Legless Vet Case Is Taken to U.S. **Court of Appeals**

government's loyalty program on his political blacklist of "subwas challenged as unconstitu- versive organizations." His comtional in a suit filed today by the plaint pointed out that the Atlegless veteran James Kutcher in torney General's list was issued the U.S. Court of Appeals here. without notice or presentation of Kutcher's attorney, Joseph L. charges to the Socialist Workers Rauh. Jr., appealed the decision Party, without any hearing or of District Court Judge Curran evidence, and that repeated reon June 28 upholding Kutcher's quests by the Socialist Workers discharge from his clerk's job in Party for a public hearing to the Newark Veterans Administra- refute the charges were denied. tion. Kutcher, who lost both legs Both Kutcher and his party deny in battle at San Pietro, Italy, in the allegation that they are "sub-1943, lost his job in October 1948 versive" or advocate the overunder Truman's loyalty purge throw of the U.S. government by solely because of membership in force or by unconstitutional the Socialist Workers Party. .

Kutcher's appeal contended that he was wrongfully discharged ing the conviction in the Remingand deprived of his constitutional ton case on Aug. 22, condemned rights. His discharge was based the Attorney General's list as exclusively upon the fact that he nothing but "a purely hearsay belonged to the Socialist Workers | declaration" which "has no com-Party which had been arbitrarily petency to prove the subversive

Minn. Foundation Sends Donation to before versive." **Aid Carl Skoglund**

NEW YORK, Sept. 10 - The Irving D. Blumberg Foundation Federal courts. In view of previof Minnesota has contributed \$100 to the defense of Carl Skoglund, the well-known 68-year-old Northwest union leader whose deporta- may become the decisive test of tion order was upheld last week its constitutionality. by the U.S. Assistant Commissioner of Immigration. This donation was given in recogni-

civil rights fighter of the Twin for the Advancement of Colored Cities, Irving D. Blumberg, for People, the American Veterans the purpose of assisting victims Committee, the United Autoof racial, religious and political mobile Workers CIO, as well as

The decision upholding Skog- bodies. lund's deportation is being appealed by the Civil Rights De- plea will very likely be heard by fense Committee which has under- the Appeals Court judges in taken a national campaign on October. behalf of this veteran labor leader. The Committee intends to needed to defray the expenses of test the McCarran Act by taking taking the case through the his case to the U.S. Supreme higher courts. Contributions for Court, if necessary. Further con- the legless veteran's defense tributions for Skoglund's defense should be sent to the Kutcher should be sent to 19 West 10th Civil Rights Committee, 19 West St., N. Y. C. 11, N. Y.

means.

Federal Judge Swan, in reverscharacter of the listed organizations." The U.S. Supreme Court ruled this spring that organizations are entitled to a hearing before being branded as "sub-

DECISIVE TEST

The Kutcher case is now the only one connected with the loyalty program before the higher ous Supreme Court decisions which have placed the status of the subversive list in doubt, it

Kutcher's fight for reinstatement is backed by hundreds of organizations representing miltion of Skoglund's services in lions of Americans alarmed by hundreds of other CIO and AFL

The argument on Kutcher's

Several thousand dollars will be 10th St., N. Y. 11, N. Y.

MYRA TANNER WEISS ON TV, RADIO IN NEW HAVEN

NEW HAVEN, Sept. 10 — A one-half hour interview on the radio and a brief interview on television were the main highlights of Myra Tanner Weiss's two-day visit here on her coast - to - coast speaking ?

morning on a women's program troduced her tried to keep her conducted by Ellen Switzer over a local radio station. The free pressions of New England, but at and unrehearsed discussion that the end she succeeded in breakfollowed dealt chiefly with the ing through and letting her state of civil rights in this coun- audience know about the Social- well acquainted with Adamic's try, with Mrs. Weiss clearly getting the better of it in the

Socialist Workers Party.

dispute that ensued. KUTCHER CASE

The SWP representative gave a revealing report on the case of James Kutcher, the legless veteran who was purged from the Newark Veterans Administra- tional speaking tour here last understood, even at the sacrifice tion because of membership in the Socialist Workers Party. Miss Switzer, who was evidently already familiar with the Kutcher case, noted that the Communist Party has refused to extend any support to the legless veteran's

Mrs. Weiss then related the story of the Minneapolis case, involving 18 SWP and CIO leaders who were the first to be persecuted and imprisoned under the Smith Act. Noting that the Stalinists here too had refused to aid the witch-hunt victims and had even aided the prosecution against them, she developed the position of the SWP on civil rights - namely, the defense of the Bill of Rights and traditional lowing her talk. The meeting was democratic liberties for all groups and individuals, no matter how Branch of the SWP since the strongly the SWP differed from

them politically. Miss Switzer attempted to befog the issue and to justify the current persecution of the Stalinists by noting there is a difference between "talking about robbing a bank and actually robbing it." But Mrs. Weiss showed the hollowness of this analogy by making it clear that the Stalinists are being prosecuted not for any overt acts but for their

Early this evening Mrs. Weiss tour under the auspices of the spoke over a local TV station. Mrs. Weiss appeared this The inquiring reporter who inconfined to discussing her imcivil liberties and its work in behalf of an independent Labor Party and a Workers and Farm-

ers Government.

NEWARK, Sept. 8 — Myra Tanner Weiss opened her naon "The Outlook for America." and the Far East; the reason fight against the "loyalty" purge. why these attempts will end in disastrous failure; the repercussions of the arms program on

> growth of the socialist movement. Mrs. Weiss's speech was well- buildings on his property. received by the audience, which took a collection toward the expenses of her tour, and remained for an interesting question, axe-handle. answer and discussion period folthe best held by the Newark

Hansen tour last spring. George Breitman, SWP candi date for Assembly from Essex County, was chairman. He also gave a talk on the life and death of Louis Adamic.

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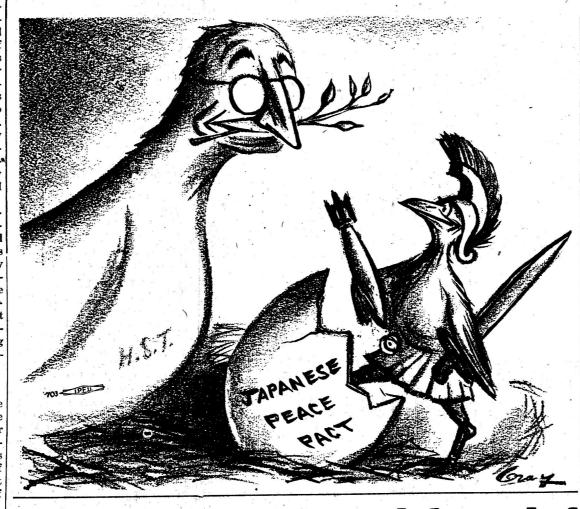
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SEPT. 12 - New Jersey local and state police have indicated that they are almost certain to shot through the head at his farm home near Riegelsville, N. J., on Sept. 4.

have "unsolved" cases on the political campaign in the party's records, may think this will history." 'close" the Adamic case. But it is safe to predict that the verdict of suicide on the basis of the evidence thus far made available will not be accepted by informed public opinion. The suicide theory hastily adopted by the cops, and up against a serious investigation.

Naturally, without additional definite evidence, all possibility of suicide cannot be ruled out. But, on the basis of information already made public, a considerable number of reasons for strongly doubting it can already be pointed to.

WHY NO NOTE?

1. No note, explaining why Adamic should take his life, was

This fact strikes those who are ist Workers Party's opposition to writings as especially strange. He the war in Korea, its defense of was the kind of writer who is in a very close, personal and 'even intimate relation with his readers; who explains everything to his readers about himself and his change them; who evidently feels a compulsion not to be misnight with a hard-hitting speech of so-called author's privacy. His closest collaborators find it im-Her talk analyzed the basic possible to believe that he could economic causes driving U.S. im- kill himself without leaving resources needed to make the 1952 perialism to try to crush the behind any motivation for the revolutionary uprisings in Korea benefit of those he loved and worked with.

fingerprints on the rifle he is supposed to have shot himself the conditions and thinking of with, or on the handle of the axe the American working class; and he is supposed to have used in the promising prospects for the prying open oil cans with which to set fire to two of the three

The police have still not attemptno prints were on either rifle or

3. What reason could Adamic have had for wanting to burn down his home - something that would be detrimental only to his elatives and heirs?

One speculative answer is that ne had come to despair over the difficulty of completing the book on Yugoslavia he had been working on for two years, and that he wanted to destroy the manuscript, which was found strewn around the oil-soaked room where his body was found. But Adamic knew that carbon copies of virtually the whole work were

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Was Adamic's '52 Presidential tion of Skoglund's services in labor's cause and in protest against his victimization under the unconstitutional McCarran law. The Blumberg Foundation was set up in memory of a noted civil rights fighter of the Twin Civil rights fighter of the Twin Civil Liberties Union, Americans for Democratic Action, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored Toganizations representing initiations representing initiations of Americans alarmed by the restrictions upon democratic rights in the loyalty purge. Among them are the National CIO, American Civil Liberties Union, Americans for Democratic Action, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored The Blumberg Foundation was set up in memory of a noted civil rights fighter of the Twin for the Advancement of Colored The Blumberg Foundation was set up in memory of a noted civil rights fighter of the Twin for the Advancement of Colored The Blumberg Foundation was set up in memory of a noted civil rights fighter of the Twin for the Advancement of Colored The Blumberg Foundation was set up in memory of a noted civil rights fighter of the Twin for the Advancement of Colored The Blumberg Foundation was set up in memory of a noted civil rights fighter of the Twin for the Advancement of Colored The Blumberg Foundation was set up in memory of a noted civil rights fighter of the Twin for the Advancement of Colored The Blumberg Foundation was set up in the loyalty purge. Among them are the National CIO, American Civil Liberties Union, Americans for Democratic Action, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored CIO, American Civil Liberties Union, Americans for Democratic Action, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored CIO, American Civil Liberties CIO, American C

NEWARK, Sept. 11 - Members of the Socialist Workers Party in New Jersey enthusiastically greeted the issue a verdict of suicide in the proposal for a 1952 presidential campaign made last week

mysterious case of Louis Adamic, by the National Committee of the noted author who was found the SWP, as the local SWP executive committee adopted a resolution pledging all-out sup-The cops, who don't like to port to "the biggest and best

GREAT OPPORTUNITY

resolution, which was adopted other state. learned by the American peoing our democratic liberties and in the movement for socialism." traditions; the arrogant refusal good on a single one of their has engaged in eleven different civil rights promises to the Negro election campaigns. At the prepeople; the collapse of the sent time it is running George from independent electoral ac- Essex County. tivity - all these facts add up to the most magnificent opportunity in decades for socialists to wage an effective election campaign for a Workers and Farmers Government."

