Wall Street's 'Post-War' Plan

By The Editors

The military collapse of Germany will bring immediate unemployment for 8,000,000 American workers. This is a conservative estimate based on the announcement of the War Production Board that the defeat of Germany will be followed by a drastic cutback in war production. The production cutback, estimated at from 40 to 70 percent, will be carried out along the line of the Brewster shutdown with the workers thrown into the streets without so much as a fare-thee-well. This is the X-Day plan of the Roosevelt administration, a plan which has met with the full approval of the Republican party, and follows the pattern laid down by Wall Street's Baruch-Hancock report as embodied in legislation adopted by Congress.

In reality there are two plans for the so-called "reconversion" period. One, for the speculators, stockjobbers, bankers and cost-plus patriots who have grown fat on war profits. The other, for the workers who have borne the main brunt of the war.

For the million-dollar corporation, Congress has passed the George-Murray Contract Terminations Bill which provides extremely generous cash payments to war contractors upon the cutback of war production. Further, the carry-back provisions of the tax law guarantee the corporations a handsome profit during the reconversion period. That is, the profits go on for the period in which the plants are shut down in preparation for conversion to civilian production. All the necessary measures have been taken - and more - to ease Big Business over the reconversion hump. The plan for the relief of the greedy has been generously drawn and liberally executed.

Big Business profits which were twice as high in 1942 as in the peak year of 1929, reached new record-breaking levels in 1943. Now Congress has guaranteed that the golden shower will continue. A big slice of these record-breaking profits have been accumulated in capital reserves which have pyramided to the highest levels in all history. No bankers or industrialists will have to apply for their "states rights" unemployment compensation on X-Day!

The reconversion plan for the workers is far different. Freezing of wages in the face of constantly rising cost of living, cutbacks in war production which have drastically reduced the amount of "take home" wages, due to downgrading and reduction in hours, the increasing burden of taxes imposed on those least able to pay plus disemployment because of cutbacks and contract terminations, have left the workers with no "capital reserves" to tide them over the "reconversion" period. The Kilgore bill which made a few feeble gestures toward dealing with the "human side" of demobilization was summarily discarded by Congress in favor of the George "states rights" unemployment compensation measure. The George bill provides for the payment of starvation relief according to the unemployment compensation laws of the several states which in some instances are as low as \$2 and \$3 a week, payable for a limited number of weeks, to those fortunate enough to meet the strict eligibility requirements. For the workers, X-Day will bring unemployment, insecurity and want - the full fruits of Roosevelt's "equality of sacrifice" program.

To crown the X-Day reconversion plans, the government has already provided for the "free enterprise" disposal of government-owned plant and equipment comprising one-fourth of the nation's total productive capacity. Twenty-five giant corporations operate the bulk of the new government-owned industrial empire built up during the war with public funds. The legislation already adopted, based on the Baruch plan, provides for turning over the government-owned plant and equipment to private ownership for a song. Under monopoly control, production is curtailed, output is reduced, and plants shut down in order to maintain monopoly prices. The monopolists' sole interest in

Monopoly control of production means the sabotage of production; idle plants in the midst of mass unemployment, hunger in the midst of potential plenty. The 8,000,000 workers who will be "disemployed" on X-Day after Germany is defeated will be augmented by additional millions of unemployed in the "postwar" period. It is estimated that a return to the "normalcy" of pre-war production levels which the monopolists now contemplate, spells unemployment for 20,000,000 workers. The plans for the preservation of the "free enterprise" system envisage a permanent army of unemployed pariahs, plowing under plants and equipment along with cotten, corn and live stock; high prices and low wages, company unions and the open shop.

Against the hunger plans of the capitalist class the workers must advance their own plan for full employment by the utilization of all productive capacity. This can only be accomplished by the nationalization of all government-owned plant and equipment and its operation under workers' control. Not a single plant must remain idle! The nationalization of government-owned plant and equipment is the first step toward the nationalization of all industry. Thus and only thus will and can the full productive capacity of the nation be used for the benefit of the people.

For years the labor "statesmen" and liberals have busied themselves drawing up patchwork plans for the "post-war" period. Where this mouse-like fussing hasn't been just a literary exercise it has been downright concious deception. A plan, if it is meant seriously, cannot be other than a political program. A political program cannot be realized ofherwise than through the tice Humphreys said the reasons instrument for advancing the program which is a political party. To support the parties' candidates and program of the capitalist class, either Democrat or Republican, means to support the plans of Wall Street for the "post-war" sabotage of production in the interest of monopoly control.

Against the political program and parties of the capitalist class, both of whom serve the interest of the Wall Street plutocracy, the workers must formulate their own program and organize their own independent labor party.

One of the first planks in the program of a labor party must be: Nationalization of industry under cibly drafted for work in the coal workers' control. Against Wall Street's program of idle plants and unemployment, labor must advance Revolutionary Communist Party the program of the full utilization of the means of production under the control of the producers, the Disputes Act of 1927. to jail la- which has helped secure freedom the groundwork for eventual in- Soviet Union." But "Great Britain can is especially terrified at the working masses.

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AUTO MILITANTS PRESS TO SMASH NO-STRIKE PLEDGE

Wall Street's "Reconversion" Plan



DeGaulle Government Opposed To Demands Of French Masses 300 union and progressive organizations representing more than 2 000 000 members have supported

By William F. Warde

FRANCE IS TODAY IN A REVOLUTIONARY SITUA-TION. This political appraisal is confirmed by numerous facts which have come through the censorship and by the observations of capitalist correspondents in Paris.

All the acute economic and social problems that produced the revolutionary crisis in pre-war France have been aggravated in the extreme by five years of war and the Nazi occupation. While the rich can feast on fine meals at expensive restaurants and on black market foodstuffs,

servatively estimated, has gone ing Deladier-Reynaud govern-

the mass of people suffer from the Nazi occupation and the Vichy regime wages were frozen as The cost of living, it is con- they had been under the preced-

up 300 percent since 1939. Under ments. The workers were unable **COURT FREES 3 IMPRISONED** BRITISH TROTSKYIST LEADERS

of the four British Trotskyist leaders, charged with supporting workers on strike, have been quashed, according to newspaper reports received here.

On August 24 the Court of Criminal Appeals in London allowed the appeals of Rawling Tearse, Heaton Lee, and James ("Jock") Lee had been sentenced to 12 rade Haston to 6 months. Jusfor court's decision would be giv-

Together with Comrade Ann Keen, these Trotskyist leaders were indicted, convicted and railroaded to prison in connection with the strike of engineering trades apprentices on the Tyneside last March. This strike was scheme, introduced by Labor Minand other workers were to be for-

The prosecution of leaders of the the Tory government after the rades.

The convictions against three smashing of the great General Strike of 1926, had been designed to prevent one section of the working class from aiding another in struggles against the employers.

On the witness stand during their trial, the Trotskvists made a militant defense of their revo lutionary socialist principles. They made it clear that they Comrades Tearse and were being primarily victimized because of their revolutionary months, imprisonment and Com- views and that their avowed support of the struggle of the apprentices had simply served as the pretext for their frameup.

Recognizing this Tory-capitalist attack upon the Trotskyist van guard as a threat to all labor, the British workers have rallied in growing numbers to their defense. The Anti-Labor Laws Victim's date for mayor of Philadelphia, Defense Committee was set up has unfurled the banner of a to fight their case and contribuin protest against the Pit Ballot tions from unions throughout England have been pouring into ister Bevin, whereby apprentices the Defense Fund. Soldiers have passed resolutions protesting the persecutions of the Trotskyists and defending the workers' right to strike.

The quashing of the convic-(Trotskyist) was the first at- tions upon appeal testifies to the which imperialist and high tempt to use the vicious Trade power of this protest movement bor leaders. That Act, passed by for our three imprisoned com-

to effectively combat these conditions because their unions had

Here is an index of the worsening of the workers' living standards. Three thousand francs re-

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Profits Go On

Major Paul D. Shriver, Regional Property Control Officer at Rome, has reported that 40 American firms with Roman investments representing some \$30,000,000 had spent the whole war in Rome in the best of health.

The firms included American Express, Otis Elevator, International Business Machines. General Electric, Eastman Kodak, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, Warner Bros.

Governments may come and go, millions of men can die, but the Big Business outfits do handsomely on both sides of the imperialist battlelines.

signed a joint appeal calling upon the American labor movement to support the Civil Rights Defense Committee's campaign to secure freedom and aid the families of the 18 Socialist Workers Party and CIO Truckthe Minneapolis Labor Case.

The signatories include John Green, President of the CIO Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers; Willard S. Townsend, President of the CIO United Transport Service Employes of America; George Baldanzi, Vice-President of the CIO United Textile Workers Union; Julius Hochman, Manager of the N. Y. Joint Board of the AFL International Ladies Garment Workers Union. Warren K. Billings, famous class-war prisoner, John Dewey, celebrated educator and philosopher, and James T. Farrell, noted novelist and chairman of the CRDC, complete the roster. CRDC LETTER

Their letter points out that the 18 "have been imprisoned now for over seven months. They are in jail solely because of their political opinions and their labor activities. The are the first victims of the Smith "Gag" Act - the viciously reactionary statute sponsored by the same poll-tax

under this law has made the Minportant civil liberties issue in the Second World War. Already over 2,000,000 members have supported the work of the CRDC." "Eyer since the 18 went to pri

for their wives and children Without this aid the families of these persecuted working class leaders would suffer great hardships and privations. In addition the CRDC needs funds to carry on its national campaign to free the 18 and repeal the Smith "Gag"

These labor and liberal leaders declare that the Minneapolls Case 'directly involves the democratic rights of your union and of yourthe entire American labor moverequest to send contributions to the Civil Rights Defense Committee, 160 Fifth Ave., N. Y. C. Among this week's contributors

to the CRDC are ILGWU Local the top cliques. 144, Newark, N. J.: ILGWU Local 91, New York City; Interna tional Association of Machinists AFL, Lodge 682, Reading, Pa. and file delegates took the floor, amid efit Fund 19 of Union City, N. J. sembled workers, and vigorously

Delegates Defeat Attempts Signed By Leading To Sidetrack Policy Issues

Eight prominent trade union Thomas Keynote Address Gets No Applause; and progressive leaders have Rank and File Caucus Set Up At Convention

By Art Preis

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Sept. 11 - In a tense atmosphere foretelling a bitter conflict over the nostrike pledge and other key issues, over 2,300 deledrivers Local 544 prisoners in gates, representing more than one million members, today jammed elbow to elbow in the Civic Auditorium

BULLETIN

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Sept. 12-UAW-CIO convention delegates revolted against attempts of union leaders to rush debate on the no-strike pledge resolution, during the closing minutes of this afternoon's session, immediately following Philip Murray's hour-and-a-half address against the movement to rescind the nostrike pledge. Murray used every demagogic trick to whip up sentiment to retain the no-strike pledge. Union officials tried to rush debate, taking fullest advantage of Murray's spellbinding.

Auto delegates, aware of the maneuver of the bureaucrats, shouted "Tomorrow morning!" and forced a postponement of the vote. They passed by a 3-to-1 majority a motion to open debate Wednesday morning to permit a full, free discussion.

here for the opening session of the Ninth Annual Convention of the CIO United Automobile, Aircraft and Agricultural Implement Workers, largest and most dynamic union in America.

The first expression of the impending struggle opposed the proposal to hold elections before discussions of is-Congressman Howard Smith who co-authored the Smith-Connally Anti-strike Act.

"The imprisonment of the 18 under this law has made the Minush and the top leader—ship exploded this after—ship exploded this after—ship exploded this after—ship exploded this after—ship exploded this after—real intent of the proposal, "In neapolis Labor Case the most im- noon when the delegates previous conventions we have alsuccessfully opposed the attempts of the official- ing politics with the delegates for dom to place the elections of officers early on the son the CRDC has provided relief agenda before the discussion of basic issues and to prevent all points of view on the no-strike pledge from being presented in resolutions before the

convention. During the discussion on convention rules, the rules committee, hand-picked by the leaderselves as American citizens. We ship, made the proposal to hold are carrying on this fight to elections on the fourth day of the defend the hard-won rights of convention, which is expected to last seven days. This move was ment." They conclude with the immediately recognized by the delegates as an effort to divert the convention from the main then attempted to make a comquestions into another lengthy factional fight for posts between

APPROVING SHOUTS

A number of leading rank and Workmen's Sick and Death Ben- the approving shouts of the as-

real intent of the proposal. "In ways had these long-winded speeches, with the officers playthree or four days. Only after the election of officers would the higher-ups permit discussion on what they wanted and the rest of the important questions would be referred to the incoming executive board for decision. We've spent a lot of money to have our delegates come to this convention, and we want them to decide. We want the elections on the last day of the convention, Geiger concluded forcefully, with a crescendo of approving applause.

Delegate Case of Local 599, declared that "we want the officers to express their opinions on the issues so that we know what every officer's opinion is before we

When the convention voted down the proposed rules by a big majority, the leadership promise. The committee returned with a proposal to hold elections on the fifth instead of the fourth day. Delegate DeLorenzo from Brewster Local 365, a member of the rules committee, sensing the will of the conven-

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Ex-Ambassador Bullitt Unfurls Banner For Revival Of Anti-Soviet Campaign

By John Marshall

and recently Democratic candiamong them Pope Pius XII," and published in September 4 Berlin'?" issue of Life magazine, Bullitt VATICAN POLICY advances the arguments with Soviet Union.

