vanguard, we had to fight the question out in the ranks of the Workers Party. We had to fight out the question of principle with the sectarians; and when they remained stubborn and became undisciplined we had to drive them out of the party. I said that with a little emphasis because that was the way we had to deal with the Oehlerites—with emphasis. If we had failed to do that in 1935, if we had yielded to any kind of sentimentalism toward people who were ruining our political prospects with their stupid formalism, our movement would have been wrecked in 1935. We would have been cut off from the possibility of further development. An inevitable disintegration would have taken place. The movement would have ended in the blind

Sectarianism is not an interesting idiosyncracy. Sectarianism is a political disease that will destroy any organization where the Social Democracy and the Comintern in 1914-19, with the it takes firm hold and isn't rooted out in time. Our party is livresult that the Stalinists cut right in ahead of them, took over ing today and is quite healthy thanks to the medicinal and surgical this grandly promising Socialist youth organization and made treatment that sectarianism received in 1935. Medicinal treatment it into an appendage of Stalinism. That was one of the decisive is the more important and must always come first in any case. factors in the destruction of the Spanish revolution. We didn't Ours consisted of sound education on Marxist principles and their want that to happen here. The Stalinists had the edge on us to sectarian caricatures; thorough discussion, patient explanation. begin with. In the Socialist Left Wing there were already strong By these methods we cleared away the miasma and, although we York. They didn't let the party rest, they wouldn't let it get sentiments of conciliation with Stalinism, and the Stalinists were were in a minority at the start, eventually gained a large majority a good start in its work. Consider the situation. Here was a newly

This was not done in a day. It took many months. Surgical ourselves, what had happened in Spain would happen again here. treatment followed only when the defeated Oehlerites began to violate party discipline systematically and to prepare a split. In ner of the Workers Party, but this problem would not wait. We the course of discussion and explanation, we educated the great began to insist that more and more attention be paid to the So- majority of the party. The body of the party had been cured following lines: We must cut in between the Stalinists and this fected and began to turn gangrenous, so we just chopped it off.

After we finished with the Oehlerites we had to go through were certainly very inconvenient. We should have had a year or two of constructive work, uninterrupted by differences, conflicts olution. We met determined resistance in the party from Oehler and internal fights. But history didn't work that way. We had

Of course, these conflicts didn't begin immediately. The new party, organized in early December 1934 began its work quite auspiciously. One of the party's first demonstrations of political activity, which was also intended to symbolize the unification of the two currents, was a joint cross-country speaking tour of Muste very good meetings in most places, and the tour reached its high point at Minneapolis.

National Tours After the Unification

This was six months or so following the great strike victories: We were received there very well. The comrades in Minneapolis were highly pleased that we had not allowed ourselves to become so completely absorbed in economic strikes as to neglect opportunities of the purely political party field. Our unification with another group, whose militants they valued very highly because of the work they had done in the unemployed movement, the Toledo strike, etc., was warmly applauded by the Minneapolis comrades. They gave us a good reception and laid themselves out to celebrate our visit by a well-planned series of meetings and conferences, culminating in a banquet in honor of the National Secretary of their party and the editor of the paper that was so dear to their hearts—THE MILITANT. They always do things right in Minneapolis. In the course of our stay there, they decided to dress us up in a manner befitting the dignity of our positions.

The leading comrades came down from the union hall, picked at the time—and took us on a tour of clothiers and haberdashers. They rigged us out in new outfits from head to foot. It was a very fine gesture. I was sharply reminded of that suit of clothes long after I had worn it out. In the summer of 1936 Muste, disoriented by all the complications and difficulties, and overwhelmed by the blood and violence in the Spanish civil war and Moscow trials. reverted as you know, to his original position as a religionist and went back to the church. Vincent Dunne got the news through a private letter and he passed the information on to Bill Brown. "Bill," he said, "What do you think? Muste has gone back to the church." Bill was flabbergasted. "Well, I'll be damned," he said. Then, a moment later: "Say, Vincent, we ought to get that suit back!" But he should have known better. Preachers never give anything back.

We parted at Minneapolis. Muste went on further South to cover other parts of the country. I went on to California to finish the tour. This was at the time of the Sacramento "criminalsyndicalism" trial of Communist Party members. One of our comrades—Norman Mini—was among the defendants, and because he had turned Trotskyist, not only did the Stalinists refuse to defend him, but they denounced him in their press as a "stoolpigeon" while he was on trial. We came to his aid. The Non-Partisan Labor Defense, a non-Stalinist defense committee, did very distinguished work in providing defense for Comrade Mini.

We exploited to the full all the political aspects of this situation. While this tour was in process, lasting a couple of months, we began to hear the first rumbling of trouble with the sectarian phrasemongers back in New York. They always begin it in New formed organization, representing a unification of people with

entirely different experiences and backgrounds. This party required a little time to work together, and to have peace in common work. That was the most reasonable, the most realistic program for the first period. But you can never get reasonableness or realism from sectarians. They came tearing into this united organization in New York with a "Bolshevization" program. They were going to take these centrist Musteites and make Bolsheviks out of them, whether they liked it or not. And quick too. Discussions! They scared some of these Musteites out of their wits with their discussions, theses, and clarifications till all hours of the night. They went about searching for "issues," hounding all who might be deviating from the straight and narrow path of doctrine. No peace, no fraternal common work, no education in ourselves with saying: "Here is the Workers Party. It has a cor- a rather prolonged faction struggle with the Musteites—two inter- a calm atmosphere, no will to let the young party develop narect program. Come and join it!" That is the attitude of sec- nal struggles in the first year of the existence of the Workers turally and organically. An irresponsible factional struggle was

Explosion At Pittsburgh Active Workers Conference

This ruction in New York was preparing the way for an explosion at the famous Active Workers Conference, called by the party to meet in Pittsburgh in March, 1935. The Active Workers Conference was an excellent institution which had been brought over from the experiences of the American Workers Party. The idea is to invite all the party activists in a given area, or the whole country over, to pick up and come to a central place to discuss practical work, report on experiences, get acquainted with one another, etc. It is a marvelous institution, as we found out in our experiences at Chicago in 1940 and again in 1941. It works out beautifully when there is harmony in the party and you are able to come together to transact business and get it over with. But when there are serious disputes in the party, which nothing but a formal convention can settle, especially if an irresponsible faction is on the loose, it is best to dispense with informal Active Workers Conferences which have no constitutional powers to decide the disputes. In such a situation informal gatherings only

feed the flames of factionalism. We found that out at Pittsburgh. The Active Workers Conference we tried at Pittsburgh was a horrible fizzle because, from the very opening of it, the Ochlerites used it as a sounding board for their factional struggle against the "opportunism" of the leadership. The Musteite comrades, new to the experience of political party life, came in from the field with the naive idea, that they were going to hear each others' reports on party mass work and discuss how they could step it up a little. Instead of that, they were confronted with an unrestrained free-for-all factional fight from the very beginning. The Oehlerites started the fight over the selection of the chairman, and thereafter continued it—in a fanatical, life and death, do or die manner-on every question. It was a factional shambles such as I have never seen before in such a setting. Forty or fifty innocent field workers, with little or no experience in party politics or caucuses, who had come there looking for some inspiration from this new party and some sensible guidance in their practical work, were treated to discussions and arguments and factional denunciation, lasting all day and night. I imagine many of them said to themselves in alarm: "What have we got into? We always heard the Trotskyists were crazy theses sharks and professional factionalists. Perhaps the stories had some truth in them." They saw factionalism in the worst version there.

