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**BIG RALLIES HIT ANTI-LABOR BILLS**

*Workers' World — Or None!*



**May Day Manifesto  
Of The Socialist Workers Party**

On May Day 1947—less than two years after the end of World War II—the people of America and the world face the dread danger of a third imperialist slaughter. This is the sinister meaning of the Truman-Marshall doctrine which has proclaimed Wall Street's plans for world conquest by armed force.

The Truman-Marshall proposals for Greece and Turkey are presented as acts to preserve peace and prevent war; in actuality they are carefully calculated steps in preparation for another world conflict. All the bloody sacrifices, anguish and toil exacted from the combatants on both sides of the battlefronts; fifty millions killed and many more maimed and diseased; entire countries and continents pauperized and ruined; thousands of cities and centers of civilization wiped out — all have gone for nothing but to set the stage for a new war against the peoples of Europe and Asia, war against the Soviet Union, and war against the American workers.

Subdue the colonial peoples fighting for independence! Hold down the European workers struggling for socialism! Support the capitalists, monarchists, militarists, and fascists in their savage assaults upon the toiling masses!

Police the world for the benefit of Wall Street! Prepare to destroy the Soviet Union!

These are the mandates of the monopolists in their mad quest for world supremacy. The Truman-Marshall doctrine gives blunt notice that America's militarists are going full speed ahead to carry them out. They possess the mightiest military machine in all history. They control the atom bomb. And they are ready to use these and other murderous weapons against any one who dares resist the dictates of Wall Street.

**Imperialists Preparing New War**

This monstrous doctrine demonstrates how cruelly and cynically the Allied spokesmen lied to their peoples and deceived them about the real nature of the last war. They declared that defeat of the Axis nations would eliminate aggressors and war-makers. Yet since V-J Day there has been no peace for the peoples either in Europe or in Asia.

They promised that victory for the Allies would bring the blessings of "Four Freedoms." But there is there "freedom from fear?" From Germany to Korea occupation troops terrorize the inhabitants and prop up the most tyrannical regimes. Where is there "freedom from want?" The majority of the inhabitants of the globe are menaced by famine. Even in the world's richest country high prices prevent tens of millions of working class families from buying the nourishing food they need.

They promised that harmonious collaboration among the "Big Three" and the United Nations Organization would create the conditions for true and lasting peace. Already the Big Three are at each other's throats. And now Truman has unceremoniously kicked aside the United Na-

tions the moment such a course suited Wall Street's aims. Greece, which provided the pretext for the proclamation of Truman's doctrine, is itself the best witness to the hypocrisy of Wall Street's propaganda. Instead of peace, civil war rages there. Instead of democracy, the Anglo-American powers have saddled a vicious monarchist dictatorship upon the country which they support with loans and military aid. Instead of freedom from fear, a reign of terror has been unleashed against the workers, peasants, and even liberal intellectuals. Instead of plenty and security — inflation, starvation and dire poverty prevails. These are the real consequences of World War II and Anglo-American intervention in Greece!

How does it happen that the terrible threat of another war looms so soon? The answer lies in the imperialist appetites and aims of the ruling Sixty Families who control the government at Washington and dictate its policies.

**Wall Street Drive For World Power**

American Big Business entered the World War not to make the world safe for democracy or to end fascism but to make Wall Street the center of world tribute and Washington the headquarters of world power. With the crushing of Germany and Japan and the weakening of its allies, the United States emerged as the foremost power on the planet. But Wall Street has far from secured the unchallenged mastery it seeks.

Victory in World War II has solved none of the fundamental economic and political problems that plagued American capitalism during the depression of the Thirties. It only rendered them more acute and their solution more urgent. U. S. economy which stagnated for lack of markets in the pre-war period doubled its productive capacities during the war. Now, after the war, American capitalism must monopolize the entire world market in order to keep its swollen and top-heavy economic apparatus in operation and continue to extract superprofits at the expense of the masses.

The war and postwar booms, in which the workers were hard-hit by frozen wages, skyrocketing prices and artificial scarcities of goods, have vastly enriched America's monopolists. But the rest of the world has been so impoverished it is incapable of absorbing the enormous output of the factories and farms of the United States. Even billions in loans do not help stabilize the economies of the ruined countries, as the severe crisis in England this winter shows.