The central theme of Bullitt's | Consequently the Vatican stakes trust that the British, the French Even before Germany has Europe between Christianity and American capitalism: "it is hoped to keep all Germany west of the been defeated, William C. Bul- | Communism ... "It is an old pic- that the vital interests of the U.S. | Elbe out of communist control ..." litt, ex-American ambassador to ture which has been familiar to will compel our support of Great the Soviet Union and France the Romans since the time of the Britain. . . Caesars - a picture of Western Europe and Western civilization threatened by hordes of invaders from the East ... Dominating the new anti-Soviet crusade. In an hearts and mind and, indeed, the article written from Rome where talk of all men throughout Italy he interviewed "well-informed is the question: 'Will the result and authoritative personages, of this war be the subjugation of gary and Czechoslovakia." More-Europe by Moscow instead of by

The Vatican, says Bullitt, looks to Great Britain to "oppose Catholic circles are preparing comination of Europe by the tervention and war against the will emerge from this war a tired prospect of a Soviet-dominated

Rome fears the expansion of Soviet domination throughout Europe. "The Romans expect the Soviet Union to dominate Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Rumania, Bulgaria, Hunover, "the Soviet Union and Great Britain aiready have made a deal whereby Rumania will be controlled by the Soviet Union while Greece will fall into the British

sphere of influence." According to Bullitt, the Vativictor," bankrupt and weakened. Austria and Yugoslavia. "They

article is the coming struggle in its hopes for salvation upon and the Americans will be able

Italy, the home of the Holy See itself, is verging on revolution. "The Communists are certain to be much strengthened by the liberation of the north and to emerge from such elections as may be held after the liberation with such a strong minority representation, if not with a majority, that together with the Socialists they might form a majority. If the joint efforts of the British, American and Italian governments fail to prevent starvation and runaway inflation, the Communists surely will be swept into power

by waves of suffering." The only power in Italy that can

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TRADE UNION Special Offer Of Trial Pamphlets NOTES Made To Readers Of 'The Militant'

By Harry Martell

to attempts of sections of the opposition movement to Dewis UAW leadership to throttle the has shown little strength in the movement to rescind the No- past ten years, the demand for Strike pledge by means of parlia- district autonomy has remained mentary maneuvers. The leading popular among the rank and file article in the Voice of Local 212, and has been the key issue in the organ of the UAW in the Briggs struggle for democracy in the plants blasts the maneuver to sub- miners' union. mit the no-strike pledge to a re- Genuine as this sentiment is ferendum vote of the membership among the rank and file, the "as an attempt to utilize the motives of the leader of the curgrowing sentiment against the rent demand for district autonopledge for factional purposes my, Ray Edmundson, are open to smash the 'No-Strike-Pledge' at chine in the Illinois district for the September convention."

policy of the entire top leader- ray has a hand in the pie. ship has always been one of first, outright rejection of the demands shadow on the whole movement. of the militants of the union and First, because Murray who sponsecondly, as in the present case, sored this dictatorial regime with when the movement around a Lewis in the UMW continues this particular issue grows strong and same type of setup in the steel threatens to be successful, they workers union after his break follow a policy of watering down with Lewis. Second, because of the proposal as a step toward the stab-in-the-back Murray derejecting it completely.

this policy, and one which closely Steel formula. parallels the present movement for a referendum on the 'No-Strike-Pledge' is that experienced by delegates to the Michigan State CIO convention a year ago. phite Bronze workers in Cleve-Recognizing the widespread sen- land called by the Mechanics Edtiment for the building of an in- ucational Society. Brushing all dependent labor party, the leader- formalities aside, he ordered the ship first defeated a resolution War Department to seize the which would have placed the convention unequivocally on record was hardly two days old. for a labor party, and then pre- In revealing contrast was Roosented a proposal to conduct a sevelt's order to seize the Hughes rank and file referendum on this Tool Company at Houston Texas question within 90 days.

"What happened to this convention mandate is now history. his open shop policies. Last Feb-The new state executive board ... ruary the War Labor Board indeliberately violated the instruc- structed Hughes to sign a contions of the convention and voted tract with the United Steel worknot to conduct a referendum as ers of America (CIO). The manthis would conflict with National agement ignored this instruction, CIO policy. As a consequence as they did order after order by the referendum was never con- the WLB in the following months. ducted in this issue."

ges, "must go to the convention and seized the plant. It remains to make a clear-cut, uncompro- to be seen whether this move will mising fight to revoke the 'No- secure recognition for the union. Strike-Pledge'. We have faced long already . . . This is the only mash the anti-labor offensive.

"We will not accept any phony substitutes.

PLEDGE!!!"

The movement to re-establish district autonomy in the mineworkers' union will receive a test of strength at the convention of the U.M.W.A. to be held in Cincinnati on September 12. According to The Voice, a paper published by this opposition group, a "vast majority of the rank and file delegates" are supporting this demand for autonomy. Lewis' official paper, the United Mine Workers Journal, recognizes the existence of this movement and condemns it in the leading article in its September 1 issue.

The demand for autonomy is not a new one in the miner's union. Every opposition movement to John L. Lewis for almost twenty years has written this plank into its program. Lewis, on his side, has been able to use the centralized powers of the international to stymie these rebellious groups of miners through the agency of district officials appointed from the top. Twentyone out of thirty-one districts at the present time are run by appointees of the International

Militant auto workers are alert | Executive Board. Although the

within the union and at the same deserved suspicion. Edmundsen time to behead the movement to has been a cog in the Lewis maover ten years. He was Lewis' The article warns the member- whip against the insurgent movement in that state in the early "This is not the first time that Thirties. His sudden conversion the leadership has attempted to to the demand of District Autoutilize the widespread sentiment nomy, and the publicity he has among the ranks on an issue for received in ClO papers, would their own factional purposes. The make it appear that Philip Mur-

Such an alliance would cast a livered to the miners during their "An outstanding example of fight last year to break the Little

> Roosevelt acted with lightning speed to smash the strike of Gra-

owned by Howard Hughes, famous for his aviation exploits and... Now after seven months the gov-"Our delegates", the article ur- ernment finally bestirred itself

The strike in Cleveland was the attacks and provocations of precipitated by the firing of a management unarmed far too committeeman for breaking a seventy-five cent lock on his 20ad which can enable us to locker. This action was only part of a new union-busting campaign inaugurated upon the appointment of Fred C. Crawford to the "REVOKE THE NO-STRIKE board of directors of the comeany. Crawford is president of Thompson Products Inc. which has been fighting a UAW organizing drive for seven years. Crawford is also a former president of the National Manufacturers Association

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Reports already coming in from branches of the Socialist Workers Party show how favorably workers all over the country are responding to both The Militant and the special pamphlet offer made by Pioneer Publishers.

By Campaign Manager

Our agents are calling on readers who have been receiving 3-month trial subscriptions to The Militant, and selling them regular subscription renewals and a set of four important pamphlets on the Minneapolis Labor Case. These pamphlets, which regularly sell for 50 cents, are being offered to the new Militant readers for only 25 cents. The set includes James P. Cannon's testimony in the Minneapolis Court, "Socialism on Frial;" Albert Goldman's summation to the jury, "In Defense of Socialism;" the pamphlet "Why We Are In Prison," explaining the motives behind the prosecution; and "Who Are the 18 Prisoners in the Minneapolis Labor Case?", published by the Civil Rights Defense Committee, giving the background of the defendants, and their record of service in the labor movement.

The readiness with which new Militant readers are buying the set, shows how eager they are to learn more about the ideas expressed in our paper. The pamphlets make a splendid introduction to the basic principles of Trotskyism, presented in simple, concise form. Questions asked of our comrades by the readers, are clearly answered in the pamphlets; in many cases, they simply open "Socialism on Trial" and point out the answers to important questions, to "make the sale."

The report of the New York Local is a particularly interesting

New York: On September 4, the East and West Side branches of Local New York opened the call-back and literature campaign with branch-wide mobilizations. The comrades found that when they said they were from The Militant, they got a friendly response from the vast majority of the new readers. All the comrades went out in teams of two.

The East Side members sold a number of six-month subscriptions, and had many good discussions with readers who invited them

The West Side comrades saw forty new trial subscribers. Nine of these took six-month subscriptions, one took a year sub, and ten sets of trial pamphlets were sold, making both a renewal and pamphlet sale average of 25 percent. We spoke to and sold subs to garment workers, restaurant workers, building trades workers etc. We found that the best method of ascertaining the opinions of our readers is to open up a copy of The Militant, and in this way to encourage the new readers to discuss the articles in The Militant which they particularly like.

In this first mobilization, the West Side members found that after the renewal subscription to The Militant is obtained, it is then very easy to interest the subscriber in the trial pamphlets. Since by this time the comrade knows what particular topic the subscriber is interested in, he opens up the index of the Cannon pamphlet, "Socialism on Trial," looks up the topic, and shows the subscriber what our party has to say on it. Whenever this method is used, it invariably opens up a good discussion with the new subscriber, and the set of pamphlets is sold.

The comrades have found that calling on our new readers is inspiring work. Members go into workers' homes, discuss their problems with them, make friends and contacts, learn to be at ease and feel confidence in talking to them.

Many of the workers with whom we spoke indicated that they would like to come down to our forums and public meetings and learn more about our party and our ideas. Through the callback and literature campaign, we will build in New York a large working class periphery.

San Pedro: We have been having a very fine reception in visiting the trial subscribers. Our average on renewals is 25 percent. Buffalo: Enclosed is \$3 for three 6-month subs. They ar

renewals from the 25 cent subs. Los Angeles: Technical preparations are now under way for the campaign as the follow-up of our special sub campaign. Graphs will keep the record of the campaign in each branch, and the entire branch forces will be mobilized for work.

READING UNIONISTS CALL FOR LABOR PARTY ORGANIZATION

trade unionists in the important that." steel, railroad and hosiery center of Berks County has called upon richer and the poor getting poor-

aim the creation of a party "independent from Big Business." "The ignoring of the Kilgore Bill and the passing of the more ruthless George Bill only goes to show that when the workers try to attain their ends through old

READING, Pa. - Recognizing | line politics they are even denied the need for independent political the crumbs, because even the Kil- 'Shop Talks on Socialism.' action, a committee of leading gore Bill was not more than

the workers to build their own er but wiser; the workers who out with steel-like clarity how produce everything, create every- they relate to the class struggle. These unionists, in the name of thing, should at least have an ex- His writing reveals not only real-Committee for an Independent ducers who own and control every- He writes very beautiful. I've something to show for my vacathis week setting forth as their stranglehold they have on the producers of all wealth." This evokes gripping emotions - I must be done by the workers; know I feel 'all sorts of things'er into votes by building their making a revolution! own Independent Labor Party."

> vited all trade unionists to join cingly comes out on top. and press the struggle for a Labor Party.

The Committee has achieved prominent notice in the local labor press and has already distributed widely a leaflet setting land praises the work being done forth its aims and calling upon the workers to join the struggle for independent labor political ac- lar with readers of The Militant at that." tion. Important leaders of the here. To us the drawings of most Railway Brotherhood locals have American cartoonists seem crude. joined the Committee and are Gray's cartoons, however, are planning to push the labor party more in the tradition with which program in these shops, as well we are familiar. They certainly

For a Rising Scale of Wages to Meet Rising Living Costs the August 26 issue of The Mili- culating. We shall soon see."

plants of Berks County.

One of our New York readers | tant? We would like to send it expresses what many others feel to the Akron delegates to the about the two columns recently rubber convention." added to the pages of The Militant: "I am anxious to give my

bulls eye! - Kovalesky's 'Diary that they continue this method of of a Steel Worker' and Grey's introducing the paper to new "Kovalesky has a wonderful tions. The latest is a 3-month feel for people. His writing re- sub from Vermont, accompanied bin when he instigated the pros-"We feel the rich are getting veals great depth and understand- by the following letter of explaning of human nature and brings ation: the Berks County Trade Union istence, the rich or the non-pro- ism and sincerity, it is like poetry. shop. I at least had to have

Labor Party, issued a statement thing must be relieved of the discussed his column with several tion." readers and we all agree that he The statement pointed out that the workers must put "their pow- especially like going out and Our agent writes:

praise to the two additions to The

Temporary officers of the Com- got punch! He wins the argumittee are Martin Enoch, presi- ment every time! No worker can dent of Local 197 of the Interna- go away (after reading his stuff) July issue. tional Brotherhood of Blacksmiths, with a doubt in his mind about AFL and Elery Ocksrider, Jr., se- the advantages of planned Socialcretary of the Brotherhood of ism versus chaolic decayed capi-Railway Carmen, Local 652, elect- talism. I like the way he goes ed as president and secretary res- to the extreme of 'supposing even' pectively. The Committee has in- and then so clearly and convin-

"With these two additional writers The Militant has really got something!"

A letter from a reader in Engby The Militant's cartoonist:

"Your new cartoonist is popuas in the steel mills and hosiery appeal to the British worker's sense of humor.'

> Our Akron agent is utilizing the results of the national campaign article, "The Crisis in The CIO on the renewals. Our local ex-Rubber Workers Union," for an perience leads us to believe that excellent purpose. She writes:

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The four pamphlets above, packed in an attractive box, are being offered to new readers of THE

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ter M. Hunt, launches a vicious

poison-pen attack upon the Civ-

il Rights Defense Committee

This time Tobin's penman, Les- | war.