Expressing confidence that the ideas and how he came to hold or Socialist Workers Party would meet and overcome the obstacles in the way of getting on the ballot for a national campaign, the resolution pledged, on behalf of the New Jersey membership, "all the energies and all the

campaign the most successful we have ever run in this state."

BEST 1948 VOTE

In New Jersey, where requirements for getting independent nominations on the ballot are relatively liberal, it is felt certain that the SWP ticket will appear "1952 will be a year of great on the ballot next year. In 1948 counterparts in Japan. opportunity for the revolutionary more votes were credited here to

facts, has too many holes to stand ple; the ever-increasing tax and distribute more literature, reach price burden which already have more workers with our socialist produced resentment and are message and get more votes than clauses into its pact with Japan. sure to provoke resistance by we did in 1948," the resolution For example, the military forces the working people; the assaults concluded. "With such favorable on the Bill of Rights, which alarm political conditions, we have ground troops. "The naval and everyone interested in preserv- every reason to expect resurgence air arms will be inhibited and Since 1938, when the SWP was of both capitalist parties to make founded, the New Jersey party Progressive Party and the with- Breitman as candidate for memdrawal of the Socialist Party ber of the State Assembly from

BANKER HITS TOP

Robert A. Lovett, new Secretary of Defense, is a Wall Street banker, and, by all accounts, a grim warmaker.

His nomination for the post the militarists and reactionaries. The Senate Armed Forces Committee has given him unanimous approval, and the Hearst press has hailed the

"Big 3" Plot War Pact With West Germany

Pact With Japan **Revives Reaction And Militarism**

By John G. Wright

ing in Washington over the line on an agreement with Francisco of the pact with Japan. partnership" with the German Publicly the pact is being painted capitalists and militarists, patup as notable for its "generosity," terned after the Japanese treaty, its "humaneness," its "enlightenment," etc. On this there is re- of the top-secret talks held last markable agreement between Gen MacArthur and the Truman administration.

In his Cleveland speech on Sept. 6, MacArthur, while attacking the Truman administration, went out of his way to laud the pact with Japan as the embodiment of "much of human justice and enlightenment." This would - be conqueror of Asia has every reason to gloat. For the real architect of the Japan treaty is neither Dulles nor Acheson but none other than MacArthur.

WHO BENEFITS

The chief beneficiaries of this pact are the American imperialists and militarists; and next to them those who benefit the most are their military and imperialist

The true meaning of the pact socialist movement," said the Dobbs and Carlson than in any is that it paves the way for reviving what was formerly the unanimously. "The anti-war "We intend not only to get strongest reactionary power in ruling class in the person of the basis both to the Japanese ruling essons of Korea which are being on the ballot next year, but to Asia, the power of Japanese imperialism and militarism.

To be sure, Washington has written many "restrictive" of Japan are to be limited to ed as "defense troops." U.S.," assured the N. Y. Times editorial of Sept. 10.

REARMING UNPOPULAR

reassure jittery European allies, two months." especially Britain and France, and small Asian puppets, like the Philippines, who view with dismay and fear the prospect of a resurgent Japan. It is also intended for home consumption where the rearming of Japan is still just throughout Europe and the world as unpopular as the projected But such a revival is the last rearming of Germany.

When it comes to rearming, there is no halfway house. Short of full-scale rearming, there is no restoring of Japan to the status of a first-rate military power. The "inhibitions" that are

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Follow Japan Treaty by **Arming German Militarists**

No sooner was the pact with Japan steam-rollered through at San Francisco than the Truman administration There is undisguised gloat- again started pressuring its European allies to toe the

signing last week at San Western Germany. This "new power is to be mobilized as miliwas the main item on the agenda week in Washington between Secretary of State Acheson, and

> Schumann, the foreign ministers of Britain and France respectively.

> What the American imperialists are determined to force through is a "contractual agreement," that is, a definitive German settlement without the formality of a treaty. This settlement, as outlined on Sept. 10 by the N. Y. Times which on these matters serves as Washington's semi-official mouthpiece, would provide for a "generous non - vindictive" deal, that is, offer the industrialists and militarists of West Germany concessions far beyond anything

Herbert Morrison and Robert

willing to agree up to now. Elevated to the status of junior partners of U.S., the German terms on "a take it or leave it" Bonn government "would get full class and to its European allies. sovereignty subject only specific security safeguards." They would agree to the continued stay of the occupation forces, henceforth to be designat-

that London and Paris have been

The main task of this "sovereign" Bonn regime would then will remain the province of the be to carry out full-scale German rearmament. "Some officials," according to the N. Y. Times "hope that West Germany could be prought into the general Western This is intended not only to Europe defense program within

> German economy, the most advanced and powerful sector of European economy, is, of course, capable of playing a décisive role in raising the living standards not only in Germany but thing envisaged by Washington.

Their aim, in Germany as at home, is not an increased flow of consumer goods, but an ever greater flow of arms at the expense of civilian needs. As in the days of the Kaiser and Hitler, now being imposed, especially on Germany economy is to be revived

tary power. Plans for this military revival

have been laid by Washington long in advance. That is why, for years now, Capitol Hill and the Pentagon have extended such zealous protection and patronage to Prussian generals and officers. That is why the notorious Krupp and other German industrialists have been released from jail and their industrial empires - key branches of arms production -

restored to them. Nor is it accidental that under the "democratic" sponsorship of the U.S., reactionary forces have been gaining in strength. As the last elections have shown; the neo-Nazis in Germany and the neo-Fascists in Italy have doubled their strength in the last two

years. However, Washington will not be able to ram through the projected "contractual agreement" with Germany as easily as it did its pact with Japan. As the sole occupying power in Japan, Washington could and did dictate the In dismembered Germany it is impossible to proceed without previous agreement not only with France and Britain but also with the German capitalists - an agreement which, as the entire past experience has shown, has

not been so readily forthcoming. There is not a single European government that can move either toward war economy at home or toward promoting the revival of the German war machine, without reckoning with the reaction of their respective labor movements. In this respect the Bonn regime itself is as vulnerable as any of the others.

It is this resurgent labor movement in Europe and within Germany that remains the biggest single obstacle in the way of Washington's plans to turn Western Europe, including Gere many, into a vast armed camp.

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worked with. 2. There were no identifiable in fingerprints on the rifle he is considered to have shot himself. Escalator Pacts Undermined by Tax Grab

By C. Thomas

Real wages for factory workers have remained frozen since January 1950. Price rises and tax and services. With rare exceptions increases have drained off pur- it is the sole source of income ed to explain the coincidence that chasing power created by higher for the wage earner. With his money wage rates. The new tax measure now before Congress will vide food, clothing and shelter soon cut real wages again. Bound- for himself and family. Schooling ing prices, punitive taxes, frozen for the kids, recreation and medwages, and more of the same such is the inflationary trend lished in the Aug. 31 issue of the AFL Weekly News Service.

The survey covers only the earnings of factory workers, a by union contracts. The inflationary squeeze on other sections of the working population is undoubtedly worse.

REAL WAGES

from money wages is a matter rates which does not correspond

of vital distinction to every wage | to the increased cost of living | sults in a spurious index rigged | pose of the escalator clause will earner. It is take-home pay trans- means a cut in real wages. lated into terms of what the dollar can buy in the way of goods paycheck the worker must proical care, groceries and rent, and a host of other obligations must charted in a statistical study pub- be met out of the wage earner's pay envelope

It is not difficult to understand, therefore, that the standard of living of the worker and his famlarge part of whom are covered ily is immediately and directly BLS INDEX affected by what happens to his real wage. Rising prices and higher taxes, unless offset by a corresponding increase in wages, mean a lower standard of living for the wage earner and dependents. An increase in money wage

In an attempt to offset the

worst effects of inflation a number of unions have included costof-living (escalator) clauses in the union contract. Approximately 3 million organized workers are now covered by some form of escalator clause. Although a small minority, the tendency is for this section of the labor movement to set the national wage nattern inasmuch as the escalator clause is pegged to the cost-ofliving index put out by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Tying the escalator clause to most serious flaw in existing cost-

Taxes, for example, are not included in the BLS cost-of-living Taxes, therefore, are a part, and index. Yet taxes, federal, state an ever increasing part of the and local, bite a huge chunk off | wage earner's cost-of-living. To the take-home pay of the wage ignore this factor, as the BLS inworker. Current tax deductions dex does, amounts to a blatant and the threat of still higher tax- fraud. The escalator clause can es, unless compensated by increas- function as a safeguard to the ed wage rates, can result only worker's standard of living only in a drastic cut in real wages if ALL factors affecting the cost with its inevitable lowering of of living are included in any costliving standards.

