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WALL STREET THREATENS NEW WAR

\$15,000 'Militant' Fund Campaign Starts Mar. 15

By Evelyn Atwood

Appealing to its scores of thousands of enthusiastic readers to help maintain it as the best and fastest growing labor paper in America, *The Militant* in this issue announces the launching of its campaign to raise a fund of \$15,000. This fund is to help extend *The Militant's* circulation and spread its revolutionary socialist message among the workers of the United States.

The nation-wide \$15,000 *Militant* Fund campaign will continue for three months, beginning March 15 and concluding on June 15. All contributors are requested to send their donations to the *Militant* Publishing Association, 116 University Place, New York 3, New York.

Explaining the importance of this campaign, Farrell Dobbs, Managing Editor of *The Militant*, called upon all readers of the paper to do their bit toward reaching the \$15,000 goal by sending in their personal contributions and soliciting contributions from their friends and shopmates. *The Militant* counts upon receiving such support from its worker readers, said Comrade Dobbs, because they realize the vital role *The Militant* has played in their struggles against Big Business for a living wage and decent working conditions.

"Thousands upon thousands

rade Dobbs said, *The Militant* has emphasized the critical importance of this history-making struggle, now over 100 days old. *The Militant* pointed out that the GM workers have been the spearhead of labor's greatest struggle and the target of all the reactionary forces of American capital. *The Militant* has called upon the entire labor movement to give all-out aid to the embattled GM workers. The slogans initiated and adopted were:

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PAPER OF PICKET LINES

"During the recent strike struggles, *The Militant* was distributed to tens of thousands of workers on the picket lines, where they became acquainted with it for the first time. Thousands have subscribed in order to receive it regularly in their homes. In fact, *The Militant* has become known as the 'Paper of the Picket Lines.'"

"In Flint, Youngstown, Detroit, Buffalo, Los Angeles, Pittsburgh, wherever the workers were out fighting the bosses, there you will find *Militant* supporters and subscribers. The *Militant* readers were in the very forefront of labor's fight for a better life."

From the very beginning of the General Motors strike, Com-

Washington Hikes Prices On Food, Clothes, Housing

The Truman administration's claim that it would hold the price line was further exposed as fraudulent last week when huge price concessions were made to clothing manufacturers, big builders and real estate interests. These price rises followed close upon the increases granted to the meat packing corporations on February 26.

Thus the cost of the three main items in a worker's budget, food, clothing and housing, are being boosted by the administration to appease the voracious demands of the profiteers.

On March 8, ten days after Economic Stabilizer Chester Bowles added one and a half percent to the already outrageous cost of meat, the Office of Price Administration handed a bonanza of up to 15 percent increase in prices to the cotton textile manufacturers. OPA estimated that this price increase to the textile barons would total \$250,000,000 and result in considerably higher prices for men's and boys' shirts, shorts, and pajamas, women's and girls' dresses and work clothing.

NO SUITS FOR VETS

Even with these price increases, there is still no guarantee that the cotton manufacturers will provide enough clothing for workers, since it is still more profitable for manufacturers to make high-priced garments for the well-to-do.

Two days after this price hike on cotton goods, the OPA "revised" upward the prices on men's and boys' tailored clothing, effective April 15. Thousands of returning servicemen have been unable to buy civilian suits because the clothing manufacturers have deliberately hoarded thousands of these garments. They have withheld them from the market awaiting this

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Preparing For World War III



Auto Locals Start Drive To Elect Reuther As Next UAW President

By Grace Carlson
(Special to The Militant)

DETROIT, Mar. 9—The General Motors strike has been turned into a lockout! A formal charge that the billion dollar GM Corporation is engaged in a lockout to force an ending of the 109-day walk-out was filed here March 7 with the National Labor Relations Board by the CIO United Auto Workers.

The same charge against the GM Corporation was made in a statement issued on the preceding day by UAW officers, R. J. Thomas, President; George Ades, Secretary-Treasurer; and Walter Reuther, Vice-President. An opening gun in the UAW's campaign for a national program of mass pressure against GM, the statement was "an appeal to all organized labor and all American citizens who believe in justice to come quickly and generously to the aid of the GM workers."

The union action followed a rapid series of moves and counter-moves, charges and counter-charges, which marked the 15th week of the GM strike.

GM'S ARROGANT REPLY

On March 3, GM flatly rejected the UAW's offer to arbitrate the remaining issues in dispute. This offer had been authorized by the 250 UAW delegates at the

March 2 GM Conference. Earlier in the Conference, the delegates had turned down the Corporation's "final" offer because it failed to meet the standards set up by the President's Fact-Finding Board for a 19½ cents an hour wage increase and reinstatement of the old contract.

In the Corporation's arrogant rejection of the union's proposal, reference was made to "the novel economic and social theories which your union advanced at the beginning of this dispute." The GM strikers, with Reuther as their spokesman, had raised the demand that they be allowed

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Release Of 101 Jailed Negroes Won By Protests

Nation-wide protest by labor, Negro and civil rights organizations against the savage Jim-Crow atrocities and bloody warfare unleashed by state troops on February 25 upon the entire segregated Negro section of Columbia, Tennessee have borne fruit. The last 13 of 101 Negroes arrested and held incommunicado, were released March 8 upon payment of \$46,000 bail. The cash was put up in the Sheriff's office by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and by local Negro citizens.

Two of the arrested victims, William Gordon and James W. Johnson, were lynched inside Maury County Jail, shot down in cold blood by the guards. Instead of being taken to the nearby City Hospital, the wounded men were driven to a segregated hospital in Nashville, 43 miles away. Both men died before they could reach the hospital.

LIKE NAZI STORM TROOPS

The frenzy of lynch hysteria and armed invasion unleashed by Tennessee's white ruling class followed an altercation on February 25 between a Negro woman, Gladys Stephenson and a white radio repairman, William Fleming. When Fleming assaulted Mrs. Stephenson, her son, James, a navy veteran, sprang to her defense. The mother and son were arrested, and immediately white lynch gangs began to gather.

When it was reported that the

IN THE NEWS

"Lost"—On Purpose

The U. S. State Department, searching files of its Foreign Economic Administration "found" a Soviet government memorandum requesting a billion dollar American loan. For six months, since last August, the Soviet government had inquired why it had received no acknowledgment of the request, while U. S. officials, including Truman, denied an "application" had been made. The State Department explained the document had been "lost."

Might Give Him Radical Ideas

Berlin, Mar. 4—Marshall Zhukov, chief of the Soviet Military Administration in Germany, has been unable to see the movie of John Steinbeck's *The Grapes of Wrath*, (about the dust-bowl Okies during the depression), because a U. S. general thought it showed too much of the seamy side of American life." (Chicago Daily News, March 4)

Subversive Word

The House Un-American Activities Committee went into a huddle recently when a Congressman assailed the committee's counsel, Ernie Adamson, for his letter campaign to numerous organizations in which Adamson "insisted that this country was not a democracy but a republic." (United Press, Feb. 13)

Quill Flunks History

The Communist (Stalinist) Party faction in New York's City Council split on the question of a council resolution congratulating newly-selected Catholic Cardinal Spellman. Caccione and Davis cast the sole votes against the resolution on the principle of the separation of Church and State. Michael J. Quill, who is also head of the CIO Transport Workers, conceding "I have seldom disagreed with my colleagues, Davis and Caccione," voted for the resolution. Commented the *Stalinist Daily Worker*, March 6: "The need for a little digging into American history was very strikingly shown in the City Council's debate."

Steps Up Diplomatic Attacks In Drive Against The USSR

By Joseph Hansen

Wall Street and the British imperialists are beginning public preparations for the Third World War. This is the underlying meaning of the tremendous hue and cry they have raised against the Soviet Union. This war-mongering campaign reached its highest point to date with the March 5 speech of Winston Churchill at Fulton, Missouri.

SWP Protests French Arrests Of Trotskyists

NEW YORK, Mar. 9—The *Militant* this week received a cable from Paris reporting a police raid on a public meeting of the International Communist Party (Trotskyist) and the wholesale arrest of 32 of the audience who were held incommunicado for 24 hours. The raid occurred March 4.

This police attack on the French Trotskyists follows a systematic Stalinist campaign to suppress the Trotskyist paper *La Verite*. Distributors of the paper have been beaten up by Stalinist hooligans and arrested.

The Socialist Workers Party of the United States, through James P. Cannon, SWP National Secretary, has cabled a protest against the victimization of the French Trotskyists to French Minister of Interior Lefebvre. The cable calls the raid and arrests an "outrageous violation of democratic rights of assembly."

"United States labor public opinion will be aroused against these anti-democratic actions. We demand immediate unconditional release of all arrested and an end to interference with PCI (International Communist Party) meetings and publications. Please inform us of the action of your government on this protest."

Churchill savagely attacked the Soviet Union and Communism. He denounced the USSR as a threat to world peace and he called for immediate military measures along the following lines:

- (1) Washington and London to monopolize the atomic bomb.
- (2) "National armaments" to be maintained at full wartime strength.
- (3) An Anglo-American military alliance to include standardization of weapons, military training, and joint use of naval and air bases throughout the world.

UNITE AGAINST USSR

These war-like proposals came from the principal political representative of the reactionary British Tories. The choice of Churchill as spokesman was a deliberate device to indicate the class solidarity of the British capitalists with Wall Street's drive against the Soviet Union.

Churchill became the symbol of world imperialism's antagonism against socialism following the First World War. Churchill was the guiding spirit in the intervention of 14 capitalist nations against the Soviet Union after the Bolshevik revolution. His venomous hatred of Leon Trotsky for successfully organizing the Red Army defense of the workers' state has long been notorious.

President Truman made a con-

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CIO RUBBER WORKERS WIN OUTSTANDING VICTORY

By Joseph Andrews

(Special to The Militant)

AKRON, O., Mar. 8—The CIO United Rubber Workers of America are celebrating a clean-cut victory over the "Big Four" rubber corporations which provides for an 18½-cent hourly wage increase with absolutely no strings attached.

With a nation-wide strike vote behind them and thorough preparations made in all local for a coast-to-coast strike, the URWA negotiating committee brought the representatives of Goodyear, Firestone, Goodrich and U. S. Rubber Corporations to heel two days before the March 4 strike deadline.

The settlement is an historic step in several ways:

1. This marks the first achievement of nation-wide bargaining with the "Big Four" collectively. The agreement provides for continued negotiations on a "Big Four" basis next year.
2. Unlike the settlements at Ford, Chrysler and Kaiser-Frazer, etc., there are no "company security" or punitive anti-strike provisions whatsoever in the agreement.
3. The agreement provides protection of the wage increase against inflation by a clause which specifically permits reopening of the wage question at any time should economic conditions warrant.
4. There was no governmental participation or interference in the negotiations.
5. Twelve cents per hour of the general wage increase was made retroactive to November 1, 1945, thereby giving each worker between \$75 and \$100 back pay. This averages four cents on the hour over a year's time.
6. Sizeable adjustments for low-paid workers were provided to reduce inequities. Unlike the Steel settlement, these adjustments do not come out of the

general wage increase but are added to it.

7. Double time for Sundays and six designated holidays was won.

In total, the wage gains, including adjustments and retroactive pay, amount to an average of over 24 cents an hour for the rubber workers covered in the "Big Four" agreement.

MODEL NEGOTIATIONS

The negotiations were a model which all international unions would do well to follow. The negotiating committee was made up of international officers of the union plus a strategy committee composed of representatives of the local unions. Representing the unions were L. S. Buckmaster, International president; H. R. Lloyd, International vice-president; George R. Bass, president of Akron Goodrich Local No. 5; I. H. Watson, president of Akron Firestone Local No. 7; C. V. Wheeler, president of Akron Goodyear Local No. 2; (Continued on Page 2)

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Generals Purge Army Editors For 'Crime' Of Being In CIO

By Charles Carsten

Two men have been removed from the staff of *Stars and Stripes* for the "crime" of having belonged to a CIO trade union before induction. This is the brass hat answer to the world-wide demands of GIs for more democracy in the armed forces.

Sgt. Kenneth L. Pettus, managing editor of the Pacific edition of the *Stars and Stripes*, and Cpl. Bernard Rubin, a columnist on the paper, were ordered transferred to Okinawa.

Labor-hating big brass considered them "disloyal" because they were members of the CIO before entering the service. Cpl. Rubin once wrote for the organ of the CIO Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union.

"LOYALTY CHECK"

Col. John F. Davis, General MacArthur's information and education officer, said the order was the result of "a negative report on a loyalty check."

Both of the men have long records of service in combat. Cpl. Rubin, who holds two battle stars, declared: "When I was a machine gunner in Luzon my loyalty was unquestioned."

Eleven of the 15 editorial staff

members of the Pacific edition of the *Stars and Stripes* protested to General MacArthur against the despotism of transferring the men to the "Siberia" of the armed forces.

PROTEST IGNORED

In their letter to MacArthur they labeled the transfers as the "culmination of a long series of attempts by the Army hierarchy to muzzle this paper." The indignant newsmen added, "we regard the transfer to Okinawa as a sort of 'exile to the salt mines'." The staff concluded its protest saying: "We believe the transfer is linked to the statement signed by staff members January 9 in which we charged open and implied pressure had been put on us to delete, distort and play down news to preserve the personal and professional interests of the Army hierarchy." (Reported in the January 26 *Militant*.)

Despite the protests, General MacArthur approved the order (Continued on Page 3)

NMU Head Bares Stalinist Misrule

By Art Sharon

(Special to The Militant)

NEW YORK, Mar. 16—The conflict among the top leaders of the Stalinist-dominated CIO National Maritime Union, first reported in the December 8, 1945, *Militant*, was brought to a more acute stage when NMU President Joseph Curran demanded the resignation of four top Stalinist officials, Vice-presidents Frederick (Blackie) Meyers and Howard McKenzie, National Secretary Ferdinand Smith and New York Port Agent Joseph Stack.

Curran's demand and his attack on the Stalinist machine for its ruthless, undemocratic practices were made at a closed NMU membership meeting last February 18. His speech was made public by the reactionary New York World-Telegram in a series of three articles last week. The crimes of the Stalinists in this as in other cases have provided the anti-labor press with ammunition to smear the labor movement.

Curran's partial revelations to the membership about the scandalous conduct of the Stalinist clique came in his dissent against the report of an investigating committee, which had a

disclosed that anyone who disagreed with the Stalinist machine's policy was systematically slandered, discredited and hounded out of union office.

CHARACTER ASSASSINATIONS

Those who disagreed, said Curran, "found themselves, one by one, picked out; then, character assassinated and, one by one, made to either leave the union or, if they desired to continue the fight and stay in the union to fight for the membership, placed in a position where they were called all kinds of names."

As a result of the Stalinist policy of wartime collaboration with the shipowners, the NMU lost one position after another. Curran revealed, for instance, that the irresponsibility and incompetence of Vice-presidents McKenzie and Meyers cost the union the key collective bargaining election in the Standard Oil tanker fleet "by the biggest majority a company ever got in the history of the union."

KEPT "FBI" FILES

The Stalinist machine, which was so incapable of protecting the union's positions and de-

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A NEW YORK SUBWAY WORKER'S STORY

Stalinist Misrule In Transit Union

(Last week "The Militant" reported the settlement accepted by the Stalinist leadership of the CIO Transport Workers Union in New York City. They wilted under the strikebreaking pressure of the O'Dwyer administration and the intervention of CIO President Philip Murray and called off their threatened strike with no assured gains. The following account, written by a TWU member, describes the background of the New York transit situation and conditions inside the TWU under Stalinist domination.)

By William Charles

We CIO transport workers on the subways know that the conditions of the employees of the New York City Transit system and the equipment with which we work is about a quarter of a century behind the times, and getting worse daily.

The counterfeited strike threat issued by Transport Workers Union President Michael Quill was a complete fiasco. The workers "went back" before they "went out." Quill and CIO President Philip Murray gave up everything and gained nothing.