The mass work activist, as a rule, is inclined to want only very little discussion, to settle a few very necessary details, and then proceed to action. At Pittsburgh they-and we, too, wanted to get down to business and have an exchange of experiences in the practical work of the party: trade union activity, the unemployed leagues, the functioning of party branches, finances, etc. The sectarians weren't interested in such humdrum matters. They insisted on discussing Ethiopia, China, "the French turn," and other "principled questions," which were very important, to be sure, but not on the agenda of the conference.

Oehler, Stamm and Zack were the three leaders. I don't know how many of you know the famous Joseph Zack. He had recently come over to us from Stalinism but was only bivouacking in our camp on his way to other destinations. He had been one of the inside bureaucrats of the Stalinist party, and contributed a full share to the corruption and bureaucratic degeneration of the party. Then he became a Trotskyist for a few weeks—at the most a few months. He had no sooner got his feet wet in our organization, than he turned and began to attack us from the "left." We tolerated him for a while, but when he began to disrupt party discipline, we chucked him out. He fell off into space and finally landed in the anti-Communist "democratic" camp, as a contributor to the New Leader—you know that Social-Democratic newspaper over there on Fifteenth Street; that Old Renegades Home, where all the political cripples and lepers live.

(To Be Continued)

cannot emancipate itself

European Trotskyists Call For Aid The NEGRO To The Embattled Colonial Peoples

Editorial Note: This Manifesto of the European Executive Committee of the Fourth International to all the workers of Europe 13 translated from the October 27 "De Rode October" (Red October). official organ of the Dutch Trotskyists. Publication of this Manijesto in the Netherlands indicates how the Dutch Trotskyists are opposing Duch imperialism and defending the Indonesian struggle for independence.

At the same time the atomic bomb demonstrates the full destructive power of world imperialism, the complete organizational weakness of capitalism is shown by the beginning of the revolution in the colonial countries.

Taking advantage of the growing difficulties of the imperialist bourgeoisie in defending its domestic rule and in regulating its international relations, the colonial peoples, one after the other, are rising to sweep away the hated imperialist domination which has brought them nothing but double exploitation and a regime of bloody repressions. The Indo-Chinese and the Indonesians have thrown off the yoke of French and Dutch imperialism. It will not be long before the masses in Burma, India, Ceylon, the Philippines and Korea too will go over to open struggle against their imperialist masters. The period of revolution in the colonial countries is at hand.

The bourgeois and social-patriotic slanderers have formed their united front against the struggle of the colonial peoples for freedom. On every hand the world press is being mobilized against the revolutionary movements of the Far East. But the cynical "defenders of democracy" who let hundreds of thousands of soldiers and civilians be murdered supposedly to crush "Japanese militarism." do not hesitate for one moment to use this same Japanese army against the revolutionary liberation movement of the colonial peoples! With the aid of the Japanese army and "irregular" French forces the British troops attempted to stem the Annamite uprising. This same Japanese army was called upon by British imperialism to maintain "peace and order" in Java before the British forces arrived on the spot. In spite of their diverging interests all the imperialists together will tomorrow unleash a bloody war should one of the colonial peoples succeed in temporarily achieving its independence.

As always, the mere beginning of a revolutionary outburst was sufficient to unmask the imperialist bourgeoisie and its agents. The defense of "freedom and culture" is the defense of the right of the bankers to live off the blood and the sweat of millions of colonial slaves! The "defense of the rights of small nations" means that half a dozen colonial nations are denied the most for weak spots, probing political- er to do battle against capitalism elementary of democratic rights, namely the right of independence.

For A United Front Of The Workers!

To this united front of the slave drivers, the oppressed of all lands must counterpose their own united front. True, in the last instance the revolution in the colonial countries can only be victorious when the proletariat, together with the masses of the poor peasants, ends the domination of its own national bourgeolsie as well as the domination of foreign imperialism, when it the Dutch slave-masters. They pouring into the hands of the sweeps away the remnants of feudalism, solves the agrarian problem. liquidates the frontiers and founds the great Socialist Federation of the Asiatic peoples.

But the struggle of the colonial peoples for their immediate independence is in itself an extremely progressive struggle, which the proletariat of the mother country must support with all its might. This struggle strikes at the very core of the imperialist system; it shakes the world domination of finance capital to its foundation; deprives the European bourgeoisie of its last reserves and thus decisively favors the class struggle of the European working masses.

All the workers' organizations are faced with the immediate choice: WITH the racapacious imperialist bandits, or WITH the peoples who have risen against barbaric exploitation. "Complete solidarity with the struggle for colonial freedom!" Such is the slogan of the Fourth International, such must be the line of conduct of all workers in Europe. The cause of the colonial peoples is their cause. They have a common enemy: blood-stained imperialism which is leading humanity to the abyss. The road to liberation is the same for both: it is the road of irreconcilable revolutionary struggle, of unity under the banner of Communism, under the banner of the Fourth International!

WORKERS OF EUROPE!

You cannot permit the revolution in the colonial countries to be crushed! Its supression can only be a preparation for your own defeat, its success will be an important step toward your own victory.

You must follow the example of the Australian workers who showed in action their solidarity with their brothers from the colonial countries.

You must demand of your unions and mass parties that they take immediate action against imperialist intervention in the Far East. The European Executive Committee of the Fourth International calls all workers' organizations to the immediate formation of a united front for the defense of the revolution in the colonial countries.

DOCKWORKERS OF MARSEILLE, NAPLES, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM AND LIVERPOOL!

The shining example of your Australian comrades shows you are dug to bury the dead. the way. Ships are leaving the harbors with weapons destined for the fight against the colonial peoples.