Union militants are beginning to realize that the power to tax is being utilized by the agents of Big Business in Washington to cut the heart out of their escala- It must be recognized that so long tor clauses. To ward off this ffank as the time-servers of Big Busithe BLS index constitutes the attack on labor's standard of living they are raising the demand of-living clauses. The validity of that taxes be included as a fac- a proper index, the escalator the BLS index has been repeated- tor in the determination of the ly challenged by both the CIO BLS cost-of-living index. This weapon in labor's fight against

Taxes are paid out of wages. of-living index to which it is peg-

The demand to include taxes in the BLS cost-of-living index is a step in the right direction. ness in Washington retain the power to decide what constitutes clause, potentially the sharpest and AFL. The BLS method of is an absolute minimum protectine ravages of inflation, will be compiling cost-of-living data re- tion without which the whole pur- blunted.

Notebook of an Agitator

MURDER IN THE GARDEN

This begins as a straight news story with the who, what, where and when right up at the front. The why and the wherefore come later, after the bare facts are set down in proper order. The who in this story is, or rather was, Georgie Flores, 20-year old Brooklyn welterweight. He was knocked out in the semi-final bout with Roger Donoghue at Madison Square Garden Aug. 29. He collapsed in his dressing room a few minutes after the knock-out and died in the hospital five days later without ever recovering consciousness. Georgie leaves a wife, Elaine, 18 years old, who was at his bedside when he died, and a month-old baby son who hasn't heard about it yet.

Other technical information, as reported by the experts at the ring-side: The fatal blow was a sharp left hook which floored the young boxer just 46 seconds after the opening of the eighth and final round of the bout. His head hit the canvas hard and he was counted out by the referee as he lay flat. Cause of death, as reported by the medical experts at the hospital, was a brain hemorrhage resulting from a torn blood vessel. Two operations were unsuccessful. His last hours were spent in an iron lung.

Georgie Flores didn't die of old age or incurable illness, and there was no suspicion of suicide. He was killed. Murdered, if you want the truth unvarnished. And he was not the first to die that way. Sudden death is an occupational hazard in the prize-fight business. Six boxers have been killed in the U.S. already this year, if you count only those who died more or less immediately as a result of blows in the ring. The score would be much higher if you include those who were badly hurt and had their life expectancy sharply cut down in this grisly business which is sometimes described by fools or cynics as "the sport" or "the game." This sort of thing goes on all the time. As a rule, the killing of a prize-fighter doesn't rate more than a few paragraphs in the news, a few floral offerings from the fight mob, and a small purse scraped up for the widow.

THE 'GAME' MUST GO ON

But some exceptional circumstances in the killing of Georgie Flores have caused a sort of an uproar and a public demand for some kind of an investigation. The State Athletic Commission. which is responsible for the supervision of boxing in New York, has solemnly announced an "investigation," The District Attorney is "looking into the matter." Even Governor Dewey. who is a hard man to move, has stated - officially — that the young boxer's death is "a tragedy." The Athletic Commission's investigation, he said, should tell whether any precautions could have been taken to prevent it. This investigation will undoubtedly find that no required precautions were neglected and that all the rules were observed. They will find that the killing of Georgie Flores was, unfortunately, just one of those things, and - after one minute of respectful silence in his memory, and maybe one official crocodile tear from each member of the Commission — they will proceed to business and approve the arrangements for the next bout. The "game" must go on — the game in which human heads are the baseballs and lightlypadded fists are the bats.

Things were not quite so formal and official with Elaine Flores, the young widow of the slain boxer. According to all the reports - and there were many of them, for the sports writers really went to town on this story - the kid took it hard. It seems she loved this guy Georgie and had plans for the future. She stayed at his bedside for the whole five days that he laid there in a coma, refusing to leave until the final verdict came in. I'm afraid she made a bit. of a nuisance of herself at the hospital, hanging around and getting in the way of people who had routine work to do. But there are no reports that anybody complained. She didn't kick up a fuss, according to the reports. She just sat there and kept quiet and waited.

ENOUGH FOR A DOWN PAYMENT

Elaine didn't see the fight where Georgie got hit. She didn't like him fighting and was always afraid he would get hurt. She had been trying to get him to give up the fight business. "I never liked fighting," she told the reporters. "After every fight I told him to quit." Georgie would promise, but after a few days he would start training again. He said it was the quickest way to get the money they needed. "George was going to buy a home so that we could live by ourselves." Elaine told the reporters. "Just a few more fights, he said, and he'd be able to make a down payment on a house." Her father, Alexander Rosensweig, said Flores had promised her he would really quit after the Donoghue

Elaine and Georgie met at Coney Island. They went together a year before they were married. She has the baby to show for their brief time together; that and the purse from Georgie's last fight. "He's a good baby," she told the reporters. "I want him to be a doctor when he grows up. That's a good profession."

Well, it beats boxing; that's for sure. In fact, you would have a hard time naming any profession or good paying trade that doesn't beat boxing. Nobody knows that better than the fighters who take the punches. Then why do they go into it? That's a fair question and it deserves a fair answer. But it can't be answered in a short sentence. The boxer, taking punches in the ring, is put there by many things and circumstances byond his control; some of them even beyond his knowledge. Georgie Flores, the poor kid who roamed the slums in his early adolescence, without a home or even a regular place to sleep, was not the master of his own

The fight mob turned out for the funeral. There were some floral offerings. Roger Donoghue, Georgie's opponent in the fatal bout, sadly recited the Rosary, led by a member of the fighter's family. The Rosary and the Lord's prayer, intoned by the funeral director, were the only religious notes in the service. Georgie didn't belong to any church, or at any rate, wasn't in good enough standing to get a sermon from a practicing clergyman. A crowd of about 300 stood silently outside the funeral home during the brief service and remained to watch as the funeral cortege left for the cemetery. That's all for Georgie Flores.

Young Fighter Dies



George Flores, young welterweight, in the ring at Madison Square Garden, N. Y., after the fatal bout in which he was knocked out in the 8th round, then lapsed into unconsciousness and later died in a hospital. Victim of a knockout in a previous recent fight, Flores was permitted in the ring in violation of a regulation that at least 30 days must elapse since the last knockout.

ENVOY GRADY RESIGNS

Henry F. Grady, Ambassador to Iran, resigned last week in protest over the Truman administration's policy in that key Middle East country. Officials in the State De-

partment have conceded that 'Mr. Grady has given evidence of the British oil trust to grant of dissatisfaction with the way the Iranians even the right to Iranian affairs have been handled purchase oil for domestic conin Washington" (N. Y. Herald- sumption — a tiny fraction of give the slightest credence to the l'ribune, Sept. 13).

'dissatisfaction" was reported Navy. The British monopolists by Marguerite Higgins, Herald- fiatly rejected this "on the Tribune's roving correspondent grounds that it was none of the who interviewed Grady at

nouncement of his resignation, repeatedly told by top British The State Department's course oil officials. "Oh, the Iranians will for the last year has been one of come around all right and ratify persistently . ignoring Grady's "urgent warnings" and of comlete identification "with Britishtyle colonialism," she said.

Terming Washington's policy n Iran as a "national disgrace," she goes on to attack this policy jective observer must admit has as a "bad choice for the practical considerable justification." reason — all moral considerations the twentieth century."

and resorting "to traditional in such places as Iran." (British) methods of bribes and Anglo-phobia."

arrogance, she cites the refusal generated there.

the total output - at the same suicide theory? The real story behind Grady's prices granted to the British Iranians' business what price the Teheran before the public an British Navy paid." Grady was the agreements when they start hurting a little for money." There is a "legacy of hatred"

in Iran for the British imperialists - "a legacy," concedes correspondent Higgins, "that any ob-What both Grady and Higgins

aside - that old-style colonialism | obviously fear is a "disaster" in does not work in the middle of Iran "potentially on par with our Recounting information un-she pretends, has been unwittingly doubtedly supplied to her by dragged into backing the British Grady, Miss Higgins confirms policy and the need is "at all that the British have persisted costs" to "break with British throughout in "bludgeoning" Iran policies as exercised in the past

Grady's protest resignation and manipulations of local Iranian Higgin's article confirm not only expression of opinion, whether in thousands of phone calls. As The Militant at the Cleveland politicians, thus adding fuel to the naked imperialist course of the fires of ultra-nationalism and the Truman administration in Iran but also the explosive revo-As an instance of British lutionary situation that has been

failure in China." Washington,

Or Was He Murdered? official, that provides possible others, Adamic was distressed by available in other parts of the motivation for suicide, and should the course of current politics and not be overlooked. Mrs. Adamic, conflicts, which were so different 4. Why, if his aim was to kill according to the official, said her from the kind of world they exhimself and then burn the house husband was "fighting against pected to emerge from World down-around him, was his body time and a changing political War II.

fuel - oil - saturated room that strain that he "cracked." allegedly was ignited six or eight hours previously? Doesn't this jibes with verifiable fact. Adamic his death?

insist their receivers were on the back on, when and why?

WHO MADE CALL?

impression that the Yugoslavs, important thing in his life. who regarded Adamic as one of further autopsy might reveal?

7. Why is it that none of Adamic's closest associates with the exception of his wife -

8. What is the connection beween his death and the repeated warnings he got that his book on Yugoslavia had better be written "right" and the severe beating he received at the hands of some hoodlums earlier this year?

THE POLICE THEORY

On the other hand, the police stress that it was physically possible for Adamic to have fired the rifle so that the bullet would enter his head above the right ear and so that the rifle would fall across his lap where it was found. This, together with the fact that there is no definite evidence of murder, seems to be the strongest point in support of

from the first hour of the case. But there is no gainsaying the fact that if it was a case of murder, it would not be the first that had been staged to look like suicide.