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Our agents have become so conscious of the importance of selling Militant, which really hit the trial subscriptions to The Militant, readers even during their vaca-

Reading has now established regular distributions in their area.

"Comment continues excellent "Grey's 'Shop Talks' has really on The Militant. Particularly popular was Felix Morrow's ar- sections of the labor movement, ticle on the Bonus March in the

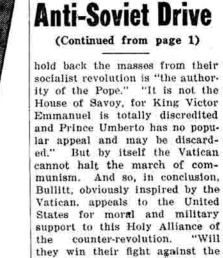
> "You will be interested to know that we have regular distributions going now at a large steel plant against the 18 and are desperately and at the shops of the Reading striving to obscure the issues by Railroad."

The branches have been looking forward to the call-back campaign for the purpose of getting renewals of the 3-month subscriptions sold during the Militant Subscription Campaign. We quote from several of the branches:

Minneapolis - "Soon we shall be in the swing of our second We expect to work hard

San Francisco - "This Sunday we are going to cover some longshore names we have had on hand for sometime. We will attempt to secure trial subs. Will let you know the results. After that, the renewal work begins!

"We are looking forward to the we can expect about 30-40 per-



Bullitt Unfurls

Banner for a New

To further his own reactionary purposes Bullitt deliberately identifies Stalinism with communism and the Soviet Union with the counter-revolutionary Stalin regime. But his anti-Soviet propaganda and his incitement to war against the USSR touches the most sensitive spot in Stalinist diplomacy today, the relations between the Kremlin and its imperialist allies in the 'United Nations." Stalin is staking everything at the present time upon the perpetuation of this unstable alliance,

evil of which the Nazis are but

an embodiment? That is for us

- all of us - to say."

PRAVDA ANSWER

Pravda quickly lashed out at Bullitt in an article entitled "Bankruptcy of a Scout" by K. Demidov published on Sept. 4. Demidov recalls the late Ambassador Dodd's characterization of Bullitt as a man standing for "unrestricted aggression against the Soviet Union from the east and west." He was one of the architects of the Munich Pact. Now with the war against Hitler not yet over, Bullitt strikes his matches trying to ignite another conflagration.'

Pravda tries to dismiss Bullitt as a political bankrupt, an agent of Hitler, who was "never a serious political figure." "His own country has turned away from him." This evaluation of Bullitt is false. Bullitt is an experienced spokesman for an important section of American capitalism. He is an influential figure in the Democratic party and an intimate friend of Roosevelt. It is not without significance that the powerful Morgan-dominated Luce pub-

Wall Street has supported for have been obliged to make to Stalin during the war. does not of course bother to deb American Big Business recognizes ate Farrell upon these basic is- the value of Stalin's services in sues of free speech, civil liberties, helping to crush the armies of its German imperialist rival, in against reaction. These questions upholding capitalism in Europe, do not concern him any more in trying to strangle revolutions. than they bothered his boss To- As Rickenbacker and others have frankly stated, they believe that ecution against the 18. Lies and Stalin's regime is moving in the slander are the only weapons he right counter-revolutionary direc-

But all this is not enough. The imperialists will not be satisfied until the first worker's state is overthrown, socialized property raised for the defense of the 18 abolished, and capitalist relations restored within the Soviet Union. The aim of these gutter tactics Despite Stalin's counter-revoluis to cover up Tobin's filthy role | tionary course and aid, such conin the frameup and to try to scious agencies of the propertied counteract the ever increasing classes as the Vatican know that capitalism cannot be safe or stabflized without the restoration of capitalism within one-sixth of the earth's surface, either through internal counter-revolution or imperialist attack or a combination of both. This class hostility is the primary source of their antisoviet\sentiments and propaganda.

THE ANTAGONISM Bullitt's article exposes the

basic attitude of Anglo-American imperialism toward the Soviet Union, the real face behind the mask of false friendship between Washington and Moscow. The fundamental and irreconcilable antagonism between the socialized property of the degenerated workers' state and world imperialism breaks through all efforts to conceal and deny it. This antagonism will inevitably generate further rifts and eventually lead to an open break.

guarded against further attacks by world imperialism, it can secure the conquests of the October revolution only through the extension and triumph of working class revolution throughout Europe and the establishment and foreign Marxist Literature. Europe.

The Soviet Union can be safe-



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Italian People Starving Under Rule Of Allies

By William F. Warde After a year of Anglo-Amer-

ican rule the Italian people are dying of hunger and Italian economy is in a state of complete collapse. The following figures published last week in the press with regard to food, public health and mortality rates in Italy are truly terrify-

1. Infant mortality, which averaged 102.7 per 1,000 in Italy from 1936 to 1940, has jumped to 438 per 1,000 in Rome during July of this year.. That is, utmost half the babies are dying during their first year!

2. In June, 1943, 1,373 persons died in Rome, whereas 2,535 died there in June, 1944.

3. It is estimated that 200,000 Italians are dying each year from tuberculosis, while before the war 60,000 died per year of this disease. About 200 of every 1,000 plants. Romans are said to be infected.

4. Before the war the average Italian consumed a daily ration of 2,900 calories. Since the Allied occupation a basic ration of 66calories daily has been allowed This is a little more than half the number of calories required to maintain normal health. As a result, there has been a general loss of weight among the population

PAPER MONEY

Marcelo Soleri, Minister of the Treasury in the Bonomi puppet government, complained that everything is lacking in Italy today but paper money. Allied inflation coming on top of the fascist inflation (paper money issued by the Allies amounts now to about 30 million lire) has still further pushed up prices and impoverished the country.

The economic situation has grown so intolerable and the political crisis so acute that even the Allied authorities are alarmed. They fear a new revolutionary upheaval of the masses which will make a clean sweep of capitalist rule throughout Italy. This is candidly admitted by Anne O'Hare McCormick who cabled to the N. Y. Times (September 6): "... If large-scale rioting and social disintegration occur in the first country placed under Anglo-American control, the blow to the democracies' prestige would have repercussions throughout Eur-

The head of the economic section of the Allied Control Comwith Presiden

submit much longer to these in tolerable conditions - especially with winter coming on.

REVOLUTIONARY TEMPER

The revolutionary temper among the working class can be gauged by the memorandum presented on August 9 to the Bonomi cabinet by the secretaries of the Italian General Confederation of Labor. The Confederation the following "extraordinary measures" to save the workers "from utter physical and moral ruin:" a minimum wage and living allowance to all, adjusted monthly to variations in the cost of living; sale of commodities at fixed prices "under the control of the police and workers representatives;" an immediate large-scale program of public works, preference to be given to the workers' cooperative societies. The memorandum demands shop committees in all the big "Firms which refuse to resume work would be regarded as saboteurs and their plants quickly requisitioned, and the management entrusted to the workers. The memorandum concludes with the demand for supertaxes on war and black market profits, confiscation of fascist profits; and "any other appropriate steps which would place on | the shoulders of the plutocratic classes responsible for the country's catastrophe the greater part of the expenditure necessary to ensure the existence of the workers and the revival of Italy."

ARMED WORKERS

If such are the demands of the reformist leadership of the unions in south Italy, how much hotter must be the political atmosphere in Northern Italy! The workers in the industrial cities of the North are armed and determined to overthrow capitalism and institute a revolutionary workers' government. The London Times correspondent cabled from Rome on August 18 that: "Signor Togliatti's step in joining the Government has created a crisis among Milan Communists. The views he has publicly expressed are considered to be too conciliatory, and he is accused of having moved too far to the right. Moreover, many Communists do not agree with certain developand profess reluctance to becoming mere instruments of the

Kremlin. This report of the revulsion of tion, offered a minority report the revolutionary workers in the in favor of postponing elections mission, Brig. General William Stalinist ranks against the Stal- to "the last order of business." O'Dwyer, has flown from Rome inist sell-out policies is corrobto Washington and is holding orated from other sources. It is "LAST THING" fact of the greatest revolution Roosevelt and Leo T. Crowley, ary significance for the further Administrator of the Foreign Eco- development of the Italian revonomic Administration. They are lution. Only by throwing off the discussing what measures to influence of the Stalinist and Sotake in order to head off the cial-democratic betrayers can the mounting rebellion of the Italian Italian workers move forward in masses who, they fear will not their fight for emancipation.

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A scene during the great French sit-down strikes of 1936, (above) when the revolutionary upsurge of the masses threatened the capitalist power. The crowd carries a banner inscribed with the name of the famous Renault plant - and bearing the hammer and sickle. (Below) a recent photo of the workers of Paris. once more in the streets, this time in pitched battle against both native and German fascists, a few days bef ore they took possession of factories abandoned by terrified capitalists.

Convention Delegates Press not agree with certain developments of Marshal Stalin's policy and profess reluctance to be an arranged from the following t

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"Last thing, last thing!" When the vote was finally taken, less than fifty hands were raised in support of the officers' recom-

mendation.

This demonstration of the mood of the delegates, who are determined to have a full and free discussion of the issues, was carried even further in the debate over the proposed rule to limit reports from committees to a single majority and minority report. This rule might have prevented tions committee, since there are by those opposed to rescinding the ers planned to put forward as strike pledge. the majority and "minority" re-

Delegate Garrison from Ford is on record for rescinding the no-strike pledge, pointed out that this rule was being pushed as 'some sort of a subterfuge," since both majority and minority of the resolutions committee are for EXAGGERATED CLAIMS reaffirmation." He demanded an amendment of the rule which would permit "all shades of opin-

A delegate from Dodge Local rulé on committee reports as a ed "let all opinions be heard."

KEY NOTE ADDRESS

The main business of the morning session was the so-called and war profiteers. keynote address of President R. J. Thomas. From his very first words, Thomas clearly expressed as touched only quickly and gin-

explode into a show-down fight of than two minutes, not daring to

perhaps unique in union conven-After International Board Mem- entment at his strikebreaking acber Reisinger attempted to speak tions and bureaucratic reprisals against the minority report, the against local militants forced to convention took up the shout, strike by company provocations. He literally pleaded with the delegates not to boo or interrupt his address because he intended to say thing "some delegates may not like." He begged them to "permit me the right to say what

this convention.' Orating in his customary pompmain points, a call for the memat least two positions being taken | bership to campaign through the CIO-PAC for re-election of Roos-

Never has a keynote speech at a UAW-CIO convention been Highland Park Local 400, which ates "sat on their hands" last convention in return for Reuthroughout his talk. Only a ther's support for him as vicepolite smattering of applause, president against Frankensteen. lasting but a few seconds, This year, Leonard decide that greeted his concluding words.

exaggerated claims which the bur- ency with Thomas's support. This eaucratic labor captives of the is typical of the unprincipled Roosevelt machine have been tra- clique politics that prevails characterized the proposed ditionally peddling about the among all the top leaders, who "friend of labor" in the White once more are attempting to "high-jacking rule" and demand- House. While Thomas pointed channelize the struggle over basout the big business connections ic issues into a mere scramble Thomas interjected himself into of Dewey, stating he was "afraid for posts. the debate from the chair with of the company Dewey keeps," fe some derogatory remarks about "forgot" to mention Roosevelt's the speakers which won him a Wall Street ties, like Stettinius vigorous booing. When the vote and Baruch, as well as the comwas finally taken, the rule was pany Roosevelt keeps with coramended to permit every dif- rupt political bosses like Hague, ferent view on the no-strike Kelly and Flynn and with the pledge to be reported out and ultra-reactionary Southern Poll acted upon by vote of the con- Tax Democrats. Nor did Thomas mention Roosevelt's wage freeze. forced labor decrees, compulsory arbitration program and his failure to fight the price gougers

Obviously fearful of setting the convention into an uproar, Thomrank and file offensive against sue before the convention. He onents of the no-strike pledge, complete break with all the old dermine the labor movement.

the no-strike pledge, which may | dealt with this question in less discuss on its merits his support | coalition government. It has no and demands, than the DeGaull- classes. for the program of surrendering Thomas's opening remarks were labor's most potent weapon. He perhaps unique in union conven-tion history. They were an at: hid behind what the "soldiers of Allied and French imperial- ing costs of living. The DeGaulle their revolutionary struggle just tempt to mollify the intense res. feel," claiming that on his tour in England and France "I did not talk to a soldier who was not opposed to strikes in wartime.' Thomas waited for applause on DE GAULLE GOVERNMENT this assertion, but was met by

CLIQUE POLITICS

At one point in his speech, Thomas evoked a chorus of jeers I think is the right thing" and and boos when he interjected his promised in return "the greatest clique politics into his talk. Thomdemonstration of democracy in as, who likes to play the role of an independent leader above the factional disputes among the inous style. Thomas devoted a large ternational officers, first butterportion of his talk to a recital of ed up all the top factionalists his experiences on his recent trip like Addes, Frankensteen and the position of those opposed to to Europe under the auspices of Reuther and then proposed a setthe no-strike pledge from being the War Department. This prov- tlement of the clique fight bereported formally to the conven- ided the flag-waving and emo- tween the Addes--Frankensteen tion by a minority of the resolu- tional background for his two and Reuther caucuses by the expedient of having a third vicepresident and "I think Brother Dick Leonard ought to have the no-strike pledge which the lead- evelt and a plea to retain the no- job." This brought forth strident jeers from the delegates and shouts of "more pork-choppers!"

