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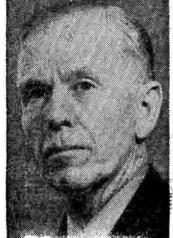
Brass Hat Placed In Charge Of State Dept. To Emphasize Military Basis Of Foreign Policy

By Joseph Hansen Truman's nomination of Gen. George C. Marshall as Secretary of State Jan. 7 to replace James F. Byrnes reflects the growing weight of the miltary caste in American politics and the new military preponderance of Wall Street in world affairs. For the first time in history a brass hat has been elevated to the second Times (Jan. 9). It was obvious-highest office in the land and living for the March "Peace"

ton's foreign policy. Marshall's activities in China are a gauge of the line he will follow elsewhere. Since V-J Day, twice as much military equipment has been handed the reactionary Chiang Kai-shek dictatorship for use in the civil war as in the eight years of the Chinese - Japanese war. While mouthing diplomatic phrases about the need for democracy in ang to the hilt. Wall Street's aim is to repress the Chinese people, secure advance military matter what tactics Marshall

The appointment was not acas long ago as last May, according to Arthur Krock of the N. Y.

to American dollars.



GENERAL MARSHALL

Marshall's Attitude To Labor Movement

General Marshall's attitude toward labor is not widely known. One sign of the new Secretary of State's talent for diplomacy is the care with which he has kept this attitude off the record.

But in December 1943 when the railway workers were considering a strike to gain decent wages, General Marshall could not resist dealing them a blow. In a widely reported press conference he denounced their struggle as "the damnedest crime that was ever committed against America" and said it would give Goebbels "a psychological lift."

ly timed for the March "Peace" placed in charge of Washing-Conference in Moscow when the vital question of Germany's disposition comes up on the agenda of the Allied Powers.

"Undoubtedly," said Krock, "the President considered the effect on other nations, especially Soviet Russia, of the choice of a professional military man for his premier."

Although Marshall was twice decorated by Stalin with the China, Marshall has backed Chi- Order of Suvorov, he was not selected as a gesture of conciliation toward the Kremlin. No bases for future attack on the follows, the appointment means, Soviet Union, and open up China as the conservative Business Week observed Jan. 11, "a shift in emphasis in foreign policy, cidental. It had been arranged puts a new force behind moves to strengthen the military basis of that policy."

> On the chess board of international politics, Wall Street has advanced the piece that will most clearly indicate its readiness to resort to military force. Marshall is the outstanding spokesman of the military caste in charge of stock-piling atomic bombs and coordinating the armed forces of the Western Hemisphere and Great Britain. As head of this caste, Marshall is the logical choice to determine what can and what cannot be conceded at the "peace" table in the light of Wall Street's blueprints for World War III.

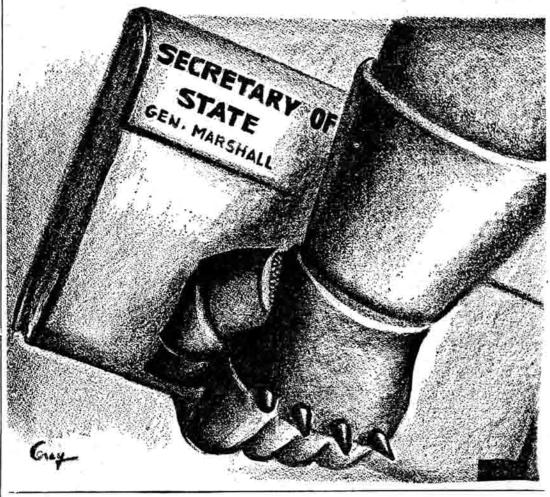
from the report on the war which he issued after V-J Day. (See The Militant, Oct. 20, 1945.) "If man does find the solution for world peace," said the general cynically, "it will be the most revolutionary reversal of his record we have ever known." Looking forward to another slaughter. Marshall said there is no effective defense except the "power of attack." He advocated a "close grips with the enemy and productive establishment away from him . . ."

The Senate, of course, unanimously backed the nomination of this war-monger, suspending normal procedure to demonstrate how solidly both Republicans and Democrats support a foreign policy that is part and parcel of the preparations for the next blood bath.

(See editorial, "Marshall Appointment," on Page 4.)

Marshall Choice TRUMAN ASKS BILLIONS Reflects Growth Of Officer Caste FOR WAR PREPARATIONS

Wall Street's Diplomacy



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date can represent both.

Chicago."

"If the labor movement of

Chicago- the CIO, AFL and

Railroad Brotherhoods-will put

By Robert L. Birchman

CHICAGO, Jan. 14-The Chicago Local of the Socialist against the corrupt, anti-labor field; and consequently do not Workers Party has announced the candidacy of Michael Bartell for Mayor and Homer Lewis, militant Negro worker,

An enthusiastic meeting of elections. members and friends of the SWP huge military force to come to last week mapped out plans for and candidates, the SWP declara vigorous campaign on behalf tear his operating bases and his of the SWP banner-bearers of Party has named Michael Bartell revolutionary socialism in the

for Third Ward Alderman. @-

Strike Halts Run Of All But Two French Papers

eral strike of French printers ties, we will gladly withdraw our **GREEN OF AFL INTERVENES** Of all French language publications only the Trotskyist weekly La Verite and the Martin Kennelly, by the Demo- ests of the Negro people. daily Franc Tireur have been permitted to appear by spepublications have also been percialist" Populaire and Stalinist L'Humanite, were stopped.