FRENCH, DUTCH AND BELGIAN RAILROAD WORKERS! Trains are transporting soldiers and materials for embarka-

tion to the Far East. WORKING MEN AND WOMEN OF THE SOVIET UNION! Protest against the Kremlin's abandonment of the Leninist

policy of complete support to the colonial revolution. Today the decisive blow for the defense of the Soviet Union is struck in Saigon and Batavia.

WORKING MEN AND WOMEN OF GREAT BRITAIN!

Show opposition, demonstrate, strike in protest against the scandalous complicity of your "labor government" with the slave his head in espionage so that meager wage. drivers of Paris, Amsterdam, London and Tokyo.

Proletarians of all countries, unite in the struggle against from the yoke of Japanese imimperialism, in defense of the endangered revolution in the coperialism. His daring action

No soldier, no rifle against the Uprising of the Colonial Peoples! friend faces starvation and op- their first clothes in years from Down with imperialism! Long live the revolution in the pression under the heel of Dutch generous Australian and Amercountries! imperialism which is just as op-

Immediate independence for all countries!

Long live the world solidarity of the oppressed! European Executive Committee, Fourth International and the following sections of the Fourth International:

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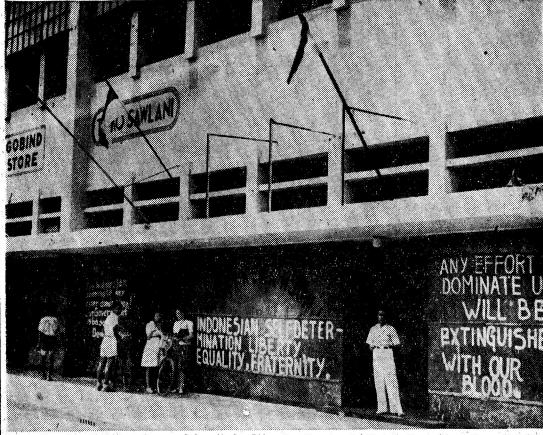
PCI. Greece GCI, Spain

IKD, Germany

PCR. Belgium CRM. Netherlands MAS, Switzerland

The group of Indo-Chinese Internationalist Communists in Europe. and troops destined for Java. In ly low wages.

Indonesian Slogans In Soerabaja



People of Indonesia proclaim their determination to win their independence from Dutch imperialism. "Any effort to dominate us will be extinguished with our blood," says one of

Javanese Battle Heroically **Against Imperialist Despots**

and deceiving with a perfidious- due grave. ness not exceeded by the diplom- U. S. ROLE acy of Hitler.

The objective of the British is deadly clear. They intend to the grip of London.

And the fact that the policy people. of massacre is being implemented by Clement Attlee and Ernest the Atlantic Charter finding

(Special to THE MILITANT)

By "A Sailor"

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one Chinese doctor and two

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of the hospital. The toll of

A young Indonesian worker

saved the lives of many United

mainland they resent the policy forms.

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EXPRESS SOLIDARITY

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brother dock-workers on the equipped with Australian uni-

which is helping to restore Dutch the Dutch troops are well housed

In Australia they refused to suffer inflationary government

load Dutch ships with supplies prices, scarcity and scandalous-

ican military personnel. But

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NICA's Military Police under the

In contrast to the Indonesians,

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Why Indonesians

Fight For Freedom

workers voted these men to pow-|of Indonesia's cities. ly for soft openings in the na- and not to save this vicious outtionalist movement itself, lying moded system from its long over-

Washington is backing the

intend to prevent above all the British and Dutch imperialist spread of the Indonesian upris- troops. American ships are hasing to the colonial lands still in tening fresh contingents of soldiers to battle the Indonesian Thus are the fair promises of

more sickening. For the British smoking ruins and bloody streets

The events of the past week

show that the Indonesian people, if they are to win, will require all the assistance the working class of the world can give.

In the past week the British inched forward, trying to secure British and Dutch. American their positions in Socrabaja. smash the independence move- arms, American ammunition, They need the harbor for their ment. They intend to reinstate American military supplies are warships. They want to land more troops in this strategic area. They hope to use Soerabaja as a depot for the great stream of supplies carried in American and British ships.

BOMB CIVILIANS hands, the scale of military ural lands. The natives have In addition to those listed in malnutrition. previous issues of The Militant, Due to this near starvation But all of them put together Obviously. Why hadn't I seen 'about 4.600 Netherland Marines, there is a tremendously now in United States training rate of tuberculosis. camps, have been ordered to the

In this village of 14,000 there ence movement. Signs were victory. is only one dispensary. Its small painted by Australian soldiers According to the Nationalists, handle advanced ceases of tu- expressed the sympathy of Aus- and bombing the city indiscrimtralian troops with the independ- inately.

"FREE JAVA! 1938 - NO public of Indonesia, issued the potential plenty. IRON FOR JAPAN; 1945 - NO following statement: "I strongly More than 1,500 patients daily ARMS FOR DUTCH! SOEK- protest the use of bombers and line up for "treatment." To take ARNO IS NO QUISLING! heavy weapons against a city care of the hospital and the DON'T FALL FOR DUTCH population which is not able to "more serious cases" there are LIES! DIGGERS: SUPPORT defend itself. I hereby draw at-INDEPENDENCE FOR INDO- tention of the whole world to-Dutch nurses. The hospital is NESIANS! NO TROOPS FOR ward the vast massacre of men, usually the last resort. So long JAVA, LET US GO HOME! women and children." as a man is able to stand on his DUTCH PROFITS OR JAVA'S NEW PREMIER

Meanwhile the Allied imperialists continued their efforts to "Conditions under which Indoundermine the leadership of the deaths is frightful. Mass graves nesians live beggar description. Nationalist movement. On No-In Netherlands Indies Civil Auvember 11 the Dutch predicted thority villages the average the Cabinet would be reorganized ing of the Indonesian situation told me: "I have only had two worker gets approximately thir- to make way for the leadership years of schooling. After that teen Guilders a month or six of Sjahrir. Two days later the I was demanded half my work- and a half dollars—20 cents a Dutch prediction proved correct. ing salary which I could not afford. We want to learn, but the Dutch make it too difficult. Be- at exorbitant prices by the govpublic figure.

too much, soon we may want to If the worker loses a day be- policy would be cooperation with before it was to sail for Java cause of illness—during the wet the British. The Dutch were re-This Indonesian youth, like season nearly everyone is sick-ported to be willing to negotiate many others, slipped through the he is not paid. Some who are with him, and a N. Y. Times