The workers in the City Transit system were not prepared for the so-called "strike." The issues were not discussed at the shops or section meetings of the membership. The question of sole collective bargaining rights for the TWU-CIO first came to the attention of the workers in such rags as the Daily News, Daily Mirror, Journal-American, N. Y. Times, and other croaking frogs from the sewers of Wall Street.

INTOLERABLE CONDITIONS

For years we have suffered intolerable conditions. The Stalinist TWU leadership was opposed to any real fight. Throughout the war we were forced to submit to ever-increasing work due to the overcrowding of the transportation system and shortage of workers, while our wages were frozen. We did not even get the raises permitted under the Little Steel formula. Now the capitulation of Quill means we must continue under the same rotten conditions.

The workers slave six days a week almost without exception. We do not get time and a half for the sixth day of work, nor extra pay for Saturday, Sunday or night work. The 40-hour work week is not recognized. Railroaders are forced to work around the clock. In an emergency, such as heavy snow, we may leave the job only with the express permission of the boss and then only for eight hours out of 24.

When the strike threat was announced, vacations and days off were cancelled. We were warned in blazing placards that if we dared strike we would lose our jobs.

PAY FOR PENSION

Workers get 12 sick-days pay a year if they are out due to illness. But this is not paid until 30 to 90 days later! Several dollars a week are deducted from our pay envelopes, for our much-touted pension plan.

Schedules of work are changed according to the riding-public's habits. A school may close, a factory may cut down on its help, an evening bingo game may be discontinued or Coney Island may commence its season. "Presto," there is a new schedule of work interspersed with waiting "swings" of one to four hours. The worker is not paid for this time, but must wait until the line is busy enough for him to return to work.

The brakes do not always work on the cars, and the equipment is falling apart. Any accident is usually blamed on the worker, according to the rule book which is a relic of the 19th century. We are then subject to dismissal. Often trainmen and operators, especially those who operate surface transportation must be traffic directors, cashiers, conductors and motormen, all in one.

We workers were told that the Transit system is losing money. But the union never bothers to check this claim or answer the

question "why?" We are left to assume it is our civic duty to be modest in our demands while the big banks, former owners and stockholders reap fabulous payments from the city for a decrepit junk heap.

There is no doubt that if even half the transit workers were to go on strike, including the key department of repairs, power-houses, motormen, operators of surface cars and buses, no power on earth could move the lines. The ex-motormen, cops and scabs gathered in preparation for the threatened strike would have required days to restore any semblance of service.

STALINIST MISRULE

But the Stalinist leaders of the TWU run it bureaucratically from the top. They discourage rank and file participation and by their whole policy have weakened the union and left the members unprepared for any serious fight.

The Stalinist-led TWU maintains sumptuous headquarters at 554 Atlantic Avenue in Brooklyn and at 153 W. 64th St. in Manhattan. These are literally crawling with functionaries, office staffs and various dignitaries who are not even on a speaking relationship with the men on the job, and are rarely if ever seen on job locations.

On joining the union, the worker does not receive a copy

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of the union constitution, or even a simple letter of welcome. He is held in contempt by the leaders. During his membership, which may last for years, the Stalinist officials do not even bother to send him any material of interest about the labor movement.

Not a single pamphlet is issued to educate new members in trade union problems, what a trade union is, what the duties of a union member are—with one exception. He is told to pay his dues regularly and on time or be expelled "automatically."

Although occasional leaflets are distributed and there are bulletins which may be picked up around the shop, workers rushing to or from work rarely read them. Sometimes their own families do not know the men are union members, and consequently do not sympathize with the labor movement generally.

Meeting attendance is very poor. Scarcely one member in five ever attends a section or shop meeting. The union is further hampered by strong clerical and nationalistic elements who are played against each other by the Stalinist leadership who thus manage to keep themselves in power and suppress democratic expression.

The Stalinist Party-Quill policy in the TWU is shown in its true light on the question of representation of Negro workers. Among the many TWU functionaries, not one organizer is a Negro, although over 20 per cent of the members are Negroes.

It goes without saying that should any member express differences with the leadership, he is told if he doesn't like what the Stalinist bureaucrats are doing he can quit.

To Avenge Murdered Pickets



Peoria, Illinois, workers stand in line to sign petitions demanding criminal prosecution of TP&W Railway President George McNear, whose thugs shot down two unarmed strike pickets on Feb. 6. The petitions, already bearing 10,000 signatures, also call for permanent government operation of the line. Local 105 of the CIO United Farm Equipment Workers is distributing the petitions.

The Ford Contract-- A Danger Signal

When the Ford Motor Company spends big dough in national advertising to "sell" a union contract, when the Wall Street Journal and other mouthpieces of Big Business give the same contract lavish

praise, it's not because of benefits the contract contains for the workers.

Timed to influence the voting of the Ford Workers, who must ratify the contract before it becomes binding, the Ford Motor Company is running big newspaper ads on "What The New Ford Contract Means To Us . . . And To You." What the contract means specifically to Ford—and all the other corporations—lies in its "company security" provisions.

Because of the bristling resistance from the Ford and other auto workers to the original Ford proposals and the CIO United Auto Workers leaders' even worse "counter-proposals," the "company security" provisions of the final contract are considerably modified. The original proposals would have permitted the company to fine or fire union militants for "unauthorized" strikes.

WALL STREET PRAISE

But the final contract signed by the UAW Ford leaders has a "company security" clause sufficient to inspire the praise of Wall Street and the cooperation of the Ford Company in helping the union leaders "sell" the contract to the Ford workers.

Right after the contract was signed—though not yet ratified by the membership—a company statement interpreted the "company security" provisions to mean: "The union has undertaken to control its membership and prevent illegal work stoppages, and penalties may be imposed by the company on those who fail to co-operate . . . Any employee found guilty of instigating, fomenting or actively supporting or giving leadership to illegal work stoppages is to be subject to discharge . . . Continued failure of an employee to produce at a basis of established standards will be cause for discipline, including discharge, unless failure is due to causes beyond his control."

One of the key issues before the coming CIO United Auto Workers convention on March 23 in Atlantic City will be "company security" clauses. It is certain that the militant delegates will put up a strong battle to bar any such clauses in UAW contracts.

Not Even Nylons Can Lure Women Past Picket Line

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT

WILMINGTON, Cal., March 4.—An offer of hard-to-get nylon stockings proved insufficient to lure 200 women past a picket line of 20 at the J. C. Penney store here last week.

Showing up at the store in response to an ad in the papers offering nylons and scarce cotton goods, almost every one of them refrained from going in after hearing a short talk by a member of the union's auxiliary explaining the purpose of the strike.

The store continues to refuse to renew its contract with the CIO Retail Clerks Union.

CIO Rubber Workers Win Outstanding Wage Victory

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L. S. Wilson, president of Los Angeles U. S. Rubber Local; and G. L. Patterson, URWA legal counsel.

The negotiating committee never at any time even hinted at postponing the strike deadline. They refused, all the way through, to agree to any no-strike pledge, speed-up plan or other concessions in exchange for the wage increase.

The agreement has still to be ratified by the 40 local unions involved. There is no question but that the rubber agreement will have great effect in checking the "Big Business" campaign to force "company security" provisions upon the unions. It has proved that it is not necessary to trade off some of the unions' most fundamental rights in order to get an increase in wages.

With this victory under its belt the URWA is in the strongest position in all its history. There will be hardly a rubber worker anywhere who will not want to take his place in the ranks of the union which achieved this great advance.

STALINISTS REPUDIATED
The victory is a resounding repudiation of Stalinist charges that the Akron leadership of the Goodrich, Firestone, and Goodyear locals were irresponsible. On the contrary, this leadership played a leading role in securing the "Big Four" agreement and observed a thoroughgoing discipline throughout the entire procedure.

Unlike the traitorous Stalinist leaders of the CIO United Electrical Workers who stabbed the General Motors auto strikers in the back by making a sneak settlement for 30,000 GM electrical division workers, the Akron rubber leadership, who are repeatedly denounced by the Stalinists as Trotskyists, were consistently and irreproachably loyal to the larger interests of their international union as a whole. They did not at any time seek to play off their local interests against those of the whole union. The results give the lie to the Stalinist slander machine.

The real facts are that the Stalinists high in URWA circles insisted from the beginning upon a "one corporation at a time" strategy, solely because such a divisive policy suited their narrow and irresponsible political aims.

They sought to center the en-

Union Strikes Against Firing Of Negro Workers

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT

LOS ANGELES, March 4.—In a fine demonstration of working-class solidarity, members of CIO Furniture Workers Local 576 went out on strike here this week at the California Bedding Co., when the boss fired 11 Negroes for joining the union.

The union, which was organizing the shop, had already signed up a majority of the workers, but only the Negroes were discharged. The other members of the union immediately walked out in protest against this act of discrimination, setting up a picket line that same day.

The only other Negro worker in the plant, who had not joined the union, signed a card and joined the picket line as soon as the 11 were fired.

Reuther Sought As Next UAW President

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to examine the company's books to determine whether GM was able to pay wage increases out of profits without raising prices. . . . Attempting to drive a wedge between the GM strikers and the union leadership, the Corporation statement hinted that union politics was delaying a strike settlement and that the differences between the union and the company were slight. The open charge was made that Conference delegates had not given the

Release Of 101 Jailed Negroes Won By Protests

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Negro citizens were preparing to defend themselves from the murderous mobs, 500 state troops, police and hundreds of armed vigilantes invaded the Negro community. Like Nazi storm troopers they blasted away at Negro dwellings and stores with machine guns and carbines, ransacked homes without search warrants, shot and beat up men, women and children, and dragged 101 Negro citizens off to Maury County Jail. Scores were wounded by bullets and clubs.

Thurgood Marshall, special counsel for the NAACP, charged on March 1 that the Jim-Crow atrocities were "closer to the action of the German storm troops than any recent police action in this country." He declared that the "wanton double murder" of the two Negroes in jail was a "further example of lawlessness on the part of Tennessee law enforcement officers" and that "no Negro in that area has the semblance of constitutional rights."

Among the organizations which vigorously protested the Jim Crow outrage last week to Governor McCord of Tennessee was the Socialist Workers Party, through its National Secretary, James P. Cannon. The National Federation for Constitutional Liberties reported that many civic, religious and educational groups are joining in the demand for Federal intervention.

company?" the March 5 Corporation letter to the union angrily asked.

UAW-GM negotiating sessions continue in Detroit under James Dewey, special Federal mediator, but they are almost at a stalemate. In a recent press conference, GM Vice-president Harry W. Anderson was quoted as predicting that the strike would not be settled until after the UAW convention which opens in Atlantic City on March 23.

Concern of the UAW's top officers over their union jobs would prevent an immediate strike settlement, according to Anderson.

GM ATTACKS REUTHER

UAW members know that this Corporation attack is directed against Walter Reuther, whose progressive leadership of the GM strike has aroused the fierce hatred of the GM officials. The union's Top Negotiating Committee exposed GM's lies in a blast against the Corporation on March 6.

"The General Motors strike is being unnecessarily prolonged because the General Motors Corporation is trying to interfere in the internal affairs of the UAW-CIO. Such interference is part of the Corporation's long-range program of fighting the economic policies advanced by the union of increasing wages without increasing prices," the Committee's statement opens.

Other sections of the statement follow:

"General Motors doesn't want the strike to be settled until after the UAW-CIO convention, March 23-31.

GM'S MOTIVES

"General Motors wants to use the strike as a political weapon to influence convention decisions and to turn the union membership against its leadership in order to defeat the higher purchasing power policies which the union has so effectively advanced since V-J Day.

"The Corporation recognizes that the UAW-CIO and its leadership have put up the strongest fight of any group in the nation to maintain purchasing power and hold the price line. They know that the price line has been held as well as it has largely as a result of the UAW's fight . . . In their greed for profits and

TRADE UNION NOTES

By Joseph Keller

Have You Contributed To Aid The GM Strike?

The bitterest and most significant strike struggle in American labor history—the heroic General Motors strike—is being prolonged by the corporation in hopes of starving out the strikers and forcing them to accede to the company's terms.

Last week, E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Co., the billionaire munitions and chemical trust known as the "Merchants of Death," issued its annual report showing an admitted 1945 net profit of \$77,500,000. Of this, the report discloses, \$28,030,088 represents income on General Motors stock "after taxes and applicable expenses." The du Ponts control almost a fourth of GM common stock and have the controlling interest.

The valuation of du Pont holdings in GM is \$254,000,000—which means that the du Ponts last year got a return on their investment of 11 per cent. This is a phenomenal rate of profit even if we discount the inflation of stock values.

All this wealth was squeezed out of the GM workers by parasite stockholders who actually didn't invest one tenth of the value of their present claimed GM holdings in the corporation. Will these billionaire parasites now force the GM workers to accept onerous terms of settlement through the weapon of starvation? The answer is up to the entire labor movement.

A National Committee to Aid Families of GM Strikers has been formed, with headquarters at 212 E. 49th Street, New York 17, N. Y. Speed funds to aid the GM strikers NOW!

A Stab-In-The-Back To The GM Strike

Anyone really concerned with the welfare of the General Motors strikers could only praise such a demonstration of labor solidarity as the contribution of \$500,000 to the GM strike fund by the AFL International Ladies Garment Workers Union. This column last week hailed this magnificent contribution by the ILGWU.

The Daily Worker, organ of the Communist (Stalinist) Party, instead of warmly greeting the ILG aid to the GM strike, used it as an occasion to launch a slanderous attack on ILGWU President David Dubinsky and Walter Reuther, leader of the GM strike. This attack, published March 1, attempted to be-

little and discredit the contribution of the AFL garment workers to the GM strikers. It was written by George Morris, Daily Worker hatchet-man.

The chief intent of the article is to smear Reuther, who has opposed the Stalinists in the UAW, by linking him through the ILG contribution to Dubinsky, who in turn is linked by a fantastic slander to none other than the "anti-Semitic radio priest Fascist Father Charles Coughlin."

Morris' article shows how blinded the Stalinists are by factional frenzy. Every assistance to the GM strike is viewed by them only as aiding the position and prestige of Reuther, against whom they are conducting an hysterical campaign of vilification. The Stalinist leaders would rather see the GM strike weakened and undermined than have an opponent of theirs in the labor movement get credit for any contribution to labor's interests.

We hold no brief for Dubinsky or Reuther's politics and union policies. But the Stalinists descend to the lowest depths of unprincipled factionalism when they throw mud at the splendid contribution of the ILGWU members to the GM strike. This could only operate to discourage similar contributions from other organizations and stab-in-the-back to the GM strike.

And this comes on top of the sneaky, back-room settlement made by Stalinist leaders of the CIO United Electrical Union in the recent strike of 30,000 UE workers in GM's Electrical Division. The exceptional malice of the attack on the ILGWU's aid to the GM strike is no doubt inspired in part by the Stalinists' desire to divert attention from their own treachery.

Labor Solidarity

An example of the labor solidarity being inspired by the GM strike is the action of the New York Branch of the AFL Seafarers International Union in voting \$1,000 to aid the GM strikers and pledging an additional \$100 weekly for the duration of the strike. The latter pledge was made "retroactive" to February 1.

Not only labor organizations, but other progressive-minded groups are rallying behind the GM strike. Last week the National Farmers Union pledged a contribution of \$25,000.

morale of Flint's 40,000 GM strikers is still very high and that they have faith in their union and in its strike leaders.

REUTHER FOR PRESIDENT

A group of 17 GM local union presidents in the Michigan area have called a "Reuther for President Committee" meeting for Sunday, March 17, in Pontiac. Their action follows the lead of Detroit's Chrysler Local 490, which on March 8 announced that it is "drafting" Walter Reuther for the UAW presidency. William Jenkins, Local 490 President, said, "Reuther has demonstrated his able leadership not only in the General Motors strike but also on countless other occasions."

TRUMAN'S POLICY

Meantime, President Truman continues his do-nothing policy toward the 175,000 GM strikers, who have now gone through the longest strike in auto history. Despite the fact that the union accepted his fact - finding Board's proposals while GM arrogantly turned them down, Truman has not lifted a finger to bring the Corporation to terms.