It is difficult to decide much weight to attach to the opinion of Mrs. Adamic, who was in California when he died, where she had been convalescing from

an illness. When first reached there, she said she knew of no reason why Adamic should commit suicide, and she let it be known that, she was not coming to the funeral. Soon after, she changed her mind, flew to New Jersey, where she was described as "completely distraught" and unable to even talk to the authorities. The next day, however, she talked to them and told them she had no theory other than theirs - that is. suicide.

so stiff with rigor mortis when picture" in the completion of his found at 4 A.M. that the coroner book on Yugoslavia. This, which said he had been dead for six made constant revisions in the thing as glossing over the above-

Was Adamic a Suicide

point strongly to the possibility was a rapid and prolific writer; that the fire was started after he did not usually take as long as he did on his last book, which 5. Why was Adamic's tele- he originally expected to have that the receiver had been taken foreign policy, which he could not off the hook; his three neighbors have welcomed, judging from lin.) what he wrote about Yugoslavia hook; in that case, who put it in his magazine before the rightward shift began in mid-1950.

This rightward shift, which he certainly did not expect since he 6. Why did someone, identify- thought the Yugoslav govern- Yugoslavia during the war, came ng himself as "Samec" of the ment would be able to maintain Yugoslav consulate in New York, a consistently independent course sons in 1946-47, and are violently wice phone the undertaker in in the cold war, may well have opposed to any aid to Yugoslavia harge of Adamic's body and interfered with the completion of order him to cremate it? The real the book and made Adamic ques- friends strongly incline to the Samec denies that he or anyone tion the correctness of his view that these people are else at the consulate ever made analysis and the value of his responsible for his death; they or would make such a call. Why work. He took the Yugoslav issue make mention of the fact that should someone try to give the seriously; it had become the most

their best friends, were interested something to be demonstrated. lisher has noted that his book in covering up something that a Perhaps it can be verified by a contained much damaging matestudy of his manuscripts. But it rial not only against the Kremneed hardly be stressed that the lin but also against these fascistic New Jersey police are hardly elements and that it "named qualified to make a definitive names." judgment on such a matter, even f they have studied them.

MATTHIESSEN RECALLED

Suicide, therefore, cannot be completely ruled out. This would not be the first time that a man of talent and radical views killed himself in a mood of despair at least partly induced by the tensions of the cold war, as the suicide of Harvard Professor F. O. Matthiessen proved last year. tinued, impartial and energetic Like Matthiessen and many investigation of the case.

But acknowledging the possibility of suicide is not the same to eight hours, while the body book necessary, he said, may have listed reasons for doubting it, itself was untouched by fire in a put Adamic under such a heavy nor does it at all conflict with the possibility of murder.

ADAMIC'S ENEMIES

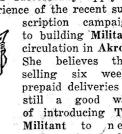
Nobody acquainted with the record of the GPU will discount the possibility of its having murdered Adamic if it regarded phone, a four-party line, out of finished over a year ago. There such a crime as necessary for order the night before his death, is reason to think he may have protecting the interests of the and back in order when his body been discouraged by the right- Kremlin bureaucracy. (By the was found? The probability is ward shift of the Tito regime's GPU, we mean the international murder apparatus of the Krem-

But the GPU is not the only possible suspect. Adamic was also the hated target of a group of Yugoslav fascist elements, who served as quislings for Hitler in to this country as displaced perfrom the U.S. Some of Adamic's one of the men who beat Adamic in California spoke with a But that possibility is still Yugoslav accent. Adamic's pub-

For these reasons, it would be wrong to accept the present police suicide theory and to rule out the possibility of political murder until conclusive evidence to the contrary is brought forward. That is why the labor and liberal movements should protest vigorously against any tendency to close the case hastily and should press insistently for a con-

THE MILITARY ARMY

Literature Agent Katherine | The fact that The Militant can Cooper is successfully applying be sold to rank and file Stalinist



of introducing The Militant to new point in action.

and sold three new six weekers Agent George Rock says that and a new six months sub to "the Stalinist hacks didn't like The Militant. "Sally was a great it one bit as they watched the help," Katherine writes, "being interested response of their supmorrow to revisit some previous ed against the Smith Act despite obtained another six months sub from a person she had visited in the previous Sunday's contacting. With the end of summer, and

everyone back from vacations well rested after the strenuous sub campaign, Chicago's literature committee has begun to make plans for increasing sales of Militants. Bert Deck asked us to increase Chicago's weekly bundle. "I hope this is only the first of many raises to come," he writes. 'We are now making plans for extended sales of single copies of the paper.

"Mary Lou has been doing reoman's work in the past period week and selling them over the weekend. Last Saturday she and Ruth sold 20 Militaria. Ruth sold 30 Militants at a street corner. Several others are taking regular bundles in the same way. I'hrough this method we hope to be able to build up our circulation in short order."

Bea Allen reports a good sale of Militants at Detroit's Labor Day parade. Combining sales of the paper with the distribution of election literature they sold "88 copies of The Militant with scores as follows: Rose, 45 copies: Chuck 25; and Cynthia, 18.

"We have also been having very good sales of The Militant at union meetings in the last few weeks," Bea writes. "At one meeting where we usually sell just a few, we increased our sales to 17 copies; and at another, which had only about 30 people in attendance, we sold 12 copies and got a quarter contribution. This was an exceptionally fine result REBA G. HANSEN for some of the 30 had subscriptions to the paper."

The issue featured an open readers. She also be- letter to Weinstock from Harold lieves in proving her Robbins, member of the union, explaining why he is ready to Labor Day, she defend Weinstock against the inreports, she and Lou went out dictment. New York Literature cur boy's companion for the porters to our slogans indicating afternoon. Sally's going out to- why Weinstock should be defendsix weekers." The following Sat- his active support of its use urday Kat went out again and against the Socialist Workers leaders in 1944."

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Protest Judges' Action

attracted a lot of attention here. to help strengthen that country's ticket has not his right mind. Judge Nevin threw a Shamokin, Penna., mother of three into jail ever to the County Welfare. Judge Ford upheld Nevin.

The resulting storm of public protest really terrified the courts and the Vindicator (the Youngstown Vindicator, sole daily in Youngstown). Hatred of the

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pro or con, and will make an a result, the woman was released. Public Library and like it very For unconscious humor, this much. enclosed item in the CIO News is good - I know it gave me a

big laugh. (An enclosed clipping reads: "Glazer is filling in for Robert R. Nathan, nationally known arthritis in my knees. I cannot economics expert, who usually get around. But I still have my Editor: I meant to send you an appears on the CIO show. Nathan right mind. And I say that the item a few weeks ago that is making a quick trip to Burma man who votes the capitalist

economy.") Republic Steel transport workfor speeding and turned her kids ers here shut the whole plant own us. They are the class that down (9,500 men out) Sunday think wrong is right. and Monday in protest over the

Labor Day. M. L. Youngstown, Ohio

Likes The Militant

Editor: Enclosed is 25c. in coin weaker, but I can tell onions yet. for 2 copies of The Militant Sept. 3rd (Labor Day) issue. Also a couple of other copies of dif-

C. M. C.

Cleveland, Ohio Can Tell Onions Yet

Editor: I am past 80 and have

We have left the capitalists in power so long they think they

I have tried to tell the truth firing of a railroader. A good the biggest part of my life. We Socialists have to tell the truth. The Republicans and Democrats can cross their legs and tell all the lies in the book.

I may have grown older and Keep up the good work.

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Japanese Pact OK's Revival Of Militarism and Reaction (Continued from Page 1) tradictions in the economic sphere.

air and naval armaments, will be To revive militarily, Japan must adjusted or eliminated step by revive economically.

Pacific. As "defenses" these isare all-important.

conquest of Asia by the Japanese already clamoring to Congress conquerors; and they are assigned for "protection." base of operations.

to the role of junior partner from the mainland of Asia, first in this projected reconquest of and foremost from China. the Asian peoples. But the senior partner mistrusts these newly- attempt to revive Japan militarily fledged junior-grade "crusaders and economically may yet prove

imperialism finds itself today. We find just as glaring con- the Egyptians.

The Japanese islands are now revival deals blows to the capitalbeing pictured, in the words of ist economies of Europe, especially MacArthur, as "vital sectors" of Britain and France. They were an "island defense system" in the unable to withstand Japanese competition before the war; they lands are not an asset but a are even less able to do so now. liability. As centers of attack In certain branches of trade upon the Asian mainland, they textiles, crockery and the like -Japan's expansion threatens even These islands served as the the dominant American manuspringboard for the attempted facturers, who, incidentally, are

against the Iranians and against

Every step in Japan's economic

exactly the same role by the But apart from these by no mad strategists in the Pentagon means minor considerations, there who dream of reconquering all is the central fact that Japanese of Asia, with Japan as a central industry cannot long function without the basic raw materials From the status of a defeated - coal, iron, foodstuffs - which rival, Japan has been promoted have come, as they still must,

With these sources barred, the

fledged junior-grade "crusaders for freedom." As the main guarantee that the Japanese imperialists live up to their commitments, the pact provides for U.S. military bases and for stationing of American troops on Japanese soil. If there is one permanent feature in the existing pact, it is this provision which perpetuates, in a different form, the military occupation of Japan militarists is a fitting climax to a reactionary course which has included alliances with the discreditation of Japan militarily flies in the face of this plan, which Washington is apparently resolved on maintaining, to keep Japan subject militarily. But there is no other way out of the blindalley in which American imperialism finds itself today.

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CIO and the Witch Hunt

Speaking to the recent New York State CIO Convention, Frank Rosenblum, national CIO vice-president and secretarytreasurer of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, said:

"Our civil rights are insidiously being impaired, restricted and curbed. A wave of legislation, beginning with the Taft-Hartley Act and the Smith Act, and embracing the McCarran Act and similar measures, has created in effect a parallel legal system superseding the Bill of Rights, the Constitution and our traditional body of law. This is a dangerous movement toward fascism, representing a real threat to labor and liberal elements in the community. This reactionary movement is deliberate, and is being engineered by those who would substitute fascism for democracy, even though they seek to create the impression that it is being directed against the Communists."