Japanese lines shortly after seriously ill stay on the job un- editorial hailed the change. United States troops landed in til they drop rather than report | All the reports from Indonesia Borneo. He volunteered to risk to the dispensary and lose their are screened by the Dutch and British imperialists. Consequently they must be viewed with utmost caution. The facts cannot The prices of available food yet be verified. Whatever Sjahand necessities are beyond the rir's policies may be, the inconmeans of the Indonesian work- testable fact is the Indonesian States soldiers. Yet today my ers. Many civilians obtained people are fighting tooth and

New York Militant Labor Forum Charles Carsten present conflict. Like their of the Dutch troops who are SWP National Educational Director

will speak on The U.S. and the Argentine Crisis" and well fed while the natives Sunday, Nov. 25, 8 p.m. 116 University Place

Indonesians Under Dutch Rule By Susan Adams

Here is some evidence from one of the leading nutritionists in equal rights and "butting my America, Dr. E. V. McCollum of head against a stone wall." It John Hopkins University, show- came as the result of the death ing just how much imperialism of a man whose passing I have has "helped" the Indonesian no cause to regret.

McCollum states that "in the heritance it is no more than percent of the 5,500 deaths re- tune with others. There is ported during the years 1919 enough of it to go around no and 1920 were ascribed to star- matter how many take their cut, vation. The hospital records rep- for it is not the kind of wealth resent but a very small fraction that is washed away by bank of the total illness of natives in failures, depressions or unemthis land. The death rate from ployment. In a manner seemstarvation is appalling." (New- ingly strange, division has the er Knowledge of Nutrition, Dr. E. V. McCollum.)

One region in Java, where the soil is almost pure chalk, is inhabited by three or four million people. The only plant of any value that can be grown there is the cassava from which tapioca is made. The diet of these people consists mainly of cassava, almost pure starch. Hence they suffer from severe malnutrition.

"The cassava eater," says Mc-Collum "experiences a peculiar craving, a kind of perverted appetite, for the djenkol bean, the product of an indigenous tree. This bean is poisonous, and a single bean causes some degree of illness, but the people persist in eating it because the bean affords a kind of misery differing from and preferable to

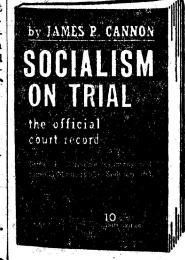
The Western islands of New Guinea formerly supported a large population of vigorous people. But grants made to foreign companies by the European imperialist rulers have deprived With Batavia already in their the natives of the best agricult-

In contradiction to reports in East Indies," Associated Press the capitalist press, conditions reported November 15. Trained have not improved under Dutch the Indies, soldiers have signed by American officers and famil- rule. According to the dietary petitions demanding that the jar with U. S. Army equipment, expert, McCollum: "Their diet plenty and equality for all.

The Indonesian people, like all

nail for their independence. Events are moving with great rapidity in Indonesia as the Allies exert their greatest energies to stem the tide of revolt. But the battle still hangs in the balance Vigorous aid from the workers throughout the world can bring victory to the Indo-

The Australian longshoremen The new spokesman said his walked off the vessel . . . just and 'Hands Off Java!'"



Hunger Plagues

The entire capitalist press is me this week. He chose, in retrospect, to make some personal trying to convey the impression observations. His article follows that the Indone an people are and its eloquence needs no combeing terribly ungrateful to the ment. British and Dutch rulers. After all didn't these masters raise the standard of living and make people more civilized?

EATING POISON!

deficiencies from cassava."

The soil in the East Indies is tice" meted out under the pre- fighters for equality and liberagenerally extremely fertile and vailing system. "What's the tion of the workers of the world staff is capable of administering amid the ruins of war-bombed the British advanced in Soera-could well support a large pop- matter?" I asked myself, and in the Socialist Workers Party. only first aid and yet it must oil refineries in Balikpapan. They baja using civilians as shields ulation. Instead there is want. kept on asking that same ques- Since joining their ranks I am colonial peoples, are being some day would come. I prod- strategy and their goal will Soekarno, President of the Re- starved to death in the midst of ded myself hard at this period bring the only solution to the

> demonstrated their understandby striking all ships carrying war supplies for the Dutch. Workers in South Africa, Ceylon and Tokyo have demonstrated. On November 11 "the crew of the British ship Moreton Bay with 1,600 Netherlands troops,' reported an AP dispatch from Sidney, Australia. "Demonstrators at the wharf shouted at the soldiers, 'Go Back to Holland!'

esty. I felt that, someday, the Negro must be given equal rights by the government, that government which had guaranteed all herited a great fortune. It came men those rights—at least on paper. It is so easy-and so capitalism, fighting in vain for dangerous—to rationalize. It is equally easy-and equally dan-

A Worker's Fortune

Militant," we reprint this week one of the most inspiring and

widely praised of Charles Jackson's columns on "The Negro Strug-

gle." It first appeared October 7, 1944.)

I am a fellow worker who in-

to me after years of believing in

effect of multiplication on this

every outward way. His name

new-found weath of mine.

he was my former self.

CONQUEST OF FEAR

(For the benefit of the thousands of new readers of "The

I asked B. P., one of our newer comrades, to pinch hit for

one's own thinking. Day after day the battle raged within me before the forces of Under such conditions of inmis-education began to give way to the truth. The trouble was two chief hospitals in Java, 24 fair that I should share the for- I lacked dominion over my own emotions and thoughts.

gerous-to become a martyr in

Dominion! That word stuck in my mind. I needed it. No man ever needed it more than I did. But how to acquire it? That was the rub. The mis-education and constant propaganda I received under capitalism made me rebel at the very possibility of a socialist world. But that re-The man who bequeathed bellion was not so strong as to riches to me resembled me in satisfy my mind and put it at ease. I thought and thought. I was the same as mine. He had checked back over my life. I the same parents, the same analyzed and re-analyzed. I read childhood and the same semi- and read some more, for I knew education. As a matter of fact, that I was facing a crisis.