The Fact-Finding Board's proposal of 19 1/2 cents represented a chiseling down of the UAW's just demand for a 30 per cent increase. The 19 1/2 cent increase—approximately 17 per cent—is even considerably lower than the recommendation of the Office of War Mobilization and Reconstruction.

In a report issued a few months ago, economists of this government agency demonstrated that industry would be able to raise wages 24 per cent after taxes without raising prices. But no government official or agency has taken any effective action toward giving the GM workers even a part of their just demand.

In the UAW's March 8 appeal for aid to the GM strikers, the road to victory for the GM strike was pointed out—the path of working-class solidarity. "The morale of the GM workers is high and their determination is great. The moral and financial support they will receive from others so that their wives and children do not suffer will make their ultimate victory certain. They will not surrender!"

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French Arms Move Against Indo-China

The landing of 20,000 troops of the French imperialist army at Hanoi has again brought into headline prominence the heroic struggle of the Indo-Chinese people for independence. The purpose of these troops is deadly clear. The French colonial despots hope they will prove sufficient—with their American-supplied equipment—to drown in blood the aspirations of the Indo-Chinese for freedom.

The landing followed a March 1 agreement between the French imperialists and the Chiang Kai-shek government to withdraw 100,000 Chinese troops who have been occupying northern Indo-China. So long as these Chinese armies remained, the Viet Namh government administered the affairs of this important part of the country.

Concomitant with the deal with Chiang Kai-shek, the French despots reported that Ho Chi Minh, president of the Viet Namh Republic, had agreed to permit the landing of French troops without opposition in return for "recognition" of the Republic. This deal specified that the Viet Namh Republic must remain within the "French Union" and under "French control." Previously Ho Chi Minh, like the rest of the Indo-Chinese nationalists, had demanded unconditional independence.

FALSE PROMISES

The French are obviously following the traditional stratagem of colonial despots faced by an uprising. They are willing to promise a great deal—with loopholes in order to facilitate the advance of their troops. Deception has always gone hand in hand with brute force. That is why "according to informed opinions in Paris," reports a March 8 wireless dispatch to the N. Y. Times, "little tranquility could be expected in spite of ac-

cords. France's position is likely to run just as far as French arms reach, and that position is still most difficult."

Whether the French will succeed in reimposing their hated regime on Indo-China thus remains to be seen. In a recent series of articles, Gordon Walker, Chief Far Eastern Correspondent of the Christian Science Monitor, declared that "From a purely military standpoint it is questionable whether the French ever will be able to assume uncontested control again." Even with tanks and artillery "it is extremely doubtful whether they ever will be able to put down the independence movement as a whole."

Walker reported that the Viet Minh (the principal political grouping in Indo-China) is backed by 8,000,000 followers and has a well-organized army of 50,000 troops who seized the arms of the Japanese. In his opinion the French at best could only seize the coastal cities and hold them for a few years.

But if the French do not succeed it will not be from lack of brutality. In his February 25 dispatch Walker declared: "Well-substantiated reports from official foreign observers show that the struggle in southern Indo-China has been marked by brutal massacres of natives and all the accoutrements of an 18th-century colonial 'purge'."

"Tanks and other implements used in the policing of districts affected bear the 'made in the United States' label."

Mexican Stalinist Demands End To CP Bribe Taking

The Mexico City daily paper *Excelsior* of February 4 printed a document of the Communist (Stalinist) Party which calls for a shift to the left. The author, Carlos Sanchez Cardenas, demanded the following prerequisite:

"I believe that the Party which we have at present will not succeed in developing within the labor movement so long as it does not apply a correct independent policy as the only existing party of the proletariat."

"For this, it is necessary to reject the 2,500 pesos (about \$500) which the President of Mexico gives us each month, the subsidies from the Jews in the National Bank and the subsidies from other politicians who help us . . ."

Charming India-British Style

The February 22 London *Herald Tribune* reports that General Lockhart was "ordered to quell the Indian Navy Mutiny" in Bombay "as rapidly as possible."

"Police charged the howling masses with their lathis (bamboo staves)," continues the paper, "in a bid to restore order. But when this failed they were forced to open fire with revolvers."

The *Herald Tribune* then adds: General Lockhart "is a man of peace, whose charming manner will get him anywhere."

How Imperialist Rulers Process News Reports

How British imperialism censors and perverts news from colonial lands where the people are struggling for independence can be judged from two items:

Eileen Boyle of Duluth, Minn., gave an eyewitness account of British brutality in Cairo February 21: "The crowd was thickly packed in the street from curb to curb, and as it neared the first corner beyond the square, three British Army trucks came against the crowds. As they approached the edge of the crowd they increased the speed of their vehicles and drove through the crowd. Bodies literally flew as they were struck and I counted six prostrate forms."

The Egyptian police on February 24 reported their investigation of this murder: "British Army trucks . . . hurtled straight into a crowd of demonstrators at almost 60 miles an hour . . ."

"PROCESSED" VERSION
Here is how it was reported in the February 22 London *Daily*

Herald: "Today's rioting began when a mob of 4,000 saw one of its members accidentally knocked down by a British Army lorry."

The other item is the report of another instance of British savagery in the same demonstration. The United Press declared that "two Britons had opened fire on the demonstrators from a balcony. The Egyptians rushed the house, seized the couple and threw them into the streets." They were "killed instantly."

Here is what this incident looked like in the *Herald Tribune* after being processed by the censors: "Some of the mob then moved up Soliman Pasha-street smashing shop windows. A crowd stormed a flat from which a woman was said to have fired shots."

Indian Independence Revolt Spreads Despite Gun Fire Of British Rulers

Spanish Unions Ask Help To End Franco Regime

The Joint Committee of the Union General de Trabajadores and the Confederacion Nacional del Trabajo (pre-Franco Spanish trade union federations now in exile) have issued an appeal from Paris to the workers of other lands to help the Spanish working class get rid of the fascist Franco regime.

"The Spanish dictator," declares the appeal, "spiritual offspring of Hitler and Mussolini, continues his ruthless attack on the workers. The prisons and concentration camps are filled with our brothers. The inhuman treatment of the prisoners is as barbarous as that of the Nazi extermination camps . . ."

"The tranquility mentioned in Franco's communiques does not exist," continues the declaration. "Still less the democracy of which he boasts. The reality is the opposite. The firing squads operate ceaselessly to maintain the new regime. Frame-up trials eliminate the flower of the producing class. The misery is fearful. Unemployment has mounted to hitherto unknown proportions. The industrial paralysis is almost total. Agricultural production suffers from an uninterrupted decline due to the pillage practiced by the totalitarian state in behalf of the plutocrats. The life of thousands of men is in danger."

The Joint Committee asks the workers of the world to "employ all means in their power to build up sufficient pressure to precipitate the collapse of the Spanish dictatorship." The appeal cites the example of the Tunis longshoremen, who refused to load cargo routed for fascist Spain.

The declaration ends with the slogan: "Long live the international solidarity of the workers!"

British Censors Relax, OK Letter After 3 Years

In 1942 a group of Indian workers in England sent a letter to Pioneer Publishers in the United States asking for some books.

From the markings which cover both sides of the little envelope, and from the time it took to reach its destination—over three and a half years—it can be seen how the bureaucratic machinery of the British Empire was put into motion to suppress it.

The letter reads: "Dear Sirs: For the benefit of the Indian workers, numbering a few thousands, who are for the first time brought into industry, we are attempting to build a library. It will be used for training and translation into Hindi, Urdu and other important Indian languages. Will you please send us all your past publications and any bound volumes which will be of use. Thanking you."

"POST EARLY"
The letter was air-mailed. Its postmark reads: "Birmingham, December 17, 1942, 2 p.m." It went through the Christmas season mail hopper and was marked: "Post Early for Christmas."

But the hawk-eyed British censors caught this dangerous little letter in time and the bureaucrats acted promptly. A streamer pasted over the censor's opening declaims: "OPENED BY EXAMINER 824". Next, in red, on both sides, the word "CONDEMNED" was imprinted.

Finally, in red, another legend reads: "HELD BY BRITISH CENSOR; RELEASED JANUARY 1946," with a smaller "Released" in blue on the back.

The letter checked with all these markings was finally received three and half years later in the United States on February 8, 1946.

Who says freedom of speech is restricted in the British Empire? The letter was released, wasn't it?

\$55,000 Per Casualty

For every American casualty of World War II, Wall Street cash registers rang up another \$55,000 blood profits. Over a million American workers fell on foreign battlefields, while their families and friends back home were busy producing \$56 billions of net profits for the corporations and banks.

Heroic Fighters Against British Imperialism



Indian seamen who mutinied against the Royal Indian Navy because of long years of discrimination and exploitation by their British rulers drive through the streets of Bombay at the height of the recent anti-British demonstrations. Civilians joined the seamen in denouncing their oppressors. The Imperialist armed forces retaliated by killing 228.

Fighters For Free Egypt Cry 'Down With England'

Twenty Egyptians were killed and 351 injured during two days of anti-British demonstrations in Alexandria. Crowds, shouting "Down with Bevin!" and "Down with England!" continued into the second day the strikes and parades begun March 4 to mourn the martyrs murdered by the British troops on February 21.

A nation-wide general strike called by the National Council of Students and Workers paralyzed all Egypt on March 4. In Alexandria people began gathering in the streets. Police tried to disperse them with clubs. As one gathering was broken up another formed in a nearby street.

HOTEL BURNS

In mid-morning a huge crowd gathered in Said I Street, near the Atlantic Hotel which is occupied by British officers and troops. Some of the demonstrators attempted to seize the flag hoisted at the hotel. Policemen brutally clubbed the crowd in futile attempts to disperse it. Then they opened fire on the unarmed demonstrators. The crowd began to retreat.

As they were leaving, someone shouted that the British had

dispersed than new gatherings formed.

While these demonstrations were occurring in Alexandria, a general strike tied up the rest of Egypt. Stores, theaters and night clubs were closed. Transport and newspapers were shut down.

In an attempt to prevent parades in Cairo, reinforced police and troops arrested 800 persons on orders of Premier Ismail Sidky Pasha.

In many places throughout Egypt the protest strikes continued on March 5.

Disturbed by damage to British property, the reactionary Premier flew to Alexandria. When he tried to drive through the streets, crowds chanting, "We want evacuation!" blocked his car. He was forced to return to the Governor's building.

The British threatened that any "recurrence of attacks on British property or citizens would force Britain to take stern measures."

Just as in India and Indonesia, Britain's answer to the fighters for freedom in Egypt is brutal repression and savage machine-gun fire.

Generals Purge News Staff For 'Crime' Of Being In CIO

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removing the men. However, dissatisfaction among the ranks apparently forced him to take more moderate action. The men were transferred to Yokohama instead of Okinawa for reassignment to "non-sensitive duty."

Col. E. J. Dwan, MacArthur's inspector general, investigated the charges and in support of his chief's high-handed ruling stated: "It is evidenced that each has held membership in the nation-wide Communist party and has at times flavored his public writings with Communistic thought."

Col. Dwan asserted that neither of the men should have been assigned "sensitive" duty at any time in the Army. He revealed that last January the War Department ordered a "loyalty check" of all personnel in the information and education section which controls Stars and Stripes. The order was obviously issued during the time of the world-wide GI protests against the slowdown in demobilization.

SEVEN RESIGN
On the heels of General MacArthur's dictatorial action, seven members of the editorial staff on the Pacific edition of the Stars and Stripes asked to be transferred off the paper.

Sgt. Henry L. Moore, one of the seven, in requesting transfer wrote the officer in charge stating that after two years "of the most undemocratic, inconsistent treatment to which a man can be subjected," his transfer would serve "the interests of the peo-

ple who are attempting to control Pacific Stars and Stripes—and seem to be succeeding."

News censorship by the big brass is not restricted to Tokyo. Lieut. Gen. John C. H. Lee, U. S. commanding general in the Mediterranean theatre, admitted The Stars and Stripes "is not a free newspaper."

To prevent the slightest leak in the tight censorship on news not approved by the high brass, General Lee recently screwed the lid down tighter than ever before. He instituted the policy of requiring approval by the Rome area commander before publication of any letters written by soldiers to The Stars and Stripes.

dignation of men in the armed forces when he wrote of the North China Marine as follows: "It has been made into a military house organ . . . We think we can demand freedom of the press. Someone told us that the Marine Corps is still a part of the United States, and the United States is still a democracy. Is this true?"

The N. Y. Times, Wall Street's authoritative spokesman, wholeheartedly approved muzzling of Army newspapers. A March 8 Times editorial stated, "We do not see . . . how the enlisted men who are its staff can expect, or should have, the same freedom of expression that would be allowed them in civilian life."

With callous cynicism the Times thus publicly acknowledges that the policy of the War Department is in complete harmony with that of Big Business.

GENERAL DECIDES

Arrogantly flaunting his power General Lee told staff members and other newsmen: "I can break up Stars and Stripes. I can order all these men somewhere else . . ."

In the tradition of Prussian military autocrats, General Lee proclaimed that he had the final say on what could be printed. He intended, he declared, to exercise his "right" to see that nothing "subversive" was printed.

As a precedent for his decision, the General said that no newspaper prints all the news. Since, "some fellow has to decide what is to be printed," he intends to retain such censoring power in the case of The Stars and Stripes.

A Marine summed up the in-

India's battle for independence from imperialist Britain is widening. In the past week a whole series of fresh demonstrations swept the seething sub-continent. And as the British despots frantically rushed troops from one outbreak to another, American soldiers held in India found themselves being moved step by step in a most ominous fashion deeper into the revolutionary vortex.

In the greatest demonstration New Delhi, India's capital, has seen since 1942, 20,000 Indians thronged through the streets, protesting the Government-sponsored "victory week" celebration over the results of World War II. United States troops were ordered to join the hated British in the parade. As a result, a jeep was halted and an American officer manhandled. Another soldier was stoned.

Police fired into the dense crowd, killing at least five, and wounding 13. On the following day, March 6, the British moved "strong" reinforcements into the tense city.

AMERICAN TROOPS

Calling attention to the 18 casualties among American GIs during the recent demonstrations in Calcutta, the India League of America wrote to Secretary of War Patterson on January 7 asking the War Department's intentions. "We understand that in anticipation of . . . trouble, the American soldiers stationed in Assam . . . have been given rifles and rounds of live ammunition for drill and target practice. We also understand that there are between 60 to 80,000 American soldiers still in India."

In reply, the War Department admitted that at least 55,000 troops were still in India on January 1. GIs in India shortly thereafter joined the world-wide demonstrations to speed up demobilization and get back home.

The long-predicted famine has now begun. The Government of India officially confirmed this fact March 3 when police fired on a crowd of starving people seeking food at a rationing office in Southern India. "Famine faces 100,000,000," declared the conservative Foreign Policy Bulletin February 22.

The terrible misery wracking the Indian people under British

FONTANA DEPUTY SHERIFF RESIGNS

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT

LOS ANGELES, March 1 — Deputy Sheriff Joe Glines, who warned O'Day H. Short that he was "out of bounds" in the "white" section of Fontana, Calif., two weeks before a mysterious fire destroyed the Short family, has finally resigned.

Announcement of his resignation was made immediately following a hearing in the sheriff's office on the Fontana vigilante case, conducted February 13, by a representative of the State Attorney General.

The deputy sheriff quit to go into private business, Sheriff Emmett Shay claimed, and not because of public demands that he resign.

rule is forcing them onto the path of revolution. In Bombay Province 45,000 primary school teachers are out on strike. They demand a wage increase from the present 15 to 20 rupees a month to 30 rupees (\$10).

STRIKES SOLID

In Jubbulpore big strikes remain solid. The British generals are considering "courts martial to discourage other strikes," reports the press. Jubbulpore strike leaders have been arrested.

