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WALLACE FIRED IN DRIVE TO WAR

Attempt To Bar Minority Parties From N. Y. Ballot

By George Clarke

NEW YORK, Sept. 21.—The most threatening attack against democratic rights in this state came yesterday when Wall Street's Democratic Party instituted court proceedings to bar the Socialist Workers Party, the Communist Party, the Socialist Labor Party and the Socialist Party from the ballot in the November 5 elections. If this action is successful, it will set a precedent for eliminating all competition to the Democratic and Republican Parties in New York State.

The election law requires a minimum of 12,000 signatures and 50 in each county. The Tammany gang deliberately sidestepped the regular provisions of the election law and made no challenges during the period assigned by the statutes. Challenges that were made during this period were overruled by the Secretary of State. Through Spencer C. Young, Democratic candidate for State Comptroller, they picked on one of the numerous loopholes in the election law. Under this law an "aggrieved candidate" may secure a restraining order from a Supreme Court Justice to prevent the Secretary of State from certifying minority parties. It is interesting to note that Spencer Young has received endorsement from both the Liberal and American Labor Parties.

N. Y. SWP Urges United Fight To Keep Minorities On Ballot

NEW YORK, Sept. 21.—The State Committee of the Socialist Workers Party today issued an appeal to the Communist, Socialist and Socialist Labor Parties to join in common defense against the attempt being made by the Democratic Party to remove all four minority parties from the New York State ballot.

At the same time, the State Committee of the SWP urged the American Labor and Liberal Parties, which are supporting Democratic Party candidates, to publicly protest the attempt to bar minority parties.

In its appeal to the other threatened minority parties for joint defensive action, the SWP stated: "At stake are the fundamental democratic rights of the people of this state. Unless opposition parties—irrespective of size—are permitted to enter the contest for office, these democratic rights will be transformed into a mockery comparable to that which exists in Bilbo's South."

"We assume that despite disagreements between the programs of the parties challenged, there cannot be any disagreement on an issue so vital as the preservation of elementary democratic rights. We likewise assume that your party will be prepared to engage in a joint fight, together with us and the other parties involved, to organize a vigorous public protest against the attempt to throw us off the ballot."

The SWP appeal to the American Labor and Liberal Parties declared: "Although your party is committed to supporting the candidates of the Democratic Party in this election, you cannot fail to take cognizance of this conspiracy against democratic rights."

"Silence on your part will be construed by every progressive worker in this state as complicity in the conspiracy undertaken by Tammany Hall."

"If for narrow partisan reasons you fail to speak out now in protest, you will help prepare the way for reactionary and fascist measures which can overwhelm your party along with ours and destroy all of the democratic rights of the people."



Maritime Strike Wins Equal Pay At Highest Level For All Seamen

By F. J. Lang

(Special to The Militant)

NEW YORK, Sept. 21.—The 17-day nation-wide maritime strike officially ended today. The independent Marine Firemen's Union on the West Coast and the CIO maritime unions here called off

their picket lines after the hard-pressed U. S. Maritime Commission was forced to concede that equal wages shall be paid to all American seamen on the basis of gains won earlier in the strike by AFL maritime unions.

The unprecedented solidarity of all seamen—AFL, CIO and independent—won equal wages on the highest level yet established in the maritime industry. It also forced the Truman administration to reverse a decision of its Wage Stabilization Board that tried to cut \$10 per month from wage increases negotiated by the AFL unions.

New basic wage rates are \$172.50 for able seamen, and \$177.50 for firemen/water-tenders. In addition, these men, who stand watch and work a 56-hour week at sea, collect eight hours' overtime pay for Sunday watches. In line with the 48-hour work week won last June 15 by the CIO unions.

A standard scale of wages was the inevitable outcome of this strike that started Sept. 5. First, the AFL Seafarers International Union and Sailors Union of the Pacific tied up every port in the country to force a reversal of the Wage Stabilization Board ruling against the new wage scale.

This first phase of the strike was quickly successful because of the complete support by the CIO maritime unions and the independent Marine Firemen. Truman's Wage Stabilization Board was "over-ruled" by Truman's Economic Stabilizer John R. Steelman, and the AFL phase of

Meat Profiteers Tighten Squeeze On The People

Families who have been almost without meat since Sept. 10, were told last week that the worst is yet to come. Butcher shops are bare throughout the country; even cold-cuts are a rarity. But on Sept. 19, Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson announced that the situation "would be much worse by the second quarter of 1947."

There is only one way to insure adequate meat for every family: Expropriate the meat profiteers! Nationalize the meat industry and operate it under the control of the workers!

and the CIO unions. The AFL request was agreed to by the striking CIO unions. In this manner the second phase of the strike was weakened, and the arrogant West Coast operators, seeing the possibility of a jurisdictional rift, held out for an extra week before bowing to the unions and submitting to the principle of equal pay.

The manner in which the CIO and AFL unions cooperated during this strike, despite previous bitter jurisdictional feuding, represents a long step toward future joint action in further struggles. The winning of wage parity has eliminated one basis for some of the past jurisdictional strife.

JAPANESE LABOR VICTORIOUS IN GREAT STRIKE STRUGGLE

The victory of the striking Japanese seamen over the puppet government last week was a triumph for the entire Japanese labor movement. The 10-day-old strike, involving more than 100,000 workers, was settled on Sept. 20, only after the seamen won all of their major demands.

According to an AP dispatch, the Civilian Merchant Marine Committee conceded: "No discharges until after a joint council settles the question; union participation in personnel questions; wage increases averaging 35 per cent for all earning less than 550 yen (\$33) a month, plus living allowance, insurance and a fund for 'cultural activities'."

Three days before the strike was settled, according to a Tokyo dispatch in the Sept. 17 Christian Science Monitor, "American crews aboard Liberty ships in Yokohama, where some 70 Japanese vessels are strike-bound, are sympathizing with Japanese strikers and in some cases have shown a willingness to join in the strike."

PITTSBURGH UNION LEADER JAILED

BULLETIN

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 24.—George L. Mueller, President of the Association of Duquesne Light Employees, was today sentenced to one year in jail by three judges. This action climaxed an all-day hearing on a temporary injunction attempting to prohibit a strike involving 3,500 power workers.

The court decision met with an angry protest from the militant strikers who had been around the court house steps to disperse the demonstrators. A worker-veteran shouted his defiance of the deputy's men.

"I spent three years fighting for 'democracy' over there," the striking veteran protested, "and this is what I get when I come home. Why don't they put the Corporation officials in jail? They are the ones who belong there!"

Both the CIO and AFL had their representatives in court ready to fight in support of the power workers' stand against the injunction. The strikers expressed their determination to continue their fight until they smashed the injunction and won their demands.

For further details, see story on Page 2.

Ouster Symbolizes Wall Street Intention To Hasten Atomic Bomb Attack On USSR

By George Breitman

The dismissal of Henry A. Wallace from the Truman Cabinet is of great political significance for every worker in this country. This act means: 1. That Wall Street and the government openly proclaim their undivided support of a tough policy toward the USSR that is, a program of war in the not-distant future. 2. That the Truman administration is preparing for tougher measures against the labor movement at home.

Bring Back Home All U. S. Troops, Says Flint CIO

(Special to The Militant)

FLINT, Mich., Sept. 20.—Immediate withdrawal of all occupation troops was demanded by the Greater Flint Industrial Union Council, CIO, at its last meeting.

The Council lashed American imperialism for preparing a Third World War. It denounced profiteers who "reaped huge profits while American workers and worker-soldiers made untold sacrifices."

The resolution charged that "an unholy alliance of financial interests and politicians are using atomic energy to prepare for World War III." America "is spending 18 billion dollars for war while refusing to spend two billions for homes for veterans."

Furthermore, "although American workers have no interest in fighting a new war to obtain oil in Iran, China and Europe for the oil interests," the Council pointed out, "the American government is establishing war bases in all parts of the world."

In view of this, the Council went on record "in favor of the Big 4 powers withdrawing all troops from occupied countries," and requested the President and the Congress to immediately withdraw our occupation troops."

See editorial on page 4.

Rubbers Workers Face Key Issues At Convention

By Anne Chester

(Special to The Militant)

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 19.—The first three days of the CIO United Rubber Workers Eleventh Annual Convention, which began here on Sept. 16, saw no debate as yet on the key policy questions before the more than 300 delegates—wage demands and political action.

The decisive tests of the contending groups in the convention are yet to come. One group is headed by the Stalinists and conservative top leadership. The other is led by the militants of the large Akron locals.

In resolutions submitted for consideration of the convention, several Akron locals have proposed the inclusion in all URWA contracts of an automatically rising wage scale to meet rising living costs. Akron progressives are also taking the lead in advocating the formation of an Independent Labor Party.

Following a debate led by delegates of Akron Firestone Local 7, the convention rejected on a roll-call vote the proposal for a \$2 a month dues. The convention voted for dues of \$1.50 to be divided 80 cents to the locals and 70 cents to the International.

The election of international officers took place without much fanfare. The old leadership was re-elected. President L. S. Buckmaster was re-elected without opposition. An expected sharp contest between incumbent Vice-President H. L. Lloyd, who is associated with the Stalinists, and George Bass, president of militant Akron Goodrich Local 5, did not materialize. Bass made no aggressive campaign for office.

The vote stood 741 for Lloyd; 365 for Bass; and 175 for Field Representative Wisdon of Local 58.

An atmosphere of watchful waiting pervaded the first days' sessions in expectations of the coming battle over wage and political policies.

Full report next week.

An Itching Atomic Trigger-Finger

How eager the Brass Hats are to get going on the war projected by Wall Street against the Soviet Union is indicated by a statement of Admiral William H. Standley, U. S. wartime ambassador to the Soviet Union.

In a speech Sept. 24 before the Military Order of the World Wars in Southern California, he declared:

"Secretary Wallace has not only been guilty of disloyalty to the President and the nation, but he has given aid and comfort to a virtual enemy, an offense for which, in time of war, he could be shot."

New Deal mantle, was counted on to swing labor votes to the Democratic Party.

Nevertheless, when Truman was placed in a position where he had to back up Wall Street's get-tough tactic, he acted decisively, even if it meant yielding up an important section of the labor vote. The Truman administration places the interests of American capitalism as a whole above even the immediate needs of the Democratic Party. Better to take the risk of losing an election, Truman figured, than to jeopardize the war program.

The break with Wallace has its own logic on the home front. A government which is planning war has to prepare to crack down on the masses if it is to regiment them for the war machine. The administration has been moving cautiously to the right—but in stages, because of election needs. Having been driven to a break with Wallace and his faction in the ruling class sooner than anticipated, the Truman Administration's course from now on will tend steadily and faster to the right.

The Wallace dismissal is thus a warning to the labor movement that Wall Street's war program is not a long-term program, but one that can plunge the country into war in short order. In the light of this grim reality, it is imperative for the organized labor movement to immediately launch the struggle against imperialist war and against the anti-labor measures that come with a war program.

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Truck Strikers in New York Split Owners' Front In Two

(Special to The Militant)

NEW YORK, Sept. 23.—The striking truckdrivers here split apart the truckowner's front on September 18, and won signed contracts granting substantial gains to almost half the 15,000 who walked out on September 1. They set the pattern for the rest of the truckdrivers still on strike.

The strike, called by Locals 807, 282 and 816, AFL Teamsters, was partially settled only after 4,715 truckdrivers won contracts from 456 trucking companies. The new contracts gave them \$7.40 more pay for a 40-hour week than they had previously received for a 44-hour week, as well as other benefits. The hourly increase is 31 cents. By September 21, some 1,061 truckowners had signed up.

The rank and file truckdrivers had rejected Democratic Mayor O'Dwyer's compromise proposal of an 18½-cent an hour raise. His phony proposal would have robbed the workers of \$260 a year in wages, which they have now won through their own militant struggle.

The new contracts provide average increases of \$2.50 a day. The last wage increase the truckdrivers received, in 1944, amounted to only \$2.50 a week.

Just before the settlement, the strike spread to 3,000 truckdrivers of Local 804, United Parcels Service, who sought full pay up to three days for work lost through the general strike, and who also sought to reopen their contract on wage adjustments. They are defying AFL Teamsters President Daniel J. Tobin, who ordered them to return to work.

A number of the big truck fleet operators are still arrogantly refusing to settle. These owners, represented principally by the New York State and City Motor Carrier Associations, last week filed suit for \$10,000,000 damages against Local 807, largest of the striking locals. They alleged that the strike was a violation of the Smith-Connally Act.

Union attorneys replied to this action: "This suit is hardly more than a desperate maneuver by a group of recalcitrant employers to intimidate the men and to obstruct a complete settlement of the strike on a fair and just basis."

Today Mayor O'Dwyer, who failed miserably in his attempt to divide the truckdrivers through a red-scare, has set up a new city agency, the Division of Labor Relations, to aid the bosses against the workers. First dispute referred to this agency will be the United Parcels Service strike.

A Defense Of The Packinghouse Workers' Demand For A Cost-Of-Living Bonus To Meet Rising Prices

By Art Preis

Minnesota Labor, Stalinist-controlled organ of the Minnesota State CIO, has stirred up a hornet's nest with an editorial called, "Escalator Trap."

The editorial, published August 23, is a stab-in-the-back at progressive wage demands of a number of CIO unions, particularly the CIO United Packinghouse Workers. The UPWA is currently negotiating for regular adjustable cost-of-living bonuses in addition to higher basic wage rates.

This Stalinist-authored editorial consists of a number of deliberate misrepresentations about the nature and purpose of the cost-of-living bonus and escalator clause.

Typical of progressive union reaction to this Stalinist attack on the packinghouse workers' demand, was the blistering reply of Frank W. Schultz, president of UPWA Local 9, Austin, Minn., published in the August 30 issue of Minnesota Labor. Schultz expressed the natural indignation of the packinghouse workers that such an attack on their demands should have appeared during their negotiations, in an organ of the CIO.

Two Misrepresentations

The Stalinist attack on such demands as the cost-of-living bonus and the sliding scale of wages is of more than local or passing significance. It is an attempt to provide arguments for the conservative top union leaders, against the most effective form of wage demands now being advanced not only by the packinghouse workers, but by CIO auto, rubber and other unions.

Since the top union leaders, who oppose any wage fight, will undoubtedly use these arguments provided by the Stalinists, it is important that these arguments be examined in their original form and at their very source.

The Stalinist editorial, "Escalator Trap," begins with two misrepresentations of how the cost-

of-living bonus and escalator clauses would operate.

First, the editorial claims that such demands are a "plan to tie wages to a cost of living index... compiled by the National Association of Commerce, the Bureau of Labor Statistics or the Department of Agriculture."

As the Stalinist editors well know, the proposals of the packinghouse, rubber and other workers for various forms of the sliding scale of wages specifically provide that wages should not be tied to any indexes of the capitalist government or the employers. The plan of the Akron rubber workers, for instance, would establish a special union, working-farmers' and consumers' committee to maintain a dependable cost-of-living index.

Having begun with a misrepresentation — "the fundamental error of tying the wage rates to a disputed cost of living index"—the Stalinist editors pyramid their next falsifications upon the first one. "Such a step," they said, "is a tacit admission that the present basic wages are adequate and need never be advanced."

Here the Stalinist leaders in the Minnesota CIO deliberately confuse two different aspects of the wage question. The fight for higher basic wage scales is primarily to improve the workers' standard of living. The fight for the cost-of-living bonus or escalator clause is to maintain, during the life of a union contract, the established standard of living. This means the automatic provision of additional wages equal to any rises in the cost of living.

In reopening wage negotiations, the union fights for a higher basic wage, below which the employer may not go during the life of a contract. That is precisely what the CIO packinghouse workers are doing right now. They are demanding increases in the basic wage rates of from 12 cents to more than 22 cents an hour. They are demanding a \$1 an hour minimum wage.

At the same time, the UPWA is demanding

additional protection. It knows that fixed wage rates, however high, can be cut indirectly through rising prices. Therefore it also asks that a clause be provided for the paying of a regular bonus, in addition to the regular wages, to be based on the proportionate rise in living costs as determined by the union.