At home capitalist greed and anarchy are driving the country to another economic disaster. Truman's economic advisers have already warned him that a serious slump is imminent because soaring prices have slashed purchasing power by more than 40%, because this year's corporation profits are piling up at twice the rate of 1929;

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**Phone Strikers  
Standing Firm  
In Third Week**

By Alan Kohlman

April 22 — Coast-to-coast solidarity was the watchword as 350,000 phone workers entered the third week of their strike yesterday. Having decisively rejected Secretary of Labor's Schwellenbach's phoney arbitration proposal, the National Federation of Telephone Workers tightened its ranks against a company inspired back-to-work movement which has made no dent in the nationwide strike.

The AT&T-Bell trust has arrogantly refused to resume negotiations and even to make a compromise offer on wages. They expected that they could crack the strike front and that two weeks without pay would be enough to bring the phone workers back on their knees. But despite all company attempts to organize a back-to-work movement, and despite police violence in Detroit, Louisville and other cities, the picket lines are holding firm.

**BEARS BRUNT**

Interest still centers on the New Jersey strikers who have successfully borne the brunt of state strikebreaking. Instead of Governor Driscoll's new laws being able to drive the phone workers back to work, they only stiffened the resistance of the phone workers and brought heavy support from the CIO and AFL. The determined stand of the unions has forced the state administration to beat a partial retreat.

The closing session of the State Legislature this morning voted to eliminate jail sentences from the new law and to reduce individual fines to \$25-250 per day, instead of the previous \$250-500. The reduced penalties still are sharply opposed by the union movement.

Other new amendments adopted by the legislature enable the state to seek injunctions against strikers to enforce the original law. Driscoll has declared that the amendments (Continued on Page 3)

**Detroit Workers  
Respond To Call  
For Mass Rally**

DETROIT, Apr. 21 — The call of the CIO United Automobile Workers union for a monster mass demonstration in Cadillac Square on Thursday to protest the mounting anti-labor drive, has met with enthusiastic response here.

The International UAW Board, meeting in New York on April 15, accepted the proposal of Briggs Local 212 that all UAW plants be shut down on the day of the rally. The call summoned the 500,000 members of UAW local unions in Detroit to cease work from 2 to 7 p.m. in order to participate in the demonstration. It was announced by Percy Llewellyn, UAW Regional Director, who stated that CIO, AFL and independent unions were being invited to join the demonstration.

Presidents and executive boards of local UAW unions here swung into action with spirit and vigor to assure a mass turnout of Detroit workers. Mimeographed directives were issued to the workers in the plants. Thousands of placards with slogans were prepared for the marchers. Among the slogans approved as standard for all locals were the following:

Defend Your Union! Revive the Spirit of '37! The Cause of Labor Is the Cause of All the Common People! Stop Murder of Miners — Human Life Before Profits! Labor — CIO-AFL-Independent Unions — Can Win — Fighting Together! Red-baiting Is the Bosses' Weapon to Destroy Labor — Don't Fall for It! End Job Discrimination — Support FEPC! Smash Jim Crow! Individual locals will also carry their own banners and slogans.

**Picket AT&T Meeting**



Disregarding the driving rain, telephone workers (and a stockholder) picketed the annual stockholders meeting at the AT&T building in New York. Inside, the telephone union lawyer charged AT&T directors with "hatching a conspiracy" against labor. Federated Picture

**For A Nation-Wide  
24-Hour Stoppage**

An Editorial

The future of the American union movement is at stake — perhaps its very existence! All sections of the union movement were joined in recognition of this fact last week when the most unrestrained labor-busting bill in American history was passed by a vote of 3 to 1 in the House of Representatives. A majority of Democrats and Republicans alike voted yes on this diabolical plot to cut labor's throat.

Lobbying visits to Washington and letters to Congressmen — the main defensive action proposed to the workers by Murray, Green, and the Stalinist misleaders in the CIO and AFL — had no effect at all in halting the anti-labor drive in the House. Such a cowardly policy will have no more effect in the Senate. The time for pussyfooting pleas is past.