At Ranchi 15 demonstrators were killed March 5. On the same day one person was reported slain when police fired on a crowd of 4,000 gathered at a food supply center in Cheyyar. In Dacca three movie houses were raided by demonstrators protesting against a sales tax imposed by the British. Four were killed in Madras on March 7 when a crowd sought food.

The burning hatred of the people for British rule is indicated by the fact that crowds as huge as 200,000 flock to hear orators demand freedom for India.

Prices Hiked On Food, Clothing And Housing

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expected go-ahead signal to boost their prices.

Simultaneously with this cracking of the price ceilings in food and clothing, an all-out drive was initiated by the big real estate interests to break the ceilings on housing. Through their powerful lobbies in Washington, these real estate interests have already pressured the Big-Business dominated Congress into yielding to their demands.

KILL HOUSING SUBSIDY
Last week a coalition of Republicans and Democrats in the House combined to kill the provision in a Federal housing bill which would grant \$600,000,000 subsidy to hold down price increases on low cost homes. This subsidy, intended to promote the rapid building of 2,700,000 new homes by the end of 1947, would benefit homeless veterans and their families as well as the subsidized manufacturers.

By this action the House left the door open to unlimited price increases on building materials by the monopolist construction interests. The House also voted down a proposal to impose price ceilings on sales of existing homes and building lots. This paves the way for ever higher rentals on existing houses and means that workers and veterans will be forced to pay im-

mensely inflated prices if they are obliged to buy homes for themselves and their families.

TRUMAN AIDS INFLATION

Mariner Eccles, Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, has predicted that these and other price increases in prospect will result in a 10 per cent rise in the cost of living. These actions show that, far from combating higher prices, Truman's administration is deliberately engaged in aiding Big Business in its drive to amass greater profits. These price hikes threaten to quickly devour the wage gains that workers have won through bitter struggle on the picket lines and to place the workers still more at the mercy of speculators and profiteers.

In the battle against mounting inflation, the workers can rely only upon the independent action of their own unions. A clause in union contracts providing for the reopening of wage negotiations in case of increased living costs, such as the CIO United Rubber Workers have just won, is a progressive step toward safeguarding the workers against inflation. A rising scale of wages, pegged to the cost of living, is the best way for the workers to combat this method of assault upon their living standards by Big Business and its government.

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WILLIAM S. FARRELL, Militant Reporter on Ferguson Case.

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—Leon Trotsky

"Third Party" Or A Real Labor Party?

More and more workers are becoming disgusted and disillusioned with Democratic and Republican parties of Big Business. They are looking forward to the creation of an independent labor party based upon the trade unions which can effectively fight against the forces of capitalist reaction.

This growing revulsion against the capitalist parties is forcing some misleaders of the working people to pay lip-service to the demand for independent labor political action while actually working to keep the masses shackled to the capitalist political machines and their policies.

The leaders of the Communist (Stalinist) Party are in the forefront of those who are offering the workers "substitutes" for a genuine labor party. For years the Stalinists have been giving servile support to the Democratic administration. In New York and elsewhere they have made the most unprincipled deals with both Democratic and Republican political servants of Big Business. Now they are beginning to talk about the need for a "third party."

At the same time the Stalinists ferociously attack the movement for an independent labor party. Their chief target is the Trotskyists who are the most consistent champions of the Labor Party. For example, in the February 1946 Political Affairs, Stalinist theoretical organ, Max Weiss attacks the "Trotskyites" for "fighting for a labor party," that is, a party of labor alone!

The Stalinists call for a "Third Party." They hope to divert and discredit the movement for a Labor Party. Instead of basing any new party on the trade unions, they want to place it under the control of bankrupt capitalist politicians like Henry Wallace and careerists and adventurers like Johannes Steel. The Stalinists want merely a third party pressure-grouping to use for bargaining with the two major parties.

The organized American workers have shown their tremendous power in the recent great strike struggles. They have demonstrated that they can win the leadership of all the oppressed and exploited. The 14,000,000 organized workers together with their families and friends constitute the overwhelming majority of the people. They are fully capable of creating a labor party which can not only speak for the workers in Congress but end the rule of Wall Street and put labor in power.

The capitalist rulers of America are terrified at this prospect. That is why the Stalinists, who oppose and sabotage the Labor Party movement in favor of a "third party" hodge-podge, are playing the game of Big Business.

Ship Steal

The capitalist press, in buried and tiny items, reported on March 8 that President Truman had signed the "Ship Sales" Bill, cynically described by the Associated Press as "spelling out the method of disposing of an estimated 17 billion dollars worth of surplus war-built merchant ships."

What the bill really "spells out" the January 12 Militant revealed in an exclusive expose. This is a monumental swindle of not less than six billion dollars by the rapacious ship operators.

The bill provides that the 55-million ton government-built merchant fleet shall be "disposed of" to private shipping combines and speculators at prices ranging down to 31½ per cent of "prewar domestic cost."

The bill was written by the operators themselves. It provides that their agents on the Maritime Commission shall determine what any ship is worth in terms of "prewar costs." This means that hundreds of ships built at public expense are to be handed over virtually as a gift to the profit-hungry ship owners.

The language of the bill is so complex and obscure that it can be interpreted any way the ship operators and their government agents desire. Three members of the Maritime Commission, which will handle the "disposal," recently resigned after it was discovered that the commission records contained a "slight error" of more than five billion dollars—to the advantage of the operators.

This brazen grand-scale ship robbery writ-

ten into law and signed by Truman, has been almost completely concealed by Congress and the Big Business press. The bill was quietly slipped through Congress just before last Christmas and truly reflected the Christmas spirit felt by the capitalist legislators toward the shipping pirates.

Compared to this ship steal, the much-publicized Pauley oil scandal is just small-town boarding house intrigue. In the instance of the "Ship Sales" Bill, however, the ship lobby and their government agents have succeeded in carrying through their piratical scheme without public disclosure.

Once again, by their domination of the government, the Big Business interests have made a "legal" grab of a huge slice of the public wealth. Such robbery could never be perpetrated under the Trotskyist program for government operation under workers' control, of government-built and idle plants and equipment.

Food Is A Weapon

As a result of the devastation wrought by World War II, millions of men, women and children throughout the world are dying of starvation and disease.

The capitalist rulers of the United States and the other big powers are taking advantage of this appalling misery for their own reactionary ends. They are using the threat of withholding food and medicine to bludgeon the people into accepting governments favorable to the Allies. They use relief to fortify dictatorial and reactionary capitalist regimes.

Imperialism is thus using hunger as a weapon against the European workers and colonial peoples, just as employers use hunger against striking workers in this country.

Herbert Lehman, director of the UNRRA, hopes to repeat the performance of Herbert Hoover, head of the American Relief Administration, which played the same role after the first World War. Now Hoover himself has been named honorary chairman of the Famine Emergency Committee.

From 1919 to 1922 the ARA served as a vicious instrument in the hands of the Allies. The masses were hungry, cold and sick. The ARA withheld food from famished but rebellious peoples while shipping vast quantities of supplies to the bloody regimes of "Butcher" Mannerheim in Finland, Pilsudski in Poland and the Horthy dictatorship in Hungary.

Allied food and supplies were especially used to aid the counter-revolutionary forces attacking the Soviet Union, while the beleaguered workers' state was blockaded.

Today in Greece, UNRRA hands over food and clothing to the puppet government there which sells it on the black market at fabulous prices. Thus the famished, disease-ridden people of Europe are again being lashed into acceptance of dictatorial governments by the sharp pangs of hunger. It is an elementary obligation of the American working people to demonstrate their solidarity with the starving workers of other lands. The American labor and farmer organizations should undertake the collection of supplies to be rushed abroad immediately.

But we must make sure it goes to the working masses and not to their enemies. Consequently American labor must insist that control over the administration and distribution of all supplies, including those sent by the government, be placed exclusively in the hands of the workers' organizations in the famine-stricken areas.

Rubber Union's Victory

The CIO United Rubber Workers of America has won what is unquestionably the outstanding contract settlement of any major union in this period. Its terms are reported on the first page of this issue of The Militant.

This contract not only provides the greatest single wage gain secured for the workers of any big industry—a total of 24 cents an hour. But this wage increase was obtained without making a single concession to the union-weakening demands of the corporations.

There were no "company security" clauses smuggled into the contract to permit the corporations to victimize union militants and undermine the locals.

Moreover, the contract was so written as to permit the union to reopen the wage fight at any time in order to resist the inflation aimed at robbing the workers of their wage gains.

And be it noted, this contract was negotiated without any interference or "assistance" from capitalist government agencies.

How was this accomplished?

The heart of the rubber union is the big Akron locals with a long record of militant struggle. Throughout the war, the Akron unionists stubbornly resisted the provocations of the corporations.

In the spring and summer of 1945, while the war was in progress, the Akron rubber plants witnessed a series of militant strikes, climaxed by the Goodyear walkout which led to a government plant "seizure."

The local Akron union leaders are experienced and tested trade union militants who have earned the trust of the workers because of their fighting qualities. Three of these local leaders were on the top negotiating committee.

The rubber corporations—and there are none tougher or more arrogant—knew that the rubber workers were prepared for a battle and meant business. Many a fighting picket line has taught the rubber barons to respect the power of the union. And they knew what to expect if the rubber workers, inspired by the great strike struggles of this period, hit the picket lines.

Because the rubber workers depended solely on the independent power of the union, because they not only talked fight but meant fight, they secured an outstanding and inspiring triumph.



"Quick, Doctor—do you have an antidote for 'The Militant'?"

Workers BOOKSHELF

THE INJUSTICE OF MILITARY JUSTICE, By Walter Wilson, 7 Washington Place, New York, 24 pages, 25 cents.

"A military court is not a court," states the author of this pamphlet. "It is a club with which the military hierarchy can terrorize all soldiers, instilling in them blind, unquestioning obedience to authority. It is a club with which to enforce perpetuation of the army's caste system."

Just as after World War I, writes Wilson, when full "revelations of horrors perpetrated on members of the AEF came long after the Armistice," so today only the first of similar crimes against enlisted men in World War II are beginning to seep through the censorship.

"Corporal punishment is illegal in American armies," the author states. Yet in Lichfield, England, a U. S. Army Reinforcement Depot, at least one soldier was killed and many were beaten and tortured, as revealed in a recent trial. The camp officers were whitewashed.

"Another camp which has produced a beatings - of - soldiers scandal is right here under our noses," writes Wilson. "The Army Air base prison at Lincoln, Nebraska. There a cadet was clubbed unconscious and several soldiers whipped while on the prison rock pile." Wilson emphasizes that the full story of outrages against World War II soldiers "has not yet been told in its sordid entirety."

SICK AND WOUNDED VICTIMS

Wilson states that many sick soldiers are among those brutally mistreated, as well as soldiers just out of hospitals, soldiers suffering from combat fatigue, from war shock, from psychoneurotic conditions. Soldiers are

punished far in excess of their trivial infractions of military law. They are given long prison sentences at hard labor, and dishonorable discharges.

A dishonorable discharge "means a lot more than you think," writes Wilson. "There is a kind of black list involved. The Army expects employers and civil officials to make pariahs of soldiers with discharges so marked. Officers have been known to hound men out of employment."

He states that "under the so-called Devil's Article, the 96th... almost any daily act of a soldier could be construed as a military crime."

While the most severe punishment is meted out to enlisted men for minor offenses and often for no offense at all, officers are seldom even brought to trial for real crimes, and then are whitewashed. Thus officers "get away" with crimes which range from such abuses as torture and murder of privates to dishonesty, inefficiency and graft.

TWO STANDARDS OF JUSTICE

"There are two standards of justice in the armed forces," writes Wilson. "One for enlisted men and another for officers." Military justice serves two purposes: "(1) discipline through terrorism, (2) perpetuation of an officer caste. Both are different sides of the same coin."

Wilson points out the lessons to be learned from the scandals which followed Armistice Day after the last war. Many of the 350,000 courts - martial cases which took place then "involved incredibly stupid charges and inconceivably cruel punishments."

He gives typical examples of such cases.

He states that 90 per cent of the victimized soldiers saw com-

bat... many were just out of hospitals and not entirely cured of wounds. They were imprisoned after the Armistice, and one of the worst AEF chain gangs was set up on November 11, 1918. Some of the victims were entirely innocent and were never tried. Some were in prison awaiting trial and treated like dangerous criminals. "These chain gangs existed with full knowledge of every high officer in the Paris Command."

After the last war, just as now, sadistic officers responsible for these crimes were whitewashed and even rewarded by the army and the highest governmental bodies.

CAPITALIST CLASS JUSTICE

Wilson demands a series of reforms of the army and its military law. He calls for democratization of West Point and education for soldiers regarding military law in the form of a popular booklet. He wants privates to serve in courts-martial cases now decided by the big brass. He suggests a public investigation of the whole courts-martial system in World War II, in which radio and newspaper appeals would invite veterans and GIs to come before investigators with their grievances.

These proposed reforms, however, barely scratch the surface of the present set-up in the U. S. armed forces. Although Wilson does state that "such abuses are only symptoms of a basic disease," he fails to point out that this basic disease has its source in the class divisions and oppression within capitalist society itself. The "Injustice of Military Justice" is in reality an integral part of the whole system of class justice under capitalist rule.

Reviewed by Larissa Reed

Congressmen At Work

If there's one thing Wall Street's Congressmen pride themselves on, it's their ability to run the country. They maintain that the organized workers could never handle government affairs right and they laugh real loud whenever anyone suggests trying out socialism to see if it wouldn't pull the nation out of the mess into which capitalism has brought it. But even these experts are not immune to a slight error now and then. Thus Senator Aiken of Vermont pointed out a minor discrepancy the other day in the books of the Maritime Commission for the year 1943:

"Do Members of the Senate still think that the juggling of accounts to the tune of \$5,822,873,498.50 (that's billions)... is a matter to be dealt with lightly...?"

To really make Congress pay attention to this little slip up, and decide on some constructive self-criticism Aiken asked: "If \$5,822,873,498.50 of accounts had been juggled by the Maritime Commission and War Shipping Administration up to June 30, 1943, what must the situation be at the present time?"

Aiken, naturally, hastened to assure his fellow representatives of Wall Street that "it is, of course, the prerogative of the Congress to ignore this report of the Comptroller General..." And just to emphasize that he



was not accusing anybody of anything, Aiken made clear what he thought of the three Admirals in charge of these funds who recently hastily made up their minds to get off the Maritime Commission: "The three admirals left. I do not believe the fact that they were admirals had anything to do with this mix-up, because I suppose if they had been carpenters, or farmers, or perhaps even bookkeepers, the same errors might have been found."

Another expert in running the country, Senator Bailey of North Carolina, handled the issue like a true Wall Street statesman: "Mr. President... I cannot allow, this occasion to pass without saying in a humble way, that in a wholly inadequate way, that I think Admiral Land, the Chairman of the Maritime Commission, and Admiral Vickery,

the naval architect, deserve at the hands of the country a debt of gratitude which will last as long as the flag flies above us. The task which they accomplished was herculean. Sometimes we use the word 'miraculous.'"

Bailey explained away the \$5,822,873,498.50 "error" of these admirals in a manner that won applause from the assembled political representatives of Wall Street: "Ours is a very fallible world, a fallible President, a fallible court, and we have fallible citizens. There are even fallible Senators and fallible newspapers. The world was cast in the mold and in the circumstance of fallibility. But I know of no serious mistake having been made by the men to whom I have referred, namely, Admiral Land and Admiral Vickery. I know of nothing in the entire picture that mars the splendid record which they have made, which shines now and will shine even more brightly as the decades pass."

That ought to satisfy all the suckers who vote for Wall Street's representatives to run the country. After all, the \$5,822,873,498.50 (that's billions) which slipped through the Admirals' butter-fingers cost each man, woman and child in the United States not more than \$44.22. And that's chicken feed.

PROBLEMS FACING WAR VETERANS

By CHARLES CARSTEN

What Happened to 'Full Employment'?