Such additional protection in no way prevents the union from demanding higher basic wage rates whenever it feels in position to fight for them. In fact, in a period of inflation, workers may hesitate to fight for a fixed increase, knowing it may be wiped out very quickly by price rises and that they then might have to strike all over again. But with the cost-of-living bonus or sliding scale of wages, they will be more anxious to fight for higher basic wage rates, knowing that their real wages will be protected against price rises.

The Stalinist editors state as their "clincher" against living-cost bonuses and escalator clauses that these "commit a union to a policy of accepting pay cuts when prices start down."

It has already been shown that such demands in no way affect the basic wages or demands for higher basic wages. The sliding scale of wages does not permit the employer to cut basic wages. Nor does it prevent the union from fighting for higher basic wages.

Meets Today's Need

The sliding scale of wages is designed precisely for periods of capitalist inflation. The government and the capitalists keep assuring the workers that prices are "going to go down."

The workers answer: "Good, then you should have no fear of giving us a sliding scale of wages. According to your own assurances, what have you to lose? At the same time, we'd like something more than mere assurances—we want a contract providing for automatic rises in wages above the established wage rates—just in case, mind you, prices should go up before our contract expires."

Victorious CIO Seamen



Members of the CIO National Maritime Union in New York voting to "hit the bricks" to win the same pay the AFL seamen won in their national maritime struggle.

Pittsburgh Power Workers To Challenge Injunction

By Eloise Gordon
(Special to The Militant)

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Sept. 21. — At a mass membership meeting of the Independent Association of Dusquesne Light Company Employees held here last night, the Pittsburgh power workers overwhelming-

ly rejected arbitration of the union's demands. Following this action, the workers proceeded to draw up plans for an all-out fight against a vicious strikebreaking injunction which halted the walk-out scheduled for Sept. 9. The injunction was cooked up by the city's Democratic Administration in collusion with the Dusquesne Light Company.

The aroused membership approved the proposal of the union's 50-man General Committee to hold a walkout demonstration to coincide with the hearing on the injunction September 24. The 3,500 members of the independent union are scheduled to appear at the court hearing. Notices posted for the information of union members included instructions to workers handling "live power" to close down the

switches before attending the hearing. George Mueller, union president stated: "Everybody will be in the City-County building at 9:30 Tuesday morning. If the injunction is not dissolved then, the strike continues."

In a radio address immediately following the union meeting, Mueller issued a scathing denunciation of the monopolistic corporation and its local political tools. Terming the injunction "a scrap of paper that cannot stand up," he declared: "Our entire membership of 3,500 will attend the hearing and we challenge them to put all of us in jail!"

The union's action is the climax of a prolonged and bitter struggle against the powerful Wall Street-controlled utilities corporation.

Last February the power work-

ers here paralyzed traffic and industry in a dramatic 19-hour strike for wage increases and improved working conditions. Forced to submit their demands to arbitration after the strike, the power workers won an 18-cent per hour wage boost. Their demands for better working conditions were completely bypassed.

At the expiration of their contract in July, the union resumed the fight for decent working rules. Their demands included a union shop, revised pension plan, and further wage increases to meet the rising cost of living. Company representatives arrogantly refused to negotiate in good faith.

City officials, headed by Democratic Mayor Lawrence, intervened as "impartial" mediators, but backed up the wealthy corporation. At zero-hour, they slapped an injunction upon the union.

The courageous decisions reached by the power workers at last night's meeting indicate that they recognize the far-reaching anti-labor implications of an injunction which forbids workers in "public service" industries to defend their interests with labor's indispensable strike weapon. They are determined to defeat this vicious ruling and should get the full support of all labor.

Haywood Appoints Receiver Over Cleveland CIO Council

(Special to The Militant)

CLEVELAND, Sept. 20. — CIO National Organization Director Allan S. Haywood, acting on behalf of the National CIO, last week appointed an administrator over the Stalinist-dominated Cleveland CIO Council.

The local council has been split wide open since July, when five executive board members resigned and the Steel, Utility and Oil Workers withdrew their affiliation. The Amalgamated Clothing Workers had walked out in May.

The July revolt was the climax of a long struggle against the bureaucratic methods and adventurous policies of the Stalinists. Unfortunately, the opposition is led by conservatives whose only program to combat the Stalinists is one of red-baiting and walkouts.

CROSS-FIRE

There is considerable evidence that the conservative coalition has as its core an association of Catholic Trade Unionists who are whipping up an anti-Soviet witch-hunt campaign. The militant delegates have been caught in the crossfire of the clique power struggle. They see hysterical red-baiting on one side and indefensible bureaucratic adventurism on the other.

Last fall during the city elections, the Stalinists used their mechanical majority in the Cleveland CIO to endorse Arnold Johnson, Communist Party organizer, as a candidate for the Board of Elections on the CP ticket. A split was narrowly averted because the endorsement was rescinded at a special CIO Council meeting — the night before elections.

In July, the issue which caused the revolt of five executive board members and the Steel, Utility and Oil workers was the bureaucratic determination of the Stalinists to run roughshod over all opposition and fire Garland Ashcraft, editor of the local CIO weekly paper, on flimsy charges. In a stormy CIO Council meeting, the conservative coalition, led by Sam Sponseller, Cleveland CIO Regional Director, demanded that the Stalinists draw up charges against Ashcraft and hold a trial.

The Stalinists countered by passing a motion requesting that CIO President Philip Murray intervene and effect a peaceful settlement. Murray obliged the Stalinists by sending in Allan S. Haywood. After Haywood arrived in Cleveland, Richard E. Reisinger, President of the Council, announced his resignation because of "pressure of work in the UAW."

"PEACE PROGRAM"

In a special executive session of the Council, chaired by Haywood, he put the Council in the hands of a receiver, George De Nucci, of Columbus, Ohio. Haywood also forced a "peace program" down the throats of the cowed Stalinists, while reminding them that he was there at their request.

The "peace pact" stipulates that DeNucci will preside at all CIO Council meetings; that the five resigned board members will return to office; that a new Council election will be held whenever



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De Nucci decides that the Council refrain from acting on resolutions dealing with international matters, except those endorsed by the national CIO; that the Council refrain from sending delegates to gatherings of other organizations (National Negro Congress, Civil Rights Federation, etc.) unless endorsed by the national CIO; that all disaffiliated local unions return to the Council.

Haywood added that the status of Ashcraft and "other problems" would be taken care of by De Nucci. De Nucci is CIO regional director of central Ohio and a member of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers. When questioned by reporters, De Nucci said, "I think that they would call me a right-winger."

Haywood's program, speeches and actions made it clear that he was not only going to curb the Stalinists but assist the red-baiting conservatives in securing majority control.

The factional fight has been entirely a clique struggle for power over issues that have nothing to do with the needs of the CIO membership. Neither the Stalinists nor the conservative red-baiters have any effective program to defend the workers' living standards from soaring inflation.

There are already signs that militant shop leaders learning that they cannot depend upon either group for a fighting program and leadership, are beginning to regroup themselves around a militant program and leadership. Until such a group is organized and leads a struggle in the Cleveland CIO, there will be a continuation of the recurring crises of the past year.

HARLEM READERS

Complaints have reached us that many of our Harlem subscribers are not getting The Militant every week. If you do not receive yours, let us know. If your friend is not getting his copy of the paper, ask him to notify us. We will check each complaint.

Government Aids Profiteers' Price Gouging

By Warren Creel

SWP Candidate for Congress, 3rd Dist., Minn.

The present rising cost of living is an attack by the government against the workers. The government is doing this to make profits for the employers.

This becomes plain when we sum up the situation:

1. Prices are rising from currency inflation. The currency is inflated by the government.
2. Wages are held down by government wage freezing.
3. Economic controls were supposed to freeze both wages and prices. Yet in the case of prices the control turned out to be government price-raising through the OPA.
4. No longer can unions bargain with employers. The corporations control the government, and they push forward the gov-



WARREN CREEL

ernment to deal with labor. In every serious struggle today the unions directly face the government, which fronts for employers.

TWO WAYS

The government has two ways of acting for the employers against the workers. First, by wage control it openly holds wages down. Second, through currency inflation and price regulation it causes concealed wage cuts, by raising prices so the employers get more for their goods, and the workers can buy less with their wages. Every time the government controls wages down, it is controlling profits upward for the corporations.

The whole maneuver is carried out under the conditions of a rising price level due to currency inflation. This comes from the stream of false purchasing power created by government printing presses to pay war profits to the great corporations. Since the start of the war the printing presses have turned out over a hundred billion dollars worth of artificial buying power. Part of it is ordinary printed money; the rest is printed government bonds which are used by banks as an artificial basis for bank checks. Both are artificial buying power; both are cheapening the dollar, so the employers can pay off workers in dollars which have become worth only about 65 cents even by official figures, and actually are worth less.

ATTACK ON WAGES

This cheap money, which served the employers first as a basis for war profits, now serves for a concealed attack on wages, if only the workers can be held to wages frozen to the number of dollars they received at the old value of the dollar.

The government is used for this many-sided attack on the labor movement even though organized labor today is at the peak of its strength. Yet that strength, so far, has been used only in economic struggles. Labor has set up no defenses in the political field.

The unions have no party of their own to put genuine labor representatives in office. The bosses monopolize the political field. That is an open invitation to them to use the government to the limit against labor.

Let us see what representatives elected by labor's own party could do in this situation. They could do a lot.

Even as a minority, labor representatives in Congress would be in position to fight the anti-labor drive at its very source, the government. They could present labor's program, expose the anti-labor maneuvers and bring out the truth.

LABOR PROGRAM

They would offer a program to stop the government's inflation of the currency and would support a sliding scale of wages to meet the rising price level until wages and prices have adjusted to the lowered buying power of the dollar caused by past inflation.

They would demand an end to government strikebreaking; they would expose the OPA fraud. They would lay bare the government's support of profiteers like the meat packers and timber trust who are making fortunes by withholding food and building materials to force up prices.

They could upset the Big Business political maneuvers even as a minority. And presenting such a program in labor's interests, a program that goes to the heart of the problems facing the workers

What Do You Say?

Question: What do you think is the cause of the present meat shortage? Would you favor the government taking over the meat industry and operating it under the control of the unions?

Place: Answered in several super-markets in working-class districts of Toledo, O.

Mrs. Katherine Licata, 1313 Collingswood Ave., housewife. The shortage is caused by the meat packers, or the farmers could be holding back livestock. Someone should take over the industry so that we could have meat. The day before the OPA regulations went into effect, the counters were full of meat; the next day no meat. The counters were empty.

Mrs. William Haase, 328-22nd St., housewife.

The people bought too much meat when it was high priced. Now they're hoarding it in food lockers. Shortages of feed for cattle and high shipping charges might have something to do with it. I am not in favor of the government taking it over. The farmers would object to government regulation.

Mrs. Annabelle Naylor, 2228 Franklin Ave., housewife.

The OPA is the cause of it all. The OPA is starving the people. I am in favor of CIO control. I'm not going to vote for the Democrats any more.

Ernest Spahn, King Road, laborer.

The big packers are holding the meat for higher standard prices or for the black market. I don't know about the government taking over the industry, but if the OPA got down to real business, it would solve the question.

Helen Wackley, Sylvania, Ohio, housewife.

The big meat packers are holding out for higher prices. Government control would be better than no meat.

Mrs. Ceron Weller, 2331 Rosewood, housewife.

The meat packers are fighting the OPA for higher prices for themselves. They are money-hungry. The government should have something to say as to whether the packers are going to starve the American population.

Mrs. Kitty Frankel, 3038 Gunckel.

The farmers are holding stock for higher prices. I believe that if both the OPA and the consumer can hold out, prices will level off. Not in favor of government control.

Mrs. George Crawford, 1404 Noble, housewife.

Putting back the price ceilings is responsible. Also the packers are holding back for higher prices. If the government took control, we'd get more meat at lower prices, but then the raisers would go on strike for higher prices. It's a vicious circle.

Fred McCaleb, 133 West Woodruff, punch-press operator.

The big meat packers are taking more profit than they deserve. The CIO taking over would be OK with me.

Jody Coogler, 37 Brand Whitlock Homes, laborer.

The meat packers and the farmers are holding out for higher prices. The government taking over would be all right, if they could get the meat from the farmers.

Connie Kwiatkowski, 2449 Vermont, inspector.

The packing houses are holding up for more money. If the government starts taking over all the industries, that would be communistic.

and farmers, the labor party would quickly rally the majority of the people behind it and become the majority party. The empty capitalist programs of the old parties couldn't compete with it.

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An Appeal From Greece To Workers Of All Countries

Comrades:

For months now our country has been transformed into a horrible hell. Gangs—both official and otherwise—have invaded the towns and villages and are spreading death and terror everywhere. Full-scale military operations with the most modern weapons are being carried out against the poor peasants in all sections of the country. Those houses that the war had spared in devastated villages are today being burned by the hordes of the monarchist government. Extraordinary courts-martial are functioning without pause. Every day death sentences are pronounced and the firing squads execute by the dozens the most heroic sons of the laboring people. Dragnets, raids and patrols by the police keep the working class quarters in unceasing anguish and terror. The Slavomacedonians are literally exterminated by fire and sword. All through the country mass arrests are being carried out.

In unhealthy transfer prisons and jails, workers and poor peasants of both sexes and of every age are piled in together in an unbearable atmosphere. The desert islands of the Aegean Sea are once more receiving their loads of deportees.

Those who are arrested, if they are not assassinated outright, are submitted to torture which makes one shudder.

The trade unions are practically dissolved, their offices forcibly occupied by police and provocateurs. Labor printshops are daily attacked by the savages. The labor newspapers are hit by the unbridled repressions of the state and fascist gangs.

A barbarous pogrom is unleashed against the entire working class, against the poor peasants and the national minorities.

There is not the slightest exaggeration in this appeal. On the contrary, no written report can come anywhere near describing the terrible situation in which we are living.

Comrades, more than anything else solidarity among all the exploited and the slaves of the world, surmounting frontiers and fatherlands, is one of the finest and grandest features of

the bloody history of class societies. In the name of this solidarity we appeal to all the workers of the entire world, asking that you intervene immediately in defense of your brothers in Greece.

Our case is yours. The hand that is sowing death, mourning and terror in our country is the hand of the monster that rises out of the chaos into which rotting capitalism is plunging the world. A fate similar to that of our country awaits the masses everywhere that the working class retreats or undergoes defeats.

To crush the monster at its birth everywhere that it makes its appearance—that is the task of the workers of all countries.

We Trotskyists who throughout the history of our movement have never lowered the banner of proletarian internationalism, we who because of our unshakable loyalty to international socialism have known under all regimes prison, firing squads and persecutions of every sort—we believe only in the solidarity of our class, and ask only your help.

We as workers can have nothing to do with the UN, that united bandits' organization.

Our class has its own means and its own methods. And those means and methods are powerful and unbeatable.

If for one moment the voices of hundreds of millions of workers rose together in a rumble of protest against the filthy organs of which your brothers are the victims, the executioners and assassins here would be paralyzed, and, with them, the executioners and tyrants of the whole world.

Workers, brothers, in the name of international class solidarity, in the name of socialism, take up the defense of the workers of our country.

Show that working class solidarity is not an empty word.

Show that the working class is all-powerful. Long live the world working class!

Long live world-wide working-class solidarity!

Central Committee of the Internationalist Communist Party of Greece (Trotskyists).

MONARCHISTS WAGE WAR ON GREEKS

Further proof of the reign of terror now taking place in Greece was given in Robert Conway's dispatch from Athens to the N. Y. Daily News on Sept. 17.

"The Greek government's army and gendarmes are waging a pitiless war on scores of thousands of women and children in a desperate effort to halt a growing rebellion and wipe out not only Communists but all democratic, liberal and republican elements," said Conway.

"This correspondent is compelled to state that the supporters of King George II are now staging a total civil warfare of the cruelest and most inhuman sort.

"In the struggle to starve all anti-monarchists into submission,

UNRRA food, trucks, shoes and clothing, as well as UNRRA malaria-fighting airplanes are being unscrupulously used, not only by Greek army gendarmes and civil officials, but also by royalist bands composed of former Nazi collaborators."

Conway also confirms the reports previously printed in The Militant about the completely fraudulent plebiscite on the return of the blood-stained monarch.