Rosenblum's statement, and the implication that the CIO should do something about the conditions he describes, will be welcomed by every fighter against the witch-hunt now sweeping this country. Everything he said on this score was true; all it lacked was the naming of names, which would show that the Trumanites (whom the CIO leaders helped to elect) are just as responsible for this situation as the McCarthyites.

Perhaps the other CIO leaders recognize, along with Rosenblum, that labor

is the chief target of the rabid anti-communist drive. They used to in previous years, when they and the AFL leaders denounced the Smith Act and similar repressive measures. But in recent months, especially since the Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of the Smith Act, they have not put it in the unequivocal terms used by Rosenblum and they have not acted in accord with the urgency of the issue. General statements of mild protest or doubt, which is as far as they have gone lately when they were not altogether silent, are of little avail against a powerful "threat to labor."

It is to be hoped that Rosenblum's remarks at the New York CIO Convention were not meant merely for the record, and that they signify the beginning of an understanding in labor circles of the need to combat and stop the witch-hunt now, before it becomes more powerful. Rosenblum should raise this issue in the national CIO Executive Board, and urge a free and frank discussion of this danger and how to overcome it at the coming national CIO convention. Labor has the duty of mobilizing the American people to defeat the conspiracy of those who would substitute fascism for democracy, and it can accomplish this only by organizing an independent Labor Party to challenge the political monopoly of both parties of capitalist reaction.

Imperialist Plans -- Asia and Europe

Gen. Ridgway's admission that a U.S. plane strafed the truce area at Kaesong would seem to imply that American imperialists plan to resume cease-fire negotiations. This would be in line with Washington's overall strategy.

It is not likely that the Pentagon planners have changed their view, expressed by Chairman Bradley of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, that war with China is "the wrong war, at the wrong place, at the wrong time, with the wrong enemy."

The two and a half months of on-again off-again cease fire parleys have shown that while U.S. imperialism does not favor allowing the Korean war to spread to an all-out war in Asia at this time, it is no less determined to mantain its military bases in Asia.

The Japanese treaty provides the U.S. with its major military base of operations in Asia.

Thus, with its hold on the Southern half of Korea, Formosa, the Philippines, etc., U.S. imperialism retains a widespread chain of bases from which to attack the Asian continent.

But the build-up of these military outposts does not necessarily mean that the Big Brass is ready to launch all-out war in Asia — that is, on China. Such a war would hold out the prospect of a protracted conflict against the revolutionary Asian peoples, which as the Korean war showed, would consume a great part of

U.S. military forces, with dim prospect of a definitive victory.

In effect, with or without a cease-fire on U.S. terms, there is a stalemate in Korea; while this stalemate continues, American capitalism is pressing the militarization of its main arena - Europe.

All-out war in Asia would make it impossible for the Pentagon to carry out its plan to arm and equip 20 divisions in Europe by 1952.

The stalemate in Korea has enabled Eisenhower to draw upon increasing numbers of newly trained troops for European militarization. Under present conditions Korea has required only replacement troops. But should the war spread in Asia, the Pentagon would be faced with an immediate crisis: under conditions of all-out war with China it would have to shift its main forces to the Far

The great problem for U.S. imperialism, as it emerged in the "Great Debate," was whether or not to leave Europe "unprotected" while an all-out war of conquest was launched against the Asian peoples. The rapid increase in U.S. troops concentration in Europe indicates that Wall Street does not intend to yield the industrial power of Europe in exchange for the uncertain prospects of an imperialist conquest of Asia in revolt.

Its preparations for World War III are still concentrated on Europe as the main battleground.

Leaders Challenged at Minnesota CIO Parley

MINNEAPOLIS, Set. 9 — The reasons, one of which was — no party. Such a policy, by its very ian situation. (Militant Sept. 10, 14th annual state CIO convention confidence in the state CIO adlogic, must lead to formation of a P. 2). It was pointed out that adjourned today with a very ministration. modest record of accomplishment. A labor party resolution, sub- poor to send delegates to the mitted by Local 722, was not even convention, and yet the state CIO OPPOSITION STATE reported out by the resolutions administration proposed to raise turned to the union. This highhanded tactic does not often 44 state CIO councils. occur even in the hide-bound American Federation of Labor. by various unions suffered similar treatment. They were referred to retary to Senator Hubert H. the incoming executive board for Humphrey. This department had

was almost a side issue compared among state CIO members. Ganto the very generous treatment non's work consisted of compiling accorded the speakers from na- the voting records of state tional CIO. For two days the legislators and lobbying for CIOrestive delegates listened to supported measures in the state speeches and then on the third legislature. His record in the and last day were given the issues with which the delegates were most concerned.

DUES INCREASE

capita tax paid to the state CIO ing an amendment to the hated progress. Coming in for the first a strong administration sup-profit of a few. Council by 5 cents was defeated Taft-Hartley law, in conjunction time were the Communication porter, moved toward the end of by a close margin, as was a with Taft himself. Jack Kroll, Workers of America, who had the convention, that the commit- an "undesirable" surplus of "hucompromise proposal to increase Political Action Committee Direcit to 3 cents. The small locals tor for the national CIO, gave pleaded poverty as the reason lip service to "independent labor hood of Electrical Workers, AFL. speakers so that the business of need the aptitudes, talents and for their non-support, and several political action," independent of of the large locals voted like- the Democratic - Farmer - Labor ture, however, two international ed to the last day. This motion to work in order to achieve a betwise, although for different party as well as the Republican unions, the Barber and Beauty received a noisy ovation.

The proposed dues increase was by Robert Gannon, former secoperated on a voluntary contribu-The business of the convention tion of 10 cents per member latter was almost nil.

There were a few gleams of light in the darkness as witnessed by the fact that Secretary-Treasurer Rodney Jacobson chided tween the right and the so-called financial reasons. A proposal to increase the per Senator Humphrey for sponsor-left, or Stalinist, wing was in

Farmer - Labor party divorced the capitalist politicians and There were 29 local unions too from the Democrats.

For the first time since he was committee, but was instead re- the already heavy per capita tax in office, Jacobson had opposition - one of the largest among the for his post. Ray Novack, of the United Steelworkers union was defeated decisively, but a start scheduled to go to the state CIO had been made. Elected president Many other resolutions submitted department of research, headed was Robert Hess, of the Gas, Coke and Chemical Workers, who was opposed by William Richter, World War II. How can there be changing the social and economic president of the Duluth CIO Council.

An executive board of 18 was last convention. This is the result

are to be expected, they say. NEED MORE GOODS

goods in Europe, and a great Plan's failure. European capitalamount of labor is necessary to ism is so rotten that real prosrebuild those areas devastated by perity cannot be restored without mass unemployment when there structure of the continent. But is so much work to be done? The system must be wrong, if

just won a jurisdictional fight tee in charge of next year's con- man material" — capitalism's sofrom the International Brother- vention arrange for fewer outside lution - a socialist economy will On the other side of the pic- the convention need not be delay- help of everyone who is willing

smiles, even on the platform. BLACKPOOL, England, Sept.

7, 1951 - British labor hates war, defense, budget charges on teeth and its attendant evils. That was and spectacles, and the wage the lesson of the Trade Union issue. General Secretary Tewson Congress which has just con-opened with the usual stuff about cluded its sessions here. The Congress results show the leftward by the "Russian aggressor." movement of the British workers. In spite of the considerable from notes which more than likely mobilization of the right wing machine, and its block voting and

and London can derive little satisspent much of his time telling a 150 per union, and that these nowever, he astonished everyone relative quiet about the proceedincluding some prominent right ings. Even the thickest blockhead as practised by the trade unions union member, it signified a very in the United States. He sounded uncertain future. like a man from another world to

The right wing of the Congress people who understand the im- lauded Washington; The Stalinportance of a Labor Party, and ists lauded Moscow, while in be-

Last Meeting of ULPC

the warmongers in Washington out rearmament effort.

faction from the results.



Scene at Washington meeting of the United Labor Policy Committee (left to right): Walter P. Reuther, President UAW-CIO seated alongside of AFL President William Green; in the rear, James B. Carey and George Meany, Sec.-Treas. of CIO and AFL respectively. AFL's break with the ULPC was formally announced in the course of the Washington sessions.

EUROPE MUST "EXPORT"

"surplus." (What a word to de

· This "lack of funds" persists in

The Militant explained from

the start of the Marshall Plan

that it would not serve recon-

struction, but would only enrich

Today, after several Marshall

Plan years, many capitalist poli-

ticians have to admit that it did

not really give European econ-

omy a shot in the arm. Those

American billions flowed into the

bank accounts of the European

industrialists and their go-be-

tweens. They did not help the

toiling masses, whose misery re-

mains appalling. American eco-

nomic aid to Europe helped the

Morse's statement is an im-

that is precisely what Wall Street

and the State Department want

They prefer a mass emigration

f Europe's unemployed to a mass

psurge of the European masses.

There will be more than enough

work in Europe - there will also

be enough food - if Socialism

and produces goods for the needs

Instead of trying to get rid of

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scribe human beings!)

SERVES CAPITALISTS

European capitalists.