Leonard, Ford Division director, so coldly received. The deleg- was in the Reuther faction at the he might be able to make a better deal with some of his former opponents, and has broken with In his remarks on the fourth Reuther, it is reported, in order term, Thomas rehashed all the to run for a third vice-presid-

Reuther, at the latest re-

ports, is seeking to prevent a

forthright debate and clear cut

like to squeeze out of the empendent labor party. barrassing position of having to openly declare himself on the is-Thus, he is variously reported to be in favor of a resolution for permitting strikes only in plants reconverted to civilian production or for a referendum, without a decision of the the strike weapon. It has called convention, among the member- a series of open meetings to unite mula, company provocations ship. In this fashion, Reuther the militant forces and organize the fears of the entire top offi- gerly on the question of the no- still hopes to play "militant," cialdom before the impending strike pledge, the most crucial is act as left cover for the prop- This caucus is also proposing a ness and the government to un-

virtual silence.

We see that in Italy the pup-

cind the no-strike pledge.

But an important section, if now appear to be determined to against the corporations and their settle the issue at the convention if possible and scrap the BITTER STRUGGLE no-strike pledge. A rank and file caucus of leading local militants, including delegates and officers from such important locals as Briggs Local 212 and Ford Local 400, has issued a of which calls for immediate and trickery to uphold its servile pledge, along with a number of progressive proposals for a reconversion program in the indecision on the no-strike pledge terests of the workers and for Whether or not the rank and file tional. the building of a genuine inde-

NO-SRIKE PLEDGE

This new caucus has publicly the need to scrap the no-strike pledge to join with it in fighting to restore to the auto workers a battle on the convention floor.

but not reveal his real game of discredited factions and leaders blocking a genuine fight to res- and the building of an entire new leadership from the militant ranks which will carry out in not a majority of the delegates, action a bold, aggressive policy ers. They will have to solidify government agents.

The international leadership as a whole appears united in its efforts to frustrate the desires of the membership for a fighting policy and is undoubtedly preparstrong program, the key point ing to use every form of pressure rescinding of the no-strike position. Nevertheless, it is already apparent that the leaders will not be able to prevent, as long as they would like, succeeds in scrapping the nostrike pledge at this convention, its struggle will be of decisive importance in rallying the membership in the coming period invited all delegates who agree on for an organized and decisive fight to reestablish an aggressive policy within the auto union and carry on a real strugand the program of Big Busi-

Resists Aims Of Masses WORKERS COMMITTEES SET UP

IN FRANCE

been organized and have taken over control of many large in-

dustrial establishments in Paris, particularly in the "Red Belt"

in strength daily," writes the N. Y. Times correspondent in

in the September 11 issue. "The men serving on them refer

to themselves as "les responsables" (the responsibles) and

profess to be forerunners of permanent groups that will repre-

such workers' committee at the Hispano-Suiza plant where

1,500 workers were employed. He met with seven members

of the committee who wore French Forces of the Interior arm-

bands. The spokesmen for the workers stated that the com-

pany's regular management had decamped on August 18, on the

day the General Confederation had called out a million work-

workers "who were interested solely in weapons" had taken

over control of the plant, "The heads of many French firms

deemed it wise to remain away from their plants," observes

the correspondent, "until the fever of excitement over libera-

tion had died down and they could explain why valuable aid

pressed in the newspaper circulation figures. According to the

correspondents, the Stalinist Humanite leads with 200,000 cir-

culation. The Socialist Populaire follows with 160,000. Twelve

other dailies combined have a total circulation of only 120,000.

Newspaper editors are ignoring all the muzzling decrees of

power are gaining strength with each passing day in France.

The workers' committees need only be solidified and linked to-

gether on a city, departmental, and national scale to form the

basis for a new regenerating power in France, the revolution-

Germany." The pretexts differ; DeGaulle Government that there

to act cautiously under the pre- solved without some kind of viol-

Naturally DeGaulle is forced the possibility of their being

From these facts it is clear that the elements of dual

The revolutionary mood of the Paris workers is also ex-

had been given to the Germans."

DeGaulle passed in Algiers.

ary power of the toiling masses.

masses have arms and are in re-

Daniell observes in a dispatch to

vailing circumstances since the ent explosion.'

volutionary ferment. Raymond CRITICAL ISSUE

None of the directors had returned and therefore the

The Times correspondent describes his interview with one

sent the workers in the direction of the plants. . ."

Latest dispatches report that workers' committees have

"Committees manned by the rank and file. . . are growing

De Gaullist Government

to the north and west.

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presents a good wage for a minor official or artisan. One restaurant meal in France today costs anywhere from 200 to 600 francs, a bicycle is worth as much as an automobile in prewar days.

MASS UNEMPLOYMENT

The economy of France is terribly dislocated and partially destroyed. Productive activity, it is estimated, is less than 20 percent of normal. The occupation of France by the Allied armies has meant mass unemployment for the workers in those factories turning out supplies for the German war-machine which have now shut down.

The class antagonisms which tore the French nation apart in rewar days have also been intensified during the past five years. Here is the testimony of Alexander Uhl of PM who cabled from Paris, Sept. 6: "Today, if anything, relations are worse between the French workers and patronat' as the French call the people who own the factories, the mines, the great commercial firms. For a good share of the 'patronat' got along with the Germans too well and made too much money out of the war to suit the taste of the kind of people who went down to the barricades. . . You don't have to talk to many of the upper bourgeoisie, to many workers to find there is real tension and that it is going to take a very cleverly managed 'new deal' to avoid the danger of civil war.'

RULERS TERRIFIED

The ruling propertied class is terrified of the hostility of the the aims and policy are the same. are many . . . who frankly doubt workers, who now possess rifles. pistols and hand grenades, and are ready for revolutionary actions. Just as the big business nterests collaborated with the Nazis, so now they are turning for support and salvation to the the Sept 7 N. Y. Times that De ers to deprive the masses of their Allied invaders. Uhl reports that Gaulle "has refrained from tak- arms has become one of the most "it infuriates them (the workers) to see managers who entered German offices with the Nazi

provisional government of De of military discipline under the ture of France, of governmental Gaulle. This government is a replica of the Bonomi cabinet in Italy, a military-police dictatorship imposed from without upon

imperialism.

supreme arbiter of the nation. His is the task of restoring capitalist "order" in turbulent France, of establishing a firm regime capable of holding down the the banks. And finally they want French imperialist army. masses, safeguarding the property owners, and regaining the lost positions and possessions of the French Empire. To carry out these reactionary aims DeGaulle must attempt to rule with an power by the workers and peasiron hand and to resist the granting of democratic rights to the

pet Bonomi cabinet cannot per- American authorities. Violent mit elections because the war is clashes between them are inevitstill in progress; in France De able with the further unfolding Gaulle postpones elections "pend- of the struggle. Deniell remarks: ing the return of the prisoners of "So acute are the economic and war and deported workers from political issues confronting the

ing any action or uttering any critical issues in the class pronouncements that might alien- struggle now raging throughout ate potential followers in the France. Both sides are determinsalute a month ago, now hob- resistance movement." But he ed not to yield. "The old ruling nobbing with U. S. officers in the is seeking to disarm the masses groups are not going to surrendhope of getting U.S. Army ord- before their movement develops er their power easily," says further and to incorporate the Uhl, "and the ex-resistance fight-In an effort to cap this revo- tractable elements of the FFI er is not hanging on to his rifle lutionary volcano the Allies have forces into his army where they and his hand grenade for noapproved the formation of the can be bound by the straitjacket thing." The questions of the fu-

The effort of the capitalist rul-

power, of peace, food and free-

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the main, not by peaceful parlia-

The Stalinists are betraying

officers' caste. WORKERS' AIMS

The working masses have en- mentary means but arms in hand the people, a caricature of a tirely different aims, aspirations by the struggle of the contending mandate from the French people ist leaders. They are calling for but rules by decree as an agency wage increases to meet the soar- the French working class and ism, wholly dependent on the government passed a law in Al- as they are betraying the revoluarmed might of Anglo-American giers against any wage increases tion in Italy and elsewhere. They in France. The people want an have entered and are part and end to war. DeGaulle has already parcel of the DeGaulle provisonproclaimed that France must al coalition government of cap-Like a would-be Bonaparte, De wage war not only against Ger- italist counter-revolution. Fol Gaulle is trying to elevate him- many but against Japan for lowing closely the pattern of self above classes and parties in Indo-China. Uhl reports that the their betrayal in Italy. Jacques France and to pose as savior and workers feel that the capitalist Duclos, General Secretary of the collaborators "should be thrown Communist Party proposed at the out and the factories run by a first Stalinist open meeting in committee . . ." They want to Paris that the members of the nationalize heavy industry and F.F.I. be incorporated into the a socialist government.

> These demands essentially amount to a program of socialist revolution. They can be realized only through the conquest of ants. For these reasons they must encounter irreconcilable opposition from DeGaulle, the ruling capitalists, and the Anglo-

power on a local scale and are holding it in opposition to the central authorities appointed by DeGaulle. The Stalinists intend to utilize the power of this insurgent mass movement to exert pressure in their bargainings with DeGaulle, and then to sell out these embryonic elements of dual power. As in Italy, the Stalinist agents are the spearhead of reaction inside the labor

movement.

In many localities of France,

the forces of the FFI have seized

The advanced workers will have to protest and extend their militia formations against both De Gaulle and the Stalinist betrayand strengthen the existing elements of proletarian power in the factory committees and in the workers' militia by setting up workers and peasants councils throughout the length and breadth of France. Above all to conquer power and secure their victory in the coming revolutionary struggles, they must build their own party under the banner of Trotskyism and around the program of the Fourth Interna-

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Tradition of Debs Carried On By The Eighteen Trotskyists

By Albert Mercer

The memory of Debs rises out of the past to join in common struggle with the fighters of today against the foe that has plunged two generations of workers into wars for capitalist profits and imperialist domination. Woodrow Wilson railroaded Eugene Victor Debs to the federal penitentiary for his opposition to the first imperialist world war.

Twenty-three years later, Franklin Delano Roosevelt followed in Wilson's footsteps by throwing 18 leaders of the Socialist

rying on the same struggle from their socialist program -Workers Party into jail for caragainst the Second World War. The cases bear a remarkable

The American people were World War I that began in Eurelected president in 1916 on the campaign promise to "keep America out of war." One year later, American soldiers were fighting on the bloody battlefields of France.

The American people were opposed to shedding their blood in the war that began with Germany's invasion of Poland in Law, on which Debs was convict-1939. Roosevelt promised them ed, and the Smith "Gag" Act, on in the campaign of 1940 that no American boy would fight on foreign soil if he was elected. Slightly more than a year later, Amer- forbids any law abridging the ican troops were at war on three

To secure support from the masses for the war and to regiment the workers behind the milipredatory aims of Wall Street in a garment of noble idealism. "Wipe out Prussian militar-- "Hang the kaiser." -"Make the world safe for democbefore the people in 1917.

AN EPIDEMIC

Editors, preachers, writers, educators - in the press, the churches, the schools, the movies, everywhere - spread this lying propaganda over the country like an epidemic. Labor leaders, pacifists, liberals and even so-called socialists had climbed on the bandwagon. The lineup was unanimous except for a few courageous again in the Minneapolis courtworking class internationalistsand above all except for Eugene his magnificent fortitude:

could neither deceive him nor buy | Social Revolution, they who have him. "I would rather a thousand the moral courage to stand erect, times be a free soul in jail than to assert their convictions, to a coward and a sycophant on the stand by them, to go to jail or streets." So spoke the great agi- | heil for them - they are writing tator who remained true to his their names in this crucial hour, socialist principles. In Canton, they are writing their names in Ohio, Debs arose to publicly pro- fadeless letters in the history of claim his opposition to the war. mankind ... " Wilson's promises were a tissue | The tradition has carried down of lies, a hypocritical trap for the to the present day. In his partmasses. This was a capitalist war ing speech to his comrades benot a war for democracy.

For this speech Debs was arrested, charged with treason un- We know that in the great scale der the Espionage Act of June of history our personal life is a 15, 1917 and on September 14, trifle, our lives are a trifle. But in a federal prison.

wheel of capitalist crisis was stop- is enough. Let the consequences ping again on the spoke of war. be what they may. Whether we road for American entry into the the struggle of mankind for its imperialist conflict by lofty future, or whether it has to be speeches against "nazism" against | built on a foundation of our bones, Charter." Behind the slogans

THE LINEUP

To the crowd that jammed the there." bandwagon in 1917, there was added this time the Stalinist party which was betraying the internationalist principles on which it was originally founded. Only the Trotskyists refused to swerve

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they were true to themselves and true to the great tradition of their predecessor, Debs.

Like Wilson, Roosevelt at tempted to stifle the opposition to ranged against participation in the war by persecuting the champions of revolutionary socialism. ope in 1914, Woodrow Wilson was In June 1940 18 leaders were arrested on charges of sedition and in the Minneapolis trial which terminated the day before Pearl Wilson broke his promise and Harbor were sentenced up to 16 months in prison.

The capitalist class then and now trampled on its own laws in order to maintain itself in power and get rid of its working class opponents. Both the Espionage which the 18 were sentenced were in clear violation of the Bill of Rights of the Constitution which rights of free speech.