The strike was preceded for several days by a slowdown action of the printers who demand a wage raise of 100 francs a day. The government-subsidized publishers association then locked out the Paris printers and a printers followed. Save for the tions next month. exceptions mentioned, all newsstands have been bare for the

last two days. The Blum government is said to have inspired the lockout, fearing the fate of its 5 per cent price-cutting program. The printers' strike, taking place at the same time as a wage dispute between the civil service workers' union and the government, labor party. Its action is also a cal action. Indications are that itself.

announced their support of the ticket almost in entirety. government. When the printers Central Labor Council voted in struck last year, they openly cil here on Dec. 19, Chiakulas acted as strikebreakers. Only demanded support for the three to fight for an independent la- the non-residential and luxury was badly defeated. The Stalin- friends distributed over 20,000 La Verite and Franc-Tireur up- union candidates. He told the bor candidate for mayor backed market, thus guaranteeing a con- ist Labor Progressive Party which copies of its program and 7,000 ion when he sent a telegram to committee to assist in the food held the strikers then, which ac- Council that "it is high time by the CIO, AFL and Railroad tinued shortage in low-cost, low- likewise ran no candidate for copies of Labor Challenge at counts for these exceptions.

and liberals who are supporting ticians. Kennelly as "a friend of labor." In a statement on the issues Kennelly, the SWP shows, is "completely tied up with Big Senators Draft ed: "The Socialist Workers Business. He is the owner of as its candidate for Mayor. We place him before the workers of one of the Big Four of the meat Chicago as a man who represents their interests and not the interests of the capitalists. No candi-

The Republican candidate, Root, is a "perfect zero" and "hand-picked tool of Governor Green and the Republican Party. whose anti-labor record is known forward its own candidate, who to every informed worker."

is not a candidate of either the Homer Lewis, SWP candidate PARIS, Jan. 10 — A gen- Republican or Democratic Par- for Alderman in the Third Ward, has already been voted support by has completely paralyzed the candidate in favor of him and the Committee on Racial Equalcountry's newspaper indus- give our complete support to the ity (CORE) at its last meeting. Senate Banking Committee where try during the past two days. election of a labor mayor for Leading CORE members have one of its members, PAC - en-The statement pointed out that Lewis as the only candidate who lor of Idaho, immediately dethe naming of a new candidate, will really represent the inter- clared himself in favor of "re-

cial permission of the committee, Several foreign language UAW Local Names 3 To Run mitted to go to press. But the rest of the press, including "So-

mittee for an Independent | dent Labor Party." Labor Party and is running

Wesolowski, union steward, run- labor candidates. ning in the 32nd Ward; Sam in the 36th Ward; and Charles | working hard to obtain the nec-Chiakulas, 477 president, in the

35th Ward. Local 477 has long favored a labor party. Now it is implement- ning of a battle to push the CIO ing its policy by initiating action Political Action Committee here to advance the movement for a into genuine independent politiprotest against the false policy CIO Council officials will pro- for an all-out Congressional as-

At a meeting of the CIO Coun- ing trust. that we offer our people the Brotherhoods.

leadership on the political plane CHICAGO, Jan. 14-Revere that they have been so desper-Copper & Brass Local 477, ately seeking. The only way that CIO United Automobile labor is going to offer this lead-Workers, has set up a com- ership is through an indepen-

Despite attempts of the Counthree union candidates for cil leaders to sidetrack the iscountry-wide general strike of Aldermen in the city elec- sue, the delegates passed a motion to call a special executive The candidates are Frank meeting to formally endorse the

> Mazza, 477 recording secretary, cal 477 members have been essary signatures for the nominating petitions.

Aims Bills To Break **Backbone Of Unions**

Wall Street's political agents devoted the first week of the 80th Congress to loading the legislative hopper with bills designed to smash the labor move-

Truman told Congress he wanted laws to prevent jurisdictional strikes, bar secondary boycotts and the "use of economic force by labor" in replying to employers' violations of contracts.

Rep. Francis Case, Republican of South Dakota, introduced a bill to legalize the use of the federal injunction to break strikes; provide stiff penalties for whatever actions of employes the courts interpret as coercion. violence or seizure of property; legalize filing of charges against unions; bar unions from financing political activites; and compel a 60-day "cooling off" period for any strikes not otherwise

the Senate by Ball of Minnesota, Taft of Ohio and Smith of New Jersey also prohibits industrywide bargaining. Ball introduced still another bill to outlaw the closed shop, the union shop and maintenance of membership provisions in agreements.

gress, since the trade unions, decape the rising tide of resentment unorganized on the political of the housing budget for 1947. Kelly machine" by putting "a have a single representative in new face on this rotting hulk." | Congress to defind labor's rights It condemns those union leaders against the Big Business poli-

Kennelly-Werner Bros. Co. He is also a director of Wilson & Co., Bill To Demolish **Rent Ceilings**

A sweeping bill to abolish all rent controls by Feb. 1 was introduced on Jan. 9 by Democratic Senator W. Lee O'Daniel of Texas. Ît is cosponsored by three Republican senators.

pledged to campaign actively for dorsed Democratic Senator Taylaxing" rent controls and for "reasonable rent increases."

Just the day before, owners of hotels, motor courts and trailer camps rejoiced over a government order, effective Feb. 15, removing all rent ceilings on rooms rented by the day. This will mean rent hikes for hundreds of thousands forced to live in transient residences because of the housing shortage.

This is the latest of a series its political stooges. of Administration concessions to landlords that are whittling away at rent ceilings and controls. By Jan. 5, the OPA had granted landlords rent boosts on more than a million dwelling units. Individual rent increases sponsible for use of police in reare being granted at the rate of cent strikes.) between 20,000 to 30,000 a month.

and other slick devices.

rent dwellings.

80thCongress Human Needs Ignored BeginsAssault Against Labor Human Needs Ignored In Budget Proposals By Art Preis

Six times as much money for war as for the needs of the people! That is what Truman asks the government to spend in 1948 in his proposed 371/2 billion dollar budget.