During the long, monotonous years in the armed forces, men dreamed about how they would like to live on their return to civilian life. They thought about their wives, homes and children, about steak dinners, movies, baseball games and automobile trips to the country on week-ends.

For many veterans, realization of their dreams must seem more distant and less likely now than it did when they were fighting in Africa, Europe or the Far East.

More than a million veterans are drawing the \$20 a week "readjustment" allowance. They are unemployed. Prospects for the future are not very bright. By spring, officials estimate 6,000,000 ex-GIs will be unemployed.

What has the government done to provide jobs for these men who only yesterday were "promised" economic security?

The so-called "Full Employment Bill," a mere gesture in the direction of solving the problem, was viciously opposed and cut to pieces by Congressmen. Wall Street's agents in Washington even insisted on changing the name to "The Employment Act of 1946" so that no one would get the impression that jobs for all were in any sense intended by Congress. In its final emasculated form, the "Employment Act" satisfied the bitterest opponents of the original bill. They said that "there is nothing in the (amended) bill with which anyone could disagree." It is absolutely meaningless.

Some veterans get jobs, jobs that offer neither economic security nor a living wage. Three or four million veterans, who had no prior claim to jobs, are working for scandalously low wages. Pay rates below 65 cents an hour are common.

What has Congress done? Congress has delayed consideration of a bill which would make 65 cents an hour the minimum wage. Even this starvation pay is considered too high for workers by these reactionary servants of Wall Street.

Only the Unions Fight for GIs

Only the trade unions have fought in the interest of the ex-GIs. During the few months since the war ended, union after union has struck for decent wages. It is not only the present union members who stand to gain by the wage increases they are winning. GIs will return to better paid jobs because the unions are fighting to raise the wages of all workers.

The CIO demands enactment by Congress of a minimum wage law. And it goes further than that in its fight for the veterans.

The CIO is demanding that the government loan money directly to veterans who wish to buy a farm or open a small business.

The CIO is pressing Congress to raise unemployment compensation for veterans to \$25 a week with \$5 additional for each dependent up to three. It urges payment of unemployment compensation for ex-GIs who are on strike.

The CIO is demanding government aid for veterans who wish to return to high school. It insists on elimination of the 25-year age limit on educational benefits. It calls for the raising of government subsidies to student veterans up to \$90 a month plus \$25 a month for each dependent up to three.

To solve the housing needs of workers and veterans, the CIO is fighting for slum-clearance and greatly-expanded, low-cost housing financed by the state and federal government.

These are only a few examples illustrating the concern the unions have for the welfare of veterans. Despite all the deficiencies in the present policies and program of the unions, which we have pointed out in this column, organized labor has shown itself to be the only real force fighting in the interest of the veterans.

Insurance Bribe Case Lobbyist Heads RFC

By Jeff Thorne

The oil scandal that broke with Truman's nomination of oil lobbyist Edwin Pauley for Navy Undersecretary revealed no exceptional or accidental aspect of capitalist politics. It uncovered a typical example of the whole pattern of American machine politics under the Democratic and Republican parties of Wall Street. Most "Pauley incidents," however, are successfully hushed up.

That such "incidents" may crop up more frequently under Truman can be expected, because he is a thorough-going Democratic machine politician and a graduate of the notorious Pendergast school of graft in Missouri.

One of Truman's first acts as President was to fire Maurice Milligan, the U. S. District Attorney, who in 1939 had jailed Truman's old pal, Boss Tom Pendergast of Kansas City, for bribery. Also Truman accomplished a political pay-off that he had unsuccessfully attempted several times as Senator and as vice-president. He got a \$6,200-a-year State Department job for a Pendergast nephew.

And right while the Pauley case was so hot, another job for a Pendergast-tainted appointment was quietly approved by the Senate. George Allen, vice-president of an insurance company that bribed Pendergast, was confirmed as Director of the Government's Reconstruction Finance Corporation. At the same time, he was allowed to continue numerous Big Business positions. Drew Pearson, Washington columnist, reviewed Allen's link with the Pendergast insurance bribe case.

Missouri's fire insurance companies had offered Pendergast \$750,000 to help them hang onto \$9,674,000 excess rates they had been forced to impound during court proceedings. The money really belonged, of course, to policy holders, but by a compromise in the case the companies were allowed to keep 80 per cent.

Fourteen companies had paid Pendergast \$330,000 when a Government probe stopped the game. During the probe, in 1938, one of the largest companies made George Allen vice-president. This charming lobbyist admitted he knows nothing about insurance but he does "know how to get into the Executive Mansion at almost any time of day or night" since he was a former WPA administrator with White House "connections."

When the same fire insurance companies were under federal indictment for violating the Anti-Trust Act, the House rushed through a bill to exempt them from the Act's provisions. The Justice Department compromised the case. Nice lobbying—and the best recommendation Allen could have had for his new job so far: as Truman and the Senate were concerned

WORKERS' FORUM

The Workers' Forum columns are open to the opinions of the readers of "The Militant". Letters are welcome on any subject of interest to the workers. Keep them short and include your name and address. Indicate if you do not want your name printed.

Auto Worker Exposes Boss Scheme to Divide Negroes and Whites

I am a reader of The Militant. I belong to CIO Auto Workers' Local 26, St. Louis, Missouri. We are striking for better working conditions. I would like to see a write-up on the St. Louis plants of Chevrolet and Fisher Body.

The Negroes here are denied the rights to have a committee-man at Chevrolet and Fisher Body, both in the same Local 26. We think that a Negro understands his people better than anyone else. He will also stick his neck out further for his people than anyone else will.

At Chevrolet there are two departments that Negroes can work in. At Fisher Body there is only one department for Negroes. We are interested in more equal opportunities for Negroes, since we are trying to get better living conditions for all workers.

Management tells the white man that the Negro wants his job. And when the Negro goes to management to try to get a better job, management tells him that the white man does not want to work with him, and that he is "afraid to put you two together" because there would be "a misunderstanding." This should be exposed. There will then be a better understanding between white and black, and more unity.

A. B.,
St. Louis

Bureaucrat 'Forgets' Socialist Principles

Charles Zimmerman, manager of Local 22, ILGWU (New York), spoke here at the Labor Education Center, February 17, on "My Ten Weeks Trip to Europe."

The audience, a sprinkling of petty bourgeois and labor bureaucrats, together with a number of serious workers still lullered by the sing-song of unprincipled labor soothsayers, heard Zimmerman speak of his experiences as a delegate from the Jewish Labor Committee in the war-torn countries of Europe.

Zimmerman talked in a monotonous fashion. Only toward the close did he display any feeling. He dwelt fleetingly on the horrors that Nazism let loose on humanity as a whole, and the Jews in particular. He spent considerable time in describing the postwar conditions that would confront those who were released from the concentration camps or survived the Nazi terror. He praised the Scandinavian countries for their humanitarianism and only mildly criticized the Allied countries for their selfish attitude in keeping the doors closed to emigrants.

In the same breath, while he was describing the spread of anti-Semitism over Europe, he added that he had met with the Prime Minister of Poland who had promised him that laws against anti-Semitism would be enacted there soon!

It is amazing to learn that Mr. Zimmerman would take the word of a political opportunist that he would or could ban anti-Semitism—because Zimmerman should know full well the economic basis for racial prejudice. And in any case, how could he take as good coin the word of a puppet politician?

The same Zimmerman, known years ago as "Sasha," who led the left opposition in the ILGWU, after passing through the Communist-Stalinist tribe, through the Lovestone movement, and by trading in principles wound up in a soft chair at the round table of labor bureaucrats, now has degenerated still further. He is engaged in peddling the promises of equally degenerated European politicians among the Jewish masses.

Sasha has forgotten the lessons of Socialism that racial and

religious prejudices and discrimination are tools in the hands of capitalism to keep workers separated and in conflict with each other, so that Big Business can remain in power. Forgotten are the high-ringing slogans that Sasha used to hurl from the podium. Sasha feels very comfortable in his present "respectability." Like the others who used to decry against the real socialism of the Trotskyists—like Gitlow, Budenz, and Browder—he has slipped into the ranks of the traitors, as an apologist for capitalism, among Jewish workers.

Good skidding, Sasha. However, my evening was not lost, because Comrade Newell and I sold 15 copies of the Labor Party pamphlet and Trotsky's "Fascism—What Is It?" as well as a number of Militants at the affair.

A. Poland,
Philadelphia

Indian Famine Took 10 Million Lives

The February 23 issue of The Militant, page three, under the head "Famine in India Threatens Lives of Ten Million," states that the Bengal famine of 1943-44 took a million and a half lives.

The official government figure for all of India is, I believe, one million and a half. The estimate, conservatively, of the Bolshevik-Leninist Party of India is six million; this figure can be found in documents and articles received from them. Other agencies in India place the figure as high as ten million. This figure was given to me by a student of the University of Calcutta who was engaged at the time in relief service carried out by students' organizations, and estimating the extent of the starvation. By far the greater part of the deaths occurred in Bengal, so that the official government lie of one and a half million deaths does not belong in our paper.

I feel rather sensitive to the statistics on the question, because in India itself it is one of the most disputed points, or rather was such in 1944. All government lackeys, including the Stalinists, tended to accept government figures or a near approximation of them. I found that I could gauge a man's general political orientation by asking him how many deaths resulted from the famine.

L. Scott
San Pedro

Brass Hat Hypocrisy Hits New High In Call For Negro GIs

This is really one for the books: "A General Board Asks For More Negro Soldiers." Big deal! After Jim Crowing thousands of Negro soldiers in the "democratic" army during the war, the Brass cordially invites Negro youth to step right up and make a career of it.

They may be murdering freedom-demanding Negroes in Fontana, California, or Long Island, New York, but I seriously doubt if we'll see a wild rush by Negro youth to the recruiting offices. To add insult to injury, the Brass-Board (with a wink toward Bilbo and Rankin, no doubt) makes clear that present War Department policies will continue in effect.

The present policies—"separate facilities for Negroes and whites"—JIM CROW in plain Georgian. And this is the payoff, a clincher in first-rate hypocrisy: the concluding statement of the Board says that the policy it recommends is "consistent with the democratic ideals upon which the nation and its representative Army are based."

Sam Taylor
Madison, Wisc.

Strikes Equalize AN Workers

In the February 23 issue of The Militant appeared a continued article entitled "Diary of a Steel Worker," by T. Kovalevsky. In this supposed letter to a fellow steel worker, comments are made about how workers were supposed to be sleepy and slow in the past, and how these same workers are now awake to challenge and resist the present conditions in which the workers have found themselves.

Workers have the same faults, virtues and desires as other human beings, and during the war they were all lulled to sleep by assurance of high earnings that were possible on war jobs. They bragged about them, and spent freely. To be sure a few did wake up occasionally at a union meeting to present a personal grievance, which they expected to be adjusted or corrected by other union members. In other words, the union was used as a means of personal advancement to a few instead of a benefit to the many who also paid dues.

However, when the war came to an end, all workers were faced with reduced earnings because of shorter hours, and the need for striking in order to increase their earnings to meet increased living costs. It is these strikes that have compelled all workers to stick together and to be loyal to each other for a common purpose. It is strikes that have equalized all workers.

Those with the greatest seniority were always certain of their jobs, with no thought to those who had to be laid off because they had worked the shortest time. But during a strike they all have taken vacations of equal length.

A comparison or study of the after affects of previous wars, will reveal whether or not human beings are supposed to make blood money out of war, and whether it is possible for this money to be of permanent benefit to any one, including the corporations, and the much abused small businesses. Labor leaders have all learned how difficult it is to control their members.

Anna Sager,
Toledo, Ohio

Veteran Calls For Mass Protests Against Atom Bomb "Experiment"

This Spring somewhere in the Pacific at a place called Bikini Lagoon, the Navy and Air Force of the United States will carry out a so-called "laboratory test" which will cost the people of this country hundreds of millions of dollars, if not their lives, and may destroy the present civilization. This is nothing but a fiendish scheme of Washington and Wall Street to aid their imperialist program by terrorizing other countries.

It shows very plainly to what extent this government will go in order to gain capitalist concessions. It is admitted by the leading atomic research scientists of the world that neither they nor anyone else know what this folly will bring to humanity. One leading scientist said that the underwater explosions of these atomic explosions could cause a tidal wave that may destroy all coastal cities throughout the world, to say nothing of the smaller islands of the Pacific!

Even in the government's ranks there is fear and uncertainty. The US Air Force published a statement saying that the Air Force is not interested in staging a test to see what atomic bombs can do against surface ships. The Air Force states that battleships and smaller craft can be sunk and destroyed easily enough by ordinary bombs, and that atomic bombs should be reserved for industrial targets. I am surprised they don't make their test on some Chinese city that is controlled by Red troops, killing two birds with one stone.

HALT WAR-MONGERS

I am a veteran of this war and saw it all the way through. I've had enough war for one lifetime at least. I want to call on all veterans to get together on a common program to stop this war-mongering. One way is to flood Washington with letters letting them know how you feel about this insane experiment with a weapon that could easily destroy the world. Put this subject on the floor at your veterans' meetings and have your

organization protest directly to President Truman. Although he is just a speaker for Wall Street, enough pressure will force him to act. Bring it up at your trade union meetings and have them protest formally. Enough pressure on this question may save the world.

The atomic bomb is a threat to the world that we cannot ignore. I am surprised that the public hasn't done something about it already. The public seems to be so afraid of this thing we know so little about, that they are willing to leave its fate in the hands of people who "know a little more."

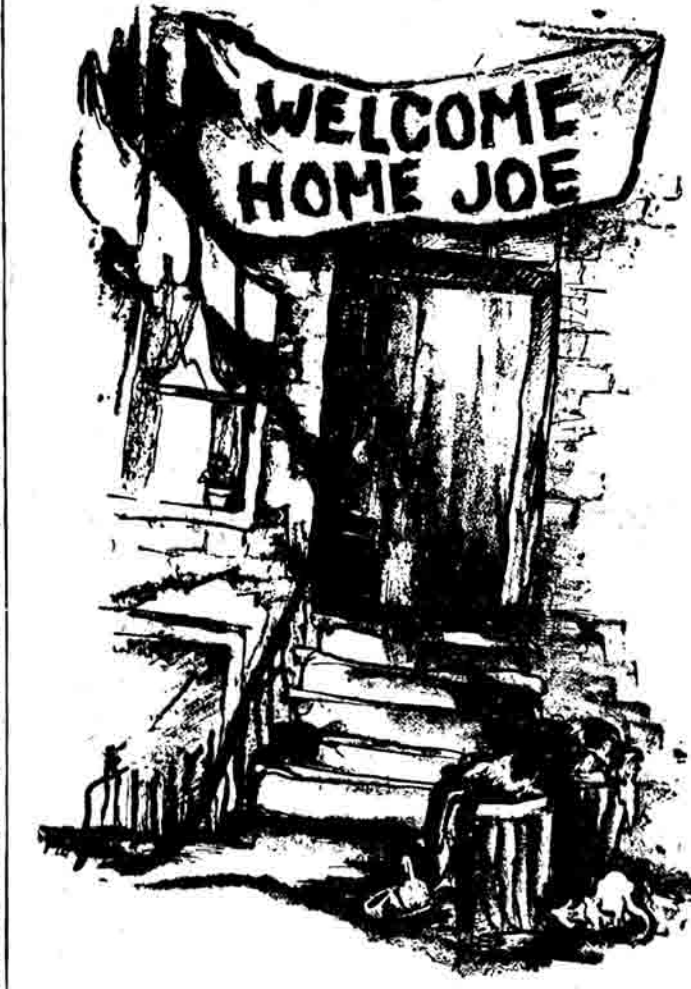
Well, no one knows much more about it than the general public. As for hoping the UNO will do something about your safety—the UNO is far in the lead in the war-mongering field, and with this weapon at its disposal would be twice as dangerous. Nothing can ever come out of the UNO but more wars and imperialist expansion, more oppression for the workers of the world. The UNO was set up to aid the capitalists and to repress the workers' revolutions throughout the world. And in its hands, the atomic bomb will be used to smash the fight for independence of the colonial countries.