PLAIN TRUTH

Yes, after a long and suffer-One night reading The Miliing illness my former self gave tant I saw this quotation of Karl up a fruitless struggle and died. Marx: "Labor with a white skin An autopsy showed that he died cannot emancipate itself where of mis-education, vain desires labor with a black skin is brandfor unattainable riches, lack of ed." Somewhere I had read faith in the working people and those words before but I hadn't other complications often seen given them much attention bein the workers under capitalcause I hadn't realized my own futility. That night the quota-There is no finer sensation tion seemed almost illuminated than that which comes with a on the printed page. The light victory over one's self. It feels of truth shone through. I saw good to go fronting into the obthat under capitalist exploitastacles of racial injustice created tion I could never, no never, obby capitalism and winning a few tain equal rights as a citizen. skirmishes now and then; but it feels a thousand times better to From that moment forward I go forward with a program that was either to deterioriate or else to construct a life worth living. has as its goal COMPLETE ach-

The quotation suddenly struck home. "Why, that means me," I said to myself. "It means I knew the joy of skating on that the white worker cannot Bevin makes the picture all the their true expression in the power is tipping in favor of the been forced to live mainly on a clear day; I knew the joy of succeed without me nor I with-Allied imperialists. Reinforce- wild fruits and starchy foods. winning a baseball game with a out him. We must work toments are following the British. This diet has resulted in severe home run; I knew the delight of gether. We must establish a new a good meal after a long walk. economic order."

> conquering the fear of capitalist always seems so plain and siminjustices and capitalist insecur- ple that we wonder why the disfighting, teaching and working

My next step was to find the for Socialism with its peace, people who today follow the Australian government recog- these Marines can further in- is very poor as compared with For twenty years I had fought teachings of the author of that BALIKPAPAN, Borneo, Oct. 25 nize the Indonesian independ- crease chances of an imperialist that before the foreign invasion." against the unreasonable "jus- quotation. I found the Marxist tion and hoping that the answer even more convinced that their and always there was the temp- injustices against which we have tation to evade complete hon-all been fighting.

Socialist Workers Party **Branch Activities**

Regular bi-monthly Forum, Friday, Nov. 23; Joseph Andrews speaker on "How Can Labor Win the Wage Fight?" LLENTOWN-BETHLEHEM-Public dis-

cussion meeting on current topics every Thursday, 8 p.m. at Militant Labor Forum, S. E. corner Front and Hamilton Streets, Allentown. Mondays and Saturdays from noon until 5 p.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

BUFFALO—Open house every Saturday night at the Militant Forum, 629 Main CHICAGO-Visit the Chicago SWP head-

uarters 160 N. Wells, R. 317. Open 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. every day except sunday. Tel. Dearborn 7562. DETROIT-All Militant readers invited to the SWP Open House held every Saturday at 3513 Woodward. Forums on 'topical questions every Sunday, 8 p.m. Refreshments.

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: LOS AN-GELES, Socialist Workers Party, Rooms 200-05, 232 S, Hill St. VA-7936. SAN PEDRO, Socialist Workers Party, 1008

MILWAUKEE — Visit the Milwaukee branch of the SWP at its headquarters, 424 E. Wells St., any evening

MINNEAPOLIS—Visit the Labor Book Store, 10 South 4th St., open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. dally.

Attend the Twin Cities Sunday Forum held every Sunday, 3:30 p.m.

EWARK-Lectures are held every Friday at the Progressive Workers' School, 423 Springfield Ave., at 8:30 Nev. 23—"Boss Offensive Against the Unions."

AKRON—Visit The Militant Club, 405-6
Everett Bldg., 39 East Market St., open
Tues. and Thurs. 2 to 4 p.m.; Mon.,
Wed., Fri. 7 to 9 p.m.
Campaign mobilization every Sunday
at 2:00 p.m.,
Beaular bi-monthly Forum. Friday.

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Package Relief Social, 116 University Place.

Classes: Every Monday 3 p.m. at Chelsea Branch, 130 W. 23 St., second floor on Principles of Marxism. Also every Monday 8 p.m. at 116 University Pl. on Public Speaking and Parliamentary Procedure.

Harlem Discussion Group meets every Wednesday night 8 p.m. to discuss "Labor and Negro Struggles," at 103 West 110 St., Room 23. Office open day and evening 10 a.m. to open day and evening 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. also 7 to 9 p.m. Trotskyist Youth Forum, Friday, Nov. 23, 8 p.m., "Civil War in China," 116 University Place.

PHILADELPHIA—SWP Headquarters, 408
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Friday 8 p.m. on current topics.
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ST. LOUIS—Visit our headquarters, 1023 Grand Blvd. Room 312, open word day through Saturday from 12 to 2 p.m.; Monday, Wednesday, Friday p.m.; Monday, from 8 to 10 p.m.

TOLEDO—Forums every Tuesday, 8:45 p.m., Roi Davis Bldg., Room 304, 905 Jefferson Ave.

YOUNGSTOWN- Youngstown School of Social Science, 225 N. Phelps St., open to public Tuesday and Saturday after-noon from 2 to 5; also 7:30 to 9:39 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Diary Of A Steelworker By T. Kovalesky

LETTER TO ANOTHER STEELWORKER

Dear Tony:

In some ways it seems like old times, doesn't it? Of course, some years ago we didn't have to



go through so much red tape to get ready for a strike, this Smith-Connally Act voting set-up with its government balloting and its 30-day 'cooling off period." But we can do that too, if we have to, and still knock the big companies

to their knees. We want to get a big turnout for the vote, Tony, a hundred per cent if we can. You remember what the company did last time. They put out statements to the press saying that the workers in the plant were perfectly satisfied, and that the place had been closed down by a strike of a few agitators, who were leading the rest of the employees around by the nose. That didn't beat us, of course, and if they did it again, it wouldn't beat us this time. But it was a weapon that the companies used against us; and we don't want them to have any weapons at all that we can keep them from having. Besides, the bigger the vote, the better the morale is going to be. We want every steelworker to be saying to himself, "All the guys are together on this. Look at the vote." We'll have solidarity, and we want everybody to know it in the depths of his heart.

The ballot may be a little confusing, but I don't think we'll lose many votes because of it, if we lose any at all. As far as I know it'llread something like this: "Do you wish to interrupt war production in time of war?" Well, we'll be able to answer that one all right. We'll just tell the fellows to mark the ballot "Yes," and we'll go on to tell them what a "yes" vote

Have you thought it out, Tony? I guess you have, being a steelworker and a union man. But anyway, here's a way of saying it.

A "Yes" vote means good food on the table. It means butter, plenty of milk for the kids, enough meat to keep you strong enough to go out into the red hell of the steel plant and sweat each day on the job.

A "yes" vote means medical and dental care. It means that when you get a stomach ache or a queer feeling in your back, you won't have to persuade yourself that it doesn't mean any-

thing like you have been doing. You'll be able to go to the doctor and see if it is anything serious, before it gets to be too late. Plenty of fellows have died because they didn't see the doctor in time, just because they didn't have the money to go. And, Tony, look around at the fellows you work with. How many of them have gaps in their mouths where they should have teeth? When a fellow's hard up, the first thing he lets slide is dental care. Hell, you can't buy everything, can't pay out money for everything. Something's got to wait. So the dentist waits, and the worker loses his teeth at an early age.