For Army, Navy and other military expendi-

tures, directly listed for military purposes, Truman demands an outlay of 111/2 billion dollars.

For all forms of social security, health, housing and education, his budget provides less than two billion dollars.

The military budget does not include 444 million dollars for the atom bomb, which is listed under "natural resources not primarily agricultural" and given the innocent-sounding title: "Development and control of atomic energy.'

It does not include 645 millions for military rule of conquered lands. This comes under "Foreign Relief," subtitle, "War Department (occupied coun-

BURIED ITEMS

Scores of other "little items" for war preparations are bur-A similar bill introduced in ied under headings like "Transportation and Communication." where the War Department gets 120 millions for "provision of navigation aids and facilities."

Twice as much will be spent in 1948 to develop bigger and better atom bombs as for "housing and community facilities." This assault on the unions Housing will receive only 225 went virtually unopposed in Con- million dollars. The estimated expenditures in 1948 for new cratic Party is "an effort to es- spite 15,000,000 members, are dwellings will be less than half

The atom bomb will take five times the total of 88 millions to be spent for "education and general research." It will take three times the amount allocated in the budget for "promotion of public health."

The 371/2 billion dollars in Truman's budget is four times the total federal expenditures in 1939. At least 40 per cent of this monumental budget is for health for the Nation . . . our war preparations, direct and hid-

penditures would go mainly into greater than in 1939.

Some Contrasts In The Budget

Among revealing contrasts in Truman's new war budget are the following:

For military-Naval research, excluding the atom bomb, a total of 530 million dollars. For Public Health research, a total of 17 million.

For "research and development" of Chemical Warfare, 6 million dollars. For "research into cause, diagnosis and treatment" of cancer, \$1,300,000.

Army ordinance research gets 40 million dollars. Research into cause and treatment of mental disease -\$78.950.

the coffers of the bankers and industrial monopolists. This includes five billion dollars annual interest on the federal debt of 260 billions; over two billions in tax rebates; and 112 million for the promotion of "finance, commerce and industry."

By the end of the fiscal year 1948, on the basis of Truman's budget, the American people will be burdened with a federal debt of 260 billion dollars. This is nearly the value of all wealth in the United States, including land.

The federal debt next year will be only 200 millions less than this year. At that rate, it will be paid off in about 1,200 years. Now there is an average of \$1,143 of federal debt for every man, woman and child in the United States. Next year it will be \$12 less-if no new debts are added.

Truman, in his budget message, piously said: "We have not yet done enough to secure good education and housing." answer is to call for a "peace-The next biggest group of ex- time" war budget ten times

Toronto Trotskyist Gets The bill was referred to the senate Banking Committee where of its members, PAC-en-

(Special to The Militant)

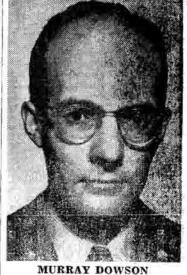
TORONTO, Canada, Jan. 2 - Murray Dowson, Revolutionary Workers Party candidate for Mayor of Toronto, polled 3,201 votes in yesterday's election, or three per of the total vote cast.

This encouraging vote was cast despite the fact that the electorate is restricted by the reactionary Ontario Municipal Act to owners or tenants of property assessed at over \$400. Moreover it was won in the face of the biggest red-baiting campaign ever conducted by Bay Street and

The Tory, Saunders, with the backing of the Conservative, Liberal and Stalinist machines, was re-elected Mayor with some 83,000 votes. (Saunders was re-

The straight anti-administration vote went_to the other capi-Under Truman's recent hous- talist candidate for Mayor, O'ing decontrol order, Housing Ex- Hearn, a retired stockbroker pediter Creedon has allowed and monetary reformer, who landlords to boost rents through spent thousands of dollars on "service charges," "remodelling" leaflets, newspaper ads, billboards and radio time, but re-Truman has paved the way ceived only 9,402 votes.

The Cooperative Common-Mayor, was the main butt of the factory gates and elsewhere.



red-baiting campaign.

This election campaign represented an important step forward for the RWP, which was formed of the PAC which last Novem- pose endorsing the Democratic sault on rent control by his re- wealth Federation, which ran only three months ago. For the The Stalinists have publicly ber endorsed the Democratic candidate, Martin Kennelly, who cent order wrecking the low- candidates without the party first time Canadian Trotskyists is connected with the meat pack- cost, low-rent housing program. label in a number of wards, for were able to bring their program This order allows all building the minor offices of alderman to the workers over the radio. Pro-Labor Party forces intend materials to be channelized into and Board of Education Trustee, The Toronto Branch and its

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 12 - AFL President William Green has intervened against the militant strike of 6,000 members of the AFL Retail Food Clerks in this area by backing the strikebreaking efforts of AFL Teamsters Presi-

Green's intervention came as Council, stating: the employers front gave signs of cracking. Employers in the cially direct that your local AFL San Pedro area have signed a council refrain from participatcontract granting the Food ing in this strike. Perfectly all Clerks demand for \$60 for a for- right to use your good offices to ty-hour week. This is a \$20 raise. promote settlement." Union leaders in Long Beach and Orange County have accepted a of statements against the strike compromise agreement of \$55 for a forty-hour week.

and around Los Angeles are hold- boss press that "by continuing ing out for the \$60 for a 40-hour | their walkout in defiance of rules week rate, Joseph DeSilva, Se- and regulations of the Americretary of Food Clerks Local 770, can Federation of Labor, food covering the Los Angeles, Burbank and Pasadena area, said: "We are further away now than against their unions." we were when we broke off our talks the last time. There will be no further negotiations until bor Councils of Santa Monica the employers are willing to ne- and Kern County have voted supgotiate in good faith."

big chain store magnates who are fighting the Food Clerks unlast Monday night's meeting of clerks' negotiations.