By Charles Hanley

The International Labor Office of the United Nations, headed by David A. Morse, has prepared a spite of the Marshall Plan. Bilfive year program for shifting lions of dollars were taken from 1,750,000 of Europe's "surplus" the American taxpayers for the population to new homes in the supposed purpose of providing Americas and Australia. Morse Western Europe with the money and his collaborators think the needed for reconstruction of its problem of Europe's 4,000,000 un- economy. employed should be solved mainly by mass emigration. A special nternational conference on migration will open in Naples on

Last week The Militant pointed out the difference between capitalist and socialist idas on the problem of the so-called surplus population in relation to the Italian situation. (Militant Sept. 10, journalists pretend that Europe cannot feed its entire population. Without the "safety valve" of mass emigration, "explosions'

Yet there is a great need for more production of consumer plicit admission of the Marshall

also elected, which is looked upon it cannot put the unemployed to as being friendly to the present work. But the capitalists and state CIO administration. It was their publicists tell us that World reported that the state CIO com- | War II has impoverished the Old prises 56,000 members, an in- World, and that a lack of money crease over that reported at the prevents the employment of the

of the reaffiliation of the Amal- Culture Workers and the United takes over the industry and regamated Clothing Workers, which Rubber Workers, were unable to sources of the continent, modernwithdrew when the struggle be- send delegates, doubtless for izes the whole productive set-up,

One of the delegates, known as of the people and not for the

There were three main debates:

the "free" world being attacked After a long harangue compiled passed through the hands of the abor attache at the U.S. Emprocedural trickery, nevertheless bassy, Tewson called for an all-

During the discussion it was obvious that the conference was A gentleman by the name of in an uneasy mood. When one Richard Gray, who came as a considers that the delegations fraternal delegate from the from the big right wing unions American Federation of Labor, number sometimes as many as sympathetic Congress about the delegates constitute a special team injustices of the Taft-Hartley of cheer leaders, it was noticeable Law. In winding up his speech, that on this occasion there was a wingers, by telling us that he could recognize that rearmament believed sincerely in the two-means a lower standard of living, party Gompers political theory and in terms of a rank and file

God and pacifism.

Report from British Trade Union Congress

The Stalinists as usual acted tions from the speeches of the mineworkers leader Lawther, who had led delegations of workers to the Soviet Union in the Twenties. the Stalinists set out to prove that the bureaucrats position was against war on Russia then, and in favor of it now.

Without the slightest hesitation Lawther took the floor and said that it was all right to quote from his speeches of the Twenties, but the majority of leaders who Union at that time had since been liquidated. This finished the Stalinists. They made no reply.

The debate ended with two and the General Council (Pro-Government) report, out of a total vote of about seven million. Had President Tanner of the

Amalgamated Engineering Union voted in accordance with the mandate of the last meeting of eratic character of the Congress. et-up is understood.

day on charges of having an "in-

harged that plans for the near-

fatal shootings of Walter and

lictor Reuther were hatched in

The bar is located just across

the street from the Detroit Stove

Company, 6900 E. Jefferson, em-

ployers of the infamous Perrone

gang. The Kefauver Committee

investigation in Detroit un-

covered evidence connecting Per-

rone and his son-in-law, Carl

Renda, with the beating of several

IIAW-CIO. Perrone held a lucra-

tive scrap contract with the

At the time it became known

that the police probe had been

ordered, DeLamielleure had the

gall to attack the UAW-CIO,

holding the union responsible for

Look Who's a Red

Now: "Sad Sack,"

Says Ind. Senator

"Sad Sack," the poor simp who

made so many GI's happy by

proving that a bum soldier can

be a socialist in disguise.

also be funny, has turned out to

If you don't believe this, listen

to Senator Homer Capehart

(Rep., Ind.). He has the follow-

ing comments to make about a

Sad Sack comic book intended to

"This alleged comic book looks

to me like socialistic propaganda,

aimed at discrediting American

industry. It relates the ex-

periences of a soldier discontent-

He finally draws his paycheck -

so he goes back in the Army."

buy 500,000 copies of the book.

working people of this country

is "socialistic propaganda," he

ought to put the bee on himself

and his Senate colleagues who

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all of us Sad Sacks so worried.

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encourage soldiers to re-enlist:

he Canton bar.

Briggs Mfg. Co.

IMPLICATE DETROIT COP

DETROIT, Sept. 9 - Police Detective Sgt. Albert

DeLamielleure, who has been in charge of the investiga-

tion of the Reuther shootings, was suspended last Thurs-

direct interest" in the Canton bar, his investigation, and charging

ocated at 6925 E. Jefferson, It is that it was "interfering" with

members of Briggs Local 212 only she was authorized to sign

IN REUTHER SHOOTINGS

such as Bob Edwards from the Figgens, secretary of the Na- the fight against war will be Chemical Workers Union, made tional Union of Railwaymen, made. the usual pleas for conscience, mislaid his voting card, which carried 320,500 votes. Since he stupidly even from their own against the official policy, the can carry their policy on defense,

> effect a left-wing victory. With the votes of the constituency parties (local Labor Party organizations), there can be no doubt that the government will be defeated on this issue at next month's Scarborough Labor Party conference.

region of 100,000, which is in

also on the issue of wages. The General Council was forced to were prominent in the Soviet effect a compromise in its own ranks by accepting a resolution admitting the validity of wage demands, which is a long way from wage freezing, (last year's a half million votes cast against policy). A resolution openly demanding wage increases sponsored by the E.T.U. received over two million votes, in spite of some vicious right wing tirades. This once again demonstrated the unmistakable leftward trend.

The Trade Union congress is the national committee of the always the forerunner of the union, he should have cast his Labor Party Conference. (I vote against, and this would have usually takes place one month brought the minority vote to well earlier.) There can be no doubt over three million. This is a sub- that this year, the Labor Party stantial vote when the bureau- conference will go much further to the left as a result of this spurt from the Trade Union Con-The debate on the budget cuts gress. Bevan is going to roll up n the health service was the some victories, and since the highlight of the Congress. The domestic question of wages and right wing held its position by a cuts in the Health service is vote of approximately 3,700,000 linked directly to the arms pro-

his attempts to solve the shoot-

ings of Walter and Victor

Reuther, and the beatings of

The investigation into De-

Lamielleure's suspected hidden

ownership, revealed that the bar

has been managed by the detec-

tive's wife, Marie, and is listed

in the name of her brother. Mrs.

DeLamielleure was given power

of attorney for the bar three

months after its purchase, and

evidence had been uncovered to

support the charges that the plots

resulting in the Reuther shoot-

ings were hatched in the Canton

This development is only one

nore in a series which have

strengthened the well-founded

suspicions that there are connect-

ing links between the Police De-

partment and the underworld.

other CIO officials.

Here, in fact, lies the big factor in British politics. The would have cast these votes Trade Union Congress right wing point of view. Armed with quota- right wing majority would have but on wages and living standards been reduced to something in the which are directly linked to this policy, they have to either compromise or accept defeat. That is the danger spot for Yankee imperialism, which is a good sign for the future of the Socialist left wing.

Party conference. There was great uneasiness also on the issue of wages. The General Council was forced to effect a compromise in its own ranks by accepting a resolution To J. Holmes

ST. PAUL, Minn., Sept. 5 Vincent R. Dunne, national labor secretary of the Socialist Workers Party, delivered the main address at funeral services held here this afternoon for James A. Holmes, 72, who died on Monday, Labor Day.

"We pay tribute today to the memory of a loyal, devoted, earnest workingman," Comrade Dunne said. "His great pride was that he raised two daughters who utilize their talents for the benefit of all mankind."

Father of Grace Carlson, vicepresidential candidate of the SWP in 1948, and of Dorothy Schultz, who has run on the SWP ticket in this area, Mr. Holmes was a boilermaker in the Great Northern shops until 1946.

"He always tried to do something for working people in trouble," the speaker continued, "but his last 5 years were the most satisfying period of his entire life. He became an active partisan of the anti-war movement and a staunch supporter of the idea that oppression of colonial peoples is unjust - he had a hatred both definite and clear for the actions of imperial-

Pointing out that Mr. Holmes understood that a better life is possible and that working men and women should organize and struggle for that attainable goal, Comrade Dunne said: "The notable fact is that this wrecked and outmoded capitalist system, causing misery and death to so many, makes so little provision for staunch men like James Holmes — to give them an opportunity to really have time to think and work for the causes

checks for the establishment. they believe in.' DeLamielleure is scheduled to The funeral parlors were filled Detroit Stove Company, and appear before a police trial board with flowers sent from friends, Renda a similar contract with the Sept. 11. Nineteen witnesses will neighbors and fellow workmen, be called. His interest in the bar and a beer store, also listed in and creeds came to pay their last his brother-in-law's name, violate respects to "a great heart that State laws and Police Dept. never tired of helping his fellow regulations. Police Commissioner Boos hurriedly stated that no

"James Holmes was a true 'son of Martha," Vincent Dunne declared, quoting from Kipling's

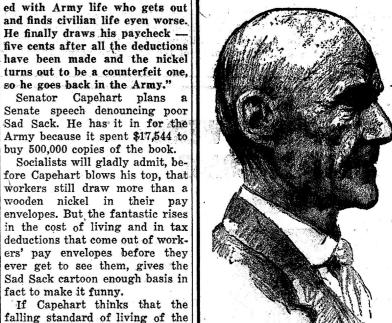
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Our readers may glean a faint idea of how the public treasury is being raided by the military "strategists" from the following scene which actually took place on the floor of the U.S. Senate on Wednesday, Sept. 5. Present at the time was a grand total of nine Senators, seven Democrats and two Republicans.

Business before the body, the passage of H.R. 4914, authorizing "certain construction at military and naval installations, and for other purposes." Moneys involved — a sum of almost six billion dollars. (The original requests amounted to "more than 12 billion dollars.")

Senator Russell of Georgia took the floor as reporter for the Armed Services Committee. He was brief, saying among other things:

"This is a bill of great proportions, Mr. President. There have been times when it would have startled the American people if their representatives in the Congress of the United States had submitted a bill of this magnitude. . . . Of course, the committee cannot vouch to the Senate for every facility which is included in the bill. . . . I know of nothing we can do, Mr. President, but to authorize these construction authorizations. I hope that the defense agencies will proceed as efficiently and economically as possible in the construction of these projects, indeed, I insist that

"... Of course, there is a considerable sum of money in the bill for the construction of overseas bases. Those projects are highly classified (read: "top-secret"). The committee inquired into them as best we could and concluded in the light of the evidence submitted to us, that they were justified."