NEXT STEP—USSR?

If this test in the Pacific is allowed to go through, and it doesn't destroy the world, the next step will be a test on Russia, probably also under the label of "laboratory test." Last night a radio commentator (speaking unofficially for the government) gave a list of bases

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Freeport's Jim-Crow Ghetto—A Scene Of Squalor And Filth

Few people except the Negroes forced to live there know how terrible living conditions are in Bennington Park, the Jim Crow ghetto of Freeport, Long Island. The murder of the Ferguson brothers has turned a light on Freeport's vicious anti-Negro policies; but the day-by-day atrocity of forcing people to live in filth and squalor, still hasn't been told.

There are 1,300 Negroes living in Bennington Park—243 families, with some 400 children. Only 39 of the families are home owners. The other 204 families rent houses. If you can call them that. Most of the homes are miserable, broken-down fire-traps. There is hardly such a thing as a bath tub or an inside toilet. In one place, investigators found six outside toilets less than 100 feet from a well—the well from which residents still have to pump their drinking water by hand.

These terrible hovels aren't cheap, either! The average rental is \$10 a room. Families are crowded together. One three-story frame building, for instance, houses six families, a total of 27 persons, and yields \$110 a month to its owner.

Not only are Negro families forced to live in filthy, rundown ghettos, but, like the Ferguson brothers, they are always in danger of outrages and assaults, and even murder by the Jim Crow police.

W. R.
Freeport, L. I.

Challenges Red Cross To Aid GM Workers

The Red Cross claims it is ready to help victims of all disasters quickly and efficiently. I wonder if this will have any application to the GM workers who have been on strike 102 days at this writing (March 2)?

Kindly take note, Chairman Charles J. Fagel! The GM militant workers who number about 225,000 had from four to forty hours' pay, at an average of \$1 an hour, deducted from their pay envelope each year for the Red Cross during our four war years. A vast majority of our workers are veterans of World Wars I and II.

Richard McCoy,
N. Arlington, N. J.

Pioneer Notes

Almost every mail brings us letters from our friends abroad, letters which bring the awful destruction of the war very close. They write especially of the destruction of their libraries—collections of Marxist literature which, in many cases, took a lifetime to collect.

One friend from Holland writes: "There is a great interest for good socialist literature in Holland. There is real reading-hunger."

Another friend from Amsterdam wrote requesting us to send him The Revolution Betrayed, The First Five Years of the Communist International, The History of American Trotskyism and Negroes in the Post War World. He writes: "I am very interested in obtaining these works. We have no other opportunity of purchasing revolutionary literature."

And from Melbourne, Australia, we have this letter: "At present L. Trotsky's works are not available for purchase in Australia and Rosa Luxemburg's are not even obtainable in the libraries. I am extremely anxious to obtain copies of the books of these Marxists, particularly those of Trotsky. Hence I am writing to inquire if you are still publishing them."

And from London, immediately upon the receipt of a large order of the two new books, Revolution Betrayed and The First Five Years of the Communist International we hear: "It was a day of great excitement to see so many books of the Old Man. Needless to say we shall have no difficulty in selling them to our members (The Revolutionary Communist Party) but there is still a great market outside the membership of the party."

The Revolution Betrayed, by Leon Trotsky, clothbound \$2; paperback \$1.

The First Five Years of the Communist International, by Leon Trotsky, clothbound \$2.50; paperback \$1.50.

Order from Pioneer Publishers, 116 University Place, New York 3, N. Y.

Youth Group Activities

NEW YORK — The Trotskyist Youth Group, 116 University Place, holds its weekly forum every Friday at 8 p. m. Dancing and refreshments after every meeting. Send name and address for weekly announcement.

Harlem: Every Monday, 8 p. m., class on "Fundamentals of Socialism," Dick Guerrero, instructor, 103 W. 110 St., R. 23.

PHILADELPHIA—Youth Forums held every Saturday, 8 p. m. 1303-05 W. Girard Ave., 2nd floor.

LOS ANGELES — Write to SWP headquarters, 145 S. Broadway, for information on Youth Group activities.

Watch this column for further details on youth activities.

Movie Reviews By Marxists Needed

Today, whether we like it or not, the American worker receives his political education (or, more properly, miseducation) neither from the prostitute press, nor from Marxian polemics, but rather in double feature doses at the neighborhood theater. At least once a week he escapes his cramped three-room proletarian world and loses himself in the lusty glitter and tinsel of bourgeois Hollywood. It is the ideally contrived escape for the fatigued mind and body.

Any newspaperman knows the value of visual propaganda. The newspaper as an agitational weapon is hard-pressed to keep abreast of the movies in this area. It is impossible to gauge the impact on the workers' receptive mind of a few hundred feet of chauvinistic newsreel; a labor-baiting (but oh, so subtly) March of Time, or a stew of idealistic garbage in technicolor—starring Betty Grable and John Payne and bearing the moral, "with hard work comes success."

Given these premises, The Militant should take under advisement the pros and cons of carrying a movie column. It is a sorry state of affairs when a worker must depend on Stalinist hacks for so-called Marxian analyses of the most potent ideological weapon in the hands of the bourgeoisie today.

M. Leeds,
Bronx, N. Y.

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Newsstand sales of The Militant have mounted steadily in the past few months. An examination of the featured box "Where To Buy The Militant" reveals that practically every large city in the country has a number of newsstands that display and sell The Militant.

In addition, reports from our literature agents testify to The Militant's growing popularity and increased sales.

Ruth Laurie of Newark writes: "The Militant has been placed on a number of newsstands in Newark. In one particular working class and business area it has gotten very good newsstand display, and many people have inquired about it and bought copies. Three of these people became regular customers of The Militant, and in the course of the sub campaign these three readers secured subs to the paper through the store owner. They had never come across the paper before seeing it on this newsstand."

"Others have bought the paper now and then, and also copies of Fourth International, which were placed on display for the first time. It's interesting to note that in years past this store sold three or more copies of the Daily Worker every day, and now sells but one a day. The stand however sells three copies of The Militant weekly."

"It's a good idea to get The Militant on as many neighborhood newsstands as possible, as well as those downtown and in bookstores that carry periodicals and papers. Today innumerable union offices welcome The Militant and we mustn't forget to get our paper in the reading centers, the barber shops and the libraries, too."

I. London of Cleveland sends the prize note of the week: "During a recent Pressmen's Strike in Cleveland, lasting about 5 weeks, we began placing The Militant on newsstands and in drugstores. We were hampered for a time by the lack of an automobile, but nevertheless got the ball rolling and by the end of the strike had the paper placed in 13 spots. The last four days of the strike

we sold 800 copies of The Militant."

"A goodly number of these stands will continue to sell The Militant and sell increasingly large numbers, too."

"We checked one newsstand that also handled the Daily Worker and found that The Militant sold almost as many, in spite of the fact that the former is a daily. The sales of The Militant were 350 copies, whereas the Daily Worker, including Sunday were 400."

Dorothy Leasing of Baltimore writes: "We have put The Militant on five newsstands; three in the center of the city, two on East Baltimore Street. The paper is going well on both stands in the latter area; particularly, we distributed about 150 copies of The Militant in the neighborhood of these stands, advertising the fact that it could be bought in the neighborhood. We had also concentrated on an area not far from these stands during the sub campaign. The section is a working-class one, and in addition these stands display the paper very well. Any or all of these factors may account for the success of sales there."

Libby Jones of Buffalo sent us this interesting item: "One of the Bethlehem strikers told a comrade: 'I can always tell on the picket-line and at the union meetings which are the guys who read The Militant. They're the best guys.'"

Branches of the Socialist Workers Party are vying with one another for representation in the statistics section of this column. Some of the leading branches are:

Local New York—62 six-month and 26 one-year renewals in addition to 28 six-month and 7 one-year new subscriptions.

Pittsburgh—11 six-month and 1 one-year new subscription.

Connecticut—26 six-month new subscriptions—many of these were sold to striking workers.

Minneapolis—8 six-month and 6 one-year renewals.

Philadelphia—10 six-month and 3 one-year renewals in addition to 4 six-month and 1 one-year new subscription.

OUR PROGRAM:

1. Full employment and job security for all workers and veterans!

A sliding scale of hours! Reduce the hours of work with no reduction in pay!

A rising scale of wages! Increase wages to meet the increased cost of living!

Government operation of all idle and government-built plants under workers' control!

Unemployment insurance equal to trade union wages during the entire period of unemployment!

2. Independence of the trade unions from the government!

No restriction on the right to strike!

3. Organization of the war veterans by the trade unions!

4. Full equality for Negroes and national minorities!

Down with Jim Crow!

5. Build an independent labor party!

6. Tax the rich, not the poor!

No taxes on incomes under \$5,000 a year!

7. A working class answer to capitalist militarism!

Military training of workers, financed by the government, but under control of the trade unions! Trade union wages for all workers in the armed forces!

8. Solidarity with the revolutionary struggles of the workers in all lands!

For the complete independence of the colonial peoples!

Withdraw all American troops from foreign soil!

9. For a Workers' and Farmers' Government!

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☐ To obtain further information about your organization.

☐ To attend meetings and forums of the Socialist Workers Party in my city.

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CITY _____

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AKRON

George Grant, Cleveland SWP Organizer

Will speak on

The Toledo Auto-Lite Strike:

REPORT OF A PARTICIPANT

The Workers' Answer to the Depression

FRIDAY, March 22, 8 p. m.

The Militant Club

405-6 Everett Bldg — 39 E. Market St.

SWP Branches Greet "Militant" Fund Drive With Enthusiasm, Campaign Director Reports

By Justine Lang
Campaign Director

With this week's issue of *The Militant* we are opening the campaign to raise \$15,000 needed to maintain our 8-page paper and extend its circulation.

The great role *The Militant* played during the recent strike struggles, and the warm response received from the workers, make it imperative for us to reach tens of thousands of new readers.

Branches of the Socialist Workers Party are mobilizing behind this campaign and in every case have accepted quotas, their part in making this goal a reality. In fact, Local New York voluntarily raised its quota from \$3,000 to \$2,500 in an action unanimously approved by the Local's Convention held last week.

"We consider it our obligation to raise our local quota," said Comrade Thomas, organizer of Local New York, "in order to come to the aid of those comrades in other centers who have been on strike for many weeks and have drawn no pay."

MANY IDEAS

An indication of the serious and self-sacrificing attitude in the \$15,000 fund drive is expressed in this note from Comrade Florence Bronze, organizer of the Harlem Branch of Local New York:

"Our branch has been established only since October, and consists in the main of Negro

workers. Our comrades are the most oppressed and exploited section of the working class, but feel very keenly the responsibility of this obligation, and will do everything possible to go over our quota.

"One of our comrades who has a very low paying job and a family with two children to support, pledged \$5, and indicated that he would try to contribute another \$5 before the campaign was concluded.

"Many ideas were presented such as running socials, dances, getting contributions from sympathizers, taking out collection lists etc.

"We will act on many of these ideas and are confident we will meet our portion of Local New York's quota."

From Minneapolis we received the following note: "We have set up a committee of three members to direct collection of this fund. We are confident we can fulfill our quota."

YOUTH PLEDGE

An indication of the youth sentiment of the *Militant* fund drive is revealed in this letter from Grace Wayne, Campaign Director of the Trotskyist Youth Group in New York: "Our group has accepted its quota of \$50 and results are already forthcoming. We understand the need for funds is great and want to do everything possible to help."

"We pledge ourselves to this cause and will undertake to cooperate to the fullest extent of our capacity. We are confident we can surpass our goal."

Militant fund collection lists are being sent to all SWP branches. We plan to circulate these lists among *Militant* readers and subscribers, shopmates and friends and have them help us in a tangible way to successfully complete our fund drive. Readers and friends who wish to help us may obtain these lists by writing to Business Manager, 116 University Place, New York 3.

Next week's scorecard will list the sums received from various sections. The deadline for acknowledgment in the column of the succeeding week will be Thursday. Money received after Thursday's deadline will be credited to the following week's total.

From the overwhelming acceptance of the SWP branch quotas, there is no doubt but that our \$15,000 Fund Drive will be realized. Full steam ahead!



UAW Worker Calls "Militant" 'Most Worthwhile,' Offers Aid

A short time ago, we received a subscription from a small Ohio community. Interested in learning how *The Militant* had reached this new reader, we asked where he had received it. His warm and friendly reply proves anew that workers instantly recognize *The Militant* as their own paper:

"I found it (*The Militant*) at the Willys Overland Motors plant in Toledo. . . I am an active member of the United Auto Workers CIO, Local 12, of Toledo.

"I trust this letter will explain . . . how your organization has succeeded in the distribution of this most worthwhile undertaking.

"If I can be of any further help to you or your staff, please do not hesitate to call upon me at any time." (signed) C. W.

Now we are calling upon all of our friends to help us keep *The Militant* going into homes and factories by contributing to our \$15,000 fund. We know C. W. will aid us. Will you? Use the coupon below.

Longshoremen In San Pedro Learn About 'Militant'

By Ray Burn

SAN PEDRO, Calif. — For over a year now, I've been helping to distribute *The Militant* at the Longshore union meetings in Wilmington. Last night something happened which I'll remember for a long time.

I was distributing the paper as usual and everything was going along in a quiet sort of way. The men took the paper, and since the doors of the hall hadn't yet opened, they stood around reading their *Militants*. Soon four young Negroes came along, and I offered them the paper. One of them took it—the other three refused. I didn't urge them to accept it, for I knew that once they found out that it was a good paper, they too would gladly read it.

Then I walked over to two white men and offered them the paper. One took it the other did not. As I turned away, I heard the man who had refused the paper say to his companion, "Ah, don't read that paper. It's anti-labor and anti-union."

I turned back. "Why do you say that?" I asked. "If this paper was anti-labor, I would be the last one to distribute it. This paper is FOR labor."

"Listen, did you ever read the paper," he wanted to know. I assured him I had been reading *The Militant* for almost two years.

"Well, do you know the people behind the paper?" I told him I did.

"Do you know that they are Communists?" This was said in the manner of one imparting a great secret.

"Well, of course. *The Militant* is a socialist paper. We make no bones about the fact that it supports the program of the Socialist Workers Party."

To this he said nothing except that if we didn't like the way this country was being run, there were boats leaving for Europe every day.

GATHER TO LISTEN

By this time various men began to gather around us to see what the outcome of this little debate would be.

"Tell me," I said, "Do you believe in fighting and beating your brains out to get a raise and finally getting the raise, only to have the prices raised too? Is that what you like? Do you think it's such a wonderful thing for boys to risk their lives, or be stuck in prison camps, to come home and be beaten up by cops on picket lines?"

He agreed that that was not so good. "Ask the Negroes what kind of a democracy this is and see what they have to say. Is it democracy when a Negro family's house is burned to the ground and they are killed by vigilantes — and the trial is whitewashed and hushed up? Is it a democracy when a white cop can shoot and kill a Negro soldier and sailor and get away with it?"

"You can have that kind of a democracy," I said, "But I'll fight for something better. And if distributing this paper will help, then I'll distribute it."

I started to walk away, but I hadn't gone two feet when some of the longshoremen approached me, solemnly asked for *The Militant* and offered me money for the paper. The three young Negroes who had refused it before, looked at one another, and then one said "Say, let's see what kind of a paper that is." They took the paper.

There isn't anyone who has really read our paper who can say it is not for labor 100 per cent.

CHICAGO

Movie Party

See the Soviet Film

"Youth of Maxim"

Saturday, March 30

Buckingham Hall

59 E. Van Buren 9 p.m.

NEW YORK FORUM

INDIA'S FIGHT FOR FREEDOM

Speaker:

BILL MORGAN

"Militant" Staff Writer

Sunday, March 17

8 p.m.

116 University Place

To All Readers Of The Militant: What Is The Truth Worth To You?