A "yes" vote means a decent house to live in; it means decent furniture, not sagging chairs with the springs coming through the seats. It means clean wallpaper, not tattered walls and broken plaster. It means a refrigerator, not a run down ice-box, where your meat will spoil in a few days, and milk will turn sour overnight.

A "yes" vote means clothing. Did you know that the average steelworker gets only one suit in ten years, that his wife gets only four dresses a year, including house dresses? Did you know his little boy doesn't even get one new suit a year, and that his little girl has only four new dresses a year, and one coat, one blouse, and two sweaters?

A "yes" vote is a chance to let your son finish high school. You and I may have started working as kids, Tony, but we don't want our boys to do that. Whatever anybody may say about human beings, they always want their kids to have a better life than they had, themselves. They're pretty decent that way. And a "yes" vote will help them send their kids on toward a better life. More power to them, I say.

And finally, Tony, a "yes" vote means MAN-HOOD. In a letter to The Militant a week or so ago, Eugene Debs was quoted as saying what deep compassion he felt for the unwilling slave; but for the willing slave, he felt nothing but contempt. That's what this is: a roll call of the willing and unwilling slaves. Those of us who resent our conditions are the descendants of Spartacus and all the rest of the rebel slaves who were free in their hearts. Those who are satisfied are no more than beasts of burden, slaves at heart. The MEN will vote "Yes" on November 28.

Best luck to you and your local,

Ted Kovalesky

Shoptalks On Socialism By V. Grey

"Don't worry — I'll be with you when the time comes. I'll be on the right side of the bar-



brother, maybe you will. But we need your help RIGHT NOW We have to build a party hat has the numbers and influence to take power "when the time comes." That's why we

recruit new members. That gag "I'll be with you when the time comes," is generally just an excuse for not joining the revolutionary party. It's sort of a shifty, mumbling way of saying "I'm a no-account and a ne-er-do-well, but my heart's in the right place, don't you know.'

But some people really do think that's all they have to do to get socialism—just be around "when the time comes." They don't see why a party is necessary. What's the difference, they think, whether they are in it or out of it, so long as they agree with its ideas?

If a person agrees with our ideas and does not join us, his agreement doesn't mean very much. It's like the picture of a man painted on a screen. It's high and wide and it looks real but theres no thickness to it.

The living flesh and blood of our ideas is action. We are always in action of one sort or another—from recruiting a single member to the act of revolution itself. Action needs purpose, plan, organization. To take the smallest actions against the bosses, you have to organize into large unions. You have to start with a few people, spread the idea, and get more people. It's much the same with fighting the bosses of the whole country and the world.

Suppose there were no Socialist Workers Party. And suppose you and I and a few other people began figuring what was wrong with things today. Suppose we figured it out that the factory system had grown too big for its owners who couldn't make it work any more; that these owners couldn't do anything for the world except try to blow it sky high every few years; and suppose we decided that the only answer was to kick

this handful of zombies out on their ear and let the whole people run things through workers'

After we did all this figuring would we get up, shake hands, and say, "Well, so long, pal, I'll see you when the time comes." That would be a queer way for normal human beings to act, No. we wouldn't do that. We'd do just the

opposite. We'd grab all our friends and say, "Let's get together on this. What are your experiences? Don't they prove this idea is right? You must contribute the value of your experience to make this idea richer. You must contribute your prestige and popularity to spread the idea. Let's get together and work energetically to test it in life and struggle and prove to everybody that we're right."

In other words, we'd start a revolutionary

But luckily for us, that's already been done. Luckily for us, Marx and Engels didn't say, "I'll see you boys when the time comes." Lenin and Trotsky didn't say, "We'll come along when you're on the barricades." No, these men stuck through thick and thin. They helped to build the barricades.

Luckily for the workers of the world, the thinking, fighting and dying of millions of revolutionary heroes is crystalized in the Fourth International, which is going to lead the worldwide socialist revolution.

But this thinking and this fighting is not finished. The party it created is still growing. Each new member's muscles give it fresh sinews. Each new member's thinking, his criticism and questions give nerve and life to the party's brain.

The revolutionary party does not have to have the majority of humanity within its ranks to lead the revolution. But it must have their overwhelming confidence and support. That means that every energetic youth, boy or girl, man or woman, everyone with a tongue to convince, with a character to lead, with hands to work, or spirit to fight, should join the party so that oppressed humanity stirring in revolt will see its own image reflected there.

If there is anyone at the door biting his nails until "the time comes" let him come right in and help MAKE the time come.

Postwar Notes For Seamen By F. J. Lang

The American Export Line has been awarded the Mediterranean trade route by the U.S. Martime Commission. The Commission is going



ahead with a \$250-million government-financed plan for the construction of 11 passenger ships, 3 of which will go to Export for service in the New York-Mediterranean run. These pres-

ent plans of the U.S. Maritime Commission for American-flag ship service to the Mediterranean almost exactly duplicate what was done after World War I by the old U.S. Shipping Board.

American Export Line is a typical "private operator." This outfit got started in the Mediterranean trade in 1920 with seven governmentowned World War I freighters. By 1924 it operated all government-owned vessels in this trade at a loss of \$750,000 per annum to the federal

The following year, 1925, the Shipping Board decided to sell these government-owned ships which had been built at a cost to the American taxpayers of \$29 million. Export picked them up for \$1.062,000.

In 1929 alone the government's mail subsidy to Export for operating these ships amounted to over \$1 million, or about equal to Export's original investment in ships. Yet there was still outstanding in 1929 more than \$500,000 which Export owed the Shipping Board for the 18 ships "sold" by the government to put this outfit in business as a "private operator."

In 1929 Export built the four "Aces" (as the company called them)—Exeter, Excambion, Excalibur, and Exochorda—all sunk during World War II. These gave Export its cut on the war insurance racket.

These four ships cost Export nothing. Their total construction cost was \$9,442,000, and to Trades Council and the Interpay for them the company borrowed \$6,900,000 from the U.S. Shipping Board. The remaining \$2,500,000 was to be paid by the company, but by 1931 it had defaulted in these construction payments. Yet in the same year, 1931, the four "Aces" brought in \$1,620,000 in mail subsidies.

A Senate investigating committee in 1934 revealed that Export had received \$8 million from government mail subsidies between 1928 and 1934, and that the company was then still \$747,-000 in arrears on its government-loan subsidy. In 1936 this outfit was still in business and still collecting mail subsidies, receiving \$1,479,000 of the taxpayers' money for that year.