In reply to a hopeful query that perhaps the bulk of the billions authorized may never be spent, Sen. Russell assured that they would: "... I am compelled in all candor to say that in my judgment most of the moneys authorized in the bill will be expended."

The committee amendments to the bill were then read into the record by the clerk. Without a single exception these provided for increases. For example on page 7 of the bill the sum of \$432,230 was struck out and in its place was inserted \$1,453,030, a figure more than three times as large. On page 23 the sum of \$7,150,000 was replaced by one more than double the size, or \$15,435,410. On page 24 the original sum of \$5,172,000 was increased almost five fold to \$24-884,700; and so on and so forth.

Each and every one of these many increases was solemnly declared passed by the assembled body of seven Democrats and two Republicans. Not a single amendment was introduced from the floor; not a single pertinent query raised.

Only when the final vote was taken did one Senator rise to "object." It was Sen. Hendrickson of New Jersey who said:

". . . I think it is shocking if not outrageous, that the Senate of the United States should consider and act on a bill involving \$5,800,000,000 with but a mere handful of Senators on the floor." He demanded a quorum and then when the "legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll," this same Senator again rose to move "that the order for a quorum call be rescinded and further proceedings under the call be suspended." Whereupon, there being "no objection," the seven Democrats and two Republicans proceeded to "pass" the bill H.R. 4914.

As a fitting commentary on the above we append a statement read into the Congressional Record of Aug. 30 by G. H. Bender, Representative of Ohio. Under the heading: "DEPARTMENT OF WHAT'S THIS," Representative Bender stated: "Army engineers figure 182 projects would cost \$2,500,000,000 when they asked Congress to approve them. They now say the cost will be almost six billions. Eight hundred million dollars of this comes from poor engineering. Do we need new engineers or not?"

The need for new Congressmen and Senators who truly represent and safeguard the needs and interests of the people is obviously far more acute than the need for new engineers.

On Tour for Socialism

At last my tour has started. I have looked forward to it eagerly. I have not had an opportunity before to get acquainted with the Eastern branches of the Socialist Workers Party, and to meet the comrades about whom I have read in The Militant, but have never known well personally. I have met some of these socialist militants at conventions, but on my tour I expect to be able to get far better acquainted. It is also a real pleasure to visit the headquarters of the Socialist Workers Party.

Waiting for my train to Boston I looked around the railroad station for something to read. My eye caught a book called "Crime in America," a report of a tour of this country made recently by Sen. Kefauver. His tour included many cities I shall visit. But what a difference. He visited the capitalist politicians and I am getting acquainted with the revolutionary socialists. Believe me, it's quite a contrast.

Kefauver saw corruption, bribery, gangsterism of the worst sort in every city he visited, and I meet the honest, devoted and intelligent fighters against all these things. His reports were "shocking and depressing." Mine can only be full of enthusiasm and optimism for the future of this

For example, in Newark my meeting was chaired by George Breitman, the SWP candidate for the New Jersey Assembly. The workers of New Jersey couldn't have a better champion than George. And in Boston I met Comrade Trainor, our candidate for the School Committee. Our comrades in Boston were busy preparing leaflets, posters and arranging to purchase sound truck equipment for their challenge to the powers that be who offer our youth only a future of militar-

In New Haven I had two busy days discussing our problems in Connecticut for getting on the Presidential Ballot in 1952, when we plan to run Farrell Dobbs for President, and Grace Carlson for Vice President. The enthusiasm of the New Haven comrades, despite limited forces, was an inspiration to me.

In a New Haven radio interview on a woman's program I was able to tell a wide audience of radio listeners the story of Jimmy Kutcher's fight for civil rights, and to explain our struggle against the witch-hunt, our defense of the civil liberties for Stalinists, despite their many crimes against the working class. And in the evening I had a brief television interview where, despite the nervousness of the "Man on the Street" reporter, I was able to state our opposition to the Korean war and our fight for a Workers and Farmers government in America. All in all, my New Haven stay was both pleasurable and helped push forward the socialist cause.

My next big meeting will be in New York City, with our candidate for President of the City he promised." The men walked of slum clearance, Cobo evicted Council. Michael Bartell, as chairman.

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MICHAEL BARTELL

THE MILITANT

Crime Tie-up to Capitalist Parties Hit by Socialist Election Opener

entered the race for President of the City Council.

"that the charge of accepting | that Costello's boy, O'Dwyer, is | Democratic and Republican ma-NEW YORK, Sept. 11 — "The bribes to protect gambling level- cooling off south of the border, chines in office. Like the eighteen trial of the eighteen cops indicted led against these cops, who and by 'racket busting' Dewey's cops who are now taking the rap for 'conspiracy to obstruct justice' will pry the lid from the down to Patrolman, is something he pardoned 'Lucky' Luciano. sewer and release a little of the unusual. Harry Gross, New York's stench of capitalist politics in bookie-in-chief, asserts that he's this city," declared Michael Bar- been paying a million dollars a tell, candidate of the Socialist year for official protection, and Workers Party, as he actively that he has the receipts to prove it. The lion's share of this payoff doesn't go to the cop on the beat "Nobody even bothers to but to the higher ups. This is pretend any more," Bartell said, amply demonstrated by the fact

Sun-Times, "The state's attorney

Two of Moretti's brothers are

park district policemen; they sat

the cylinder of his revolver and

put one bullet into the cylinder

Jules Schwartz, foreman of the

Grand Jury, said "It was the foul-

est thing I've ever seen. . . It was a travesty on justice." Virgil

Peterson, managing director of

the Chicago Crime Commission,

said "this certainly is a gross

Several independent probes are

now being conducted in an at-

tempt to place the case once

again before the Grand Jury.

miscarriage of justice."

at a time."

dent that he did not.'

pointed out, "proves that graft greatest crime is their contribuand corruption are the principal tion to the monstrous national stock in trade of both parties. 'obstruction of justice' known as However, in all fairness to Cos- the Korean War. As Socialists we tello and Gross it should be said will expose their crimes in the that their take on the deal is city, and even more vital, will strictly chicken - feed compared fight tooth and nail against their to that of the 'big boys' down on support of the Wall Street-

"Costello must drool at the mouth as he watches the latest paign for Bartell opened this episode in New York's 'great week with a series of open air train robbery.' With the transit rallies organized in working system already operating at a \$3 class districts by the Brownsmillion deficit, the city now ville, Downtown Manhattan and proposes to 'purchase' the Rock- Youth branches of the party. The away line from the bankrupt response to these rallies will be Long Island railroad at an is supposed to make all of this estimated final cost to the taxclear to the Grand Jury. It is evi- payers of \$40 million, plus an even greater amount in interest to the bankers who will be given the privilege of financing this latest steal.

and talked with witnesses wait- 15 CENT FARE

ing to appear before the Grand Jury. A reporter stated, "I saw through," Bartell charged," it's a Rican workers to a militant soone of the brothers, who emptied his revolver of shells before he went into the grand jury room, bitter reality." come out, stand directly in front of the witnesses and slowly twirl

simply can't afford to keep the Puerto Rican audience.

'obstruction of justice' in every "Every new scandal," Bartell one of their crooked deals. Their Wall Street. They're the ones Washington Murder Inc. that has who get the real protection from plunged this country into a bloody the government, and make the big slaughter for the sake of their bloated pocketbooks."

> The Socialist Workers camreported in next week's Militant.

Bartell's campaign committee has also announced plans for a number of meetings to be conducted in Spanish in the Puerto Rican neighborhoods of the city. During the course of the drive to secure the petitions necessary to nominate Bartell it was noted "If this crooked deal goes that the response of the Puerto sure bet that the threatened cialist candidate was unusually fifteen cent fare will become a favorable. In addition to the open air rallies the committee is plan-"During the course of this cam- ning to issue a number of leaflets paign," Bartell concluded, "we in Spanish and is exploring the intend to convince the working possibility of purchasing time on people of this city that they a local radio station with a

Killer-Cop Whitewashed By Chicago Grand Jury an open court. According to the

By Bert Deck and Marjorie Rains

CHICAGO, Sept. 8 — Cold-blooded murders and inhuman beatings by a degenerate police force are not new to Chicago. But more often than not information concerning them is suppressed. However

the recent case of Killer-Cop Mo- permitted to testify in his own behalf. The state's attorney misretti was too shocking to conthat indictment meant conviction.

Michael Moretti, a policeman assigned to the state's attorney's office, shot and killed two unarmed youths, Edward Salvi, 21, and Arturo Gamino, 15, and wounded a third, Leonard Monaco. 21. At the time the cop was supposedly on a furlough. The shooting took place at 4

a. m., Aug. 24, about four hours after Moretti was involved in a Housing Policies tavern brawl and lost his .32 revolver. During the skirmish the revolver was thrown into a vacant lot.

SEARCH FOR GUN

According to the wounded Monaco, he, Gamino and Salvi went to the lot to search for the gun. None of the three had been involved in the tavern brawl. They wanted to return the gun to Moretti in order to save the tavern owner from trouble.

"I picked up the gun, and along came Moretti," Monaco reported. He asked me for the gun and I handed it to him. Then he or, dered the three of us to get in gan, "Homes, instead of bomb-our car." "One of the men with Moretti

Moretti then blazed away at

naco wounded. FREE MORETTI

On Aug. 31 the Grand Jury after only twenty minutes delib eration, presented a "No Bill." freeing Moretti without indictment. Collusion between the police department and the state's as to provoke a storm of protest in the city.

In an editorial the Chicago assistant, James A. Brown, have the Grand Jury against indicting the mass production of homes. the policeman with a political drag."