AGAINST STRIKE IN L. A. By Harry Thomspon (Special to The Militant)

dent Daniel Tobin and Team-⊚ sters Vice-President Dave Beck. the Los Angeles Central Labor

This action followed a series issued by Beck from his Seattle office in the name of Tobin. On Strikers in all other areas in January 9 he declared in the clerks in Southern California

are inviting heavy lawsuits

"I deem it advisable to offi-

Support is growing for the striking food clerks, Central La- thus jeopardizes the government port, as well as the Los Angeles Green came to the aid of the CIO Council. The Los Angeles accordance with Green's telegram and elected a three-man

(Special to The Militant)

For the last several weeks, Lo-

This is regarded as the begin-

Conflict With Stalinist Clique Rocks NMU Council; TRADE UNION Curran Threatens To Carry Fight To Union Ranks

By C. Thomas

NEW YORK, Jan. 13-The National Council of the CIO National Maritime Union divided into two warring camps at a stormy five-day session here devoted to considering the union's attitude toward the Stalinist-dominated Committee for Maritime Unity.

By a vote of 20 to 10 the Council rejected the following pro- discussion in a fog of distortions, posals made by NMU President lies and slander. This has embit-

Curran as CMU co-chairman. in the union. 2. To submit the question of THE REAL ISSUES affiliation to the CMU to a referendum vote of the member-

3. To issue a call to all seafaring unions for a meeting to discuss united action on a minimum program without asking them to affiliate to any permanent body.

A fourth proposal, to endorse the meeting of all seafaring unions in Washington this month called by the Marine Firemen to elaborate a program of joint action against shipowner-government attack, was adopted.

Outvoted two to one in the Council, the group led by Curran declared it would press for a showdown by carrying the fight to the membership for final decision.

STALINIST BUREAUCRATISM the CP line.

The Stalinist Council majority was charged with attempting to bureaucratically deprive the membership of the right to decide important issues confronting the union. They were likened to the corrupt bureaucrats whose strangle-hold on the seamen was broken by a rank-and-file revolt following the resurgence of militant unionism on the waterfront after the 1934 strike.

In a public statement issued after the Council vote, the Curran group called on all NMU members "to demand the immediate resignation of any officer who refuses to break with the organized (Stalinist) clique which is attempting to usurp control of your union and de-

the Curran group with trying to jority on the Council for their the National Citizens Political of the workers toward an indesplit the union. They accuse the opposition of attempting to vagance and incompetence. He the CIO-PAC. dragoon the NMU into the was supported by a group of ex- RIVAL ORGANIZATION American Federation of Labor. CP members whom the Stalin-They label Curran a traitor, mutineer and sellout artist. In remove from positions of leadtypical fashion, they envelop the

Goodrich Local Says Tax Rich, Not the Poor

(Special to The Militant)

Rubber Workers Goodrich the CMU, four are controlled professes the well-known pro-Local 5 has the right answer outright by the Stalinists, ex- gram of milk-and-water liberto the "relief for the rich" tax program before Congress. The last issue of Local Five Air Bag publishes the following resolution adopted by the members:

WHEREAS: Heavy taxation coupled with the tremendous increase in cost of living has worked an unbearable hardship on the lower income brackets, and

intention of the new Republican | warfare, particularly on the Pa-Congress to cut the present in- cific Coast, which has inevitcome tax by 20 per cent will offer real benefits to no one except the big industrialists, and

ductions for dependents is nation as co-chairman of CMU. pathetically inadequate, and

be placed on those who are constitute a declaration of war financially able to bear it; that against Stalinist influence on is, the big businessmen,

THEREFORE BE IT RE-SOLVED: That Local 5 demand the Stalinist majority on the with-Russia" policy. Because of for their own ends. of the new Congress that any NMU Council has apparently income tax revisions include ex- hardened the determination of emption from any income tax the Carran group to carry the for all yearly incomes of \$5,000 fight through to a finish. The or less with \$1,000 deduction al- last word now rests with the ed? lowed for each dependent. NMU membership.

tered the dispute and created a 1. To accept the resignation of tense and explosive atmosphere

The real issues in dispute go far deeper than the seemingly superficial question of Curran's resignation as co-chairman of CMU or continued NMU affiliation to that body. What is actually involved is organization control of the NMU, the largest seafaring union in the industry. The Stalinists would be willing and even eager to sacrifice any and every principle-as they invariably have—in order to retain organization control.

For years they have maintained a tight control over the NMU. They used this control to extend their influence in the labor movement in general and the CIO in particular. The NMU was used as a sounding board for every opportunist zig-zag in

OPPOSITION DEVELOPS

During the war the Stalinist policy of all-out collaboration with the employers found its crassest expression in the NMU. They committed the union to the permanent no-strike pledge, support of the forced-labor law, surrender of union conditions. etc. The first rift in the leadership occurred about two years ago when an opposition to the CP surrender policy developed. This opposition was ruthlessly

The Browder expulsion and the realization that Foster was carrying essentially the same collaborationist line led to further defections in the Stalinist ranks. The conflict in the leadership the Progressive Citizens of Am- chine which will give them power broke into the open some months ago when Curran issued a state-In reply, the Stalinists charge ment blasting the Stalinist ma- sive groups whose main base is ty and to head off the movement bureaucratic methods, extra- Action Committee, offspring of pendent labor party. ists were trying to discredit and ership in the union.

At that time the Stalinists began a smear campaign against Curran and his group but retreated when they found the tide itself Americans for Democra- power to keep labor tied to the while they came forward with the proposal to organize the Committee for Maritime Unity which would embrace the CIO maritime unions plus the inde-AKRON, O. - CIO United pendent Marine Firemen's union. Of the five CIO unions in tic politics is concerned. Each clusive of the NMU.