Yet when the Appeal of Debs' conviction was carried before the Supreme Court, it upheld the verlict of the court on March 10 tary machine, Wilson cloaked the 1919. The decision was made with the concurrence of the wellknown liberal judges, Holmes and Brandeis. In the case of the 18, Roosevelt's Supreme Court racy." Such was the bait dangled liberals — upheld the lower court. judges - likewise seif-avowed But this time they lacked the courage of their predecessors to take a stand. - They refused to hear the appeal and the 18 went to jail on New Year's day 1944. DEBS SPEECH

> Debs stood before the capitalist court without flinching, without retracting one word, more the accuser than the accused. The courageous words of Debs rang out room. He told from whence came

"They who are animated with Debs could not be cowed. They the unconquerable spirit of the

- not a war against the Kaiser, fore leaving for jail James P Cannon declared:

"We are historically minded 1918 he was sentenced to 10 years the socialist goal of our struggle, that is no trifle. To serve that Twenty-two years later the goal as we have served it, that Roosevelt was preparing the participate in the final victory of "Hitler and the forces of dark- it will still be good for us that Soon these were to be we took part in it, and we will wrapped in arid promises of "Four have our justification and our re-Freedoms" and an "Atlantic ward. No liars and conspirators, no SupremeCourt and no prison Roosevelt was once again leading can take that satisfaction from Wall Street's battle for world us. We were obliged to do what we did. As a consequence of our truth-telling and our struggle we are now obliged to go to prison. Once again the line-up was We go there, however, not as criseemingly unanimous - on top. minals but because duty takes us

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Debs' Canton Speech

[Reprinted here are excerpts of the Canton anti-war speech delivered by Eugene V. Debs at Nimisilla Park, Canton, Ohio, on June 16, 1918. Debs was convicted to ten years imprisonment for this speech, and actually served three years in the Federal Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia.l

I have just returned from a visit over yonder (pointing to the workhouse), where three of our most loyal comrades are paying the penalty for their devotion to the cause of the working class. They have come to realize, as many of us have, that it is extremely dangerous to exercise the constitutional right of free speech in a country fighting to make democracy safe in the world.

I realize that, in speaking to you this afternoon, there are certain limitations placed upon the right of free speech. I must be exceedingly careful, prudent, as to what I say, and even more careful and prudent as to how I say it. I may not be able to say all I think; but I am not going to say anything that I do not think. I would rather a thousand times be a free soul in jail than to be a sycophant and coward in the streets. They may put those boys in jail-and some of the rest of us in jail-but they cannot put the Socialist movement in jail. Those prison bars separate their bodies from ours, but their souls are here this afternoon. They are simply paying the penalty that all men have paid in all the ages of history for standing erect, and seeking to pave the way to better conditions for mankind.

If it had not been for the men and women who, in the past, have had the moral courage to go to jail, we would still be in the

AGAINST PRUSSIAN MILITARISM

Are we opposed to Prussian militarism? Why, we have been fighting it since the day the Socialist movement was born; and we are going to continue to fight it, day and night, until it is wiped from the face of the earth. Between us there is no truce-no com-

In 1869 that grand old warrior of the Social revolution, the elder Liebknecht, was arrested and sentenced to prison for three months, because of his war, as a Socialist, on the Kaiser and on the junkers that rule Germany. In the meantime the Franco-Prussian war broke out. Liebknecht and Bebel were the Socialist members in the Reichstag. They were the only two who had the courage to protest against taking Alsace-Lorraine from France and annexing it to Germany. And for this they were sentenced two years to a prison fortress and charged with high treason; because, even in that early day, almost fifty years ago, these leaders, these forerunners of the international fically planned," it consists of an Socialist movement were fighting the Kaiser and fighting the junkers | electrically-charged barbed - wire of Germany. They have continued to fight them from that day to enclosure covering 700 acres. The met, they "considered," they de-

Let us come down the line a little farther. You remember that, at the close of Theodore Roosevelt's second term as President, he of which kills 120 at a time. The went over to Africa to make war on some of his ancestors. You remember that, at the close of his expedition, he visited the capitals a huge crematorium and then of Europe; and that he was wined and dined, dignified and glorified used to fertilize cabbage fields. In cism. The Allies are not fighting by all the Kaisers and Czars and Emperors of the Old World. He a nearby forest, mass graves are Fascism as a system, but impervisited Potsdam while the Kaiser was there; and, according to the accounts published in the American newspapers, he and the Kaiser were soon on the most familiar terms. They were hilariously intimate with each other, and slapped each other on the back. After Roosevelt had reviewed the Kaiser's troops, according to the same accounts, he became enthusiastic over the Kaiser's legions and said: "If I had that kind of an army, I could conquer the world." He knew the Kaiser then just as well as he knows him now. He knew that he was the Kaiser, the Beast of Berlin. And yet, he permitted himself ers are simply part of the gention last week, tabled as "untito be entertained by that Beast of Berlin; had his feet under the mahogany of the Beast of Berlin; was cheek by jowl with the Beast of Berlin; was cheek b of Berlin. And, while Roosevelt was being entertained royally by but even more "effective," are ex- When the "time" comes, however the German Kaiser, that same Kaiser was putting the leaders of termination centers at Ausch- there is but a step from deportathe Socialist party in jail for fighting the Kaiser and the junkers witz, Birkenau and Oswiecim tion to extermination. Nor is of Germany. Roosevelt was the guest of honor in the white house where three and a half million anti-semitic sentiment confined to of the Kaiser, while the Socialists were in the jails of the Kaiser Jews have reportedly been put to the America First movement. for fighting the Kaiser. Who then was fighting for democracy? death. Roosevelt? Roosevelt, who was honored by the Kaiser, or the Socialists who were in jail by order of the Kaiser?

BIRDS OF A FEATHER FLOCK TOGETHER

"Birds of a feather flock together."

When the newspapers reported that Kaiser Wilhelm and Ex-President Theodore Roosevelt recognized each other at sight, were power to prevent a proletarian nomic discrimination in profess perfectly intimate with each other at the first touch, they made revolution and to prepare for the ions and jobs exists on a large the admission that is fatal to the claim of Theodore Roosevelt, that next imperialist war. The rich scale and the growing number of he is the friend of the common people and the champion of Democracy; they admitted that they were kith and kin; that they were very much alike; that their ideas and ideals were about the same. of the workers' organizations and first to be fired." If Theodore Roosevelt is the great champion of Democracy,-the parties and the imposition of a arch foe of autocracy, what business had he as the guest of honor more terrible oppression, taught OUR ANSWER TO LUBLIN of the Prussian Kaiser? And when he met the Kaiser, and did honor the German working class a lesto the Kaiser, under the terms imputed to him, wasn't it pretty son as to the true nature of fasstrong proof that he himself was a Kaiser at heart? Now, after cism. Economic and national opbeing the guest of Emperor Wilhelm, the Beast of Berlin, he comes pression, now coupled with wholeback to this country, and wants you to send ten million men over there to kill the Kaiser; to murder his former friend and pal. Rather queer, isn't it? And yet, he is the patriot, and we are the traitors. I challenge you to find a Socialist anywhere on the face of the earth who was ever a guest of the Beast of Berlin, except as an inmate of his prison—the elder Liebknecht and the younger acy of silence on the shameful will answer the hypocritical in-Liebknecht, the heroic son of his immortal sire.

If you would be respected you have got to begin by respecting ourself. Stand up squarely and look yourself in the face and see a man! Do not allow yourself to fall into the predicament of the poor fellow who, after he had heard a Socialist speech concluded that he too ought to be a Socialist. The argument he had heard was unanswerable. "Yes," he said to himself, "all the speaker said was true and I certainly ought to join the party." But after a while he allowed his ardor to cool and he soberly concluded that by joining the party he might anger his boss and lose his job. He then concluded: "I can't take the chance." That night he slept alone. There was something on his conscience and it resulted in a dreadful dream Men always have such dreams when they betray themselves. A Socialist is free to go to bed with a clear conscience. He goes to sleep with his manhood and he awakens and walks forth in the morning with his self-respect. He is unafraid and he can look the whole world in the face, without a tremor and without a blush. But this poor weakling who lacked the courage to do the bidding of his reason and conscience was haunted by a startling dream and at midnight he awoke in terror, bounded from his bed and exclaimed: "My God, there is nobody in this room." He was absolutely right. There was nobody in that room.

To turn your back on the corrupt Republican Party and still part. more corrupt Democratic Party-the gold-dust lackeys of the ruling class, counts for something. It counts for still more after you have stepped out of those popular and corrupt capitalist parties to join a minority party that has an ideal, that stands for a principle, and | prolonged applause).

Eugene V. Debs: 1855-1926



This was the credo of Debs: "I am not a capitalist soldier; I am a proletarian revolutionist. I do not belong to the regular army of the plutocracy but to the irregular army of the people. I refuse to obey any command to fight for the ruling class, but I will not wait to be commanded to fight for the working class."

Lublin Mass Murders Reveal **Rotting Capitalist Society**

of Hitler's victims could have

been saved, had the doors of the

opened to them. At this very

moment the Jewish population of

Hungary is being deported to

these death camps. Under press-

ure, the Hungarian government

has informed the International

Red Cross that it will permit the

emigration of any Jew holding

an exit visa. But there are no

visas for the Jews and there will

of the "democracies" is any guide

To be sure, there are Mr. Hull's

tears and Mr. Roosevelt's high

sounding declarations of sympa-

thy. Various international confer-

ences to "solve the Refugee Prob-

lem" have been convoked. They

parted. But no decisions were

Hitler's approaching defeat by

no means signifies the end of Fas-

The growing disillusionment of

the masses with the war, is be-

ing cleverly misdirected by the

Negroes - "last to be hired,

reached and the killings go on.

IT CAN HAPPEN HERE

to the future.

By Dan Shelton

Last week the press carried evewitness accounts of the Nazi U.S., England and Palestine been death camp at Lublin, Poland, where 1,500,000 persons are reported to have been slaughtered by the most inhuman methods. Lublin is now under Soviet occupation and these reports have been confirmed by independent observers. The hypocrisy of the capitalist press in dealing with the Lublin events, be no visas - if the past record must, however, be exposed.

The very existence of this Lublin "factory" for the production of death is a horrible commentary on the utter decay of the outworn capitalist system. "Scientictims, stripped of their clothing were asphyxiated in hermetically closed gas chambers, onc corpses were burned to ashes in now being opened which hold the jalist Germany as a rival. This mutilated bodies of 300,000 men, is no war of ideologies, Churchill women and children, individually admitted. Furthermore, there is murdered by hanging, shooting, nothing specifically "German' or gassing. The victims were about fascism. It can grow in the Poles, Russians and 22 other na- United States due to the same tionalities; the vast majority of causes that operated in Germany those killed, however, were Jews. The America First Party, meet-

The Lublin death camp murd- ing in its first national conven-

MEANING OF FASCISM

These hideous crimes reveal ruling class against the Jews. the true face of fascism. Fascism Pogrom-like outbreaks have ocis organized mass murder to save curred in various cities. The comthe ruling class. Spawned and ing unemployment will accentuate financially supported by the Ger- these trends, unless combatted by man capitalists, the Nazis took a vigilant labor movement. Ecostill own Germany. The Nazi outbreaks undoubtedly will spell party is simply the tool of the for the Jews what it means to the bosses. The complete destruction taught the European peoples the

But the so-called "democracies" talist press maintains a conspirments to counteract Hitler's bes- the victims of Hitler.

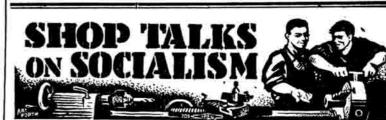
The European proletariat will rise in the coming revolution to destroy the Fascist scourge. They will make short shrift of the Lubin murderers. The working class in the U.S., realizing that national and racial also bear guilt. The venal capi- paves the way for the complete

discrimination and oppression destruction of worker's rights role of the Allies in relation to dignation of the Capitalist press the victims of fascism.. They and politicians against the Nazi fairly ooze with humanitarian in- murders by demanding action. dignation against "Nazi brutal- Sympathy for the Lublin victims ity" but they remain silent on is not enough. The doors of the the failure of the Allied govern- "democracies" must be opened for

fights for a cause. This will be the most important change you have ever made and the time will come when you will thank me for having made the suggestion. It was the day of days for me. 1 remember it well. It was like passing from midnight darkness to the noontide light of day.

enslaving and degrading capitalist institutions and re-create them as free and humanizing institutions. The world is daily changing before our eyes. The sun of capitalism is setting; the sun of Socialism is rising. It is our duty to build the new nation and the free republic. We need industrial and social builders. We Socialists are the builders of the beautiful world that is to be. We are all pledged to do our part. We are inviting-aye, challenging you this afternoon in the name of your own manhood and womanhood to join us and do your

In due time the hour will strike and this great cause triumphant -the greatest in history-will proclaim the emancipation of the



 $B_Y V. Grey =$

"You go through a big political fight to clean out the city or national government-you kick out a bunch of dirty politicians, and some other racketeering so-and-so's get in. It seems as though socialism would work the same way. What's the use of kicking all those phonies out of Washington, if we'd just be exchanging them for another bunch?"

That's a natural question. There are a lot of crooked politicians s well as crooks in general. This rotting capitalist society breeds them in high and low places. Under socialism these worms will be stamped out, starved out, or cured, in the ways we have talked about before. There will be no breeding rot for them. There will be plenty for every one and real security for old age. There just won't be the incentive to steal that there is today.