"Not only Communists, but democrats, socialists, liberals and republicans were disfranchised," he reports. "Some were forced to flee into the mountains before the elections, while some lived in districts where the polls were never opened."

"The greater number were in-

timidated and terrorized when the officers of the Greek army told the inhabitants that only those who vote for the king can escape being classified as Communists."

"On the entire long trip through cities and villages we saw outdoor prison pens where a few old men and many women, often with babes in their arms, and many children of all ages were 'detained' without charges, merely because they were relatives of men who had fled to the hills for political reasons. They received no food..."

"The Greek officers frankly stated their policy was 'to keep this up until the men in the hills come down and surrender rather than see their wives and children suffer.'"

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African Mine Workers Held Under Nazi-Like Conditions

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, Sept. 9 — The terrible conditions in the South African gold mines drove 50,000 native mine workers to strike last month, closing down six of the Rand's biggest gold mines. The first large-scale strike action in many years, it recalled the heroic struggles of the miners after the First World War.

African workers in the Witwatersrand mines average about 50 cents a day in wages. From 1914 to 1930 one insignificant raise was granted, while prices in the same period rose over 48 per cent. No wage increases have been granted since 1930. Wages of white mine workers ("Europeans") are ten times as high, and they receive additional benefits in the way of pensions and holidays.

The living conditions of the native miners can only be compared with the worst of the Nazi concentration camps. The workers are quartered in compounds—huge, walled-in barracks, where men sleep in tiers on concrete bunks. On the Rand there are 60 of these prison-like structures, each containing from 1,000 to 5,000 men.

The men are herded into these compounds, and for the period of their servitude are separated from their families and isolated from the outside world. The families are left behind on the Native Reserves from which the men were "recruited."

Hunger drives these natives into signing "voluntary" contracts to slave in the mines. On the land they are unable to eke out a living for themselves and their families. In addition, staggering taxes are imposed upon the natives, regardless of their incomes. Most pernicious are a hut tax,

and a wheel tax, levied on wagons and bicycles. In default of payment of these taxes, the native, threatened with a prison sentence, is driven into the "recruiting offices" of the mine magnates.

After a native is recruited, he must go through three strict medical examinations. About 25 per cent of all candidates are rejected—a grim commentary on the malnutrition and poverty existing among the whole Negro population.

In the mines, these healthy Negroes frequently succumb to the occupational diseases, especially phthisis and silicosis. The death rate is high. In 1937 alone, 2,757 died of mine diseases, 818 were killed in accidents. A disabled or permanently sick miner gets from \$4 to \$80 in compensation. If a miner is killed, his beneficiaries receive from \$125 to \$200. Very often, through their ignorance of the law, natives are cheated out of their full compensation.

There are 14 different passes required under the infamous Pass Laws, which restrict the freedom of movement of native mine workers. Evening curfew chains them to the barracks after working hours. The Pass Laws are also designed to prevent trade union organizers from reaching workers in their reservations and compounds.

White workers are allowed to

Behind The Scenes Of World War II

"The Second World War, like the First, was fought by the imperialists in their own interests. Not 'democracy' and 'liberation' were the stakes, but world domination, colonies, markets, spheres of influence, profits."

An article entitled "Behind the Scenes of the Second World War," by Ralph Graham, in the October Fourth International, reveals Anglo-American imperialist rivalries and clashes during the war in which they were allied, and which are only now coming to light.

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strike, after giving the necessary notice as prescribed in the Industrial Conciliation Act. But the Masters and Servants Act makes it an offense for natives under contract to strike. The Native Service Contract Act of 1913 permits the infliction of physical punishment of male natives up to 18 years of age, for any contravention of the Masters and Servants Act.

The mine magnates have been raking in colossal profits from this exploitation and subjugation of the native mine workers. Billions of dollars in profits have been piled up from gold extracted from the Rand mines. In 1937 alone, 15,000,000 pounds sterling were paid out. About two thirds of the profits have gone to the wealthy absentee bondholders, mainly in Britain. Today, with gold at a premium, profits are reaching even more fantastic proportions.

The rapid industrialization of the country during the war aroused the militancy of tens of thousands of African workers. Many of them were dragged into the South African Army to fight in the "War for Democracy." Neither police attacks and tear-gas bombs nor repressive slave legislation will halt the efforts of the mine workers to better their conditions.

Hunger, Fear And Violence Spreading On All Continents

Italian Housewife Joins Protest



Mass strikes for higher wages halted almost all municipal functions in 28 provinces of northern Italy, as prices soar. Here, a housewife protests to an official, against the hardships of the Italian people.

Starvation Living Standards Driven Still Lower In Mexico

By Betty Douglas (Special to The Militant)

MEXICO, D. F., Sept. 9 — The Mexican workers are suffering all the terrible hardships of commodity scarcity, inflation and black markets as a result of this country's participation in the Second World War.

An article comparing "normal" world food consumption, in the August 22 World Report, places Mexico next to the bottom of the list, with a daily average of 1,909 calories per person. This is a slightly lower average than that of China and India, whose chronic hunger and recurrent famines are well known.

The Mexican government's Office of Economic Statistics recently stated that the cost of living has risen 267 per cent from 1939 to January 1946, and 49 per cent of this figure from January 1945 to January 1946. The cost of food has risen nearly 56 per cent in the past year. These figures, however, do not take into account prices on the black market, the only market in Mexico, since price control exists in name only. On many items, retail profits are from 200 to 700 per cent.

Aside from the enormous currency inflation of recent years, one of the reasons for such exorbitant prices is the great scarcity of commodities. During the war Mexican exports, especially of foods, increased greatly. There was a large export of meat, for example, to supply Allied armies. Mexican breeders received higher prices for this stock.

After the war, when scarcities became acute within the country, the government attempted to curb food exports. But the capitalists evaded the controls by processing or packing their products differently, thereby creating "new products." It is still more profitable to export than to sell to the domestic market. The cream of the country's food production is drained off in this way.

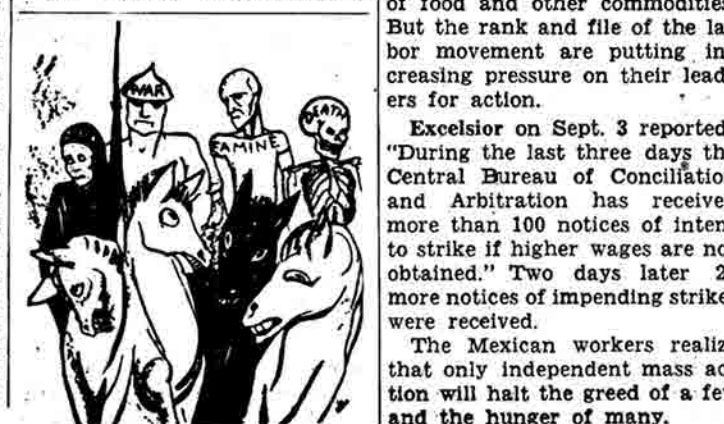
The miserably low wages of the workers are in sharp contrast to this scandalous profiteering. Unskilled laborers are paid about 5 pesos a day, skilled laborers about 10 pesos a day. Office workers average about 150 pesos a month. (At the present rate of exchange a peso is worth slightly less than 20 cents.)

The conservative paper Excelsior reported on Aug. 12 an interview with a bricklayer's wife who has four children, and whose husband gives her 3 pesos a day to care for the family. Asked if 3 pesos a day was enough to feed her family, she replied: "No, many times we have only tortillas with chile and a little pulque."

Beans, the former staple of the Mexican worker's diet, cost 2 pesos a kilo (2.2 pounds). Tortillas, a thin corn meal cake very common in the Mexican diet, are three for 10 centavos.

And milk—this housewife adds, "Why speak of milk, since it is many years since the poor people have had it." Women with 3 pesos a day for food no longer buy bread because of its high price and poor quality.

The worker's wife concluded:



Italy 3 Years After Downfall Of Mussolini

By Carlo Bivanco

ITALY, Sept. 3 — Three years after the fall of Mussolini, Italy presents a picture of ever-increasing misery. Hunger is prevalent. Unemployment is estimated at three millions. The black market rages. Barter is at a premium because no one has any faith in the huge quantity of paper lire in circulation. (Today there are 285 billion lire in circulation, compared with 22.5 billion in 1938.)

Under the De Gasperi government the basic bread ration for the masses is 200 grams (about 7 ounces) a day. The ration of spaghetti and rice, both staples in the Italian diet, was cut from two kilograms to 500 grams (17 ounces) a month. Fats, oils and butter are virtually not available, except in the black market.

Because of the chaotic system of distribution, and outright racketeering, even rationed goods are not always obtainable. Children under three years of age are allowed about half a pint of milk a day. The rest of the population gets only one fluid ounce. But in parts of Italy, milk can only be had on two or three days of the month. There are days when it is even impossible to buy bread—except on the black market.

LUXURY FOR FEW

There are no shortages on the black market. Here everything can be bought—for a price. The windows of the more exclusive shops are filled with the necessities of life and even "luxury items" such as butter or cheese. Thus, while the poor starve, the rich, the war profiteers and fascist racketeers live in comparative luxury.

The peasant is no better off than the worker in the town. The extra money he makes by selling his produce to the black marketeers is absorbed by the inflationary prices he has to pay for the goods he buys from the towns. Lack of fertilizers, the thousands of acres rendered useless by still-existing mine fields, the extortions of the landlords and money-lenders keep the peasant in effective poverty.

Nuremberg Trial Bared Frameup Of Moscow Trial

The Nuremberg trial of Nazi leaders has drawn to a close without a single word about their alleged connections with the old Bolsheviks shot by Stalin in the Moscow Trials on the charge of being agents of Hitler.

Last January the Revolutionary Communist Party, British Section of the Fourth International, challenged the Nuremberg Court on the slanderous charges which had been leveled in the Moscow Trials. Shortly thereafter, a large group of well-known political figures in Britain headed by H. G. Wells requested that a representative of Natalia Trotsky, the widow of Leon Trotsky, be permitted to examine Hess, and that any documents relating to the alleged conspiracy between Trotsky and the Nazi leaders—if such documents exist—be produced at Nuremberg. The court remained silent.

COURT SILENT

Then in the United States, a petition signed by more than a hundred American political figures, trade unionists, clergymen, professors and writers, headed by Norman Thomas, James T. Farrell and Matthew Woll, made a similar request. The court did not answer.

The demand was taken up in a number of other countries. Finally, last May, Albert Goldman, speaking as the attorney of Natalia Trotsky, demanded the right to "cross-examine any witness who testifies on this question and to examine any documents that might be produced by the Russians in support of their frameup." But the trial closed with the silence unbroken.

This silence confirms the findings of the Commission of Inquiry headed by John Dewey. In 1937 this Commission proved that Leon Trotsky and his son Sedov were NOT GUILTY of the Stalinist charges of having plotted with the Nazis against the Soviet Union.

The Nuremberg trial has served to once again underline the

We wish to call the attention of new readers of The Militant to one of our regular features—an entire page devoted exclusively to articles about the workers of other lands and the problems they face in the postwar world.

We believe that the struggle of the workers against capitalism is international. The same big trusts, like steel, auto and oil that oppress the workers in the United States, reach their tentacles across the seas and oppress the workers in far-away Asia, Africa, Europe and Latin America. The success of the workers in other lands weakens the capitalists here. Defeats suffered by our class brothers abroad tend to stabilize Big Business in America.

Thus information about the workers abroad and support of their struggles serves the cause of American labor.

The articles on this page from and about other countries cast a vivid light on the state of the world today, a little more than a year after the Second World War.

Ruin and barbarism are spreading like a malignant cancer. Not peace—as the capitalist rulers promised—but naked terror and violence reign everywhere. In place of freedom from want, hunger is universal. In place of freedom of speech, the voice of the people is gagged. In place of freedom from fear, lynch law has been enthroned even in those lands that have long boasted of their "democracy."

In Greece, Wall Street and London have handed the scepter to a miserable puppet king. This king, responsible for one of the worst dictatorships of modern times—the Metaxas regime—is once again trying to consolidate reaction in Greece through dictatorial laws, the machine gun, and the notorious prison islands.

In Italy, the Allies are heaping up their claims for reparations until they have reached such astronomical heights the whole national wealth would not suffice to satisfy them. Meanwhile unbridled inflation and the breakdown of transportation and industry have reduced the standard of living of the masses below that of the Middle Ages.

In Mexico, the war affected the living conditions of the masses almost as violently as if that country had been the scene of major battles. Inflation has brought prices to fantastic levels and hunger stalks the families of the poor.

In South Africa, under the heel of the British despot, the workers in the mines are held in conditions that can scarcely be distinguished from those of the slave laborers under Hitler. During the war, the British ruling class mouthed phrases about liberty and freedom, but when these Negro workers try to organize they are met with savage reprisals that no fascist could improve upon.

In Palestine, we see an outstanding example of Allied rule in the postwar world. The British set Arabs against Jews and to complete the picture they have herded the very victims who suffered most under Hitler into concentration camps like those used by the Nazis.

This is the postwar world.

Yet in the face of this terrible reality, the power-drunk Wall Street rulers are deliberately preparing for another, still worse war!

Mounting Wave Of Barbarism Engulfs The Jewish People

The plight of the Jewish people in the post-war world is one of the most damning indictments of the Allied powers.

During the war, the Allied propaganda machines utilized Hitler's atrocities against the Jews as grist for their mills. They denounced Hitler. They pointed to his horrible concentration camps. They shed tears over the mass murder of these unfortunate victims. They made out that an Allied victory would guarantee the rescue of the Jews.

But what happened? In Europe today the Jews live in terror. Fascist-like reaction still hounds them. Pogroms have flared in Poland, and in other countries the Jews are made victims of concerted, organized attacks. The pitiful survivors of Hitler's lynch law wander over Europe as displaced persons not knowing when or where the next blow will descend.

Most of them are dominated by one thought. To get out of Europe. They appear to have no desire to enter the Soviet Union. They are too familiar with the purges, the anti-Semitism, and the savage brutality of the Stalin regime. Nor have the Kremlin bureaucrats done anything to change this judgment of the Jewish people. They have not offered to open the doors of the Soviet Union to Hitler's victims!

NO ESCAPE

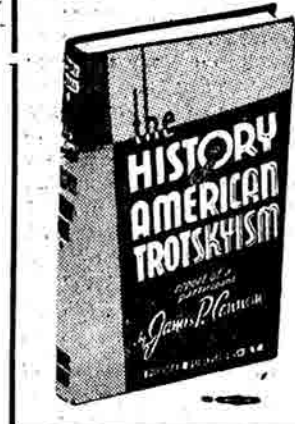
Many of the Jews would like to come to the United States. But Wall Street is interested in fostering anti-Semitism. The obedient instruments of Wall Street who govern in Washington have kept the lock fast on the gates of America. Their ideas about the Jews do not differ fundamentally at all from those held by the Nazis.

Consequently the Jews, seeking escape from the Allied conquerors in Europe, have found their way to Palestine—the land promised to them by Great Britain. But there they have been received with a brutality completely in the pattern they suffered under Hitler. The British have under them up as they arrived on crowded ships, and herded them into concentration camps. Behind the barbed wire of the Allied camps on Cyprus stand victims wearing the tattooed identification numbers placed on them by the Nazis!

This is how the Allies carried out their war promises to the Jewish people.

When the Jews already in Palestine began staging huge protest demonstrations, the British responded by clamping down martial law and moving troops against them. Palestine resembles a battlefield where the Allies are still continuing the Second World War, this time carrying out the task left unfinished by Hitler.

The plight of the Jews under world capitalism shows how far barbarism has advanced. As Trotsky pointed out in 1940: "Today decaying capitalist society is striving to squeeze the Jewish people from all its pores; seven million individuals out of the two billion populating the globe, that is, less than one per cent, can no longer find a place on our planet. Amid the vast expanses of land and the marvels of technology, which has also conquered the skies for man as well as the earth, the bourgeoisie has managed to convert our planet into a foul prison."



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Before exhausting or drowning mankind in blood, capitalism befalls the world atmosphere with the poisonous vapors of national and race hatred.