DECLARATION OF WAR Under the Stalinist organiza-

tion plan the CMU would exercise a great deal of control over affiliated unions. Through this device they hoped to tighten their organization grip on the NMU and use the CMU as a bat- people. tering ram against other mari- THE DIFFERENCE time unions. Thus, from the very beginning, the CMU has WHEREAS: the announced fostered violent jurisdictional ably involved the NMU.

Curran's sharp break with this policy of promoting jurisdiction-WHEREAS: The present de- al strife, his demonstrative resighis demand that the NMU dis-WHEREAS: Taxation should afiliate with that organization, the waterfront. Instead of softening the conflict, the action of

NMU Aids Guild Strikers



seamen of the CIO National Maritime Union loading food into the truck for distribution to striking members of the CIO Newspaper Guild in Philadelphia, Pa., and Camden, N. J. Many other unions have also helped the 580 guildsmen on strike against the "liberal" J. David Stern's 'Philadelphia Record" and Camden "Courier - Post" since

"New Dealers" unceremoniously booted from position

and influence in the Democratic Party have been forced

They have established not one, it known that they are opposed

but two new havens. The first, to any third party. Their main

supported by Henry Wallace, is aim is to build themselves a ma-

erica. It was formed of a motley to bargain with the old parties,

assortment of so-called progres- particularly the Democratic Par-

to seek new political shelter.

social progress within the frame-

but very permanent - capital-

ism. Neither has anything new

What divides them is the gues-

- that is, the best method for

this, they are more openly anti-

communist, and make this a

Why were these groups found-

They have been quick to make

major plank of their platform.

with the Soviet Union.

work of an "enlightened"

Harlem Tenants Insist City Provide Housing

NEW YORK, Jan. 10-Unceasing vigilance and continued action to force the New York City Housing Authority to fulfill its verbal promises not to evict 2,234 Harlem families in mid-winter, was the keynote of a report given

man of the Lenox-Fifth Avenue delegation authorized by the 300 in Philadelphia, San Fran- aid. Always suffering abject povtonight by Gloria Wall, chair-9

More than 400 members and Universal Church of Christ, 44 the League last Friday. The acof these families living in three square blocks between 112 and 115 Streets east of Lenox Ave. Housing Authority to move out site for the Stephen Foster housing project.

Tenants League, to a mass meet. League to meet with F. M. Didiing of League members living in sheim, Secretary of the Housing Authority on Monday. "But nothing was said about what kind of new homes would be ofadditional tenants packed the fered to us, or whether we would be guaranteed priorities on the ran resolutions. Stalinist port W. 115 St. where the tenants new apartments projected." She had organized themselves into pointed out that the tenants report to the NMU Pilot, leaving would not agree to be "evicted" out the fact that the Houston tion was initiated by the Harlem into patched - up condemned Branch of the Socialist Work- dwellings, and that verbal promers Party, to defend the homes ises to restore services in the present homes and other commitments must be carried out.

A resolution, unanimously car-"We were promised that no City carried out its promises, to and may be drawn upon to aid possible," stated Gloria Wall, apartments offered by the City strikes the UAW engages in to and fit for human occupation.

the City Administration for per- crease, mitting dangerous housing conditions that lead to fires and disasters jeopardizing the lives of thousands of New York workers. the hard-hitting publication of farm,

the Tenants League include the Youngstown, O., that a meeting lionaires can only eat so much setting up of block squads and the appointment of house captains for each building in the

SWP Launches New Branch In Brooklyn

By Frank Marcazzo

BROOKLYN, Jan. 14-The New York Local of the Socialist Workers Party has announced the organization of a new SWP branch in the Bedford-Stuvvesant area of Brooklyn, the largest Negro community in the borough. A group of 25 met and formally constituted itself as the Bedford-Stuyvesant Branch of the SWP and Veterans Committee at its elected a provisional executive committee on Jan. 5.

The formation of this branch is the result of long work by the downtown Brooklyn Branch, who won sympathy for the SWP ed for action by workers and vet- through a series of Militant subscription campaigns, the party's fight for justice in the Ferguson case and in the 1946 election

With many workers looking es," the committee declared. for a radical solution to their "Some tenant organizations have problems, it was natural for a large number of Negro workers all necessary legal steps to pre- pathy toward the SWP program. tion of American foreign policy elements. CIO President Philip vent rent increases and subse- The basis for the new branch quent evictions, they will engage was laid when 29 workers in in rent strikes to resist further the Bedford-Stuyvesant area encroachments upon their living were recruited in the recent

The new branch plans to make itself a real force in the daily capitalism which believes that working to build labor's own fighting these projected increas- struggles of the workers in this area. It will initiate its public The Veterans Committee call- activities around the crucial their own. They yearn only to ed on Congress not to permit any housing crisis with a protest be allowed to return to the flesh- rise in rent cellings, and urged meeting on the Harlem fire the new State Legislature to which took four lives last week. enact legislation so that New The meeting will be held at the Jersey rents would remain frozen | Open Door Community Center. if Congress gave in to the real 482 Franklin Ave., on Sunday, Jan. 26 at 3 p.m.

Marxist Labor School "American Imperialism in Latin America, Asia And Europe" Monday Evenings, 8 p.m.

Jan. 20-Wall Street Reaches for Asia Jan. 27-Washington vs. Moscow in Europe Speaker: CHARLES CORNELL N. Y. Organizational Secy., Socialist Workers Party

Hear the Trotskyist Candidates! MICHAEL BARTELL for Mayor

National Labor Secretary, SWP SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY

signed as co-chairman of the general wage increase. Stalinist-dominated Committee for Maritime Unity, A meeting ing of 425 voted favoring Curran.