But even under a healthy socialist system, there would probably be some people not as good or as honest as others. Certainly people will never be all equally good or bad. Even at a time when it would be stupid to steal, at a time when things could be had with very little work, there might be some people who would be crazy enough to try to rob the rest of us. They couldn't do it as owners of industry because we working people would own the industries. Perhaps they'd try it as government officials, like the pork-barrel politicians in Washington today, who put their whole families on the government payroll, including children as secretaries, at 3900 dollars per year.

Of course that's only small potatoes. If a congressman has a family of five that's just \$25,000, including his own salary, Compared to the income of the real owners of America-Morgan, Dupont and Rockefeller-the politician's income may not be so big.

Besides their official salaries these peanut politicians romp around in all kinds of easy money pastures. They make deals for the big capitalists and get some nice small change in return. A few of them get very rich this way. A thousand dellars here and a thousand there-it all adds up. But the point is, they are able to carry on this way because the capitalist class permits them to. They are stooges of the capitalist class. And every stooge has to have his gin money. If the Morgans and the Duponts wanted their representatives in Washington to be honest, they would only have to crack the whip. But why should they? It would hurt their own interests. All they demand is that their Washington servants be honest with them. The capitalist politicians can rob the people blind because that's what they're supposed to do. But just let them turn around and rob their real bosses, and see what happens!

BECAUSE WE ARE THE PEOPLE

When the Morgans and the Duponts are no longer running things because they no longer own the country, when we run them because we own the country, and we put our people in the government, we'll have no interest in robbing the people. Because we are the people. We'll have every interest in keeping our representatives honest. They will answer to us working people just as these so-called public servants of today answer to their real master, the boss class.

But well, suppose we're so stupid and shiftless that we don't even call the members of our own government to order.

You've got to remember that socialism is a different system, a different set-up altogether. Whether members of the workers' government were angels or not, the socialist system of production would still be superior to the capitalist system. It would do away with un-employment and depressions, for one thing. Take the Soviet Union for instance. That is the only real example we have of such a different set-up. They don't have socialism there, but only the foundation for socialism with the country ruled by a bureaucratic reactionary gang to boot. But when the factories in every capitalist country in the world were closing down like carnival side-shows in a rain storm, the Soviet Union built and opened up factory after factory. It made far more economic progress than any country had ever made before in an equal period-even during the greatest

The exact reverse is true under capitalism. The most honest capitalist politician (if there are any honest ones) can't open the factories once they're closed down, and he can't stop a capitalist war with long winded speeches or tears.

It's the system that counts. The best pick and shovel man in the world can't beat an average man with a steamshovel. The most correct calculator in the world can't be more correct than an average man with an adding machine. The difference is a difference in

THE UNION SYSTEM

Take the union system. Before we got union recognition and half way decent conditions, the bosses were tin gods. The foremen ran promotion rackets. You had to buy your job or you. had to be somebody's brother-in-law. Straight time for overtime. Speed-up most of the time, and never a chance to sit down. That was the company union system, or open shop system.

After our big strike we threw all that stuff out the window. The contract is a long way from perfect, but it gives us guarantees we never had before. The company can't get away with the things they used to. Something entirely new was added: The organized power of us working people. And with it the union system was

THE WHOLE SYSTEM WILL BE CHANGED

When we kicked the company union out, and put in our own set-up we didn't just get rid of one set of officers and put in another. We changed all the rules around and took away a few of the company's sleeve cards. So it is with the socialist system on a far greater scale. We're not going to replace the clique in Washington by another clique. The Republicans and Democrats are boss parties. They are both owned by the capitalists. The revolutionary socialist leaders will take office when the majority of us working people are determined to finish with capitalism. They will only come to power as the working class comes to power, on the basis of a nationwide fight for socialist conditions.

Just as the CIO and AFL leaders can not have any real authority unless the membership gives it to them by organizing the plants, so the socialist leaders will not have any unless the working people take over the plants altogether. The system itself will be changed so enormously to our advantage, that we'll hold not just a couple of aces, but the whole deck as well. With a system like this, a Yes, in good time we are going to sweep into power in this couple of phonies in the government could make a little trouble, but nation and throughout the world. We are going to destroy all it would be absolutely impossible for them to make it as bad for us as capitalism does.

This is going a long way around, maybe, to prove that opportunists and rascals couldn't do us much harm under socialism. Especially since it's not very likely they will get in power at all, or that we'll let them stay there. But you have to figure things out this way, and realize that it's the system that counts, not some pork chopper. And it's our own organized power that will change the system. No supersalesman politician is going to lead us out of the bloody capitalist mess we're in. We're all going to do it ourselves in our fight for socialism. And we're going to put people like ourselves in charge of running production and distribution on a working class and the brotherhood of all mankind! (Thunderous and nation-wide scale. They will be the chief members of our workers' government. And they will work for a skilled workman's wages.

Negro Struggle

By Charles Jackson_

Roosevelt's "Anti-Jimcrow" Army Order

the Army will no longer bar Ne- civil war. gro soldiers from being served at certain post exchanges, from of heart. We think not. This is sitting in certain seats in Army etc. on the Army bases.

Even among the happy family has been dissension. The Southern white supremacists fear that such relaxation of the barriers will lead to "dangerous" social equality while the spokesmen in the New York City Council and the Maritime Union of the ex-communist ex-party are hailing the directive as a "second Emancipation Proclamation." Think not, however, that this difference on the little question of racial democracy portends any cleavage in these two groups as regards their all-out support of capitalist exploitation, the imperialist war and the "commander-in-chief."

There certainly can be no doubt that even this crumb of democracy if actually carried out, would mean a lot to many a Negro worker who has been conscripted into the Army. Suppose, after a 25 mile hike over burning sands or through muck and swamp, you change and wanted to get a drink and shown the official government sign "No Negroes Allowed." Suppose, as happened to Joe Louis, seated - and, if there were no seats you would have to wait the unit. hours for the next bus or else walk. Suppose, after being jerked from normal life into the rigorous routine of military discipline and maybe even Negro entertainers and those of your color barred from attending (even if the theatre was on a hillside) or else you were roped off into a rear, Jim-Crow section like a herd of infectmy order which would change official policy in these respects from them ..." obviously give some relief

we find that the same Roosevelt who would claim credit for this "liberalism" in the Army's poli-

The recent order directing the | and Randolph when they pleaded cessation of racial discrimination against the separate, Jim-Crow and segregation in the auxiliary, regiments. As Chief Executive he or non-military, parts of the Ar- failed to carry out section 4a (non- go? It was precisely for the purmy training program has caused discrimination) of the Selective pose of returning with such a more discussion pro and con Service Act. He frankly implied among the Negro people than any that he was doing so to placate arranged. Just prior to their deother issue since Wallace's stand the Southern white supremacists on liberalism and his crucifixion who if mixed Army units were esat 'Roosevelt's Democratic Con- tablished, might stop fighting the vention. The order states that imperialist war and start another But maybe he's had a change

the same Rooseveit who even now buses or from attending theatres, refuses to abolish discrimination - the Jim-Crow pattern of induction and training. If two gether, have similar qualifications etc., they may be put in the same units and they may fight skin color they can never be buddies in action. In Roosevelt's democracy, the Negro will be put into the segregated section where the Administration placed the facilities, opportunities for ad- facilities of the government at vancement and treatment by of- the disposal of Roosevelt's labor ficers and by civilians are all duly lackeys. The labor bureaucrats this basic military Jim-Crow pat- equally divided between the AFL tern in the least. Roosevelt tosses a man into deep water ten feet Frank Fenton, director of organoff shore after tying a weight to ization; A. L. Weigner, Internahis foot. Then he throws a two tional Brotherhood of Electrical foot rope into the water, calls in Workers and Eric Peterson, Inwitnesses and shouts: see, I am

Furthermore, as if to placate the white supremacist wing of the Democratic party-the southcame or returned to a post ex- ern blow-hards who set up such a howl about the Army order of pop or a package of cigarettes. Roosevelt's Eisenhower has since Suppose, right there on Army then made public a new policy in property you were refused service the European theatre regarding Negro officers. From now on all until all the white soldiers were other units rather than by upgrading the Negroes already with

Another thing casting suspicion on the motives of this order is the laxity of its enforcement. Although dated June 8, the Army training for weary months, a has admittedly had to give regroup of civilian entertainers - peated "reminders" concerning the order to several Commanding the no-strike pledge was admitted would fight for the preservation whole year, to tear down union wearing a shirt inscribed "Scrap came to the camp to hoist the Officers. The Chicago Defender morale and you found yourself Staff Correspondent in Montgomery, Alabama, reports: "Colored soldiers of several troop trains which passed through Montgomery in the past three days,...when asked about the War Departed cattle. How would you feel if ment's order... knew nothing of such were your lot? Yes, the Ar- it 'officially.' Evidently the or- VICIOUS PROPAGANDA der is being carefully concealed

Without a doubt the "sleightto the mistreated Negro soldier. of-lip" artist, Roosevelt, is up to having some hat address they did not offer the sol-The pro-Rooseveltians, from his old tricks. After four years having some brass hat address dier a labor program nor a labor the well-meaning idealists on of conscription, he comes forth the convention and in the name party to fight for the program; down to the machine ward heelers with a fractional democracy which of the rank and file servicemen, all they were interested in was in project the advice that the Ne- is actually not being enforced in groes should now flock back to the very places where it is needthe Democratic banner regardless ed most. You can see its true of that party's complete evasion label: "Strictly for Propaganda of specific issues regarding Ne- Purposes." Pro-capitalist propagro equality in its platform. They ganda because it may temporarily point with pride to the fact that restrain the mounting tide of Ne- waving the bloody shirt to cow they are giving action while the gro militancy which will inevit-Republicans are only giving pro- ably be directed against the real mission. Speaking in the name of that struck a genuine note was tion to the problems of the solution to the problems of the Republicans are only giving pro- any be directed against the teal mises. But rolling over the log enemy — the entire social system; all of the soldiers and laying one by Frank Fenton saying that diers and workers lies along the mises. But rolling over the log enemy — the entire social system, to expose the vermin underneath, pro-Roosevelt propaganda be- heavy stress on the "horribly in- the soldiers would return demand- road of independent action which cause it has given his ardent supporters - the sterile, pink-tea liberals, the labor bureaucrats diers and non-union men want cies is the same Roosevelt who and the Stalinist betrayers - a in 1940 refused to insist that there chance to pick up their sticks and the countries of Latin America be no discrimination in the induc- resume that perfidious strain of or the Pacific union which are tion and training of men. He mumbo-jumbo: "Roosevelt is the flatly turned down Walter White Negroes' friend."

Pioneer Paragraphs

THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL AND AMERICAN IMPERIALISM

of the United States section of atic" or "economic", which is the Fourth International in the calculated to violate the national struggle against American im- independence of any country or successfully with North Ameriperialism is the support of all to prevent its attainment of such genuinely progressive revolution- national independence. The parary movements directed against ties of the Fourth International, American imperialism in Latin throughout the Western Hemis-America or the Pacific (the Phil- phere, stand for the immediate sus, which keeps them impoverlippines, Hawaii, Samoa, etc.) or and unconditional independence against the Wall Street puppet of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Isdictatorships in those countries. lands, the Philippine Islands, Hapendence, reserving and exercis- tectorates of American imperialworking class in a separate tional bourgeosie of the Philipmovement and the right to pre- pines to American imperialist treacherous program and activities of the nationalists, the recan workers against the sending leadership of the colonial and Role of American Imperialism'

One of the primary concerns perialist pressure, be it "diplommisuse the sentiment for national independence for their own reimperialist oppression, as well as same time, the Fourth Interna- Pioneer Publishers, 116 Univer-

against any other form of im- tionalists point out that none of sity Pl., N. Y. 3. N. Y.)

Why Union Skates Tour War Front By C. Thomas

Six trade union officials have recently returned from a flying trip to the "battlefields of Normandy" with the message that 'American soldiers whom they interviewed opposed strikes in wartime." In essence this answers the question which many have been asking: Why did they 'message" that the junket was parture, "unauthorized" strikes had increased in volume and intensity; the movement to rescind the no-strike pledge was gathering a large number of adherents in the more advanced unions; the opposition to the wage freezing Little Steel formula was becoming more vociferous; the labor bureaucrats were having under the Democratic tent there white friends are inducted to- serious difficulty in "holding the line" against their membershipso off they ran to the "battlefields of Normandy" to gather there adtogether. Whereas if the two ditional ammunition to use against friends happen to have different the militant rank and file of their

own unions. So great was the need for a 'message" from Normandy that and CIO. From the AFL came ternational Association of Machitrying to save him - I am his nists. From the CIO, David J. McDonald, United Steel Workers: R. J. Thomas, United Automobile Workers and Sherman Dalrymple, United Rubber Workers.