—Leon Trotsky

The 1946 Elections And A Labor Party

One stark fact will stare the workers in the face as they go to the polls this November: The failure of the labor movement to build its own party and run its own candidates means that the next Congress will be just as reactionary and anti-labor as the last one.

It will make no difference whether the workers vote for the candidates of Wall Street's Democratic Party or Wall Street's Republican Party. Whoever is elected from these two parties will represent only the interests of Big Business.

Never have the American workers stood so in need of a labor party. The record of the 79th Congress as a whole was one of deep-dyed reaction. The Truman administration has wielded a club against the workers and in defense of the profiteers and price-gougers.

The election in November 1944 of the 79th Congress was hailed by the union leaders as a "great progressive victory." Today, these same union leaders condemn the 79th Congress as the "worst" in decades.

Included in this "worst" is the record of the PAC-endorsed Congressmen and Senators. These capitalist political "friends of labor" turned overwhelmingly against labor in every real test.

CIO President Philip Murray, a consistent and bitter opponent of the labor party idea, has himself complained that Congress has not passed a single piece of progressive legislation in NINE YEARS.

But from this evidence admitted by the top union leaders themselves, they draw the absurd conclusions that labor must continue to back "progressive" candidates of the capitalist parties.

This policy will again prove disastrous for labor. We can confidently predict that the next Congress is going to be even more viciously anti-labor than the last. And once more the PAC-endorsed or AFL-endorsed "friends of labor" are going to reveal themselves as deadly enemies.

It is now too late to organize a labor party or run labor slates for the 1946 elections. But it is not too late to begin building a labor party to sweep out the Big Business parties and candidates in 1948.

NOW is the time to build a labor party to be ON TIME for the crucial national elections in 1948. Unless American labor begins to build its own party now, in 1948 the workers will again face the shameful situation they face today. They will be helpless before the political monopoly of Wall Street. And that monopoly will be more deeply entrenched.

American labor dare not wait until 1948! The labor party must be built NOW!

The best way to express your desire for the immediate building of a labor party in the 1946 elections is to roll up a record vote for the independent working-class candidates of the Socialist Workers Party.

Cast your ballot for the Socialist Workers Party candidates! Campaign for them! Urge your friends and shop-mates to vote for them! Remember — every vote for the SWP is a vote against the political rule of Wall Street and a vote for genuine independent labor political action through labor's own party and candidates.

Red-Baiting

Red-baiting is a method of provocation and incitement long used by the employers to confuse the issues in workers' struggles against their exploiters, to divide labor's ranks and to whip up anti-labor hysteria.

The red-baiters become most active whenever the workers fight militantly for their rights. Then the bosses try to obscure the real issues, such as wages and working conditions, and drag the "red herring" across the trail. A recent example was Democratic Mayor O'Dwyer's hue and cry about "communists" during the New York truckdrivers strike. This was part of his campaign to drive the men back to work with little or no gains.

Red-baiting becomes an even more treacherous and insidious means to divide labor when it is used by reactionary elements inside the labor movement. Today, unfortunate-

ly, there is a growing wave of such red-baiting inside the unions.

How shall the red-baiters be fought? We have published recently in *The Militant* two reports on red-baiting in the CIO that show the wrong way and the right way to combat red-baiters.

Recently, a group of red-baiters in the Philadelphia CIO Council opened a campaign to oust "communists." The drive was aimed in the first place against the Stalinists; but its ultimate objective is to curb the real union militants.

The Stalinist union leaders, who commanded a leading position in the Philadelphia CIO, abjectly surrendered to the red-baiters without a struggle. They made a behind-the-scenes deal whereby the red-baiters were allowed to pass a resolution barring "communists" from office, but withheld more drastic witch-hunt resolutions—for the time being.

But the red-baiters met a different reception in the Buffalo CIO Council. There too, the Stalinists were prepared to remain silent. However, there were some real union militants prepared to lead the fight. They organized a powerful counter-offensive, mobilized the ranks against the red-baiting menace and secured an overwhelming vote condemning "red-baiting in any form."

The Buffalo CIO militants have shown that the way to defeat union red-baiters is by bold, aggressive counterattack, exposing their real aims and arousing the workers against them.

Withdraw The Troops

The Militant was the first labor paper in the United States to call for the withdrawal of American troops from overseas. When we raised this demand at the end of the war, it sounded like a voice in the wilderness. But we were confident the slogan would rapidly gain widespread popularity among the workers and farmers because it represented their own basic interests.

Since then, the correctness of our analysis has been verified many times over. Last January the GIs themselves put on demonstrations around the whole earth, demanding, "Get Us Home!"

The sentiments of the labor movement and the American people on this question have not changed despite all the rabid attempts of the war-mongers in recent months to popularize another slaughter.

The Greater Flint Industrial Union Council has just passed a resolution calling for the immediate withdrawal of all troops from occupied countries. The resolution pointed out that an unholy alliance of financial interests and politicians are using atomic bomb diplomacy to prepare for a Third World War. The resolution called attention to the fact that America's 60 Families made huge profits from the Second World War while workers and soldiers made sacrifices. The American workers, declared the resolution, have no interest in fighting a new war to gain control of Iran, of China or of Europe.

The resolution flatly demanded that the "Big Four" withdraw all troops from the occupied countries and demanded that President Truman and Congress act immediately.

The wishes of the labor movement in Flint accurately reflect the sentiment of the American people generally. Recently the American Broadcasting Company took a nation-wide poll on the question of withdrawing American troops from China. They report as their "Overall Summary" that for every three persons in favor of keeping the troops abroad, eight want them brought home. In some areas the ratio was as high as four to one in favor of withdrawing the troops.

In face of the clear will of the people to bring the boys back home, why does Washington continue to keep them overseas?

The answer is that the government is controlled by Wall Street; and Wall Street is preparing for another war.

The Greater Flint Industrial Union Council has taken a correct step in fighting Wall Street's war plans. Let labor elsewhere follow the example set by Flint!

Hello, New Reader

Welcome to the tens of thousands of new readers who are becoming acquainted with *The Militant* and the Socialist Workers Party for the first time through this special election issue.

As our many thousands of regular readers and subscribers have already noted and appreciated, *The Militant* is like no other paper published in America today.

Our paper is devoted 100 per cent to defending the interests of the working people at all times and without compromise.

Our paper tells the truth about the exploitation of labor; the oppression of racial and religious minorities; the criminal practices of the Big Business rulers; the graft and corruption of their two major parties; the anti-labor conspiracy in Washington; the preparations for a third imperialist World War.

But *The Militant* does more than expose the filth and greed of the capitalist system and its political agents. It educates the workers in the only program that can end this system and build a decent order of society.

The Militant presents the ideas and program of the Socialist Workers Party, the working-class party in America that fights for the program of revolutionary socialism as taught by Marx, Engels, Lenin and Trotsky.

We present these ideas not as the enemies of labor and their paid falsifiers describe them—but in their true light as the great emancipatory ideas of the oppressed and exploited of the whole world.

We welcome you, our new readers, into our ranks. We invite your suggestions and honest criticisms, as well as your support. We know that many of you not only will read *The Militant* from now on, but you will join actively in the fight to make our program a reality.



"But how on earth did it HAPPEN—aren't we safeguarded against their democratic rights?"

Workers BOOKSHELF

SOCIALISM ON TRIAL, by James P. Cannon. Pioneer Publishers, 1942. Third edition now in preparation, 25 cents.

Two editions of *Socialism on Trial* have already been sold out. A third is now being prepared by Pioneer Publishers, to meet the needs of thousands of workers who today are thinking about socialism for the first time.

This pamphlet is both a primer and an authority on socialism. It is the official court record of James P. Cannon's testimony in the Minneapolis Labor Case. The question-and-answer form is easy to read, and easy to refer to for the socialist view on any question. This unique presentation is also a constant reminder that the pamphlet was born in the struggle against capitalist war.

James P. Cannon, National Secretary of the Socialist Workers Party, was sent to prison with 17 other leaders of the Socialist Workers Party and Minneapolis Truckdrivers' Local 544-CIO. Their crime was their opposition to the war plans of Wall Street, and their unswerving devotion to the interests of the working people.

They were indicted under the vicious Smith "Gag" Act, which made it a felony to "advocate a change in the form of government." On the eve of Pearl Harbor, they were sentenced to terms of 12 and 18 months in federal penitentiaries. Labor and other organizations representing over five million members denounced the frame-up and urged the pardon of the defendants. But

Roosevelt ignored them. And the Supreme Court three times refused even to rule on the legality of the Smith "Gag" Act under which the 18 were convicted!

The government failed, however, to suppress the socialist ideas of the defendants. The 18 made the courtroom a "public forum." James P. Cannon's testimony covered the whole range of Marxist theory, expounding the principles of the Trotskyist movement and telling how the Trotskyists organize the struggle for socialism.

The revolutionary socialist opposition to imperialist war was clearly set forth. "Our Party is unalterably opposed to all imperialist wars," Cannon declared. To claim that the U. S. will wage a "war of democracy against fascism," he added, "is a subterfuge."

The Trotskyists, he explained, say "that the conflict between American imperialism and German imperialism is for the domination of the world. It is absolutely true that Hitler wants to dominate the world, but we think it is equally true that the ruling group of American capitalists has the same idea, and we are not in favor of either of them."

"We do not think that the Sixty Families who own America want to wage this war for some sacred principle of democracy. We think they are the greatest enemies of democracy here at home."

Every worker can see today how true these words were. American battleships loom in the harbors of Greece, as a king is shoved back on his throne.

American brass hats tour Latin America to equip its armies with U. S. weapons and U. S.-trained officers. Atomic bombs are stored up, and dreadful plans are made to spread epidemics. With increasing intensity, Wall Street drives toward a third World War—to annihilate the Soviet Union.

At home, these same enemies of democracy watch with secret approval while Negro men and women are tortured, shot, and burned to death. The capitalist government, which has the names of many lynchings in its records, does not arrest a single one.

Only one program can solve the problems of the workers of all races: that is the same program of international socialism which Cannon set forth on the witness stand in Minneapolis.

In his testimony, Cannon told how the Socialist Workers Party, day by day, carries out the ideas of Marx, Lenin and Trotsky. It is in the forefront of the fight against fascism, the struggle against Jim Crow, and every strike for a living wage. Its program and activities should be carefully studied by every man and woman who wants to help change oppression and war to security and peace.

Many branches of the Socialist Workers Party still have copies of the second edition of *Socialism on Trial* for sale. If you cannot secure it from the branch in your city, Pioneer Publishers will take your order now and fill it as soon as the third edition rolls off the press.

Reviewed by
Ruth Benson

What You Can't Believe In The CP

What "crimes" are grounds for expulsion from the American Communist (Stalinist) Party?

Those workers who still think of the Stalinist Party as "radical" or "militant" or "revolutionary" or "communist" should consider the ideas you can not advocate if you want to be a member of the Communist Party.

Take, for instance, the charges made by the Stalinist leaders against several prominent members who have recently been expelled. These victims of the latest purge inside the CP are Ruth McKenney and Bruce Minton, long-time contributing editors of *New Masses*, leading Stalinist weekly; and Vern Smith, a well-known CP leader on the West Coast.

First among the "crimes" attributed to these expelled CP members is that they opposed the party's policy of supporting candidates of Wall Street's two major parties, the Democrats and Republicans. They advocated instead the formation of a labor party.

The Connecticut State Committee of the CP, with the approval of the party's National Committee, said in its official statement of expulsion that McKenney and Minton "conducted a vicious struggle against the policies of the National Committee regarding the role of the Party in the 1946 elections and called for the immediate organization of a 'class-conscious labor party'." (Daily Worker, Sept. 12.)

Vern Smith, according to the official statement of the California State Board of the CP, was expelled, among other reasons, because "he attacked the Party's election policy . . . as 'support for capitalist candidates' and a 'capitalist third party'." (Daily Worker, Sept. 20.)

So if you're a worker who recognizes that a vote for either the Democratic Party or the Republican Party candidates is a vote for Big Business rule, you can't be a member of the Stalinist Party.

Another "crime" in the Communist Party is advocating militant policies in the trade unions and warning that today all major labor struggles, like the maritime strike, are conducted against the capitalist government which immediately intervenes on behalf of the employers.

Thus, the Stalinist leaders charge that Vern Smith "during the maritime strike (CIO) negotiations in June . . . took the position that the maritime strike was fundamentally a political strike and that the June 15 settlement was a 'sell-out'."

So, if you are a union seaman who pointed out that the government is the main enemy of the maritime workers and that it forced the CIO seamen to accept lower wage increases by threatening to use the Navy to break any strike; and if you warned last June the CIO would be forced to go on strike again despite the June 15 settlement—you cannot remain a member of the Stalinist Party.

But there are other, even more "terrible" acts for which members are being expelled from the CP. These have to do with such basic questions as imperialist war and the plans of Wall Street to destroy the Soviet Union. McKenney and Minton, for instance, attacked CP National Secretary William Z. Foster, saying that "it is impossible under capitalism to check the outbreak of war or to achieve a

period of peace." Vern Smith "advocated the fatalistic position of the inevitability of war against the Soviet Union by American imperialism."

So, if you are a worker who recognizes the correctness of the Marxist-Leninist idea that capitalism in itself breeds imperialist war and that there is a fundamental conflict between the nationalized economy of the Soviet Union and the private profit system of world capitalism—if you believe this, the Stalinist leaders will pitch you out on your ear.

And finally, Vern Smith "placed the immediate struggle for socialism in the center of our activity."

So, don't say that American capitalism cannot maintain peace and economic stability; don't say it is headed inevitably for another crisis of unemployment and misery; don't say the only way out for the workers is socialism—that is, don't say these things if you want to stay a member of the "Communist" Party.



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Why You Pay More And Get Less

Retail sales—in money volume—have been zooming 40, 50 and 60 per cent over last year. It doesn't mean the workers have been getting more—they have just been paying more.

All official figures on retail sales deal with but one angle—how much money is being spent in department and chain stores and mail order houses. The government and business agencies aren't saying how much goods is going over the counters.

That would show the terrific gap between how much the workers are forced to spend and how much they are getting for their money. It would show the real extent of the profits grab being made through inflationary prices.

A graphic illustration of who and what is helping to cause high prices appeared in the financial pages of the metropolitan press last week. It was the latest financial report issued by Montgomery Ward & Co., giant mail order house headed by America's No. 1 Open-Shopper, Sewell Avery.

Avery's outfit raked in \$7,801,102 net profits in the first six months of 1946. That wasn't hay! But it sure was peanuts compared to the profits raked in during the first six months of 1946. The 1946 profits were tripled—\$20,558,600.

That was after all taxes had been paid. But that wasn't all the profits. There was another \$4,000,000 of profits hidden under another label—"provisions for possible inventory price decline."

Where did these tripled profits come from? For every dollar a consumer spent with Montgomery Ward in 1945, 6.8 cents were profits. But in 1946, 9.9 cents were profits. So consumers were paying Montgomery Ward 45 per cent more profit on sales volume than in 1945. See why prices go up?

Consumers spent 44 per cent more at Ward's in 1946 than in 1945. Did they get 44 per cent more merchandise? No, they just got higher prices. And the difference in price means tripled profits for the mail-order profiteers. In fact, the percentage that prices went up and the percentage that profits went up in relation to sales were almost identical.

Higher wages cause higher prices? That's not what the corporation records show! It's profiteering!

James Roosevelt Draws Class Line

James Roosevelt, California Democratic Party chairman, has aroused hurt outcries from state leaders of the CIO Political Action Committee.

The eldest son of the late Franklin D. Roosevelt announced that as a good Democrat he is going to vote for the re-election of Republican Governor Earl Warren, a notorious reactionary and labor-hater, Warren, who cross-filed in the primaries, has also been nominated by the Democratic Party and is running as the nominee of both major parties.

According to Richard Lynden, Northern California chairman of CIO-PAC, and David Hedley, its secretary, Roosevelt "seriously confuses the issues in the coming election." Lynden said:

"Earl Warren is the carefully whitewashed candidate of reactionary big business. When Mr. Roosevelt says he will vote for Warren he confuses the true nature of the Warren candidacy and blurs the dividing line between the reactionaries and the forces of progress."

Now these are unkind words to fling at Roosevelt, who is rated as one of the more enlightened and progressive Democrats. He hasn't blurred the issue at all. He has helped to clarify it.