The Stalinists hastily called small meetings in secondary ports to push through anti-Curagent Albert Peterson sent in a port meeting gave a unanimous vote of confidence to Curran.

The International Executive Board of the CIO United Auto-

of the Ohio Works Organizer, Future actions approved by CIO steelworkers Local 1330.

Meetings of the major port centage wage increase escalator locals of the CIO National Mari- clause in new agreements to offtime Union have voted over- set any increases in cost of livwhelmingly to support NMU ing during interim of contracts." President Joseph Curran who re- They also proposed a \$2 a day

Striking CIO laundry workers of close to 4,000 members in New in Winston-Salem, North Caro-York voted nearly ten to one lina, who are fighting against 30for Curran's position against the cent an hour wages and unsani-Stalinists, A pro-Curran resolu- tary, dangerous working condition was adopted at a meeting of tions, are in desperate need of cisco voted 117 to 103 to back erty, they are now threatened Curran, The New Orleans meet- with starvation and eviction from their squalid homes, Union tences. The city administration, courts and police are controlled by the tobacco and hosiery interests. Please send prompt contributions of funds to "The Strike Relief Committee of Local 420. IFLWU-CIO, Post Office Box 2422, Winston-Salem, N. C."

The North Dakota Union mobile Workers, acting in ac- Farmer, January 6, has some The tenants were ordered by the ried, extended a vote of thanks cordance with its powers under sound editorial advice to farmto the delegation for its work, the union's constitution, has lev- ers on supporting the workers' by Feb. 20 in order to clear the It also stated that the League led an assessment of \$1 from demands for higher wages. "As would be organized on a thor- each member "to be deposited a farmer today you may be more ough basis to insure that the n the international strike fund of a Capitalist than a laborer -but if 16,000,000 laboring famione would be evicted out on the report any failure of services to local unions engaged in author- lies lost their jobs or are forced streets and that substitute homes the Committee in charge, which ized strikes." This fund is being to live on starvation wages, most would be found for us as fast as would also examine substitute built up in anticipation of any farmers will darn-fast sink out who acted as spokesman for the to see that these were adequate back its new wage demands, laboring class where they were which include the demand for a in the 30's. You can go on hating Another resolution condemned 231/2-cent an hour general in- labor, believing all the stuff the 'fat boys' put into the newspapers and over the radio . . . the We learn from a recent issue laboring man is still the guy who buys the stuff you raise on the

"Two hundred and fifty bilin December of rank and file bread - 80,000,000 people who representatives of almost all steel | represent the families in the locals in District 26, second larg- labor class also eat so much est in the steel union, included bread. If you're going to stay in in their excellent 19-point wage the farming business-who would policy program a proposal for you rather have for your custhe sliding scale of wages. They tomers? Remember that when called for an "automatic per- the fight starts nex' month."

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It is significant that these says Collier's, Dec. 21. ilberal capitalist politicians decided to build their own "move-No sooner did the PCA launch itself as the political spokesman ments" only after they were **CIO Veterans** for American liberals, than an- slapped around by their reactionother group of out-of-work "New

Out-Of-Work New Dealers Start

2 Rival Political Organizations

ary Democratic colleagues and Dealers" founded a rival organ- driven from their government ization, also claiming the man- posts. tle of Roosevelt. This body calls | They will now do all in their tic Action and boasts of such traditional "two-party system"

adherents as Eleanor Roosevelt, of capitalist politics. Leon Henderson and Wilson Should the workers go along again and seriously Not a hair's-breadth divides push for a labor party, these the two groups so far as domesmiddle-class liberals will try to jump on the band-wagon in order to take the reins. They will then seek to head the new party alism, a compound of petty re- movement in the direction of a forms and the desire for gradual third capitalist party

UNION PROPS

What gives the PCA and ADA any semblance of weight or sigor effective by way of a politi- nificance is the support of varical program for the American ous sections of the union leadership. One prop of Wallace's PCA is the Stalinist union leaders: The ADA has the backing of union red-baiters and anti-Soviet Murray appears to have a foot in American imperialism to deal both camps.

Instead of trying to chain la-Wallace's group, the PCA, bor to the chariots of these standards. We are prepared to election campaign. speaks for the policy of that middle-class political adventur- work with and assist any organminority section of American ers, the union leaders should be American imperialist interests party. These broken-down libcan best be advanced under a erals have no real mass base of cloak of friendship toward the The Americans for Democratic pots of the Democratic Party. Action favor the "get-tough- They want to use labor's support

> Labor, which has proved capable of organizing 15,000,000 workers into unions, must not become a tail to the political kite of middle-class politicians. Labor must strike out politically with its own party and in its own name. It must not follow

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major labor strike since the end of the war in Europe, chiefly because Swedish business firms have an agreement with labor unions under which wages are increased automatically to conform with increases in the cost of living,"

"Sweden has had but one

Of New Jersey **Hit Rent Rises**

NEWARK, N. J., Jan. 14 meeting last week sharply condemned President Truman for scuttling veterans emergency housing and callerans to fight against threatened rent rises.

"We will take every step nec- campaign. essary to resist any rent increasalready indicated that besides ization of workers and veterans

es and evictions." estate lobby.

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Of The Fourth International, Adopted October 1946

The IEC, taking note that the June 1946 Con- | the Spanish people-is par excellence the slogan gress of the Grupo Communista Internacional- which, mobilizing sufficient of the Spanish massista, Spanish section of the Fourth International, es tohind it, can drive the wedge of mass popureversed the group's previous position in favor of lar will into this conspiratorial solution. the slogan of the Constituent Assembly, and explicitly rejected the slogan of the Republic at the present stage, for Spain, is of the opinion to preclude it from making the slightest conthat these decisions, while not of themselves justifying the characterization of the GCI's position as sectarian, do reflect a tendency toward a sectarian approach to revolutionary tactics which the group should endeavor to correct.