TIMELY TRIP

For the latter two, Dalrymple and Thomas, the trip was very timely indeed. It came just bereplacements in Negro units over fore the Rubber and Auto unions the grade of First Lieutenant will were to meet in national convenyou could not board the Army bus be filled by white officers from tion to discuss, among other questions, the revocation of the no-strike pledge. The militant rubber and auto workers are up in arms at the unconditional surrender policy of the top leadership. In an article on the Auto convention the N. Y. Times, Sept. rights of labor against its brazen example of the same kind voice and action effective. The 11, reports: "The seriousness of enemies and defamers; they did of provocations which have been the movement for abrogation of not assure the soldiers that they used by the Ford Company for a by union leaders as President of the unions and the strengthen-Thomas and members of the ex- ing of the influence of the labor ists, ignore WLB decisions in many workers are saying in the ecutive board were preparing to movement so that when the solhold the line against any such diers return they would find work action." Thomas' trip to the under union conditions and get so forth. By August, conditions U A W Convention meets in preparation!

issue an ultimatum against perverting the sentiments, aspira-This dodge has worn so thin that a weapon against their own union Roosevelt's labor lieutenants felt membership. impelled to sally forth to the battlefields to return frenziedly the union militants into subjured," R. J. Thomas declares: "Union members among the sol-

now under the domination of American imperialism, to one degree or another, is able either to attain complete freedom from foreign oppression or to retain such freedom for any length of time, if it confines its struggle to the efforts of its own self. Only a union of the Latin American peoples, striving towards the goal of a united socialist America and allied in the struggle with the revolutionary proletariat of the United States, would present a force strong enough to contend can imperialism. Just as the peoples of the Old World can successfully resist and shatter the pressure of the American colosished and drives them to war, only by establishing a United States of Europe-realizable only in the While preserving their complete waii, Samoa and all other direct form of the revolutionary socialorganizational and political inde- colonies, dependencies and pro- ist rule of the proletariat-so the peoples of the Western Hemising the right to organize the ism. The capitulation of the na- phere can assure themselves the fullest national independence, the unrestricted possibilities of culsent its own independent pro- dominance, as well as the at- tural development, and freedom gram as against the petty tempts by certain sections of the from exploitation from foreign bourgeois, vacillating and often North American bourgeosie to and domestic tyrants, only by joining in the struggle for the volutionists in the United States actionary ends, reveal the indis- United Socialist Republics of the are obliged to rouse the Ameri- pensability of proletarian class Americas. ("Thesis On the World of any armed forces against the semi-colonial countries as the on- from "The Founding Conference peoples of Latin America and the Pacific; and for the withdrawal of any such forces where they now operate as instruments of ently and be achieved. At the 1939, 128 pp. 25c. Order from



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stead of combatting and exposing workers in the plant. the reactionary nature of this drive the "labor statesmen" provide a cover for Wall Street's these discharges are an aftermath, campaign of utilizing the war as was the workers' spontaneous a pretext to throttle the labor answer to the firing of a worker movement.

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"FIGHTING SIX"

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20 Union Militants Victimized By Ford

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TAKING ADVANTAGE

The Ford Motor Company, like plays into the hands of the reac-tionary officer caste and the Local 400, UAW-CIO, of the try, has been taking advantage other companies thruout the counlabor-hating employers. One of the major efforts of reaction has unionists were tried in star order to undermine and destroy been to drive a wedge between the chamber proceedings and "con- the union. The Ford workers, soldiers and workers by shifting victed" by company officials. Al- realizing that the union was being weakened, first attempted to to the labor movement. It to submit its verdict to an rectify matters by replacing one amounts to a whitewash of the arbitrator, the prospects for union official with another. But union-busting drive that has taken reinstatement of the men is the new "ins" were as helpless as place under cover of the war. In- discounted in advance by most the old. The company continued to provoke wildcat strikes, then with the support of Thomas, Reuther, Addes and their ilk, fired the union militants.

The Ford workers are showing now that they realize the No with 20 years' seniority, in Strike Pledge must go-that they deliberate violation of contract need the support of the worker in the other shops, to make their worker was, in turn, only a more picture recently published in The Militant, of a Local 400 worker conditions, frame militant union- the No-Strike Pledge," tells what those cases where they have Highland Park plant today, as the granted gains to the workers, and

which can ensure a better society and full employment is the or- fighting today to scrap the noganized labor movement. This strike pledge are in the vanguard can only be accomplished by making a decisive break with the program and parties of the capitalist class and the formation of labor's own party to advance labor's own program. As a step in this direction labor must fight for the independence of the unions from Of all the statements made by domination or control by the the "fighting six" the only one capitalist government. The solu-

of the struggle for that "better society" and full employment that the soldiers will demand upon their return.

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Diary Of A Steel Worker

By Thoodore Kovalesky

The other day I worked with a man who was limping around the furnace, obviously in pain as he walked. Every now and then when he had a chance he would sit down on a wheelbarrow or lean against the wall for a few moment's rest. When I asked him what the trouble was, he told me that he had hurt his foot. "Did you go to the first aid?" I asked him.

"Oh, I hurt it outside," he told me, "and I can't afford to lay

What an old, old story this is! Any workingman can remember scores of times that he has gone to work tired, sick, or injured for the simple reason that he couldn't afford to lay off.

Every winter we steelworkers have colds; many of us get pneumonia. Our bodies grow old and infirm long before old age would overtake us in some less strenuous occupation.

And yet we earn seventy-eight cents and up an hour!

You hear men say, "You know, I wouldn't mind it so much if they paid us a little more money. If a fellow got maybe fifty, sixty, or seventy dollars a week, he'd expect to work hard. But here a man's subject to get killed or get sick, and he's got to breath all that dust and gas, and we don't make no money at all, especially



after the government gets through with our checks."

We see men working double shifts, working sixteen hours on some of the toughest jobs that American industry has to offer. They don't do that for fun or because they're "hungry," that is, greedy. They do it because in this period of soaring prices they need money for food and clothing. They do it because they can't get along on the wretched wages that a "normal" work-week would pay them.

Surely the pain of a bad leg or the discomfort and danger of working when a man's sick seems less frightening than the idea of taking time off and facing an even tighter budget. And it often seems preferable to the thought that he's got to work double shifts to make up that lost time.

This is just another example of the heartlessness of the capitalist system, a system that has outworn its usefulness and can only bring increasing misery to the vast majority of the population.

It's a funny thing. They wear us out and push us into our graves long before we should expect to go; but if some poor devil gets so entangled in misery that he tries to jump off a bridge and end his troubles, they put him in jail.

10 Years Ago In The Militant

SEPTEMBER 15, 1934

EW YORK-Reporting important progress in plans for fusion of the Communist League (Trotskyist) with the American Workers Party (Musteites), The Militant announced: "Decisive steps were taken last week . . . for the fusion of the two organizations and the launching of a new revolutionary political party at an

Following the publication by the AWP of a revised draft new International, the Communist League had set forth its proposal for unification.

"We had reached the same conclusion about the need for organic unity," replied A. J. Muste, Chairman of the Provisional Organizational Committee of the AWP, which had been instrumental in building the militant unemployed movement in Ohio. "A more detailed communication dealing with questions of program, etc., will be in your hands in a few days."

James P. Cannon, writing in The Militant, described the fusion as "of paramount importance." He said, "The merger of these two organizations, of entirely different origins but moving in the same direction, would signify the actual beginning of the building of the new (revolutionary) party. . . The native militancy of the American workers . . . would be fused, through such a vanguard party, with that decisive element which has been lacking in all past periods of (American) labor resurgence: scientific doctrine, political clarity, leadership. . . The Marxist party must be made by the conscious vanguard."

ASBURY PARK-An investigation of the Morro Castle disaster which cost 136 lives, was turned by the ship-owners into an anti-labor drive. "The Ward Line (owners of the Morro Castle) charged Cuban Communists with starting the fire," said The Militant. "If a 'satisfactory' frame-up be concocted, the Ward Line would be relieved of criminal responsibility and . . . saved millions of dollars in claims. Moreover, a crushing blow could be delivered to organized labor. . .

"George I. Alagna, third assistant radio operator and one of the outstanding heroes of the disaster . . . is being held. . . For Alagna . . . is a 'labor agitator'. . . He was guilty of trying to organize the men aboard ship in protest against rotten food and worse labor conditions."

NEW YORK-The general strike of 500,000 textile workers held firm for the second week, in the face of terror unleashed by the National Guard in five states. 10,000 hosiery workers declared a sympathy walkout. And in Paterson, New Jersey, "the most vicious injunction ever to come to our attention," said The Militant, "has been awarded the dye-house bosses. Under its provisions the dyers must either work or go to jail . . . reduced to the level of chattel, these workers are now forced by solemn court order either to stay at their places of slavery . . . or protest, strike, and be sent to the county prisons. . ." The report concluded, "It won't work, Messrs. Dye-House Bosses! You can't put 20,000 fighting workers in the cooler. Your gunmen couldn't stop the strike with all their bullets and gas, and neither will

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No-Strike Pledge

Three important union conventions, auto, rubber and shipyard, will meet to decide their policies for the coming year. Of the many important problems confronting the unions the most disputed question will be the fate of the unconditional no-strike pledge. When the no-strike pledge was given it was made contingent, that is, "conditional" on the prompt settlement of grievances by the War Labor Board and the guarantee of certain fundamental rights which the labor movement had gained in decades of struggle.

The promises to observe these conditions and guarantees have turned out to be a cruel hoax. Instead of the prompt settlement of grievances the WLB has turned out to be the Graveyard of Grievances. All the supposed guarantees have been consistently violated. Wages have been frozen under the notorious*Little Steel formula, workers have been frozen to their jobs under the Roosevelt-McNutt forced labor plan, grievances are ignored, contract violations take place with impunity, corporation provocations are intensified. Despite the scuttling of the promises and guarantees of the government, the powers-that-be insist that labor remain committed to the no-strike pledge.

The labor bureaucrats have permitted the "conditional" no-strike pledge to be transformed into unconditional surrender to the employers and their political agents in government. With labor deprived of its most effective economic weapon the union-busting drive has proceeded apace. Those union militants and locals who resisted corporation provocation, who defended the union contract, who fought for union rights and union conditions, became subject to drastic penalties for alleged violation of the no-strike pledge. Thus the no-strike pledge became a weapon for the destruction of internal union democracy as well as for the weakening and undermining of the union structure.

The experience of the past few years has demonstrated that labor can defend its standard of living and maintain its union conditions only by the free exercise of its fighting powers. The most

important task, therefore, facing the union militants at the auto, rubber and shipyard conventions is the fight to rescind the no-strike pledge.

Dumbarton Oaks

When it comes to the fundamental issues involving the interests of American imperialism both Republican and Democratic leaders set aside their differences and unite. This is the significance of Thomas E. Dewey's major campaign address on foreign affairs made at Louisville last week.

The Republican presidential candidate endorsed "the form of the world organization which is growing out of the Dumbarton Oaks conferences" conferences being held behind closed doors with the decisions hidden from the people. He also approved Roosevelt's policy of preserving "peace by force." The world organization, Dewey said, should develop "effective cooperative means to prevent or repel military aggression," and added: "Such means should include the use of force as well as the mobilization of international opinion or moral pressure and of economic sanctions."

Dewey demanded unity at home on foreign policy so that the Wall Street plutocracy could face the world united. "These efforts must never be made subjects for partisan political advantage." He pointed to the conferences between his representative, John Foster Dulles, and Secretary Hull as "a practical beginning of an attempt to formulate an American foreign policy which will go on decade after decade regardless of the party in

The Militant has always contended that the differences which appeared to separate the Democratic and Republican parties on questions of foreign policy were superficial and transient. The dispute between "isolationists" and "interventionists," for example, simply reflected tactical differences between two tendencies within the capitalist camp over methods and timing. One group of American capitalists thought their interests could best be promoted by waging war first against Japan for the Pacific, while another wanted to crush Germany first and deal with Japan later.

With the development of the war these tactical differences have been largely erased and now there is a virtual coalesence of the two tendencies. The presidential candidates of both capitalist parties support an identical foreign policy and stand together behind Wall Street's aims of conquering and exploiting the world.

In order to maintain the capitalist two-party system and to continue deceiving and misleading the masses, the agents of Big Business try to sustain the fiction of major differences between the Republican and Democratic machines. But their real basic identity of aims breaks through this fiction in the sphere of foreign policy where American capitalism demands unity on its predatory and ruthless program of world imperialism.

Military Training

The conspiracy to subject the American people to the domination of a military caste is being speeded up as the military collapse of Germany draws closer. The proposal by General Marshall to impose a system of post-war compulsory training has been hailed by the capitalist press, endorsed by the Roosevelt administration, and promised quick action by the political deputies of Big Business in Congress. The Marshall proposal is part of an overall plan on "post-war policies" written last January by Hanson W. Baldwin the military commentator of the N. Y. Times. According to Baldwin the plan includes "a Navy and Air Force larger than any in the world, a sizeable Army, peacetime selective service," as well as "the establishment of a system of international policing" by the armed forces of the United States.

Baldwin reported that the brass hats were anxious to put over their plans before "the War spirit of America has subsided." The reason for their haste in pushing their plans through while the war is in progress was revealed by Charles E. Wilson, president of the General Electric Corporation. Speaking before the Army Ordnance Association in support of the program of militarization, the corporation executive informed an audience composed of brass hats and Big Business representatives that it was necessary to "set the machinery in motion" because "the revulsion against war not too long hence will be an almost insuperable ob-

The conspiracy to Prussianize the American nation, to elevate the rectionary military caste to a dominating position in American life free from control by the people, is proceeding behind the deception of "safeguarding the peace." The real aims are to impose Wall Street's domination over the world and to subject American civilian life to military control. What this means to the labor movement, has already been seen in the leading role which the brass hats have taken in spearheading the union-smashing campaign of the corporations.