He has shown that as between a so-called progressive Democrat and a reactionary Republican there are no fundamental differences. There is no such division of the barricades between them, as union leaders and Stalinists would have the workers believe.

As a typical capitalist politician, even of liberal stripe, James Roosevelt runs true to class lines. If he can't vote for a Democrat, he will vote for a Republican. After all, both parties represent the same class, the capitalists. What he won't do—as he made very clear—is vote for candidates of a working-class party, not even his devoted admirers of the Communist (Stalinist) Party.

Roosevelt has shown once again that the "dividing line between the reactionaries and the forces of progress" is a class line. It is the PAC leaders and Stalinists who are trying to blur that line. Roosevelt has made the job a bit tougher for them. He has shown that between a good Democrat and a good Republican there are no fratricidal issues.

Wall Street Strengthens The National Guards

Military preparations of American imperialism for World War III are being planned with an eye to subjugation not merely of "enemies" abroad, but also the main enemy of Wall Street at home—the working people.

This was indicated last week at the 68th annual conference of the National Guard Association by leading spokesmen of the Army Big Brass, including Gen. Jacob L. Devers, Army Ground Forces commander, and Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, national director of Selective Service.

"Plans have been made for a National Guard three times its present size," Hershey said. This will mean a special army of 600,000 intended mainly for use on U. S. soil.

As Devers explained, the "Regular Army will fulfill our occupation commitments" and other military tasks of American Big Business abroad. The National Guard will be used for home "defense." Devers indicated, because the first blow of an "aggressor" might "paralyze the city of Buffalo, . . . or Detroit . . . Pittsburgh . . . Chicago . . . with an allied outbreak of sabotage designed to cripple our communications as well as our industries."

The name "National Guard" has become almost synonymous with government armed strikebreaking. Throughout its history, a chief function of the National Guards has been to break strikes. Simultaneously with unleashing of war against peoples in other lands, Wall Street expects to unleash war against the workers at home. That's why it wants a huge National Guard.

Using the pretext of preparing to "defend our homes," the capitalist rulers are preparing special armed forces to crush any opposition at home, especially labor struggles.

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.

Democratizing The Armed Forces

Editor:
Congratulations on your latest issue (Sept. 21). As a veteran, I am particularly pleased to find that you and the Socialist Workers Party were on the ball when it came to the job of making correct proposals about the terrible court-martial system that exists in the Army.

You and your representatives are 100 per cent correct when you say that it won't do to try to reform that system—it certainly has to be abolished altogether. And your proposals for civilian court trial for serious offenses and a real trial by a jury of your peers hit the nail right on the head.

A Former Enlisted Man
New York, N. Y.

Jim-Crow Terror & Shame And Disgrace

Editor:
In a self-styled free and democratic nation it is a shame that such disgraceful persecution of black folk in the South is so coolly regarded by the government and supposedly unbiased Northerners. This problem is the one I feel most deeply about, being a Chinese myself.

I heartily approve of your very decidedly belligerent article on the first page of a recent issue



of The Militant, in which a Negro whom a Southern mob had beaten and left for dead testified how those men had horribly killed a colored veteran on false charges.

You urged strongly in the article, as well as in the editorial in the center of the paper, that the courts of America play fair and act in the handling of this and similar crimes, because the murderers' names can be given with surety.

I sincerely thank you for putting this case on the top of the front page. I am glad to see one paper which really pitches in for the Negro struggle, thus helping to make the United States more democratic regarding the racial question.

Your paper has courage, and in this respect you are absolutely

right. The world must progress socially and politically for its benefit, and the achievement of perfect racial equality is an important necessary step.

Eugene Cheng
New York, N. Y.

On the Waterfront

Editor:
While I was distributing The Militant along the waterfront during the recent seamen's strike one of the pickets asked about our masthead slogan "Workers of the World Unite." He felt that we must be "Wobblies" since he remembered their using that slogan.

We told him that we were from the Socialist Workers Party and assured him that many workers' groups use that slogan. He looked at the words "Workers of the World Unite" once again, and said reflectively, "It's a cinch you're not the Communist Party (Stalinists) with that slogan."

A. R.
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Ford Cheats Worker's Widow

Editor:
The Los Angeles Tribune on Sept. 7 carried a brief news story that shows the callousness and greed of the Fords—and the rest of the bosses.

A Negro worker was burned



FORD

alive in the Ford foundry. On the day of his funeral, company lawyers were trying to make his widow, Mrs. Willie Williamson, settle for one-third of the compensation legally due her! The legal maximum she is entitled to is \$10,300; the company offered \$3,200, to support the widow, two children, and her husband's mother!

Not only did the man die a horrible death, but it was a death due entirely to company negligence. The UAW's Ford Local 600 testified that the union committee had complained three times about a faulty slag chute—and the company did nothing. Another worker broke his leg and narrowly missed death in the same building.

A. R.
Los Angeles

'Militant' Brings Out Truth, Says Vet

Editor:
Enclosed is \$1 to extend my subscription another year. I enjoy your paper immensely. It really does bring out the truth. As a former GI, I really know what we fought for. More power to you!

It will take very much time to counteract the capitalist propaganda.

But either the people will recognize the truth, or a very good portion will perish.

I shall be a devoted reader of your grand newspaper.

James Mahoney
Cleveland, O.

Protest In Trinidad On Freeport Murders

Editor:
The crimes against the Negro people are shocking not only to the people of this country, but in other countries as well. In last week's Afro-American I read where more than 5,000 people jammed a meeting called by the Negro Welfare Cultural and Social Organization in Trinidad, British West Indies, to protest the murder of the Ferguson brothers in Long Island and the lynchings in the South.

"These acts constitute the sting of American imperialism and unmask the Statute of Liberty, the Bill of Rights and the Four Freedoms," they said in a resolution. The cry, "Death to the lynchings" was also raised. The "I" is real solidarity.

N. T. G.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Negro Nationalism Or Socialism?

Editor:
The Negro Nationalist movement is busy in Harlem teaching division among the workers as a means of "elevating the Negro to a new and higher standard of living." I can think of no worse evil than teaching our young people in Harlem to hate the entire white race, regardless of class.

It is disgusting to see and hear such well-read men and women preaching a hatred that cannot aid the Negroes' struggle for equality. Their doctrine is the same one used by the Bilboes who work day and night in Washington to destroy the trade unions and undermine the struggles of the militant working people for a decent standard of living.

The Nationalists have allowed hatred to blind them to the real enemy of the Negro people as well as the enemy of the poor white working class—capitalism. As Negroes, Nationalist or not, we have a right to hate the evils of this society. But let our hatred be directed against the CAUSE. Let us determine to remove the cause and replace the present system with one that can function in the interests of the majority, instead of in the interests of a few powerful families who profit by the Negroes' inequality.

Discussing with a Nationalist recently, I asked: "Wouldn't the Negroes be better off if united with the advanced sections of white workers, such as we have in the Socialist Workers Party? In the SWP we unite against this capitalist society which is able to live only by discrimination and exploitation."

The answer I received was: "Regardless of what your party is against, every black man should desire only to return to his motherland, Africa."

At no point would the Nationalist admit that there is a class struggle, or that only this struggle could ensure the freedom and equality to the Negro. Nor could he understand most Negroes don't want to go to Africa, but want to solve their problems here.

Those who hear Nationalist teachings should remember that as a minority, we Negroes must have aid in our struggle. The capitalist government will never give us equality. Our support must come from the exploited white workers who have much to gain by uniting with us.

Many white workers see clearly that the ruling class is responsible for any feeling of race hatred they have ever felt. They realize that division keeps them, too, from having a higher standard of living. They will join us against our common enemy, the capitalists, who intend to use every means to keep us divided so as to increase their profits.

White and Negro workers are members of the Socialist Workers Party. We are working militantly to build a strong revolutionary party. Join us in preparing for the day when the workers will establish a socialist society and thus smash Jim Crow forever!

In Harlem every Thursday at 8:15 p.m. we have open meetings at 103 West 110th St., Room 23. Questions and discussion are welcome.

Victor Howell
New York, N. Y.

Fascist G. L. K. Smith



Driven out by Minneapolis workers.

Unite to Smash Fascist Groups Now

Editor:
I read The Militant's report in the Sept. 7 issue, on how the workers broke up Smith's meeting in Minneapolis. I was inspired by the story, and glad to see one paper give all the details.

I think the way to fight fascism is for the workers to unite right now, and smash the fascist gangs before they smash us.

M. S.
New Jersey

Torture Still Legal Punishment

Editor:
How many people know that the whipping post is still being used as legal punishment? Of course it's only resorted to when the poorest and neediest people are driven to stealing some trifle.

In Delaware, a man was convicted of GRAND LARCENY for taking \$60 worth of clothes. He was sentenced to a year in prison and ten lashes at the whipping post.

Delaware is the state where the du Pont and most other monopolies are incorporated, because its laws are so thoughtfully arranged to protect profits. I wonder what a Delaware judge would decide upon for a war criminal who stole billions of dollars from the treasury? Probably a hearty pat on the back!

R. J.
New York, N. Y.

Dobbs' Radio Talk Wins Quick Support

Editor:
On my visit home this week my father greeted me enthusiastically with the news that he was going to vote the Socialist Workers Party ticket. He had listened to Farrell Dobbs defend the truckers' strike on the radio, and for the first time learned why they were striking—what their needs were, how badly paid they were and how tough the work is.

These are the facts he had not gotten by reading the Times' editorials. The editorials state that if you raise wages, prices

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By Alice Patton

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will rise—maliciously mistating the fact that prices have risen all the time wages have been frozen. These editorials have been increasing his bitterness towards the strikers because without deliveries to his small shop, it had begun to look as if he would have to close down.

But having heard the strikers' side of the story presented by Farrell Dobbs, my father realized that the men needed and deserved their raise, and that there was no other way for them to get it but to strike.

E. Landi
New York, N. Y.

Youth Group Activities

CHICAGO.—Youth Group meets Friday, 8 p.m. at 777 W. Adams St.

LOS ANGELES.—Socialist Youth Club meets every Thursday, 8 p.m., at SWP headquarters, 316½ W. Pico Blvd. Educational by Youth and SWP speakers.

NEW YORK.—For information on the Trotskyist Youth Group send name and address to 116 University Place, N. Y. 3, N. Y.

Open Forum: Every Sunday, 8 p.m., at Chelsea Workers Center, 130 W. 23rd St. Dancing, refreshments follow.

Queens.—Open forums every Wednesday at Odd Fellows Temple, 160th St. and 90th Ave., 8 p.m.

PHILADELPHIA.—For information call ST. 4-5820, from noon to 6 p.m.

Watch this column for further announcements of youth activities.

THE MILITANT ARMY

N. Y. 'Militant' Boosters Give Inspiring Reports



Comrades in New York Local of the Socialist Workers Party are breaking all records in getting The Militant to the workers. In four days they sold 109 subscriptions and 790 single copies of the paper. The comrades achieved this success by going door-to-door to ask workers to subscribe to The Militant and by selling the paper at open-air street meetings.

Comments of the sub-getters tell an exciting story.

Benita Tunison, Bronx Branch: "One of the most gratifying phases of party activity is selling The Militant during open-air meetings. We usually find ourselves at the peak of enthusiasm—we are proud of our Party, our speakers, our program."

"At an open-air meeting in Harlem the response of the audience was inspiring to all of us. We felt that people were buying The Militant because they really wanted to know more about our program. Most of the people I spoke with agreed fervently with our speakers, and it was with very genuine pride that I sold copies of The Militant to them."

"Our Party is growing up; we are beginning to reach the workers and bring them into our ranks. Getting out in the street is probably the best way to further our development. But selling The Militant to the workers is a more lasting contact with them, for The Militant is a representative of our Party which they take home with them—a representative of which we may feel justly proud."

Marianne Eden of Yorkville: "Militant workers who feel indignation at the injustices today—the veterans are boiling about the housing situation, the housewives are up in arms about the high prices of groceries—subscribe to The Militant without a sales talk. These are the workers with spunk."

Harry Ring, Organizer of Brooklyn Branch: "Our open-air election rallies held in Brooklyn last night demonstrated what a wonderful medium these meetings are for the sale of The Militant. With a few brief remarks from the chairman and some of the speakers, the three comrades assigned to the sale of the paper were able to dispose of 113 copies. In addition to these sales, two 6-month subscriptions were obtained."

Harry Gold, Director of the Militant Subscription Campaign for New York Local: "Among those comrades who went out on the Sunday mobilization two did an outstanding job in selling subscriptions to The Militant—Ruth Wilson and Edith Landi of Central Branch. These comrades sold 13 subs by going door-to-door. They are the high scorers for that day."

Dotty Saunders, Brooklyn Branch: "I sold subs in Harlem, the area where the people are being forced to get out because the tenements are being torn down. But despite the fact that they are uncertain where they will go, they were so impressed by the defense The Militant puts

up for the poor people that they wanted to take a sub anyway. Many others bought individual copies of the paper. They all agreed that if more people read The Militant we wouldn't be threatened with housing shortages and lynchings."

Edith Burns, member of the Trotskyist Youth Group: "I was selling Militants at our street corner meeting. A man walked over to me and said, 'Here, I want to help all I can.' He handed me \$1. I told him about The Militant and he said he would like to have a sub."

Sub-getters all over the country are just as enthusiastic about selling The Militant as those in New York.

L. C., South Gate, Calif.: "Enclosed are three subs to The Militant. I'm having pretty good luck in getting subscriptions from the fellows I work with in the shop, and sometimes when I think they should get The Militant I subscribe for them myself."

E. Brent, Detroit Branch: "One of our new colored comrades and his brother who is sympathetic to our ideas went out in the colored district near our headquarters. They came back not only with the largest number of signatures on our petition asking the mayor to permit us to continue to use our headquarters but also with five new subscriptions to The Militant. Later his brother applied for membership in the Party."

Al Turner, San Diego Branch: "Comrade Augusta sold 57 Militants Friday!"

D. Lessing, Newark: "Enclosed are 22 subs. . . . The Newark Branch will distribute thousands of copies of The Militant throughout New Jersey during the course of the election campaign. We expect this to result in many more subscribers to the paper during the next six weeks."

Milt Genechin, Organizer of Akron Branch: "Enclosed are seven subs. Some of these were obtained at the State CIO Convention held in Akron Sept. 6-9. We distributed several hundred copies of the paper and they were well received. The remainder of the subs were obtained by Comrade Joe Smith of our branch who had a list of call-backs to people who did not have the money when they were first visited. Comrade Smith has been doing an excellent job on sub-getting for a long time."

S. M., Aroons, Boston Branch: "Three teams went out with last week's issue of The Militant and they got 15 subscriptions in a working-class neighborhood. They met with a good reception. 'I want to mention Belle Montague who has been one of our most consistent sub-getters during the summer months, in fact the leading one. She plugs The Militant continually and has been disposing of our Militant bundle order almost single-handed. Her sales practically pay for our bundle order and her work certainly merits recognition."

PIONEER NOTES

We are addressing our column this week to the tens of thousands of readers seeing The Militant for the first time. Usually you will find in this column letters and comments from readers of Pioneer books and pamphlets, who write in to give us their reactions and ideas on what they have been reading. And often the literature agents of the branches of the Socialist Workers Party send us reports on sales of our literature at union meetings, street meetings, demonstrations, etc.

But this week we want to just briefly introduce ourselves to all of you new readers. Pioneer Publishers is a working-class organization which for 15 years has been publishing literature on the American labor movement and socialism.

Our publications range from short popular pamphlets selling for 10 or 15 cents, to full-size books of great interest to militant workers, such as The History of American Trotskyism by James P. Cannon and The First Five Years of the Communist International by Leon Trotsky.

Among our popular pamphlets which are having a wide sale and enthusiastic response all over the country are: A Practical Program to Kill Jim Crow (10c) by Charles Jackson, which gives the fighting program of the Socialist Workers Party to end racial discrimination; Veterans and Labor (10c) by Charles Carsten,

offering a real program of action for the veterans; and the two pamphlets American Workers Need a Labor Party (15c) by Joseph Hansen and Build a Labor Party Now (10c) by George Clarke. These last two pamphlets are especially timely in view of the November elections.