Moretti and five members of Jury procedures, Moretti was tion.

not send Moretti to the chair; **Detroit Slum Area Rally Condemns**

led many of the jurors to believe

Of course, an indictment would

By J. Roberts

DETROIT, Sept. 1 - Nearly 200 spectators witnessed the first public street rally of the Detroit Socialist Workers Party in support of Howard Lerner, its candidate for mayor. The rally was held in one of

Detroit's worst slum areas on the lower East side, called "Black Bottom." This area was selected because it demonstrated to the workers who attended the meeting the need for the housing pro gram that Lerner emphasized This was summed up in the slo-

The administration of Mayor told him not to hurt us," the Cobo, incumbent candidate, has a wounded man continued. "Moret- particularly bad record on the ti mumbled something, I guess housing problem. In the name homeless people in the midst of the city's most drastic housing the boys. Salvi and the 15 year- shortage, with no provision for old Gamino were killed and Mo- their housing.

SLUMS UNCLEARED

Although these workers were evicted mony months ago, the slum areas have not been cleared to this date. Many families still live in the houses with "condemned" markings on them, because they have no other place to go, attorney's office was so obvious As one worker at the rally put it, "There's no effort, being made to clear these areas.'

SWP candidate Lerner pointed Sun-Times claimed that "he out that the housing problem (State's Attorney Boyle) and his could be eliminated within six months by utilizing some of the protected Moretti and influenced war plants in Detroit's area for The feelings of the workers who attended the rally were shown when several in the crowd his family are on the public pay- shouted out in protest against roll. Contrary to previous Grand lynchings and racial discrimina-

Moretti claims to have been investigating a dope case at the time of the shooting. When asked why he was working during his furlough he replied, "I've worked several times on my furlough. There's nothing I'd rather do than police work."

The Chicago workers and minorities have long been victims of just this kind of "police work." This killer must not go unpunished.

Philadelphia SWP **Candidate Blasts Profit Gougers**

PHILA., Sept. 4 - "The work ers' pay envelope is being pilfered every week by profit-greedy Big Business." In these words Mrs. Clyde Turner, 5th District Councilmanic candidate of the Socialist Workers Party, called attention to increasing profiteering.

"There never has been such a profitable period for Big Business. They are making so much money they are finding it hard to find places to spend it. This they penly admit. Yet they fight like jungle beasts against even mild controls over prices and succeed n making these controls a complete joke.

OUTRIGHT THIEVERY

"On the other hand working people are finding their pay envelopes shrinking every week. Out of every worker's pay of people stand helpless before this outright thievery. While Senate committees hunt down the tin-horn gamblers, and racketeers and solemnly inquire into the extent of their ill-gotten loot, no politician dares question the thieves who take billions.

"There is a way to check them and it is a way that must come the most. The trade unions of this organizing housewives committees which together with the unions can start to police prices. Organized action will show the profiteers that they cannot continue to sheer the people."

The young Negro candidate oncluded her statement by pledging the active assistance of the Socialist Workers Party in such an action.

ads for The Militant is the Tuesday before the date of publication.

The Negro Struggle -The NAACP And Stalinism

A discussion of the record of the Communist Party and the struggle for Negro equality, by Herbert Hill, member of the staff of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, is presented as the lead article in the June-July issue of The Crisis, official organ of the Association.

The facts cited to demonstrate that the Communist Party line in relation to American Negroes has stemmed from Stalinist foreign policy rather than the realities and needs of the war against discrimination here are accurate enough, and are familiar to readers of The Militant, which has pegged and attacked the crimes of the CP more consistently than any other publication.

But in the opinion of this writer Mr. Hill's article tells only half the story, and fails completely to explain that the Stalinists were able to get away with such false policies and win the support of many Negroes because the NAACP failed to provide an effective

The reason the article fails to do more than analyze the record of the CP superficially can be found in its concluding paragraphs. The purpose of Hill's article, they reveal, is to attempt to justify the action of the NAACP leadership in pushing through its dangerously undemocratic anti-Communist resolution at the 1950

CRIMES OF THE CP

annual convention in Boston.

After discussing at some length the Stalinist slogan of "Selfdetermination in the Black Belt," the proposal for an independent Negro Republic in the South, which has never been popular with Negroes, Mr. Hill lists some of the better known crimes of the CP: Economic aid by the Soviet Union to the Italian imperialist invasion of Ethiopia; the Hitler-Stalin Pact in 1939; and the national unity deal with Roosevelt from 1941 through the war, which included selling out the labor movement and the Negro struggle. The CP condemned militant struggles against Jim Crow, opposed the March on Washington Movement which secured the war-time FEPC, and dissolved the Communist Party in the South to avoid struggles with the Dixiecrats.

Hill states that because of their strike-breaking and sell-out tactics, after the war "Party membership dropped tremendously and Communist leaders were voted out of office in many of the major trade unions. . . Negroes also followed this trend and fell away from the Party."

But that is only a half-truth. What Hill omits is that with the end of the war American capitalism no longer had any use for its deal with Stalin, and launched a vigorous drive to beat down envelope a sneaking capitalist all militancy in labor and Negro organizations in order to be able hand takes its cut. The great mass to fulfill its new role of world imperialist domination without opposition at home. This meant launching a witch-hunt in the labor movement that did not depend on orderly voting processes or the spontaneous indignation of the rank and file to remove Communists from office. It meant bureaucratic purges worthy of a Stalin. It meant Taft-Hartley, an end to FEPC, cuts in social legislation, loyalty oaths, thought-control, etc.

BOLD AND INSPIRING LEADERSHIP

Moreover, it was not following the trend of the witch-hunt in mass organizations by bureaucrats acting as agents of the imperialfrom those who feel this stealing ist government that Negroes dropped away from the CP. They left the CP in droves during the war because they wanted militant city must take the initiative in struggles against Jim Crow and the CP was opposed to them. They wanted the truth told about the lack of democracy in the country leading the "war for democracy" and neither the capitalist nor the Stalinist press was telling it. — As a matter of fact, thousands first subscribed to The Militant in this period because it was the only paper telling the truth; hundreds joined the Socialist Workers Party in this period because it alone supported, and in many cases led, Negro struggles for equality without reservation.

Mr. Hill is right when he characterizes the current drive of the Communist Party to win Negro support for its various campaigns as just another maneuver in the interests of Stalin's foreign policy, while "the fight for Negro rights demands a consistent program under bold and inspiring leadership.

But the conclusion, Mr. Hill, must be that the NAACP should provide such leadership - not serve the interests of American white imperialism and the Administration by concealing their aims, white-washing their crimes, keeping the struggle against Jim Crow "respectable" at all costs, and using anti-Communism as a basis for silencing internal criticism, honest differences, and militant policies in the NAACP.

Ohio Feelings on Korea

A letter in a Cleveland paper calling for repudiation of the administration's foreign policy and the withdrawal of troops from Korea has been followed by a large-scale expression of approval by the people of the Cleveland area. The letter, which was published last Dec. 13, was written, curiously, by the president of the Lincoln Electric Company. Mr. J. F. Lincoln, apparently, differs strongly with his brother-capitalists, who have been in the forefront of the war drive.

Mr. Lincoln's letter, one of the most sharply worded denunciations of American-capitalist policy to appear in print since the start of the Korean war, evoked more than 500 responses. The overwhelming majority of the comments sup-

The full text of the letter follows:

Editor Cleveland Press Cleveland, Ohio

There is much question at the present time as to what should be done about the mess in Korea. Has anyone thought of approaching the matter in a perfectly honest and straightforward

First, admit that we are the aggressors and that we have no business invading Korea or any other country. Second, bring back our army to America. Third, pay for the damage that we have done in Korea.

In order to do this, the following program

would be necessary: First, impeach Truman as a war monger who ordered the invasion of Korea by illegal action, without reference to Congress, who, alone under

our Constitution, can declare war. Second, if the dangers of invasion from Communistic Russia are in any sense true, which is doubtful, build up our home defenses, and don't weaken ourselves by a war on the other side of

Third, go to China and Russia, after showing our honesty by the above action, and tell them we are not warlike; that the one thing we want to do is live at peace and in co-operation with all nations. State the fact that the invasion which took place was contrary to the desires of the majority of the American people who, under our representative form of government, should have, and will in the future have, control of our acts. In doing this, we will not lose face, we will not kill our sons, and if we are fearless in our hon-esty, we will achieve a lasting peace with all

While Lincoln's letter does not mean much by itself, the response of over 500 people in support of it is additional evidence of the opposition by the majority of the American people to the Ko-

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STRIKEBUSTING MAYOR BOOED; AFL OFFICIAL BEGS PARDON

DETROIT, Sept. 8 — The AFL bosses in the city of Detroit have committed an act of political bootlicking which will long stick in the memories of many workers.

The Detroit and Wayne County Federation of Labor (AFL) sent the Labor Day celebration. The himself. ietter was signed by Frank X. Martel, president of the Federation. The letter states.

"GRACIOUS" COBO

"It was most gracious of you to accept the invitation," Martel against the anti-union Cobo. The wrote, "and give us your time despite the fact that there are points of political difference between us."

These "points of political difference" which Martel didn't did not reply "graciously" to mention were Cobo's vicious and Martel's letter. He replied that open strikebreaking during the the real reason he was booed recent streetcar workers' strike. was "misstatements made by

us," Martel's letter continued. "We regret any embarrass-

emonstration.

This cringing letter is ad-Mayor Cobo a letter of apology dressed to the mayor who broke for union booing accorded him at the DSR strike led by Martel The boos of thousands of CIO

and AFL workers which greeted Cobo at the Labor Day rally represented the feelings of the majority of Detroit's workers boos were also directed against the union officials who sat on the same platform with the strikebreaker.

Cobo, stiff-necked to the end, "You came and in your usual union leaders about my adgracious manner performed the ministration." The union leaders function of your high office and could learn a little about stubwe regarded it as an honor to bornly sticking to the people you have the mayor of the city with represent from Cobo, who doesn't hesitate to attack the union in the interests of his bosses — the ment caused to yourself by this big money interests - every chance he gets.

Deadline for Militant

The deadline for articles and