To smash the conspiracy to Prussianize the nation under the domination of a union-hating capitalist officer caste the labor movement must counterpose its own military program: For military training of workers, financed by the government, but under the control of the trade unions. Special officers' training camps, financed by the government but controlled by the trade unions, to train workers to become officers. Only by learning the military arts will the workers be able to protect their organizations and institutions from the reactionary offensive of the bosses. Only by a proletarian military program will the labor movement prevent the creation of a permanent anti-labor military caste.

RKERS' 号ORUM

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

The Negro Struggle

they can expect from the company.

The noon yard show was ending with the playing of the national anthem. The five-minute whistle had blown, so some workers were hurrying to get to their jobs before the final whistle. The rest were standing at attention.

An electrician leadman walked out to the middle of the road and knocked the hat off a Negro who was walking to his job. Within a minute five other Negroes had joined the one whose hat had been knocked off. They were obviously furious at the insult. A wall seemed to spring up between the colored and white workers and it looked as though there would be real trouble. Anything could have started a free-for-all. A white worker went over to the Negroes and expressed sympathy, condemning the insulting not worth fighting. Actually, a ers. There are increasing indicafight would have been bad for the tions of this. colored workers. The location is near the all-white AFL machine shop with a predominantly backward, anti-Negro composition. Another white worker, well-

meaning but confused, also joined the group. He said, "That fellow Editor: had no business doing that. But

A tall Negro welder looked down at the white man and said, You know, when I walk along and they're playing that, I don't hear anything: all I hear is 'Stay in your place. For white only.' don't have any respect for that."

The final whistle sent the machinists back into the shop, to stand belligerently at the enmatter a while, the colored workmuch against them and left.

provoked a riot "protection" on | ago showing that for every dollar the way home!

face, and the kind of treatment an individual basis, and together better than none at all - no with the white workers who will matter how much the rich get! unite with them. They know that the fight against the boss, and the dog eat dog system he represents, is the common fight of all workers.

Los Angeles, Cal.

Lockheed Speedup

Recently the graveyard shift was eliminated in our department at Lockheed. Workers were transferred to other departments and other shifts. The same quantity of work has to be put jection better than Roosevelt is out. All production departments have been time-studied for the thing for the working man, and past year. The result is increased speedup - slave driving.

The graveyard shift will be eliminated in the entire plant within 60 to 90 days. The corporation is trouble hunting, and white worker as stupid, ignorant, they will get it from the work-

Los Angeles

Workers' Share Of National Income

Many workers who are still for you shouldn't have been wearing | Roosevelt say, "You are making your hat while they were playing more under Roosevelt than you the national anthem." (White ever did before." The statement workers had also been wearing is false because of the high cost hats, but no one had said anything of living and the income tax. But even if it were true, the fact remains that we should be making more for our labor than ever be fore because we are more productive. That is, we produce more per hour than we ever did before and at a smaller wage cost per unit of output.

Too many working people are not aware of the fact that labor is getting a smaller percentage of the total national income now trance. After considering the than ever before, even though labor is better organized today and ers decided the odds were too despite the fact that we are working under the "man who did more Immediately, "plant protection" for labor unions than anyone becops arrived on the scene - to fore him - President Roosevelt." offer the man who had almost I read some statistics some time

the New Deal put in the pockets The incident convinced many of of the workers it put four dol-A near-riot occurred recently us that the Negroes will fight for lars into the pockets of the rich. at Calship which gave some of equality now and that they don't When I showed these statistics us who work there a pretty vivid stand the chance of a snowball in to a Roosevelt admirer, he said picture of the mood of our Negro hell unless the fight is conducted that was all right because a dolfellow-workers, the problems they in an organized manner, not on lar in the worker's pocket was

> This is very unsound reason ing. The CIO Economic Outlook of January 1941 points out: "If there is to be a sound national economy the share of national income going to wages and salaries should rise in proportion to the national income." That was printed over three years ago before the wage freeze and price skyrocketing. The proportion of the national income going to the working man is much less now,

Dewey says he can do what Roosevelt is doing, but do it better. I doubt that Dewey could keep the working people in subdoing. Neither one will do anyneither one will get my vote.

> L. Kemp Los Angeles, Calif.

Ousted By PAC

Editor:

The Director of the CIO War Relief Committee for this area has just quit his job because he couldn't remain on the union payroll and still keep up activities for an independent labor party He is Charles Paddock, War Re lief Director for Iowa, Nebraska, North and South Dakota, since

Paddock says that "some local CIO leaders in lowa" demanded his removal because he supported "genuine independent political action in the state, a development opposed by the Political Action as an individual," to several CIO members in the state, urging them to establish a third party "because labor has no chance with either Roosevelt or Dewey in the White House.'

It seems that the PAC is higha real step toward political action. Maybe they're afraid the workers won't believe the PAC build-up for Roosevelt!

A Subscriber Des Moines

INDIA

N. M. Joshi, general secretary of the All-India Trade Union Congress, has made an appeal to the British Parliament and "especially the Labor Party," to "help the Indian working class not by delaying freedom for India, but by securing in the future constitution their full rights to citizenship, adult franchise and an adequate share of political power."

Meanwhile, Joshi added, "British labor should secure immediately the release of political prisoners, among whom there are many respected trade union leaders and by initiating negotiations for political settlement.

"To those in the British Labor party who accept the miserable condition under which the working classes of India are at present living and belittle the importance of political freedom, I say that the Indian workers have waited too long and have not yet ceded these imprisonments were ment even such elementary measures of social reform as health fight against the partisans in and unemployment insurance and old age pensions.'

From Joshi's own statement it s obvious that he continues to look for the freedom of India and and this detested monarch has in betterment of the terrible situation of India's workers not from independent struggle against the British overlords but through further compromises with them. that the armed insurgent work-This is the same craven policy of ers and peasants will not limit surrender pursued by Gandhi and their struggle to driving out the other leaders of the Indian Na- Nazi invaders but will proceed to

tional Congress. intransigeant in defending their it is reported, have demanded nathreatened imperialist interests tionalization of railroads and pubthan this trade union leader is in lic utilities which are owned by putting forward the demands of British capitalists. the Indian workers.

Joshi's appeal for support to gross betrayal of the partisan the equally cowardly leaders of ranks being committed by the the British Labor party is bound Stalinist leaders of the EAM to fall on deaf ears. Can these stands out in all its nakedness. On people who form part of the Tory- September 3 five members of the coalition government and oppose EAM, headed by Professor Svoers be expected to conduct any Greece and were sworn in as is the official state church.

privileges are derived?

The Indian workers will be able to acquire democratic rights and the anti-monarchist rebellion of freedom only by casting aside the the Greek soldiers and sailors and Joshis and waging irreconcilable has imprisoned thousands of the slavemasters. Their independent class struggle will strike responsive chords among the British workers who face a common enemy in the Tory ruling class.

In a recent "Washington Merry-Go-Round" column Drew Person has disclosed that sixty percent of the Greek Navy personnel and twenty percent of the Greek soldiers are today prisoners of the British. Hundreds of Greek political leaders are now in British other, will really agree to call off concentration camps.

The recent mutinies in the Greek army and navy which presecured from the British govern- directly provoked by the British intention to use these forces to Greece who are waging war against the Nazis. Churchill has publicly promised to keep King George of Greece on his throne turn promised to sanction British occupation of Crete and the Dodecanese Islands after the war.

Churchill's principal fear is make inroads into capitalist prop-The British rulers however have erty and set up their own workhown themselves to be far more er's government. The Partisans

In the light of these facts the

whose exploitation their own andreou's cabinet of the monarchist government-in-exile. This is the government which suppressed

struggle against their foreign EAM's militant supporters! In the same dispatch from Cairo, the N. Y. Times correspondent indicates that this Stalinst sell-out is likely to encounter fierce resistance from the ranks of the partisans. "One must await future developments," he remarks, "to be certain that Aris Klaras, heading the militant wing of the EAM's armed forces, the Elas, and Gen. Napoleon Zervas, leading its most powerful opponents - the EDES - (the sup-

their quarrels.' ARGENTINA

tide of communist revolution the German optical trust. which fill the capitalist rulers in all countries today, regardless of their political regime, have been clearly expressed in an important speech to the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange made by Vice-President Peron of Argentina on August 25. As Minister of Labor and Social Welfare, Peron warned the Argentine capitalists to support his demagogic program of social reform to avert "the Communist danger," which, if unchecked, he said, might lead to civil war.

porters of the monarchy) on the

He pointed to days of tremend ous strife ahead. Argentina feels the repercussions of world events, he said, and the clash of ideologies on European battlefields would produce differences that may end in civil war. In that event, he predicted, those who possess much will lose everything.

These warnings against the advancing revolution tie in closely with similar sentiments expressed by the Pope in Rome last week. Argentina is a strongly Catholic the demands of the English work- los, came out of the mountains of country and the Catholic Church

Press Rushes to Defense Of Railroad Monopolists

Railroad presidents and other spokesmen for management from the conservative columnist David Lawrence to the N. Y. Times have been howling about the anti-trust suit of the Department of Justice against the western railroads.

The government charges that the railroad corporations used their Western Agreement and other mechanisms to monopolize traffic and restrain commerce in violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act. Among other complaints the Justice Department accuses the roads of slowing down service on perishables, delaying installation of air cooling, exacting exorbitant extra charges, and discouraging low-rate passenger traffic.

J. P. Morgan and Kuhn, Loeb and Co. have been included in this sweeping indictment. Naturally the pen-prostitutes of Big Business have rushed to their defense.

The N. Y. Times, shocked to find the sacred names of Morgan and Kuhn, Loeb dragged into court, suggests that there's nothing behind the suit but a bit of partisan politics by the administration. "If the suit were suspicious on no other ground, it would be so on that of its timing"-that is, before a presidential election. Roosevelt's ex-rubber czar, President William Jeffers of Union Pacific declares that the Department of Justice's action is obstructing the war effort by "threatening the movement of trains and the vital war materials and troops they carry."

Wall Street resists with all its might the slightest investigation into its predatory activities and the most modest regulation of its profit extortions. By raising similar "patriotic" cries, the railroads forced the Justice Department to drop a previous suit.

"Trust-busting" has been a favorite pastime with capitalist governments in the U.S. since the days of Theodore Roosevelt. In reality, the main purpose of these highly publicized suits against the monopolists is to throw dust into the eyes of the masses.

Big Publisher Projects Program for Wall Street

Now that the war against Germany is drawing to close, the spokesmen for Wall Street are becoming more brazen in expressing their real criminal aims

Thus the Sept. 9 Business Week publishes a twopage editorial by James H. McGraw, Jr., president of McGraw-Hill Publishing Company, on "The Stake of the United States in Expanding World Trade." Committee leaders." He asserts This editorial, which has been widely reprinted in fullthat he wrote on his "own time page advertisements, can be regarded as a manifesto of American Big Business

"American business," the editorial begins, "is confronted with the need for an immediate decision on long-term economic policy." It should not repeat the mistakes made after the last war. "Our war-inflated industrial capacity cannot be allowed to drop back to pressuring an outspoken union prewar levels without causing a domestic crisis. . . leader who wants labor to take And, because so much of the world is geared to the American industrial machine, we can no longer contemplate calmly the repercussions of a largely selfsufficient trade program. . ."

What business needs above all, according to Mc-Graw, "are stable governments which command popular support. In the absence of strong governments, currency stability cannot be achieved." This double-talk means that "strong" and "stable" capita ist regimes of the dictatorial type are indispensable to the expansion of American imperialism.

On the economic side McGraw proposes that in addition to loans and permanent monetary and credit fight for the colonial slaves from | members of Premier George Pap- arrangements the United States let down the barriers to imports so that other nations can pay for the exported products of American industry and the interest on loans. These imports however are to be exclusively agricultural and mineral (sugar, wool, copper, fats, oils, wines, etc.) In other words, monopolized industry is to be sustained at the expense of American agriculture.

Dominate the planet, subjugate its peoples, ruthlessly expand foreign markets, reorganize the economy of the entire world to serve the needs of American imperialism-this is the Wall Street program.

U. S.-Nazi Optical Cartel Deals Help Arm Hitler

Assistant Attorney General Wendell Berge divulged another page in the hitherto hidden record of the crimes of Big Business last week when he cited some facts in the dealings between the Bausch and Lomb The apprehensions of the rising Optical Company, Rochester, N. Y. and Carl Zeiss,

Berge showed how the secret cartel deals made in violation of the Versailles Treaty and of the United States anti-trust laws helped Hitler prepare for war. On April 28, 1921, Bausch and Lomb made an agreement with the German' monopoly under which the American firm got a monopoly on the U.S. market for military optics and Zeiss got the rest of the world market. Zeiss was given power to determine who should head the Bausch and Lomb military depart ment, which was supplying America's military services. This secret agreement remained in force after Hitler came to power.

Thus even after the invasion of Czechoslovakia, Hitler obtained secret military information on American production of such vital equipment as periscopes, range finders, bomb sights, torpedo directors, gun sights, etc. Bausch and Lomb refused to sell military optical equipment to France, England and other countries. It curtailed American production of such equip-

These cartel arrangements are typical, said Berge, of other deals between American and German monopolies. Forecasting that in the next few months there would be an exodus from Germany of political agents posing as business men who would try to renew these cartel deals, Berge noted that the DuPont Company was already planning to renew its cartel deal with the German chemical trust.