On Page 6 you will find an ad of our catalog which we will gladly send you on request. This catalog gives you a full listing of all our publications. Just clip out the order blank and send it in. And after you have bought and read some of our publications, we hope you will write in and tell us what you think about them.

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WHICH WORLD

For You And Your Children?

Capitalism . . .



War—war of mounting horror—endless war—this is the future under capitalism. America's power-drunk capitalist rulers have germ poisons so powerful a single ounce can kill everyone in the United States and Canada—silently, without warning, without destroying anything except people. This is not the nightmare of a madman! It is the fearful reality before us. If capitalism continues, the days of you and your children are numbered . . .

. . . Or Socialism

Peace—enduring peace and the brotherhood of man is possible right now. End the rule of Wall Street, organize the economic system according to a scientific plan—this will launch socialism. Socialism guarantees boundless plenty. Socialism puts the well-being and happiness of people above everything. America is ready for socialism! Which world do you want for your children, the world of capitalist war or the world of socialist peace?



Fight For A New And Better World

Join The Socialist Workers Party

Don't stand idle while capitalism prepares a Third World War! Fight today against Wall Street's plans for another slaughter. Fight for enduring peace under socialism. Add your strength to the vanguard of American workers devoting their lives to the Socialist cause. Join the Socialist Workers Party!

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What Is The Socialist Workers Party?

By James P. Cannon

National Secretary, SWP

The Socialist Workers Party is a political organization of American workers that fights for the interests of the working class 365 days of the year.

The Socialist Workers Party is different from all other political groupings. The Republicans and Democrats are instruments of America's ruling class. They safeguard the profits and special privileges of the tiny minority of Big Businessmen who exploit the vast bulk of the population. We stand 100 percent opposed to these parties and the clique of billionaires they represent.



JAMES P. CANNON

The Socialist Workers Party participates in the daily struggle of labor against the capitalists. Our members take a leading part on the picket lines and wherever the battle for labor's rights is sharpest and toughest. The fight for higher wages, shorter hours and better conditions has no better champion than the Socialist Workers Party.

Our aims, however, are far broader than simple trade unionism.

World society can no longer advance under the capitalist system. National boundaries are like a strait-jacket on industry. The decay of capitalism has brought forth fascism. It has inflicted two world wars on our planet; and a third slaughter is now in preparation. After the present artificial boom a crisis and a depression eclipsing anything yet seen loom before us.

Already Europe, for centuries the heart of world civilization, lies in ruins. America cannot escape the spread of this decay. Indeed the development of the atomic bomb and

other frightful instruments of destruction is a most ominous warning that humanity itself faces extinction if the chaos and anarchy of capitalism continues.

The only hope is to end capitalism and build a socialist society. Under socialism the rule of a privileged minority is ended forever. The national resources, transportation system, mines, mills and factories as well as finance and credit pass into the hands of the people. Planned economy is introduced by a Workers' and Farmers' Government. The necessity for piling up profits for a wealthy few no longer cripples and binds the production system. National boundary lines no longer tie down industry. The new law that rules society is production at the greatest possible capacity for the use of the people.

The Socialist Workers Party is dedicated to the great goal of guiding the working class out of the blind alley of capitalism and into the planned society of socialism. The road to socialism is the road to peace and plenty.

The socialist program offers the only realistic guide in the struggle against imperialist war and fascism.

Since the end of open hostilities in the Second World War, we have aroused the workers in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Minneapolis, Detroit, Chicago, and other cities over the mounting menace of native fascism. Our banners, placards and slogans have been prominent in all the big picket demonstrations organized by the labor movement against the fascist demagogue Gerald L. K. Smith.

Our tradition of opposition to imperialist war has not been marred by a single deviation. For years before the Second World War we told the workers the truth about Wall Street's preparations for another blood bath. At the outbreak of armed conflict we did not flinch in carrying out our duty. In the torrent of lies about fighting a war for "democracy" and "four freedoms," ours was the only voice that told the truth. We said it was an imperialist war fought over markets and colonies and for profits. We said the war could not end in peace, that it would only pave the way for a more terrible third world war.

Eighteen leaders and members of the Socialist Workers Party were railroaded to federal prison for standing up for these truths and for advocating socialism in America; but the capitalist government did not succeed in breaking our will or in silencing our voice.

Now we are opposing the preparations for a Third World War with all the vigor and might at our disposal.

In the struggle against Jim Crow and all forms of racial and minority discrimination, the Socialist Workers Party is gaining increasing recognition for its uncompromising

and militant stand. We demand an end to Wall Street's lynch law government. We demand full economic, social and political equality for the Negro people. We believe the Negro people are destined to play a great and heroic role in the struggle for a Socialist America.

The Socialist Workers Party believes in the international solidarity of the working class. The interests of the workers extend across all frontiers. We defend the workers of other lands and the colonial peoples against imperialist oppression and against despotic foreign rule. We are not affiliated to any international organization — the reactionary Voorhis Act bars us from that — but we uphold the ideas of the Fourth International, the world party of socialist revolution founded by Leon Trotsky.

Heirs Of Lenin

Although many workers may have heard about the Socialist Workers Party for the first time only recently, we are not a new party nor an untested party. Our program is based on the granite principles worked out by Karl Marx and Frederick Engels almost a century ago. We are the heirs and continuators of the program and methods developed by Lenin, the founder of the Soviet Union, the first workers' state in history.

We likewise base ourselves on the heritage of Leon Trotsky who analyzed and fought the Stalinist degeneration of the Soviet Union. Trotsky foresaw the Second World War and its terrible consequences more clearly than any other person. The program he formulated with scientific precision has been confirmed by every great turn of events. His teachings, entrusted to the Socialist Workers Party, now constitute a guide that can lead the workers out of the misery, despair and bloodshed of capitalism into the better world of socialism.

Active, militant trade unionists constitute the majority of the membership of the Socialist Workers Party. Housewives and student youth likewise are finding their place in our ranks. All races and colors of mankind are welcomed on an equal basis.

We adhere to "democratic centralism," the form of organization developed by Lenin. In accordance with this principle, the membership democratically controls the party but centralizes authority for the execution of decisions reached in free discussion.

Every member of a working man's family who is against another war, who is against capitalist exploitation and capitalist oppression should join the Socialist Workers Party. Here he will find energetic, militant, self-sacrificing comrades — wholeheartedly devoted to the great historic task of freeing humanity from the chains of capitalism.

The combined political power of these workers far exceeds the simple sum of their individual strength taken one by one. This power, in turn, gives new strength, courage and freedom of mind to the ranks. An entirely new life will open up for the sincere, militant worker who joins the Socialist Workers Party — a life of the greatest satisfaction, the only life that is really worthwhile, a life dedicated to the struggle against capitalism and for the world of socialism.

What "Wage Stabilization" Really Means To Workers

The Wage Stabilization Board's function as a government wage-freezing and wage-cutting agency was made crystal clear when it provoked the maritime strike by denying wage increases negotiated by the AFL unions.

But the only actions so far taken by the top AFL and CIO leaders are appeals for the employer and "public" members of the WSB to "resign."

Truman has responded to this appeal by announcing on Sept. 21: "The National Wage Stabilization Board will continue to administer the wage stabilization program." In the meantime, he has established an advisory committee to "study" the present wage stabilization policy and make recommendations.

The union leaders, of course, could blow up the whole WSB in a minute simply by withdrawing the union representatives from the Board. They have not done so, and do not propose to do so, because they accept the principle of "wage stabilization" and desire to maintain a Wage Stabilization Board — a "good" Board, of course.

Their complaint is simply that the government's wage policy isn't being administered "fairly." All they want is to get "better" industry and government members on the WSB.

A TRAP
But the whole policy of "wage stabilization" is a trap for the workers.

It is based on the false theory that higher prices are caused by higher wages. And that the way to keep economic stability is to freeze wages.

What has been the real result of this policy since the end of the war, over a year ago? The cost of living has gone up phenomenally. Government statistics have generally been doctored to cover up the real extent of price rises. But the government does admit an 11 per cent rise in the cost of living since June 30.

Since V-J Day, however, wages of all factory workers — the best organized section of the working population — have risen an average of only 11½ cents an hour, according to figures released last week by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. A fifth of all factory workers have received no increases at all. And millions of workers in offices, agriculture and service trades have secured little or no increase.

These are facts that prove conclusively that it is not been rising wages that have caused living costs to soar at least 25 per cent in the past year.

The capitalist government proposes to achieve economic stab-



The Gifts Socialism Bears

By V. Grey

We have seen that declining capitalism carries its own seeds of destruction. The flames of war and the stench of famine are inseparable from this living-death. It was progressive once — and even though it sweated and tortured millions of workers it still increased the good things of the earth. Now in its dying period it is turning good into bad.

Capitalism gestated in the womb of dying feudalism. The lusty infant, in its day, pushed over kings and monarchies, fought revolutions so that the factory system might grow.

Now this capitalism, grown old and evil, likewise bears a brand new system within itself. It bears new life as well as death. Factory production only needs to be free of its out-moded individual ownership to be born anew.

The world working class is going to act as midwife in a forced birth. It is going to deliver the socialist future out of the womb of the dying past.

Socialism will do many wonderful things. But as a bare minimum, as a sort of down payment, it will eliminate depressions, starvation and war. We know this for sure.

We found that capitalism is a system of production and exchange. It is a system under which individual capitalists own the means of production. The great majority of the people operate them. They represent values that the capitalist lays out so much cash for (VARIABLE CAPITAL). Their main product is SURPLUS VALUE (profit.)

The capitalist runs the factory, not to provide the world with shoes and suspenders, but to provide himself with profits. This leads to fiercer exploitation of the mass of workers on the one side; and a sharper aggravation of the capitalists' own problems on the other. It leads to economic crashes, depressions and wars.

Socialism A Different System

Socialism is an entirely different system. The workers run the factories, themselves. By doing so, they produce useful things instead of profits. They put an end to their own status as commodities. They are no longer bought and sold. They no longer have a "value" as they do under capitalism. And their aim is no longer to produce a surplus value above their own wages. Everything they produce is now theirs, and all the world's.

They produce with an eye to what is needed. They elect a planning board to direct their production so they don't waste time and energy producing more than the world can use. Thus there are no unsold surpluses except for those they intend to have — if they need to build up a reserve. Thus no scramble for markets to dump the surplus, as under capitalism.

They can expand production without catastrophe — without throwing millions on the street to starve, without breeding wars to take up the products of expansion, as the capitalists do.

They can decide just where and what they want to expand, where expansion is needed and desirable. They can decide just how many workers shall be detailed to make new machinery and better equipment, just how many can be spared from the production of immediate consumers' needs. There will be a planned expansion, with no explosions.

There will be world exchange of goods, of course. The U. S. workers would have a devil of a time trying to raise much coffee or rubber on northern soil. But they make automobiles rather easily. So they will send a number of automobiles to Brazil for their coffee and rubber supply.

Only A Beginning

But all this is only a beginning. The elimination of war and depression alone would give every human being at least 100 per cent more of the material goods of life. But it will do far more than that. It will reverse humanity's present plunge downwards to destruction, and turn it into an equally rapid upward climb to glorious life.

Automobiles, airplanes, pleasure parks and palaces — all the things that can already be made so easily, will be within everyone's reach. Still newer products will be made. Newer needs will be felt.

In a short time, material needs will not seem so important. People will require more beauty in their lives. New spiritual needs will arise. They will be satisfied. But there will be no terrible decline again. For when we come to the top of the hill, we can throw up new heights to climb. The masters of production will become masters of their own destiny.

The above is the final installment in a series of articles on Marxist economics.

JARVIS JOHNSON

1936-1946

Jarvis Johnson, ten-year-old son of Genora Dolinger and Kermit Johnson, died Sept. 15 in the Hurley Hospital in Flint, Michigan, from injuries received in a traffic accident.

Although he was only ten, "Joddy" had a revolutionary record to be proud of. He was the first child on the picket line in the famous General Motors sit-down strike of 1937, and from the time that he could walk and talk, he participated in his youthful way in many actions on behalf of the working class. Even the songs he sang, as he grew up, were revolutionary, workers' songs.

The first time I met him, in June of 1943, he had invited himself up to our party headquarters in Detroit, where we were getting ready to "cover" an NAACP rally. Wrapping his brand new jump rope around his neck for safekeeping, he got right to work counting out bundles of literature, and then went along with us to the rally where he distributed as many Militants and sold as many pamphlets as any of the adult comrades.

Only a few months ago, he organized a group of his young neighborhood friends in Detroit to collect clothes for the European Workers Relief. So successfully did Joddy tell his story of the plight of workers' children abroad, and so well did he organize his project, that over 700 pounds of clothing were collected within a few hours.

One of his last actions a few weeks ago before moving back to live in Flint was to distribute Socialist Workers Party leaflets at the gates of the Briggs Manufacturing Company in Detroit.

Joddy had hundreds of friends among Socialist Workers Party members and militant auto workers each of whom could add many, many details of his brave young record. We will miss him. Those of us who knew him will not forget his class consciousness, his enthusiasm for whatever was good for the workers, and his warm and vital budding personality.

Kay O'Brien
Detroit, Mich.

The Slavery Of A Housewife

By Alice Patton

According to the Hollywood movies, every woman can be a lady of leisure. All she has to do is marry the boss or his son and I've happily ever after.

But the daily life of a worker's wife is mighty different from that of the beautiful lady on the screen. She is chained to the house, her husband and children just as surely as if actual chains existed. I know, for I am a housewife and mother of four young children.

Lenin truthfully said: "A woman's domestic life is one in which she is sacrificed every day amidst a thousand petty details." Here's a brief sketch of my day, which begins at 5:30 in the morning:

Prepare breakfast, call family, pack lunches, serve meal, do dishes, dress children, get older children off to school . . .

Make beds, clean floors, dust, go to market, prepare and serve lunch, dishes again, put children to bed for nap . . .

Wash or iron, etc., prepare supper, serve, dishes again, darn socks, mend clothes, wash, undress and put children to bed . . . Finish work not done during day. Go to bed. Listen for cry of child which means no rest for Mom.

NEVER DONE

A woman's work is never done. A woman with children can never sit down and consider her work complete, until the day she dies. A housewife and mother must

also be master of many trades: cook, laundress, interior decorator, doctor, nurse, scrub woman, purchaser of necessities, presser of pants, and a good seamstress to make old clothes into new.

On the farm, women are expected to do all that and to drive a tractor or team, raise chickens, tend garden and can vegetables besides.

If a woman becomes ill she must keep on working just the same. No one willingly takes over her work, even for one day or one meal — especially the male of the species.

The birth of each child deepens the slavery, adding to the drudgery, making escape less possible. The full weight of the care of the young falls on the woman: the daily care of bathing, feeding and diaper washing.

Behind the label "Housewife," or "Home-maker" if you like that better, you will find: DRUGGERY, MENTAL STAGNATION AND ECONOMIC SLAVERY.

Day after day the housewife's life is the same round of cooking, sewing, scrubbing, dishwashing, and care of the young. Her whole outlook is confined to FOUR WALLS, and a man.

Her contacts with other human beings is limited to trades people, fellow housewives, neigh-



bor, whose problems and outlook are essentially the same.

Her pay consists of food, clothing and a roof over her head. The quality and quantity depend upon the size of her husband's pay check and how many children must be fed and clothed.

WHAT IS ANSWER?
What is the answer to this enslavement of the housewife? There is absolutely no escape for her under the capitalist system. ONLY SOCIALISM CAN FREE THE HOUSEWIFE!

Under socialism, cheerful com-

munity dining rooms will free women from the kitchen. Community laundries will free them from the never-ending round of washing and ironing.

Community nurseries, kindergartens, youth organizations will not only keep children healthy and happy, but free the mothers for a large part of the day.

Private housekeeping, as we know it today, will disappear. It will become a social industry.

Only under socialism will women be freed socially as well as economically.

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Republicans And Democrats Guilty Of Lynch Terror Against Negroes

SWP Candidate for Lt.-Governor of N. Y.
By Milton Richardson

All of us who are Negro citizens and veterans know the kind of treatment the Negroes have been getting throughout the "Democratic" South. You are shocked by the Tennessee race terror, the Mississippi lynchings, the Louisiana blow-torch murder, the gouging out of veterans' eyes and the quadruple lynching in Georgia. You have come to expect these horrors in the home of the Southern Bourbons—the home of the great "Democrats."