You have been reading *The Militant*. You know that we tell the truth about labor's struggles for a decent living. We expose the brazen union-busting drives of the bosses. We reveal all the tricks and maneuvers put over by the Democratic and Republican political servants of the bosses.

We Need Your Help

Our subscription rates are low because we want every worker to be able to read *The Militant* every week. We know that some cannot afford to pay more. But to all of you who can, we appeal now for extra help.

We do not accept advertisements or any other kind of subsidy from Big Business and its spokesmen. Our only income is what we receive from workers like you who want to get their side—labor's side—of the news.

Mail It Today

Send us your spare pennies and dimes—and dollars, if you can. No contribution is too small or too large. Every cent you send us will be used to improve the news-coverage and increase the effectiveness of *The Militant*, in the interests of all the working people. Mail us today whatever it's worth to you, to get the truth of labor's struggles into print!

The Editors

\$15,000 'Militant' Fund Campaign Starts Mar. 15

(Continued from Page 1)

vocated by *The Militant*, said Dobbs, have become rallying cries for the most advanced sections of organized labor. *The Militant* was the first to demand that the profiteering corporations open their books for union inspection and that labor fight for a rising scale of wages to meet rising prices. It has been the most consistent champion of an independent labor party.

The Militant is an uncompromising crusader against discrimination and for complete equality of the Negro people and all oppressed minorities. It has become nationally known for its work in arousing public protest around the Fontana, California, vigilante outrages, the Jim-Crow White City Skating Rink in Chicago, the Freepress-Ferguson murder case, and the latest atrocities against the Negro community in Columbia, Tennessee.

"GET THE BOYS HOME"

The Militant was the first to raise the demand that the GIs be brought back home and all American troops be returned from foreign soil.

One of the invaluable services performed by *The Militant*, Dobbs remarked, was the news it gave American workers about the struggles of their fellow-workers in the rest of the world. Through its correspondents in other countries, *The Militant* has been able to give first-hand accounts of important strikes and demonstrations abroad.

"This is part of our duty as a revolutionary socialist paper, which sees in the solidarity of the world working class the only effective answer to nationalist hatreds and divisions."

ONLY PROGRAM OF HOPE

Dobbs stated that the capitalist administration attempted to suppress *The Militant* during World War II because it exposed the capitalist lies about the character of the war. "The *Militant* told the workers this was not a war for 'Four Freedoms,' but a war for profits. For saying that which is now becoming obvious, 18 of us Trotskyists were railroaded to prison."

"But the workers and their families who are now tormented by the horrible prospects of atomic annihilation in a Third World War will find their only hope in the revolutionary socialist program of *The Militant*."

Dobbs explained why *The Militant* needs \$15,000. He pointed out that *The Militant* is not self-sustaining through its subscriptions alone, which are priced low in order to fit a workers' budget.

Support 'The Militant'



It's written by and for workers like you.

NOT to help the bosses like him!



Unlike the capitalist press, this working class paper does not expect or receive expensive advertising from the large corporations. It must therefore rely for financial support upon the workers for whom it fights.

SPREAD THE MESSAGE

"But we are not content with our present circle of readers," said Dobbs. "We are determined to reach tens of thousands of additional workers who are undoubtedly looking for a paper like ours. They are dissatisfied with the present capitalist system but they do not as yet know how to fight its evils and build a new and better world for themselves and their families. The revolutionary socialist message of *The Militant* will bring them, light and hope."

"That is why we call upon every *Militant* reader to send a

contribution for our \$15,000 fund."

All branches of the Socialist Workers Party have accepted quotas to raise their share of the \$15,000 fund for *The Militant*. Collection lists will be provided by the Business Manager for circulation in shops and neighborhoods. Many local branches of the SWP are planning to hold social affairs to raise funds for this drive. Readers are asked to watch for announcements of these activities in *The Militant*.

Minneapolis Stalinists Attack Distributors of 'The Militant'

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT

MINNEAPOLIS, March 5 — The Stalinists have extended their sluggings and newspaper-tearing tactics to *The Militant* in three successive attacks on *Militant* distributors.

The first of these attacks occurred at a Stalinist-Lenin Memorial meeting a few weeks ago at the CIO hall, where eight distributors of *The Militant* were suddenly pounced upon by 25 or 30 Stalinists. The Stalinists tore up the *Militants* and threw them around the streets. When the distributors resisted, they were slugged and beaten, one quite severely.

Among the identified attackers were John O. Klyri and S. K. Davis, Editor and Manager of *Minnesota Labor*, official CIO newspaper, and both well-known Stalinists.

The second attack occurred a week or so later at the CIO hall where *The Militant* was being distributed at a union meeting. The Stalinists were successful in tearing up a number of papers but the intervention of CIO United Auto Workers' members thwarted the Stalinist attempts to injure the distributors.

The third attack occurred the following Thursday, February 28, at a small distribution at the CIO hall, when six burly Stalinists converged on three women and

FEAR PAPER'S SUCCESS

The Militant has been distributed at the CIO hall the past several years with growing favorable reception. Because of the success of the paper's subscription drives, it is a common occurrence for CIO members to remark that "I get *The Militant* at home."

In several issues of *Minnesota Labor*, Stalinist controlled state CIO paper, the Trotskyists have been attacked editorially. These slanderous attacks on the Trotskyists and *The Militant* did not stop the growing influence of *The Militant*, so the Stalinists are resorting to strong-arm tactics to attempt to stop the distributions.

Letters From The Strike Fronts Testify To "Militant's" Picket-Line Popularity

The Militant has played an important part in the current great strike struggles of American workers. From coast to coast it has been received by the strikers as their own paper. Our \$15,000 fund will keep *The Militant* going into the hands of workers like these, described by *Militant* distributors:

YOUNGSTOWN

On the steel strike lines at Youngstown Sheet & Tube:

"*The Militant* was known by many workers who had heard of it through their friends. Many came to get a few extra copies for other workers."

PITTSBURGH

In the steel and coal centers:

"A worker who had become acquainted with our paper during the recent distributions approached me and asked if he

could subscribe. Among the steel workers who had joined the Westinghouse strikers' picket lines, there were many men who are *Militant* subscribers."

NEW YORK

At a meeting of UAW in Manhattan Center:

"One worker said: 'Of course *The Militant* is our paper. I read it every week.' He urged every worker entering the meeting hall to get a copy of the paper."

TOLEDO

On the GM picket lines:

"What a wonderful sight it is to see the workers line up to get their copy of the paper of the socialist revolution. Some-

times they take an additional copy for a friend. We have learned that many discussions go on in the plants around the articles in *The Militant* and many workers leave their copies for workers on the second shift."

FLINT

On the GM picket lines:

"The extensive distribution of *The Militant* is accepted eagerly by picketers and is serving to influence their political thinking in class terms. *The Militant* is being recognized by many workers as the labor paper of the strike—so much so that in one day alone 40 new subscribers to the paper were obtained. We are rebuked for publishing it only once a week. Forty new subscribers in one day—that's the tune today!"

NEWARK

At a UAW meeting, Essex House:

"We just could not distribute *The Militant* fast enough! Shouts of 'five more here,' 'three more here,' 'some over here' greeted us from all sides. One GM worker from Linden asked that a number of copies be sent to his union headquarters so that it would reach other workers there."

BALTIMORE

At a UAW-GM headquarters:

"The President of one local commented on how clear our reporting of the strike was. Most of the workers active in the strike have received *The Militant* every week since the strike started. A copy that goes to the union hall is well thumbed."

AKRON

At a CIO Council meeting:

"A large number of delegates at the CIO Council know *The Militant*. Several are subscribers."

MILWAUKEE

On the steel workers' picket lines:

"A steel worker now on strike asked for subscription cards so he could sell subs to his fellow-strikers."

LANCASTER, PA.

At the transit strike:

"One worker said: 'You're are fighters, all right! We intend to sell subscriptions to workers here and send a small bundle to the union local.'"

Higher Profits Mean Less Employment

Two-thirds of all automobiles are owned by people with less than \$3,000 a year income. Higher profits to the millionaires means less mass purchasing power, a smaller market for cars, and increased unemployment.

I Want To Help!

I like *The Militant* because it tells the truth. But I know it isn't enough just to read *The Militant* myself. I want to help the paper grow, help it keep telling the truth to more and more thousands of workers. Here's my contribution to your \$15,000 fund campaign:

☐ I enclose \$ toward your work.

☐ I want a contribution-list to circulate among my friends and fellow-workers, so they can help *The Militant*.

Name (Please Print)

Street Apt.

City

Postal Zone No. State

Only 'Militant' Warned "There Is No Peace!"

When the news first broke on August 12 that Japan was surrendering, all the spokesmen and supporters of Wall Street staged wild celebrations over their victory. A general feeling of relief swept through the masses at the end of the night-marish slaughter. When Truman officially confirmed the surrender on August 14, millions of people who had listened to Wall Street's propaganda that the war was being fought for lasting peace and democracy undoubtedly hoped the promised new era would now dawn.

But The Militant did not participate in Wall Street's orgy. Instead The Militant devoted its entire front page to one single article on a single theme: "There Is No Peace!"

When The Militant appeared on the newsstands, it created a sensation. What's the matter with those people! thought many readers of the lying capitalist press. Don't they know V-J Day will be proclaimed any time now?

TOLD THE TRUTH

The Militant, however, was simply continuing the policy it has followed from the beginning—to tell the truth no matter what the consequences. Not to support illusions or to indulge in wishful thinking, but to make a sober and scientific estimate of the world situation as a guide to the working class.

Long before the Second World War began, The Militant warned it would be an imperialist war that could not possibly bring lasting peace. Throughout the war, The Militant continued to repeat this warning. And because it told these and other truths, The Militant was persecuted. The Roosevelt regime took away its second mailing class rights for a year. Its editor together with 17 other leading members of the Socialist Workers Party was railroaded to prison. But The Militant stuck to its guns, knowing that in the long run, the truth will win out.

THERE IS NO PEACE!

In the light of Marxist analysis, The Militant soberly assessed the world situation of capitalism on the surrender of Japan. The conclusion was inescapable. Great imperialist armies would remain after the war. Colonial uprisings would occur on an unheard of scale. Workers' revolutions would break out. Wall Street would continue to prepare for an all-out assault on the Soviet Union. "There Is No Peace!"

The Militant went further. It pointed out the terrible danger of a Third World War: "Only World Socialism Can Save Mankind From Atomic Destruction In Another Imperialist War."

And The Militant again drew the irrefutable conclusion: "The workers must wrench the power

from the hands of the blood-drenched capitalist criminals and take their destiny in their own hands. The fight for socialism is now more than a fight to end poverty and inequality, to abolish the exploitation of man by man. Today the fight for socialism is a fight to prevent the annihilation of the human race. Mankind must now exterminate the capitalist system—or be exterminated!"

SWP Opposes Election Bill In New Jersey

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT
NEWARK, N. J., Mar. 5.—The Socialist Workers Party (Trotskyist) here today urged defeat of the Stanger election bill which would require independent candidates for the New Jersey general election in November to file nominating petitions no later than the March 20 deadline for the primaries.

TO BLOCK UNIONS

Through its Newark Organizer, Alan Kohlman, the SWP declared: "This bill, which is now pending before the State Legislature after having been secretly introduced through suspension of the rules, would give independent candidates only two weeks to draft, print and collect signatures for their nominating petitions."

"It would thus operate exclusively in the interests of the Republican and Democratic party machines, especially at this time, to block the unions and working class organizations from running independent labor candidates on platforms in the interests of all Jersey working people."

"At this time the paramount need of the labor movement, to back up their economic strike action, is an independent labor party based on the trade unions. This undemocratic and restrictive bill of the boss parties indicates their desperate fear of independent labor candidates who would challenge the reactionary Republican state administration and the equally reactionary Democratic Hague machine."

Lenin, Trotsky Always Warned Capitalist System Breeds War

The great Marxist leaders have warned the working class many times that capitalism in its decline inevitably plunges from one devastating imperialist war to another.

Shortly before his death in 1895, Frederick Engels, co-founder with Marx of the revolutionary Socialist movement, foresaw World War I and told the working class once more that only socialism could bring lasting peace.

At the beginning of the war foreseen by Engels, the Russian Marxist, Lenin wrote (November 1, 1914): "Imperialism has placed the fate of European culture at stake. After this war, if a series of successful revolutions do not occur, more wars will follow—the fairy tale of a 'war to end all wars' is a hollow and pernicious fairy tale."

In May 1940, during the opening stages of the Second World War predicted by Lenin, another outstanding Marxist, Leon Trotsky called attention to Lenin's warning: "Workers, call this prediction to mind! The present war—the second imperialist war—is not an accident; it does not result from the will of this or that dictator. It was predicted long ago."

Trotsky's Warning

Trotsky furthermore warned that if socialism was not established in the meantime: "The third imperialist war would be waged not by national states and not by empires of the old type but by whole continents..."

Answering the argument that one victorious power such as the United States might "unify the entire world in a totalitarian vise," that is, police the world for an indefinite time, Trotsky predicted:

"But even if such a hypothesis should be realized, which is highly doubtful, military 'unification' would have no greater stability than the Versailles treaty. National uprisings and pacifications would culminate in a new world war, which would be the grave of civilization. Not our subjective wishes but the objective reality speaks for it, that the only way out for humanity is the world socialist revolution. The alternative to it is the relapse into barbarism."

CHICAGO
Swing Social
Saturday, March 16
Amateur Show . . Music
Community Singing
Socialist Workers Party
160 N. Wells Room 317

BROOKLYN
Frolic
Saturday, March 16
Entertainment . . Dancing
Refreshments
Socialist Workers Party
635 Fulton St. 8:30 p.m.

We Alone Told The Truth!

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THERE IS NO PEACE!

Only World Socialism Can Save Mankind From Atomic Destruction In Another Imperialist War

Workers Of America! You Must Take Power Into Your Own Hands!

MANIFESTO
of the
National Committee
of the
Socialist Workers Party
WORKERS, FARMERS — TOOLS OF AMERICA!

The second imperialist world war has ended. Six years of wholesale slaughter and devastation have been brought to an end. The world is now faced with the discovery of the atomic bomb and its use, with frightful effect, against the people of Japan.

The use of this new weapon, hitherto most completely hidden from the eyes of the people, has shown that the end of the world is not far off. People in every land are realizing the end of the world, not as a myth but as a real and imminent threat. They do not want to see the end of the world, but they do not want to see the end of the world as it is now. They want to see the end of the world as it should be.

Revolution and Anxiety

The atomic bombing of the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, with a combined population of 900,000 men, women and children, has sent a wave of revulsion and anxiety throughout the world, especially among the ruling populations who are the principal victims of war. It is a revulsion that mankind has never known before. It is a revulsion that mankind has never known before.

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Diary Of A Steelworker *By T. Kovalsky*

We were sitting on a bench in the locker room swapping stories about the strike, when Larry McGinnis walked up to us.

"Why the hell don't you guys quit shooting the bull and get out there and earn your dough?" he asked grinning. "The strike's over now."

"Listen to that labor-faker," snorted Pete Rossi. "He's been a company man ever since his brother got on the police force."

Larry scowled reflectively. "That brother of mine never was no good."

Jimmy said, "That's no way to talk. Mike's an officer of the law! You've got to respect him!"

Larry answered that appropriately. Then he said, "That lousy brother of mine—he scabbed it in '37, and by God if they sent him out to bust up a picket line, he'd be the first to pull a gun!"

The day was pretty slow, and as I worked I was thinking about Larry and Mike, and about cops in general.

There'd have to be cops, I mused, as long as there were rich and poor. Just as long as one man lived in a palace and another lived in a shack with a leaky roof; just as long as one man had everything and another man saw his wife and kids in need, there'd be cops.

They'd be hired by the rich man's govern-

ment to protect the rich man's wealth from the poor man.

Then I got to thinking—just what is a cop? He's not a rich man. He's just a guy making a living like a working man. If he loses his job he'll go hungry. But, on the other hand, cops are generally the enemies of the working man.