The 1936 Merchant Marine Act established the Maritime Commission and was supposed to rid the maritime industry of much of the graft connected with the old system of mail subsidies. Nevertheless, Export continued to operate until the outbreak of World War II. From 1938 through 1941 the company paid out \$1,844,687 in dividends. Government funds poured into the industry during the war further fattened Export's stockholders. They are now back on the government gravy train in one of the coveted subsidized trade routes.

Dutch Stalinists Oppose Indonesian Freedom Offer Full Support To Brutal Imperialist Rule

Labor Solidarity In Stamford



Returned war veterans, some dressed in their old uniforms, leading a sympathy parade and demonstration of the workers of the Atlas Powder Company and other Stamford, Conn., plants in support of the striking Yale & Town e workers. The militant struggle against the would-be open-shop Yale & Towne company has the backing of virtually the entire community-except, of course, the bosses.

Yale And Towne Strikers Fight Low Wages, Return Of Open Shop

accept arbitration of union demands. For two months Carey spurned union negotiations. The workers, members of Lodges 539 and 1557 International Associa-

tion of Machinists, AFL, voted overwhelmingly for strike in an NLRB poll and walked out November 7. All AFL and CIO un- ped a musician on the back, exions here pledged moral and financial aid.

When Carey then showed up the first day of the strike he was kept out of the plant. Other officials conferred with him in the street, to the amusement of the 300 pickets and thousands of spectators.

MUSICAL PICKETS Picketing is enlivened by a 10-

piece volunteer union band playing frequent concerts of popular tunes. labor songs such as are admitted to the plant. Manmen they wanted admitted the crowd hooted. into the plant for "reconversion planning." The union pared this down to 70, who are admitted only by union consent.

losed shop contracts or even to opposite the main gates are workers' homes. Women wheel as little as 50 cents an hour, with no overtime since the end baby carriages there, shout encouragement to the pickets and join in songs and even occasional dancing on the pavement.

> Yesterday, after an especially fine band concert, a picket slapclaiming, "A swell show today," The grinning bandsman replied. "Tomorrow we'll do the 'Unfinished Symphony'." This was an apt prediction.

POLICE ATTACK

Today 30 police formed vedge to try to break through the largest picket circle to ad- Greyhound Bus mit a group of company supervisors. A few pickets were knocked down in a 10-minute Strikers Fight scuffle but no one went through. Police chief John Brennan "Solidarity Forever," and funeral | threatened to use tear gas. After dirges whenever a few executives | consultation a few non-production men were allowed to enter. agement submitted a list of 192 while the band played dirges and

The strikers were especially angered yesterday by a smear in the Hearst N. Y. Journal-American. Following the barring Children accompany mothers of Carey from the plant, the and fathers, white and Negro, vellow Hearst paper sent a reon the three solid picket circles porter to demand and be denied Electric Railway and Motor cite to violence from the side of munist Party calling on the before the main gates of the plant entry so the Journal-Amerbrick and stone plant that cov- ican could shed crocodile tears AFL, have outlined their griev- consider them foreign agents." | nesian independence.

San Francisco Machinists Hold Firm In Joint Strike

ENEMIES WITHIN

The heads of the AFL Metal national Association of Machinists have issued statements of non-support in an attempt to discourage the strike. The AFL Central Labor Council has failed STALINIST GAME to express support. The labor condemn the strike.

Stalinist leaders of several wa-"six point program" designed to breaking. workers to break the Stalinist creases.

tainers in storage. Claims that A key demand of the Stalinship repair tie-ups were prevent- ists is that the striking machin- mph basis after V-J day, with forces emerged decisive victors on an eight (8) hour day so they ing the "boys from coming home" ist unions agree to a "joint strat- their 15 per cent increase elim- at Firestone. have been exploded with the egy board" dominated by the inated, drivers were forced to revelation that 25 troop ships leaders of the Stalinist - con- work longer than prewar hours the third big local in Akron, are lying idle in San Francisco trolled unions which would de- for prewar pay. A slash from Goodyear Local 2, will be held Bay and others have been con- cide which shops should be pick- \$70 to \$55 per week was typical. verted to cargo and pleasure trip eted and generally direct the WAGE DEMANDS course of the walkout. This the machinists have firmly refused. They have correctly rejected any scheme aimed to take direction of the strike out of the hands of the strikers or pave the way for a settlement on other than the strikers' terms.

Now the Stalinists are atofficialdom fears the spread of tempting to put teeth in their will benefit under the new constrike action, but because of the demands upon the strikers. At tract, include porters, ticket sellrank and file pressure the AFL the November 8 meeting of ers and other terminal workers. tops have not dared openly to Bridges' ILWU-CIO Local 1-10 a Company executives are selling his group of militants. The cormotion was forced through "that tickets from sidewalk booths, as the officials stand instructed to the picket line closes the Kansas terfront unions are continuing inform the Strike Committees their oblique attack on the mili- involved to have their picket tant machinists under cover or lines removed 24 hours after they slickly-worded expressions of have been formed if they (the "support" and the slogan of picket lines) are in conflict with "unity." The Stalinists, with the 6-point program adopted by Harry Bridges' machine in the the Joint Strategy Committee of CIO Longshoremen's and Ware- Maritime and Shore Side Unhousemen's union giving the lead, lons." Thus, the Stalinists are have been advocating a tricky paving the way for open strike-

enable them to take control of Any blow against the success the strike and undermine it. of the machinists strike is re-Bridges and his gang are fear- garded by the ranks as a blow Saturday, Dec. 1—8 p.m. the union stated, "Local No. 2 preparing themselves for a fight ful that the machinists strike against the demands of all lamay inspire the waterfront bor here for substantial wage in-

ers four square blocks. Directly for "freedom of the press." Yale & Towne workers make

> of the war. Many recall getting as little as \$13 for a 40-hour week in the '30s, when the town welfare department had to supplement such starvation wages.

Today most stores on Atlantic Avenue, main shopping district for workers, have window signs "We Support the Yale & Towne Workers." Some have been threatened by anonymous phone calls, but they refuse to remove

Big Wage Slash

(Special to THE MILITANT) KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Bus ser-

vice from New York to Albuquerque over five regional Greyhound lines, is tied up by a strike of some 6,000 employes demanding a decent postwar wage. Members of Local 1313, Amalgamated Association of Street. ances against Southwestern Greyhound. They struck No-

was granted during the war to compensate for the 35 mile per hour speed limit. Put on a 40 defeat Watson, the progressive company to force their employees

Overland Greyhound, a Southwestern associate, pays its driving costs.