The IEC does not agree with any explicit or implicit theory of Spanish exceptionalism which pretends that the experience of the 1931-1939 Republic has so cured the masses of their "democratic illusions" or of their confidence in their traditional leaders that, at the moment of change from the Franco regime, their intervention will necessarily, or even probably, take on so explosive a character as to jump over the bourgeoisdemocratic and parliamentary stage into an exclusively, or even predominantly. Soviet development. Such optimism is not suggested by recent experiences in Western Europe and above all in Italy on its emergence from fascism.

Such a perspective is even less justified by the present political mood of the Spanish masses, both within Spain and in the emigration, which is characterised rather by immense discouragement and demoralization, and above all by the willingness to accept no matter what solution, provided it gets rid of Franco and the Falange. It is admittedly probable that, if the removal of Franco permits the intervention of the masses, they will not leave to the bourgeois courts the purge of outstanding fascists, but that we shall witness a far more violent execution of direct and individual justice than was the case in France or even Italy. This, however, is in itself no guarantee of jumping over a whole stage to a full Soviet development.

Mobilizing The Masses

Within this perspective, the IEC cautions the Spanish comrades against any tendency to regard the democratic and transitional demands as an antithesis to the full socialist program. The Spanish situation at present is typically one wherein the masses can be mobilized around our party and program by the utilization of all slogans which give the correct answer to the burning demands of the masses-slogans from the of Mexico; and should the Spanish bourgeoisie London's major food markets. most rudimentarily democratic up to the full revolutionary socialist program, properly weight- ent such as de Gaulle called in France or de Gased, chosen at the proper moment, in the proper peri in Italy, we must know how to distinguish our combination and with proper emphasis, and all linked together rather than set up in artificial opposition. In a mounting revolutionary situa- ditions, we must stress that the Constituent Astion, it is possible to move with rapidity up the scale of slogans from the most elementarily democratic to the most completely socialist. But if at the beginning of that process our party takes the case of a later favorable and rapid develan overadvanced or sectarian position concerning the democratic demands, its impatience guar- it is possible and even probable that such a sloantees with certainty its continued isolation from

united on the idea that if Franco is to be re- ly Soviet revolutionary slogans. moved at all, it must be done by a "cold" coup The IEC therefore recommends to the GCI re- of the trucking industry. By yes--that is, in essence, the determination of the and transitional demands. regime that is to succeed Franco by the will of

The undisputed fact that the economic situation of the Spanish bourgeoisie is so hopeless as cession to the economic and democratic demands of the Spanish workers and peasants, far from being an argument against the present utilization of the slogan of the Constituent Assembly, is precisely what makes it take on, in our use of it, a revolutionary character.

Such a demand we do not raise abstractly, isolatedly, in a vacuum, but infused with our program for that Constituent Assembly-Workers' and Peasants' government; dissolution of the civil and assault guards and the Franquist army officers' corps; formation of militias for the defense of workers' and peasants' organizations and of the Constituent Assembly itself; separation of the Church and State and the expropriation of the Church's wealth; total radical agrarian reform; nationalization of the banks, insurance companies and heavy industry; popular tribunals for the purging of notorious Falangists and other supporters of Franco; free selfdetermination of nationalities; freedom of colonies; and all other democratic and transitional demands already inscribed in our program. Such a demand, precisely because of the utter impossibility of the Spanish bourgeoisie to make these or any other real concessions, immediately brings into sharp question the entire bourgeois regime and has a highly subversive and revolutionary potential.

A Valuable Weapon Now

The Constituent Assembly is in no way a substitute for the Soviet structure, the seizure of power, and the dictatorship of the proletariat; but under specific concrete circumstances a mobilizing slogan on the road thereto. In certain other circumstances, the Constituent Assembly can be used as the most dangerous of traps by the "left" bourgeoisie to derail the masses from the revolutionary road. But the present conjuncture in Spain, where, it should be noted, the bourgeoisie does not put it forward as a principal slogan, renders it now, if properly used by those who understand its revolutionary potentialities, a particularly valuable weapon. It stands out by several thousand porters time pay after eight hours. Their already in sharp opposition to the rump Cortes be forced to abandon this for a bogus Constitucall for a revolutionary Constituent from these bourgeois counterfeits. And above all, in all consembly must be based on the mobilized masses.

This slogan is obviously not a permanent and unconditional one, never to be abandoned. In opment of the revolutionary situation in Spain, gen will be overtaken by events, as it was in Russia in 1917, when the Bolsheviks, after long An example of a democratic demand singularly supporting it linked with full support to the Sovappropriate to the present Spanish conjuncture is lets, dropped it into the background only after the slogan of the Constituent Assembly. In a the seizure of power. In any similar case, our protesting against the ninesituation where the Spanish bourgeoisie, world Spanish comrades will know how to choose the month run-around on a new imperialism, and the Kremlin bureaucracy are correct time for its withdrawal in favour of pure- contract which they were getting

or a private "transaction" which will exclude any consideration of its recent Congress decisions on terday it had spread to 21,000 intervention of the Spanish workers and peas- the Constituent Assembly and the reincorpora- drivers and helpers handling ants into the equation, the Constituent Assembly tion of this slogan into its series of democratic meat and other foodstuffs in swered with shouts of "resign" the delegates not voting. But a interests than that of March 6. "left socialist" leader who usu-

(To be concluded next meek)

Slogans And Perspectives Of The Revolutionary Vanguard In Spain About Indo-Chinese Struggle About Indo-Chinese Struggle

Japanese Women Win Strike



These restaurant workers, employed by a movie studio Tokyo, parade to celebrate their victory in a strike. Japanese labor continues its militant fight for collective bargaining and better conditions.