MILTON RICHARDSON

But what is less understood by the Negro people is the fact that the Republican Party is equally guilty. Right here in New York, in Freeport, Long Island, in the heart of the Republican stronghold—Nassau County—two Negro brothers were also lynched. And the Republican Party leaders supported the lynchers.

The four Ferguson brothers, three of them veterans, were celebrating their reunion after the war. They went into a cafe to get a cup of coffee. They were told: "We can't serve you." After leaving the cafe they were accosted by a policeman, who lined them up against the wall and shot them down in cold blood. Two were murdered. The other two were thrown into jail, and denied even medical attention.

BOTH EXONERATED
What is interesting is that the boys were exonerated by both Army and Navy officials. The wounded brother, who was in the Navy was taken out of the brig and brought up for court martial. The Navy brass was forced to admit that he was innocent of any misdemeanor. They were unable to deprive him of his rating in the Navy. One of the murdered boys, who was in the Army, was exonerated by the Army brass.

labor and progressive movement. Finally, as election time drew near, Dewey decided to make a gesture on this case, so as to keep the votes of the Negro people.

FAKE INVESTIGATION
Dewey appointed a private "investigation" committee, under his own legal hack, Greenbaum. The hearings were rigidly controlled from beginning to end. Labor and Negro organizations were denied an opportunity to freely take part in the "investigation."

All the witnesses admitted to the hearings first had to give their testimony in private to Greenbaum. If he didn't like the kind of testimony they gave, the facts never reached the hearings. At the end of this fake "investigation," the policeman and local authorities guilty of the crime were exonerated.

Outstanding in the fight for bringing the criminals to justice was the Socialist Workers Party. They gathered and submitted petitions bearing the signatures of 6,000 New York residents, calling for a public investigation under the provisions of the Ives-Quinn law.

My running mate, the SWP candidate for Governor, Farrell Dobbs, sent a telegram to Governor Dewey stating: "Your whitewash of the murder of the Ferguson brothers is one of the most brazen acts of injustices in the history of New York State. By this action your administration joins company with Bilbo, Talmadge, Rankin and the entire Southern lynch mob... An administration which permits killers to roam the streets at large is a danger to the peace and security of the citizens and cannot be entrusted with public responsibility."

TO PROTEST
As SWP candidate for Lieutenant-Governor of New York in the coming elections, I want to say to the Negro people of this state:

You will have a chance this fall to demonstrate your indignation against this brutal crime and against all Jim-Crow atrocities throughout the country. I call upon you, the Negro citizens of New York to come out and vote in mass. I call upon you to vote against the twin parties of the capitalist class, both Republican and Democratic, and to vote for the Socialist Workers Party ticket.

YOUR VOTES FOR US WILL BE AN EXPRESSION OF YOUR DETERMINATION TO FOREVER WIPE OUT THE JIM-CROW CRIMES OF THE CAPITALIST CLASS!

How Railway Strike Exposed Anti-Labor Role Of Congress

By Dorothy Schultz
SWP Candidate for Congress, 4th Dist., Minnesota

For the so-called friends of labor in Congress, the railroad strike was a crucial test. Then, if ever, the self-appointed representatives of labor should have rallied to the defense of union workers being attacked by the railway bosses, gov-



ernment officials and treacherous union bureaucrats. The issue was put squarely before them in the slave-labor bill proposed by Truman. With few exceptions, these fair-weather friends of labor failed to meet the test. Only 13 representatives out of the 435 in the House voted against the bill. Stanley (4th District, Minn.) a long-time official of the St. Paul Milk Wagon Drivers Union and a prominent figure in the Minnesota State Federation of Labor, voted to break the railway strike although the St. Paul Trades and Labor Assembly had endorsed it. Gallagher of Minneapolis was also among the politicians with a "liberal" label who voted to enslave labor.

OPEN BETRAYALS
Despite these open betrayals, railway labor officials continue to play the game of capitalist politics.

In one breath, A. F. Whitney publicly denounces Truman for his slave-labor proposals; in the next breath, he endorsed Starkey who voted for the Truman bill. Republican Senatorial candidate Shipstead received the endorsement of Whitney and other railway labor bureaucrats in the Minnesota primaries despite his long, reactionary record. Since Shipstead's defeat, Professor Jorgenson, the present Democratic-Farmer-Labor candidate for Minnesota Senator, has been endorsed by the same people who denounced him during the primaries!

Hoping to get minor concessions and penny-ante favors from their supposed Republican and Democratic friends, the labor bureaucrats sow confusion in railroad union ranks in order to head off a labor party. But their efforts to disorient the workers are doomed to failure.

WORKERS' DISCONTENT

The railroad strike was an explosive indication of the growing discontent among railworkers. Sharply aware that they have lost ground in the wage and hour fight of the last two decades, the workers are also attacking the spineless, do-nothing methods of government arbitration, wage boards, and legislative maneuvering which led them into the trap.

Pittsburgh Readers

The Pittsburgh branch of the Socialist Workers Party has moved to new headquarters at 1418 Fifth Ave., 2nd floor. Discussions on current topics held on 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month, 3:30 p.m. Militant readers and friends invited.

Threaten To Kill Southern CIO Organizer In Alabama

A CIO organizer, crippled war veteran K. G. Ingle, was beaten and shot in Evergreen, Alabama, on Aug. 21. The lynch-mobs which have been unchecked in their murderous assaults on Negroes, are turning their attacks on the best allies of the Negroes, the labor movement.

Ingle is the Southern Alabama director of the CIO's Operation Dixie. According to the Workers Defense League which exposed the attack, Ingle had been warned five days earlier by the foreman and manager of the Southern Coach Mfg. Co. against organizing the plant. On Aug. 20 he was slugged in the face and called a "Yankee son of a bitch." (Ingle is a native of Montgomery, Ala.)

The following night during a

meeting of the company's workers in a vacant filling station, a number of cars stopped and focused their headlights on the group. Occupants of the car were identified by workers as stockholders of the company, and other townspersons.

Since the sheriff had refused to protect the meeting, Ingle called it short. The car in which he and another organizer left the meeting, was fired upon. The two abandoned the car, which was in flames, and ran to a nearby farmhouse for safety. Ingle escaped through a window while one of his assailants of the previous evening was at the door threatening to shoot him. The other CIO organizer escaped only after being slugged twice.

As in the case of two recent lynchings, the attackers are known. But in this case, too, nothing has been done to apprehend them. Sheriff Greeland Moore and the County Solicitor refuse to act.

Fight Ruling On WP Candidate

NEW YORK, Sept. 23. — The Workers Party announced that the New York City Board of Elections has upheld the Democratic Party's challenge to the WP's petitions to place E. R. McKinney on the ballot for Congress from the 22nd District (Harlem).

The challenge was made on the flimsiest kind of technicality and was designed to prevent the Negro people of Harlem from having any choice on the ballot other than the Democratic and Republican supported candidates. The Workers Party is challenging this attack on democratic rights at a hearing before the Supreme Court today. Its fight will be supported by all defenders of democratic rights.



Seattle SWP Candidate Brands Demagoguery Of Democratic Party

By Charles Swett
SWP Candidate for U.S. Senator, Washington

SEATTLE, Wash. — The Democrats in the state of Washington are entering the election campaign this fall on a platform of "Roosevelt liberalism." Mitchell, De Lacy, Coffee and Jackson — all touted as "progressives" and "friends of labor" — are spearheading the drive.

Their chief cry is for a return to the program of Roosevelt, which they say Truman has deserted. This breed of Democrats has a particularly dirty task to perform. Their job, together with the labor fakers and Stalinists, is to attract the workers to the Democratic Party — the party of Wall Street capitalism. Their job is to mouth fine phrases in order to keep labor in line with Democratic Party policies and to prevent the formation of an independent labor party.

What is the "Roosevelt program" for whose sake the Washington Democrats and their kin in other states wage mock battle against Truman? Empty words, meager crumbs, brutal sell-outs — and nothing more.

Roosevelt has said — and Mitchell, De Lacy, Coffee, Inc. echo — that the workers shall have the "right to earn enough to provide adequate food, clothing and recreation." Nothing is said about guaranteeing this right. No attempt made to enlighten us on how "adequacy" is to be interpreted or linked to the rising cost of living. They do not call, for instance — as the SWP does — for a sliding scale of wages tied to the rising cost of living, or for a guaranteed annual wage.

FAKE PROGRESSIVES
These fake progressives echoing Roosevelt assert that the worker has a "right to a useful and remunerative job in the industries or shops or farms or mines of the nation." But again one can readily note the absence of any specific guarantees.

Speaking in generalities is a highly developed technique in the Democratic Party. Anything to capture the workers' vote! There is no way that this boss party can guarantee full employment, for Wall Street believes in maintaining a pool of unemployed, to be used as a pressure force to lower the wage levels of the employed workers.

Thus, one finds the platform of "Rooseveltian Democracy" honeycombed with the expressions "the right to a decent living... the right of every family to a decent home... adequate medical care... protection from the economic fears of old age, accidents, sickness and unemployment... the right to a good education..." and "lasting peace." Nothing specific — mere generalities, looking mighty

Kitt Speaks At Buffalo SWP Election Rally

BUFFALO, Sept. 21. — William Kitt, Western New York organizer of the Socialist Workers Party and SWP candidate for State Comptroller in the coming elections, today spoke at the first big election rally in upstate New York. The meeting was held in the newly decorated headquarters of the Buffalo SWP.

Kitt explained the significance of the SWP entry into the November elections, emphasizing the need for independent labor candidates, to serve the interests of labor and not of Wall Street. The audience responded with a contribution to aid the election drive.

This election meeting is the first of regular Saturday night discussions on current events which will continue throughout the winter. The meetings are followed by social gatherings.

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The NEGRO STRUGGLE

"Labor with a white skin cannot emancipate itself where labor with a black skin is branded."
—KARL MARX

By William Bohannon

The Decision You Must Make

SWP Candidate for Congress, 11th District, N. J.

Before the Negro people go to the voting booth on Nov. 5, they have an important decision to make. Will they just throw their vote away? Or will they use their votes



to warn the powers — that be that they are fed up with Jim Crow and a second-class citizenship and that they are not going to stand for any more of it? What do I mean by throwing your vote away? Not the same thing that the ward-hunters and shyster-politicians mean when they use the term. They say that if you don't vote for a man who is going to be elected, you are wasting your vote.

But I say if you vote for a man or a party that will stab you in the back a week after election day, that is throwing your vote away. If you vote for a party that is really your enemy, that is throwing your vote away. More than that — it is not only throwing your vote away, but helping to create the chains to keep you in political bondage.

THE FACTS
Study the record and learn the facts. Since the end of the first world war, the Republicans had control of Washington for 12 full years and the Democrats ran things for almost 14 years. Did either of these capitalist parties pass a bill against lynching while they had the chance? Did either of them try to abolish the poll tax while they had the votes to do so? Did either of them seriously tackle the job of ending Jim Crow in the armed forces, or in industry, or anywhere else?

Just ask yourself those questions and you will see why I say: Voting for the Democratic or Republican candidates is like dropping your vote down a sewer. Voting for them is like saying, "Go ahead and keep on Jim Crowing me and I won't even complain." Voting for them is even Uncle Tom would do if he were still alive.

If you agree with this, you will also agree that the vote you cast on Nov. 5 should be a protest vote. It would have been good if the labor movement and the Negro people had set up their own independent labor party and run candidates on Nov. 5. The protest vote through such a party might have been strong enough, even in its first election to sweep

WHAT IS THE SWP?

By James P. Cannon
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solution to our common problems. "I want a decent job, paying enough wages so that I can raise my family in health and provide my children with an adequate education. I want freedom from fear, which means wiping out race prejudice and outlawing all the race-hate outfits. I don't want to oppress anybody, and I don't want anybody else to try to oppress me."

"And finally I want peace. I want it so badly that I will fight militantly against the bankers and politicians who are laying the ground for a new and more terrible world war."

That's a lot to say with just a vote. But that's exactly what you will be saying when you vote for the candidates of the Socialist Workers Party.

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- CHICAGO** — Visit SWP, 777 W. Adams (corner Halsted). Open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, except Sunday. Tel. Dearborn 4767. Library, bookstore.
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Story Of A Steel Worker

The Giant And The Chain

By Theodore Kovalesky

Labor is a giant. It has big shoulders and strong arms. But the arms are bound, the wrists are handcuffed.



Labor is a giant with great muscles that turn the wheels of the factories, that pour the iron and steel, and spin rubber and fabric on drums to make tires, and run the tractors and combines on the vast factory-farms that produce wheat, and pick and blast the coal out of the sides of black tunnels hundreds and hundreds of feet beneath the barren earth at the collieries, and dig the foundations for the skyscrapers.

Labor is a giant with sensitive fingers that machine hard steel down to microscopic dimensions, a thousandth, a ten-thousandth of an inch, and guide the mammoth cranes, and press with cunning knowledge the throttles and brakes of the fastest locomotives.

Labor is the giant holding the earth in the palm of his hand, bringing civilization and progress out of the earth's abundance. But the giant's arms are bound.

We have gone a long, long way, brothers and comrades. Far back along the road of progress was slavery, so far back that we can no longer see it as it was. Not quite so far back was serfdom. We've marched past that, too.

Ahead of us the road curves into the bright sunlight, and the last milestone reads SOCIALISM. We've come a long way, and we've got a long way ahead of us. How long will it take to reach the sunlight? Only until enough of us understand that it is what we need and want.

Although we have the strength of a giant, we are gentle and trusting as a child. And because of this our enemies too often outwit us.

Look at the world as though you were seeing it for the first time. Look at the toiling millions of workers and poor farmers. See them sweat and strain to produce the wealth which goes into the vaults of the few who live in luxury.

And when they have ceased sweating and straining through their day of labor, look at the shabby, rickety huts and tenements they go home to.

Can they climb from one class to another? Can they raise themselves to riches and ease? You know they cannot.

And look into the minds of the few that own and control the wealth. You see there the certain knowledge they try to keep from the workers, the understanding of the class struggle! Yes, the capitalists, each and every one, look upon the workers as their enemies. They know that there are just two ways—their way, the way of capitalism, and ours, the way of Socialism.

But how many of us there are that do not realize this! There are many, too many, who put their trust in these enemies, and they believe the cowardly "leaders" of labor who tell them that "labor and capital can get along together."

We have all the power, but we don't use it. (We are fettered by our ignorance and our trust in our enemies.)

Without us, not a wheel turns, no food is produced, no trains run, no boats sail. We have the power, but we don't use it. Instead, we allow the Republicans and Democrats to rule the land in the interests of the capitalists.

We have the power, and we have the numbers. Let us organize our own party, the INDEPENDENT PARTY OF LABOR. Let us break once and for all with our enemies. Let us give no more support to the political parties of the capitalists. We are big. We are strong. Let us fight on in our own name.

The road curves on ahead of us. There are pitfalls, obstructions and barricades. The creation of our own mass party of labor will not solve all our problems. But it is a step on the way. And we can not go forward without taking that step!

In that way we can break the chains and free the strength of the giant for the greater struggles to come.

Wallace Ouster Signifies Third World War Has Early Date On Wall Street's Calendar

By Joseph Hansen and George Breitman

SWP Candidates for U. S. Senate from New York and New Jersey

When Truman kicked Henry Wallace out of his Cabinet, he ended all uncertainty about Washington's foreign policy. It is a policy of war.

Wallace is the leading spokesman among the capitalist politicians of the tactic of talking softly

with Stalin and hiding the big stick. Secretary of State Byrnes has come

to represent the tactic of brandishing the big stick and talking with brutal toughness. Wide sections of the populace have thus identified Byrnes with Wall Street's bustling preparations for another slaughter; while they have taken Wallace as a symbol of their desire for peace.

Thus, by removing Wallace from one of the most prominent posts in Washington, Wall Street and its obedient servant in the White House are telling the world they are headed straight down the highway to World War III. By backing Byrnes, Wall Street has served notice on Stalin to come across with the concessions demanded of him at the Paris "Peace" Conference—or prepare for a dose of atomic bomb medicine.