Guys like Mike McGinnis, who scabbed it back in '37, make particularly good cops. They hate being workers and worship "upper class" people. They believe wholeheartedly in the capitalist system and hate the unions, which they consider "communist". Give them a gun and a club, and send them out against a picket line, and they go to work on the boys, full of righteous zeal.

Labor history is filled with records of police brutality all the way from Haymarket (and before) to the Philadelphia picket line attacks. I thought of that dusty field on May 30, 1937, when ten of us died from police bullets, and God knows how many more fell, hurt by police clubs.

But—there wasn't much sense wasting time thinking a lot about it—because the answer was right there, and it was the answer to a lot more than just cops.

Under socialism we wouldn't have them—except maybe to help little school children across the street. With everybody making a good living, no rich and no poor, with no depressions or layoffs and no insecurity, we wouldn't need cops and prisons. There'd be nobody's property they'd have to protect.

So I quit thinking about the cops and concentrated on a couple of grievances we were going to take up later in the day.

Notes Of A Seaman *By Art Sharon*

It seems just too much of a coincidence that every time the union longshoremen begin to put on the heat for a little more wages the ship operators shortly after start a hue and a cry over the great losses they sustain through "pilferage."

Last week in New York City much fuss was kicked up by gentlemen-parasites who control shipping, over what they call a "scandalous increase in pilferage." They charged that the Port of New York ranks with that of Manila, P. I., in the rate of pilferage. And by "pure coincidence" the comparison with Manila is made just after the longshoremen in Manila have concluded a magnificent strike which won a 50 per cent increase in wages.

You will recall that the longshoremen in New York Port recently secured a pay increase of 25 cents an hour after a wide-spread rank and file strike of AFL International Longshoremen's Association members threatened a complete paralysis of New York's waterfront.

The applecore outburst on "pilferage" from the cut-throat shipping interests here in the Port of New York reminds me very much of a similar outburst on the part of their fellow-parasites in the Port of San Francisco some years back after the longshoremen there had forced higher wages and better conditions through their successful strike.

In the latter case, the Frisco ship operators even went so far as to put on a public exhibit of "evidence" of "pilferage" they claimed they had gathered over a long period. It was a pitiful exhibition of empty pineapple juice cans, empty beer bottles, some broken cartons of shaving soap, etc. A few longshoremen went up to look over the "evidence" and were singularly unimpressed. As a matter of fact it only

succeeded in evoking a lot of laughter.

The New York ship operators are working themselves into a sweat about "pilferage" aboard their ships because they were defeated in their recent attempts to limit the longshoremen's wage increase to a measly ten cents an hour. The ship moguls are now trying to harass and intimidate the longshoremen with this sudden wholesale slander campaign about alleged "pilferage."

What strikes me about this campaign at this time is its coincidence with an increased spirit of union militancy on the waterfront. And I am equally struck by the brazen character of this campaign launched by a small band of shipping parasites who during the war and right now are pilfering millions from the public treasury.

I know and so does everyone else who has closely followed the shady trail of this band of parasites, that they, of course, conduct their operations "strictly legal." Still, not a week goes by but that some aspect of their corner-cutting "pay-trick" activities is uncovered.

Their kind of pilferage is covered up with documents designed by clever corporation attorneys to "stand up" in the courts and "prove" that Mr. Shipowner has proceeded according to all the shipowner-written laws governing the inter-relationships of these capitalist thieves. They set a few rules because occasionally one of the shipowners might act in too conspicuously crooked a fashion and thus hurt the prestige and practices of his fellow gangsters.

We know the real pilferage is being done by the profiteer ship operators. What they are beefing about is not that an occasional can of beer is lifted by a thirsty longshoreman. The "pilferage" these crooks mean about is the cut they must take in their huge profits when they are forced to pay higher wages to the man on the dock and in the hold.

Workers Quit Stalinists *By Paul Abbott*

Support of Wall Street during the Second Imperialist World War has resulted not only in a tremendous drop in the membership and influence of the American Communist (Stalinist) Party, but also in a major shift in its class composition. Workers no longer constitute the bulk of the party. They have been replaced by petty bourgeois elements.

This fact, long apparent to competent political observers, has now been officially confirmed by John Williamson in his report to the Stalinist National Committee published in the February 24 Sunday Worker.

"The first registration reports," he admits, "... reveal another serious decline in the industrial composition of the Party. For instance, in New York the percentage of industrial workers has declined from 34 per cent to 29 per cent. This means that 71 per cent of the Party in New York City consists of white collar workers, professionals and housewives. Michigan, which always had the highest industrial composition, has also declined from 66 per cent to 58 per cent. California which, like Philadelphia and New York agreed to fight to reach a 50 per cent industrial composition this year, also declined from 41 to 38 per cent."

How serious the situation is in the eyes of the Stalinist bureaucrats can be judged from Williamson's admissions concerning one of the key sections of a key industry: "In the case of General Motors, for example, out of approximately 120,000 workers in some of the main plants only 122 are Party members."

Williamson is likewise worried over the losses in the steel industry: "We are very weak. There are many big mills—some of the biggest in the country—in which we have no Party

members at all, or a handful who are not yet even organized in a shop club. I have in mind such places as the Irwin Works, Alquiappa, Johnstown, Y. S. & T. in Youngstown, the Otis Steel Co. and the American Steel and Wire in Cleveland, as well as Weirton Steel."

Who is replacing the Stalinists as the dominant political tendency among these strategic sections of the working class? Williamson suggests the answer in the following illuminating words:

"Another dramatic example is the city of Toledo, where a most serious situation exists. Toledo is an industrial city with a great tradition of labor struggles. If there ever was a CIO town, it was Toledo. . . . Toledo is also a center of Trotskyite concentration, so much so that only recently—and, after procrastinating too long—we expelled the Party chairman, who was a Trotskyite inside our own ranks. . . ."

"What is the situation today in Toledo as regards our Party influence among the workers? Out of 252 Party members there are only 24 auto workers and in some of the major plants there are no Party members at all."

Even in Brooklyn, one of the strongholds of the Stalinists, Williamson points out that the 8,000 members have their base in "primarily Jewish-American communities, combining workers and non-workers." In other areas that are "almost exclusively and distinctly proletarian" the Party has "only 201 members."

These damaging admissions reveal how the Stalinists are paying for their ride on Wall Street's bandwagon during the war. They betrayed the working class, and the proletarian elements drew the only possible conclusion: they left the Stalinist Party by the thousands.

Strike Threat Ends Meat Barons' Chiseling *By Leigh Ray*

CHICAGO, Mar. 6 — Swift & Company, largest of the five meat packing plants involved in the recent national strike, failed this week in its attempt to weaken the union by chiseling on the wage gains wrested from the corporation.

Although full price "relief" for the 16-cent wage increase has been handed to the packing barons by the government, Swift & Company tried to cheat the workers. The company planned to give some workers as little as a three-cent raise, by claiming that workers already receiving "over rates" or "preferential" rates were not entitled to the full 16 cents. Swift proposed in each

case, to deduct the difference between the existing over-rates and the 16 cents.

These over-rates were first instituted by the company in an effort to thwart the union. When the CIO Packinghouse Workers Union was organizing the industry, the packers raised wages of some picked workers hoping thus to persuade them not to join the UPWA.

Last week foremen of Swift & Company were instructed to turn in names of all those receiving over-rates, and were informed that the amount of the over-rate would be deducted from the 16-cent raise.

Local union officers informed the international UPWA executive board, Lewis J. Clarke, International President, immediately wired the Secretary of Agriculture in Washington, nominally in charge of the seized plants. Clarke announced that he was at once calling a meeting of the National Strike Strategy Committee with representatives from all Swift locals, to call out all workers of the Swift chain.

Within 24 hours, word had been received that Swift & Company would comply with the order and make the 16-cent raise general.

Telephone Workers Force AT&T To Yield; Western Electric Strike Ends In Victory

For Freedom From Police Clubs!



"Freedom From Police Clubs" is one of the demands made by these striking veterans as they march on the Philadelphia City Hall after police brutally assaulted CIO Electrical Workers picket lines. Demonstrating on March 3, these veterans demanded that Mayor Bernard Samuel aid their fight for unemployment compensation while on strike, decent homes to live in and adequate educational and hospital facilities.

By Alan Kohlman
(Special to The Militant)

KEARNY, N. J., Mar. 9—With pickets poised for action in 33 states, the National Federation of Telephone Workers at Thursday dawn forced a major union victory exactly two minutes before the scheduled deadline of a threatened nation-wide communications strike.

After last-minute stalling, the American Telephone and Telegraph trust also yielded to the terms of the militant strikers in its Western Electric subsidiary, which has one of its main plants here.

Meeting all night Wednesday in Washington with federal officials and AT&T heads, the NFW leaders finally secured a settlement for 150,000 Bell System workers which includes a 17.6 per cent wage increase. The increases range from \$5 to \$8 a week, including starting rates, and are expected to set the pattern for the whole telephone industry.

The powerful and arrogant AT&T, world's greatest communications monopoly, finally capitulated before the perspective of a second paralyzing blow at the very nerve center of American Big Business. A three-day sympathy stoppage in support of the Western Electric strikers last January threw the American capitalists into a panic.

Under this heavy pressure and after a final 10-hour session, the company officials capitulated. Fitzsimmons was able to rush to a meeting in Jersey City, of 5,000 WEEA members and report a real union victory.

The strikers won a flat 18.2 per cent wage increase, retroactive to the last week of November, 1945, six weeks before the strike. The company had been forced to agree there would be no victimization of strikers, no loss of vacation pay because of participation in the strike, and no company security clause.

Maintenance of membership was retained, with the union making the sole partial concession that the contract would provide for a 15-day "escape clause" for anyone seeking to withdraw from union membership.

However, after the solid victory of this hard-fought strike, all WEEA members were agreed that the union is in a very favorable position to launch a drive for 100 per cent union membership and then demand a closed shop in the next negotiations.

The Jersey City membership meeting last night hailed Fitzsimmons' report with shouts of enthusiasm and jubilation. After their well-earned victory on the 65th day of strike, the Western Electric workers left the meeting determined to return to work Monday morning with the aim of further consolidating union strength and pressing forward to new gains.

After the NFW settlement was reached in Washington early Thursday morning, WEEA officials aided by J. J. Moran, NFW vice-president and president of the affiliated Federation of Long Lines Telephone Workers, went into negotiations with Western Electric officials in New York.

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New York Local Of SWP Holds Inspiring Two-Day Convention

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT

NEW YORK, March 3 — The Sixth Convention of the New York Local of the Socialist Workers Party, attended by 62 delegates from five New York branches, opened yesterday afternoon at 116 University Place and concluded at midnight tonight in an inspiring demonstration of party growth, strength and solidarity.

The convention hall was jammed with visiting comrades from New Jersey as well as New York.

Among the important actions approved by the City Convention was the motion to accept New York's quota on the \$15,000 Militant Fund campaign, of which \$3,500 has been assigned to New York Local.

Los Angeles SWP Aids Campaign For State FEPC

By J. Blake

(Special to The Militant)

LOS ANGELES, March 1 — Following the lynching of fair employment practices bills by Democrats and Republicans in the recently concluded special session of the California state legislature, a broad movement has developed to place such a measure on the ballot in the November election.

Initiative petitions are being circulated throughout the state in the attempt to secure the 300,000 signatures of registered voters necessary to place the FEPC measure on the ballot.

The Socialist Workers Party here supports the movement for a fair employment practices law. We do so for the same reason that the mass of Negro, Mexican, Jewish, Filipino, Japanese and other minorities do. We have no illusions that job discrimination will be eliminated solely through such legislative action.

The Socialist Workers Party urges all workers to register and sign petitions for a fair employment practices measure, and to vote for it in November, because such a statute would provide a toe-hold in the broader fight against discrimination.

The FEPC movement here stimulated by the wide-spread layoffs in aircraft and shipbuilding industries, represents the legislative phase of the fight of minorities to hold on to gains made during the war in securing industrial jobs formerly barred to them entirely.

OVER BOSS PARTIES

Unable to find reliable "friends" in the Democratic and Republican parties to pass a law that would interfere with the policy of employers to discriminate against workers because of race, creed, or color, they are attempting to go over the heads of the capitalist politicians by taking the matter directly to the voters by placing it on the ballot.

It is obvious to all, however, that even if the measure becomes law, enforcement of it by the representatives of the employing class now in power will not be very effective. Many fighters for the FEPC are already beginning to recognize that only a labor party and a government representing the workers rather than the employers, could seriously undertake to carry out such a law.

MARITIME UNION HEAD BARES STALINIST MACHINE MISRULE

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"deadly campaign" of character assassination against Stone and tried to "crucify" him, said Curran.

Curran, however, continues to conceal the fact that the practices he attacks flow from the policies of the Communist (Stalinist) Party with which he himself has collaborated for the past ten years. In a statement published in the Stalinist Daily Worker, March 8, Curran is quoted as saying that this is a "simple union disagreement" with Meyers, McKenzie, Smith and Stack and has nothing to do with "political affiliation in general or membership in the Communist Party in particular."

But this pretence fools no one on the waterfront. It is generally known that the policies pursued by the top NMU leaders are dictated by the Stalinist Party.

The World Telegram, which appears to have a pipe-line into the very top circles of the Com-

Truman Pulls Double-Cross On 300,000 Steel Strikers

President Truman last week fortified the resistance of several hundred steel-fabricating mill owners refusing to end the still-continuing strike of nearly 300,000 CIO steel workers.

Truman twice stated that the fabricating plant bosses, who have been trying to hold out against signing contracts for an 18% cent wage increase already granted in basic steel, did not have to accept the wage "pattern" of the big companies.

The contracts reached with basic steel after Truman yielded outrageous price increases ended the strike of some 400,000 workers. But another 300,000 workers have been forced to continue their walkout because the steel fabricators are attempting to wrangle additional price increases before settling.

It is apparent that CIO Steelworkers President Murray was under the impression that a settlement with the basic steel corporations would bring the fabricating bosses to heel as well. He quickly ended the basic steel strikers before full assurances of settlement with the fabricating companies.

Murray, on March 7, charged that Truman's reneging on the wage recommendations for the fabricating industry was delaying settlement of remaining steel strikes, which have been in progress since January 21. Murray described Truman's support of the fabricating interests as "a serious disservice to industrial peace."

TRUMAN'S DOUBLE-CROSS

Prior to Truman's original statement, on March 5, excluding the fabricators from the steel wage recommendations of the government, said Murray, the union had reached agreement with 272 fabricating companies and was settling strikes at the rate of 35 a day.

Truman followed Murray's statement with a public reaffirmation of the position the President had taken on March 5.

The CIO Steelworkers point out that the government's 18% cent wage recommendation covered the entire steel industry and was accepted by the basic steel corporations for their fabricating subsidiaries.

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Stalinist Goons Attack 'Militant' Distributors

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT

NEW YORK, Mar. 7 — Eight workers, including women, distributing The Militant this afternoon at a Union Square open-air rally of the Communist (Stalinist) Party were attacked by an organized Stalinist goon squad, but succeeded in distributing several hundred papers.

The meeting was called to protest the Freeport Jim-Crow murder of the Ferguson Brothers which The Militant has helped expose throughout the country.

At the direction of a known party functionary, a number of Stalinist hoodlums attempted to assault the distributors who included young women and Negro workers.

The distributors were leaving the Square when the goon squad attacked. They vigorously defended themselves and forced the goons to fall back. The fray was broken up by the intervention of police.

The New York Local of the Socialist Workers Party has taken cognizance of this manifestation of increasing hooligan attacks on Militant distributors and the Stalinist attempts to deprive their working-class political opponents of the rights of free speech and press through violence. The SWP is taking the necessary measures to protect Militant distributors from any further interference and physical attacks.

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The Daily Worker, March 8, published prominently a statement by Meyers "explaining" his failure to run for reelection on "technical" grounds — "an accidental delay in payment of his union dues." Not a line has been printed in the Daily Worker about Curran's sensational and undisputed charges.