Striking employes, all of whom

Los Angeles JOHN G. WRIGHT Noted Marxist Writer Translator of Trotsky's Works will speak on

The Meaning of the British Elections"

Bu Felix Morrow

The November 17 Daily Worker publishes an appeal from the head of the recently-re-established Indonesian Communist Party, asking "the world's democratic forces" to intervene on behalf of Indonesian independence. For the past five years the Stalinists listed among "the

world's democratic forces" 9the British and Dutch gov- | Up until 1937 the Communist ernments which are now Party continued to support the slaughtering the Indonesian traditional revolutionary slogan: people. The appeal, then, is Indonesia los van Holland nu! also presumably addressed to (literally, Indonesia loose from the imperialist murderers. But despite the verbiage about

the world's democratic forces," pose it now. the appeal has to go on to indicate that it is the working class an article in the Stalinist organ alone which can help Indonesian independence. It says: "We thank those Indian leaders and workers, Chinese, In-

dian and Malay seamen in Aus- of the Communist Party, states: tralia and New Zealand, American trade unions who have taken action in behalf of Indonesian "But we remind the labor

movements in Britain and Holland that the main obligation must maintain the ties of comcause British and Dutch troops are the interventionists."

ROLE IN HOLLAND

Diligently search through the pages of the Daily Worker these past weeks, and you find not a word about the policy and activity of the Dutch Communist cause the Japanese threat made Party toward the Indonesian struggle! You'll find a lot of big talk in favor of Indonesian freedom, in quite a few places—but not in Holland where it really

press here about the Dutch Com- and Indonesia, we now stand munist Party's activity in this with so much force and detersituation?

Dutch Stalinists are doing is nesians. something which the Stalinists independence for Indonesia!

Het Parool of October 9, organ of the Social Democrats, who dependence" in the last parahave always been brazenly im- graph should be read in the light perialist, approvingly quotes a of the previous paragraphs, speech by Paul De Groot, head which show that it merely means of the Communist Party, which what the Queen has "promised,"

ian problem Mr. De Groot said pire. that our country would fall not To sum up: the Dutch Stalinonly into temporary but into ist line is one of advice to the permanent poverty if the ties Queen on how to save Indonesia between Holland and Indonesia for the Dutch Empire. Coach Employes of America, the Dutch. We Communists working class to ACT for Indo-

Holland now). Then it dropped the slogan—and continues to op-

This is brazenly admitted in De Waarheid which is extensively quoted in De Rode October of October 27, organ of the Dutch Trotskyists. The article, written by Paul De Groot, head

"We have without reserve supported the war against Japan and even more we argued that Holland should demand a greater part in that war. We pointed out to the Dutch people that it for action rests with them, be-merce, shipping and culture which have bound it through the ages to the East.

"Trouw (a Catholic newspa-And now we want to deal with per) demands: let us hit them. the question of what the Com- What would happen if we would munist Party is doing in Holland give in to this demand? It would -the decisive point for working not only cause a criminal blood class struggle in support of Indo- bath, but it would be no less than suicide for Holland as a

power in the East. "We communists in 1937 withdrew our previous slogan: 'Indothe unity of Holland and Indonesia a necessity.

"We hold to this. OPPOSE INDEPENDENCE

"And for this very reason, in • the interest of the maintain-Why no word in the Stalinist ance of the tie between Holland mination for the fulfillment of The answer is that what the the promises made to the Indo-

"Holland is weak, it possesses here and everywhere prefer not no army worth mentioning, no to describe. Because the Dutch fleet or airpower of sufficient Stalinists are NOT supporting importance to assert itself as against others. Everything de-De Waarheid, central organ of pends on courageous and wise the Dutch Communist Party, be statesmanship. This prescribes: gan its career after the expulsion to apply without further delay of the Nazis by publishing on the the provisions of the Atlantic front page of its first issue a Charter. To give Indonesia its portrait of Queen Wilhelmina, independence and thereby use and the Stalinists remain to this the only chance which is still day Her Majesty's Communist left to realize the unity of the

Dutch and Indonesian peoples." The sudden reference to "innamely so-called dominion inde-"Speaking about the Indones- pendence within the Dutch Em-

were broken. For this very rea- Now you know why you can't son the Communist Party ener- find any word in the Daily getically opposes those who in- Worker about the Dutch Com-

vember 4, joining their militant brothers of four other compan-Drivers are paid on a mileage basis. A 15 per cent increase In Rubber Locals

next week. C. V. Wheeler, incumbent president and courage-Labor Board and the Internaers 5.4 cents per mile over the tional top officers in a great same routes on which local driv- strike prior to end of the war, ers were drawing only 4.25 cents will be opposed by an outright at the time of the strike. The Stalinist bloc headed by John men are demanding 5.75 cents House, now an International orto compensate for increased liv- ganizer. At Goodyear, the Staland largest machine.

> mined battle to destroy the 6- work week. hour day. A recent ruling by an umpire contested as illegal fight in the near future between by the union, attempted to force the rubber workers who pionby quitting after 6-hours work. tion wage-levels. The election MILITANT'S ANSWER

(Continued from Page 1) is just another attempt by the will not have to relinquish some Nominations and elections at of their FAT PROFITS in the

form of a wage increase." Wheeler, Bass, Watson and the presidents of General Local 9 and Mohawk Local 6, Wm. A. Nelson ous leader who defied the War and Robert E. Force, are sponsors of a program for the rubber workers which calls for a 30hour week with no reduction in weekly take-home pay. In a recently published statement they point out that the rubber companies increased their profits inists have their most efficient during the war by 612 per cent above their average annual earn-By a constant campaign of ings for 1936 to 1939. They also provocations the Goodyear Co. state that the OPA permitted the has been trying to undermine the companies a 30 per cent price standing of C. V. Wheeler and increase to take care of overtime pay which they are no longporation is conducting a deter- er paying due to the shortened

All signs point to a showdown Goodyear workers back to the eered the great struggles of the 8-hour day. The company began 1930's for the CIO, and the to schedule 8-hour shifts, in violation of the agreement with which are trying to destroy the the union. The workers replied unions and bring back starvaof Bass and Watson to two of the most important local union In a half-page advertisement posts indicates that the rubber in the Akron Beacon Journal workers know the score and are EMBASSY AUDITORIUM has been forced time and time for the strengthening of their South Hall 843 S. Grand Ave. again to resist the abandonment unions and for higher wages and of the six (6) hour day, and this better conditions.