The foreign capitalists now in the orbit of Wall Street (Britain, France, Latin America, etc.) and the capitalist Wall Street is drawing into its orbit (Germany, Japan) will interpret the ouster of Wallace as a signal that the Third World War will break out sooner than they may have anticipated. They will redouble their oppressive measures against the workers in those lands in preparation for the new war.

To the labor movement, the incident is an ominous warning, not only of another war, but of immediate renewal of the Big Business onslaught against the working class. A war program requires the regimentation of workers, the passage of anti-labor legislation such as was foreshadowed in the Case bill and Truman's draft-labor bill.

Thus the Wallace ouster portends an anti-labor drive although it involves a figure who is not at all a representative of the working class. Wallace is a shrewd capitalist politician, astutely gauging his course for high stakes.

Wallace correctly appraises the masses' fear of a new war, and he realizes how developments on the domestic front are driving the workers to seek a radical solution to their problems. He wants to win unquestioned leadership in this movement, keeping it within the Democratic Party, if possible, and within the framework of capitalist politics at all costs.

Consequently he has patterned his speeches on the model developed by Franklin D. Roosevelt. Just as Roosevelt could promise the people "again and again and again" he would not send their sons into any foreign wars, so Wallace today calls for an end of imperialism, for peaceful cooperation with the Soviet Union, and for disarmament.

Examination of Wallace's letter of July 23 to Truman and his speech of Sept. 12 reveals that



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at bottom his differences with Byrnes are purely tactical. Both are seeking the best way to advance the interests of American capitalism.

Wallace makes out that America has got sucked into imperialism by a "pro-British" policy. But the fact is, the British capitalists are only junior partners Wall Street is by far the dominant imperialist power in the world today. This is clear beyond all dispute in China, for instance. It is American troops and arms and money that reinforce the hated dictatorship of Chiang Kai-shek.

Wallace avers that "The slogan that communism and capitalism, regimentation and democracy, cannot continue to exist in the same world, is from a historical point of view, pure propaganda." The reconcilability of communism and capitalism is the line advanced by Stalin long before the rise of Hitler, long before the volcanic eruption of Wall Street imperialism. Its falsity has been demonstrated precisely by the greatest historical events. Vast regions of the Soviet Union still lie in ruins from the assault of German capitalism.

Hitler's attack was not simply the result of a criminal war "plot." It followed from the irreconcilable conflict between planned economy and capitalist anarchy. In the end either the workers of the world will put an end to capitalism with its wars and depressions, or world imperialism will destroy the nationalized economy of the USSR.

Wallace advocates "disarmament" as the only way to end the threat of an atomic bomb race. But the atomic bomb race has already begun and will continue despite all the pious phrases of well-meaning pacifists. In such circumstances the slogan of "disarmament" is exceedingly treacherous, for it can delude many people, disarming them for the real struggle against war.

It should be sufficient to recall that Hitler began his prepara-

tions for the Second World War under the slogan of "disarmament." Hitler was simply utilizing an old propaganda device of imperialist politicians. The failure of other capitalist powers to "disarm" was converted by Hitler into an argument to "justify" his all-out preparations for war.

The slogan of "disarmament" always appears during an armaments race. But it does not prevent war. The Third World War which Wallace admits is now looming can be prevented only by ending capitalism and building socialism.

Make no mistake—Wallace is a dangerous capitalist politician. He spread all the lies about fighting the Second World War to bring "four freedoms" including a quart of milk to the world. He is now preparing himself to serve the capitalist class equally well in the Third World War.

The press is filled with speculation about the effect of Wallace's ouster on the 1946 elections. Wall Street, however, is little concerned about the effect. The political brains in the pay of the Morgans, Rockefellers and the rest of America's ruling families have taken the election into account too.

They undoubtedly calculate that they will lose little. Both the Democratic and Republican parties are committed to follow the same reactionary foreign policy. No matter which party wins, Wall Street remains entrenched, dominating the political field. If the labor movement becomes apathetic toward the election,

TAKE WAR-MAKING POWERS OUT OF HANDS OF CONGRESS!

How little Wall Street allows the American people to say about war or peace was dramatically underlined when Truman threw Wallace to the war-mongers.

Wall Street forces the workers and farmers to do the fighting and dying. All it offers in return is blood and sweat, tears and taxes.

But the fateful decisions on foreign policy which lead to war are made by a small clique of capitalist politicians. They cannot even tolerate a loyal opposition such as Wallace, who was perfectly willing to accept a gag until after the elections, although he admitted last July that "The months just ahead may well be the crucial period which will decide whether the civilized world will go down in destruction . . ."

If Wall Street's rule continues, then war is certain and mankind faces extinction.

That is why the war-making powers must be taken out of the hands of Wall Street's Congress.

That is why Socialist Workers Party candidate in office will fight for a referendum to let the people vote on the question of war or peace.

That is why the Socialist Workers Party takes the lead in the fight against the war-mongers and for creation of a Worker and Farmer Government.

Wall Street still wins. If the workers resent the brazen avowal of a course leading straight to war—where can they turn? The perfidious labor fakery have done their utmost to keep labor from organizing on the political field. They have fought with all their energy against building an independent labor party. In a key state like New York, the Liberals, the American Labor Party and the Stalinists have all committed themselves to supporting the Democratic machine.

But even if some losses were registered on the domestic political front, Wall Street's overwhelming concern at present is with foreign politics. The main axis of American politics has shifted to the international arena.

Wall Street is after big game—world domination. Above all, American Big Business is fascinated by the vast areas of the Soviet Union. Capitalism could stave off its doom a few years with a blood transfusion at the expense of the Soviet people.

American capitalism has advanced its military frontiers to the other side of both the Atlantic and Pacific basins. The generals and admirals are building bases for the coming attack on the Soviet Union, and at home they are fostering militarism on a scale never before seen in the world. Congress is pouring tens of billions of dollars into the machinery of war. Wall Street has the atomic bomb, deadly new gases, rockets and other frightful weapons.

But why the feverish haste? American Big Business knows that the Soviet Union is doing its utmost to work out the production of atomic energy. Success will enormously strengthen the defensive military power of the Soviet Union.

Understanding this, Wall Street cannot help feeling tempted to strike soon. Regarding a Third World War as inevitable in any case, Wall Street has apparently decided to move up the dates on the calendar.

The ouster of Wallace means the interval between the Second and Third World Wars will prove a short one unless the workers act in time.

REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS UNITED ON NEW SLAUGHTER

The dismissal of Wallace clears the air of a lot of election campaign lies of the capitalist politicians. It shows that the Democratic Party is not working for peace. Truman's support of Byrnes is a confession that the Democratic Party is a war party. The Democratic Party plunged America into the First World War; it plunged America into the Second World War; and now it is preparing to plunge America into a Third World War.

The Republican Party, of course, is no better. It too has backed Wall Street's imperialist wars to the hilt. Right now, the Republican Party agrees so wholeheartedly with the Democrats that it has no differences whatever on foreign policy. The Republicans have made a dramatic demonstration of their agreement with the war preparations, sending Senator Vandenberg to back Byrnes at Paris.

Thus the two capitalist parties are completely indistinguishable on the most important question facing the American people—the question of war or peace. A vote for either party is a vote for another slaughter. To fight against the war policy of the Republicans and Democrats, vote for the candidates of the Socialist Workers Party.

Our Program:

- 1. Defend labor's standard of living!**
A sliding scale of wages—an escalator wage clause in all union contracts to provide automatic wage increases to meet the rising cost of living!
Organize mass consumers committees for independent action against profiteering and price-gouging!
Expropriate the food trusts! Operate them under workers' control!
- 2. Full employment and job security for all workers and veterans!**
For the 6-hour day, 30-hour week! A sliding scale of hours—reduce the hours of work with no reduction in pay to prevent layoffs and unemployment!
Government operation of all idle plants under workers' control!
Unemployment insurance equal to trade union wages for workers and veterans during the entire period of unemployment!
- 3. Against all anti-labor laws and government strikebreaking!**
No restrictions on the right to strike and picket!
No injunctions! No compulsory arbitration!
- 4. Build an independent labor party!**
- 5. Tax the rich, not the poor!**
Repeal the payroll tax! No sales taxes!
No taxes on incomes under \$5,000 a year!
- 6. An 18 billion dollar appropriation for government low-rent housing!**
- 7. Full equality for Negroes and national minorities!**
End Jim-Crow! End Anti-Semitism!
- 8. For a veterans' organization sponsored by the trade unions!**
- 9. A working class answer to capitalist militarism and war.**
Take the war-making powers away from Congress! Let the people vote on the question of war or peace!
Against capitalist conscription!
Abolish the officer caste system!
Full democratic rights in the armed forces!
Trade union wages for the armed forces!
Military training of workers, financed by the government, but under control of the trade unions!
- 10. 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!
- 11. For a Workers' and Farmers' Government!**

The Health Of The Nation

By Grace Carlson

One of the 17 questions which the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has addressed to Congressional candidates in this election campaign is the following: Will you actively work for the passage of health legislation such as the Wagner-Murray-Dingell bill providing for pre-paid health insurance, maternal and child care?



The Socialist Workers Party candidates answer this question in the affirmative, although we do not believe that this bill would solve all of the health problems of American workers and farmers. Public health surveys have shown that close to one-third of the population receives no medical service, or very inadequate service. And it is just these low-income families which need medical care the most!

Poorly paid workers who cannot obtain enough nourishing food, warm clothing and decent homes for themselves and their families cannot withstand the onslaught of disease as can members of upper income families. When sickness comes, they do not have any reserve savings to provide the desperately-needed medical care. That is why death rates among the low income groups in the United States are as high today as were the general death rates of the nation 50 years ago.

If the SWP candidates are elected, they will offer amendments to such a bill so as to liberalize it and extend its benefits. We take the position that the 18 billions a year now being expended on war preparations should be used for health, hospital and housing programs.

But the bureaucrats of the American Medical Association have quite a different point of view! They are trying to line up Congressional candidates to oppose any type of national health and hospital program. Even such a mild instance of socialized medicine as the Wagner-Murray-Dingell bill is opposed by the vested interests of private medicine as "radical" and "communist."

Private medicine has not given the working class of this country the benefit of the tremendous advances which have been made in public health and medical science. More and more people are coming to understand this.

The AMA bureaucrats are becoming desperate over the growing demand for the socialization of medicine. An editorial in the Aug. 24 issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association tries this line of argument—governmental control of medicine is bad because it breaks down the so-called sacred relationship between the private doctor and his patient.

To this hypocritical piece of argument the best answer is one given by the eminent scientist, Dr. Henry Sigerist. What really destroys the good relations between doctor and patient, says Dr. Sigerist, is the doctor's bill!

The Real Issue In New Jersey

By Alan Kohlman

In area New Jersey is a small state but every inch is in the vise-like grip of powerful trusts and monopolies. The real issue in the elections is this strange hold of the bankers and bosses. They run New Jersey from top to bottom.



There is the giant Public Service Corp. whose tentacles stretch across electric lines, gas pipes, buses and trolleys into every city, town and hamlet. There is the powerful Prudential Insurance Co., with assets of 6 1/2 BILLION dollars, third wealthiest corporation in the U. S.

And Mutual Insurance, second largest insurance outfit in the state. With these giant insurance companies go the big banks like Federal Trust, directly tied up with Wall Street.

Then there is the power of Pennsylvania Railroad whose rails cut a line of super-influence across the state.

There are the giant industrial monopolies: Standard Oil, stronghold of the Rockefeller dynasty, and the big ship outfits, Bethlehem, Federal and Todd.

Then the giant electrical trusts, Westinghouse, General Electric and RCA. And Western Electric, subsidiary of American Tel. & Tel., world's biggest communications monopoly.

And Singer's, the big sewing machine trust, and Crucible Steel, and American Radiator and Standard Sanitary, the plumbing monopoly, and the textile plants of Paterson, and Ford, and

Hyatt Bearings and Senator Hawkes' Conglomerate-Nairn.

These monopolies, which coin tens of billions of dollars out of the toil of the working people, are the real rulers of New Jersey. They are directly hooked up with the Morgan, Rockefeller, Mellon and other of the Sixty Plutocratic Families that rule America.

Republican Governor Edge and his hand-picked candidate Driscoll, vs. Democrat Boss Hague and his hand-picked candidate Hansen. What are they fighting about? Rich stakes. Yes, the rich stakes that go to the winning machine to protect the interests of the New Jersey bankers and bosses.

My Democratic and Republican opponents for Governor can have the dubious privilege of squabbling over which one shall be the puppet of the trusts, the Charlie McCarthy of the monopolies. I take my stand squarely on the side of the workers.

The real issue in the elections is to break this power of the trusts and monopolies, to serve the workers, and not their exploiters. If I am elected Governor, my first act shall be to raise the corporation taxes of these bloated profiteers in order to provide funds for (1) a 50 million dollar state housing program; (2) an adequate state veteran bonus; (3) increased unemployment compensation; (4) establishment of sickness compensation.

The trusts and monopolies have exploited hundreds of thousands of New Jersey workers, milked the resources of the state, subverted the government to their vested interests. The workers can and should challenge the power of the plutocrats on election day.

The People Don't Like It

An American reporter recently questioned the U. S. Marines in China and found that they wanted to get home. They were fed up with their job of fronting for Chiang Kai-Shek's dictatorship.

Now comes the news that the American people, 8 to 3, want the Marines taken out of China.

A nationwide radio poll was made recently by the American Broadcasting Company, following one of its "Questions for America" programs.

The answer came in a flood of letters, postcards and phone calls from cities throughout the nation. The broadcasting company is not releasing the full information. It does not tell how many people answered its question. But

it does give the ratio of replies.

On the East Coast, the demand was 4 to 1 for withdrawal of the Marines; Midwest, 5 to 2; Far West, 2 to 1; and even the South, greatest stronghold of reaction, voted 2 to 1 for withdrawal, making an over-all average of 8 to 3.

The American people are learning about what is going on in China, and the more they learn about it, the less they like it. But the Truman Administration and the State Department and the War Department do not listen to the voice of the American people. They listen to Wall Street. And Wall Street is calling the tune for intervention and eventual war in order to protect and expand its imperialist interests in China.

Brass Hats Indignantly Deny They Are Preparing For War

In a tone of great indignation the Secretaries of War and the Navy jointly denied on Sept. 18 the statement in Wallace's July 23 letter that "a school of military thinking" is "advocating a preventive war, an attack on Russia now before Russia has atomic bombs."

"There is no basis for this statement," complained the two Secretaries. "There is no such military thinking in the War and Navy Departments. We know of no responsible officer in the Army or Navy who has ever advocated or even suggested a policy or plan of attacking Russia."

True—18 1/2 billion dollars is being spent on the military budget during this year, or over half the federal budget.

True—the U. S. Government is turning out atomic bombs around the clock.

True—U. S. scientists under the direction of the government are working on the most deadly bacteriological war weapons ever conceived by man.

True—the Army is the biggest in the country's peacetime history.

True—the Navy is bigger than all the other navies of the world put together.

True—Eisenhower and Halsey have recently visited Latin America where they made plans (without congressional approval) for U. S. equipment and training of huge armies that will be dependent on Washington for their existence and policy.

True—Field Marshal Montgomery has just visited this country to make plans for standard-

izing British and U. S. armaments and training in line with Churchill's anti-Soviet proposal at Fulton, Missouri, last March.

True—conscription continues, and the Secretary of War is preparing to ask the new Congress for universal compulsory military training.

True—the government violates its promises to withdraw its troops from China and other "non-enemy" countries.

True—the government is turning over a great supply of war material to potential allies.

True—the Secretary of State has extended the olive branch to the German capitalist class providing it lines up on the side of U. S. imperialism.

True—the Navy is giving special training in arctic weather to a large number of its personnel.

True—the government has whipped up an anti-Soviet propaganda that far surpasses the anti-German "war of nerves" before the war.

True—the U. S. armed forces have a ring of bases around the Soviet Union.

You say that all this means war? If you do, you'll never become a Secretary of War or Secretary of the Navy. That isn't called war down there in Washington, that's called "defending the peace."