What is needed now is action! Action that will give full expression to the workers' burning anger. Demonstrations in Detroit, Chicago, Iowa and New York show that the workers are determined not to be bound, gagged and left helpless victims of the Big Business attacks on their rights and living standards. Such action must take place on a national scale to mobilize the forces of labor in struggle against the Congressional agents of Big Business.

A 24-hour nation-wide general protest demonstration would warn Washington in no uncertain terms that American workers will not be slaves — that they are opposed to repressive legislation and will not stand for it if it is passed.

Union militants! Show your determination and strength through local demonstrations against the conspirators in Washington. Put pressure on your hesitant leaders, the way the Detroit workers did when they compelled the UAW-CIO International officers to support a huge demonstration in Cadillac Square this week.

For a 24-hour protest stoppage against union-busting legislation!

For a national United Labor Conference of CIO, AFL and Railroad Brotherhood locals to coordinate and extend mass action against the anti-labor bills!

**15 Cents An Hour Granted  
In New Wage Agreements**

April 22 — Signing of a contract by U.S. Steel and the CIO United Steelworkers appeared this week to have set the wage pattern for most industries which have not yet signed contracts for 1947.

Under this contract 142,000 U.S. Steel workers get general raises of 12½ cents an hour plus another 2½ cents covering adjustment of wage inequities and differentials. It is retroactive to April 1 and runs for two years, with a clause permitting reopening of wage negotiations in one year. The steel union dropped its demands for portal pay and the closed shop. The contract renewed maintenance of membership and the check-off.

The steel agreement came a few days after the CIO United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers had settled for a 15

cents raise for 30,000 General Motors workers and 75,000 Westinghouse workers.

United Auto Workers' negotiations with GM are still going on, but it was reported last night in Detroit that a settlement at about 15 cents an hour had been agreed on.

Such an agreement would probably be the signal for similar agreements with the other big auto corporations, Chrysler and Ford.

Last month the CIO United Rubber Workers signed a contract with the rubber "Big Four" for an 11½ cents an hour raise and the right to reopen the wage question after 120 days. The packinghouse workers had previously settled for 7½ cents an hour plus additional geographical, holiday and sick leave adjustments.

The phone workers have indicated a willingness to call off

**Roar Of Protest  
Over Passage Of  
Hartley Measure**

A roar of protest from coast to coast is labor's answer to the riotous cheers with which Wall Street's representatives in the House shoved through the savagely anti-labor Hartley omnibus bill. In mighty demonstrations, the American workers are showing that they are in no mood to stand like cattle while Wall Street knocks them down with a legislative sledge hammer.

The day before passage of the Hartley measure, 20,000 Chicago packinghouse workers staged a one-hour work stoppage. They marched from the plants April 16, many of them still in blood-stained work clothes, into the square facing the general offices of Swift & Co. There they shouted approval of resolutions denouncing the Big Business drive against labor.

"This great demonstration was called," said one of the union spokesmen, "to let Chicago, the world, and the boys in Congress know that the packinghouse workers won't take repressive anti-labor bills lying down."

In New Jersey, the telephone strikers continued their courageous refusal to bow before the state slave-labor bill written by a Bell Telephone director and ground through the legislative mill in two hours by the same Governor Driscoll. The heroic women operators' resistance to this bill helped inspire the demonstrations throughout the country against Wall Street's union-smashing legislative drive.

On April 22 an estimated 100,000 workers in Iowa, under joint AFL-CIO auspices, stopped work for one day to protest a pending state bill to outlaw the closed shop. The stoppage was felt in every large center in the state.

In Des Moines the walkout affected streetcars, taxi service, trucking and building. Liquor stores and taverns closed. A mass rally of 20,000 workers on the lawns of the state capitol angrily booed Governor Robert D. Blue, who addressed them.

John Conally, Jr., counsel for the AFL and CIO, told the crowd that "Our reward for winning the war is this legislature's attempt to take away our rights which we have had for 30 years."

As **THE MILITANT** goes to press, giant demonstrations are in preparation in other areas. In Detroit 400,000 auto workers planned a city-wide stoppage April 24 to protest passage of anti-labor legislation.

In New York the CIO Council scheduled a demonstration April 22 at Madison Square Park. And in Pennsylvania the State AFL called for a rank and file march on Harrisburg, state capital, April 23, the same day the State CIO convention opens there.