Troops Used Against ondon Drivers Strike

Jan. 14 - The British government's use of troops yesterday to break the week-old strike of London truck drivers was angrily condemned by workers throughout Eng- mass demonstrations on Dec. 5 ister for Colonies Moutet in Indo- in last week's Militant) have not land. The first protest against the government's move took

the form of an immediate walk- from 48 to 44 hours, and overand food handlers employed in average wage now is \$20 a week. There was talk of a general

would quit work if any army trucks entered the docks to load FIGHT OWN UNION

PROTEST RUNAROUND

The strike had begun a week ago with a few hundred drivers from the Central Wages Board London. Among their demands and "chuck him out." were reduction of the work week

The British Cabinet has met several times during the last few

strike, and sympathy strikes were days, with Prime Minister Attlater reported in such big cities lee reported to be threatening to CONVENTION RIGGED as Manchester, Bristol, Birming- resign if the cabinet does not ham, Ipswich and Southampton, uphold his use of troops as vention with anti-democratic troops in Indo-China; they are counsels patience and confidence Bus drivers openly discussed strikebreakers. The cabinet was regulations so that, for example, action to support the truck driv- also working on some new and three big national unions with ers, and representatives of 12,000 perhaps speedier arbitration ma- more than half of the FGTB dock workers warned that they chinery to replace the Central membership, had only one- that it cannot push the war in line is much more important Wages Board.

The drivers were engaged in a

the dock-workers' struggle in the by the reformist leaders. autumn of 1945. The response then, shortly after the Labor Party came to power, was very mild compared with the bitter Brockway Quits reaction in labor's ranks now.

Correction

An article on the Toronto elections in the Jan. 4 Militant incorrectly stated that neither the CCF nor the Stalinist Labor Progressive Party were running candidates in the municipal elections. It is an unofficial policy of both parties to refrain from running a candidate for Mayor against the capitalist parties. Both parties campaigned, however, for other offices in the municipal elections.

communism and followed by all the official Communist Parties is something very different,

born things, Comrades, the facts Stalin liquidated the Commu- in the situation are clear. They nist International without a by- say that the Stalin leadership your-leave from the masses who has betrayed the revolution, bemake up the membership. This trayed the world proletariat. We great organization, founded by must face the facts! We must the leaders of world communism | tell the workers the truth! Proafter the Russian Revolution to gressive aims cannot be served tionary politics. But it suffered a resolution accepting the Bri- Spain is reflected in the report, become the rallying center of with lies, concealment, distortion the fate of all such centrist or- tish interpretation of proce- received in Paris, that soldiers

My study and investigation a wave of the hand and long has brought me to the conclusion before it had accomplished its that the only genuine followers historic mission. Not a word of of Marx and Lenin are the Soprotest came from the leaders cialist Workers Party, the Trotof the Communist Parties. For skyists. Their banner is unstainthis we must place the blame ed, they fight for world commu-

Therefore, my course is clear. easy one for my peace of mind. munist Party and I am joining portunists like Brockway see no I am a communist and I want the only truly revolutionary reason for remaining in a small to be a communist. Only the party in this country, the Socommunist future of mankind cialist Workers Party. I hope can inspire the suffering and that all members of the Combleeding masses of the world to munist Party will take the first Trotskyist paper, Socialist Apchange the system from what opportunity to re-study the past peal, reported last month that pite brutal police action, includ- tic measures prevented this at we now have. I am convinced to and estimate once again what Brockway would be rewarded the marrow of my bones that has happened and what the fu- with a Labor Party seat in Par- groups including as many as 700 in Britain is now chronic. Becommunism, genuine communism ture course of the CP will be. I liament when he left the ILP.) of the Marx-Lenin variety, is am sure that you can only come the only way out for humanity. to the same conclusions that I

George Chomalou | Wealth movement.

(Special to The Militant)

PARIS. Jan. 4 .- It would be difficult for the average reader of the French press to know what is going on in Indo-China or the cause of the fighting there. Very little is written about the fact that the French

government, after agreeing last March 6 to recognize Ho Chi Minh as head of the Viet Minh's policy of "concessions" has systematically violated its inists. agreement. There are practically no references in the French press to the fact that the French authorities, after agreeing to permit a referendum in Cochin-China, set up a quisling gov-

of the population. Most papers maintain silence about the fact that after the French government agreed to 'recognize" the Viet Minh Republic, it sought to deprive that republic of the right to run its own finances, customs and foreign affairs, despite Ho Chi

ernment there against the will

Belgian Labor Shows Militancy At Convention

(Special to The Militant)

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Jan. 3—The national convention eign Legion. of the reformist leadership.

line with living costs.

The leaders rigged the confourth of the convention delegates.

fight not only with a government militant delegates left their im- despite the treachery of the put out by an agglomeration of that claims to represent labor, print on the convention, forcing workers' leaders, in arousing "independent" radicals, Stallybut also with the leaders of their a discussion on policy as well as great discontent among broad ist fellow-travelers, "left socialown union, the Transport and organization questions. In this layers of the workers in this ists," etc., permits itself to let General Workers Union, who discussion most of the speakers country. The solidarity of other go with a little old-fashioned have refused to "authorize" the reflected the workers' discontent colonial peoples oppressed by anti-colonialism. But it too and demand for action.

The last time the Labor Party amendment demanding action government used the armed by Jan. 31. This got 150,000 forces against strikers was during votes as against 250,000 received

ILP In England

The disintegrating Independent Labor Party of Engweek when Fenner Brockway, one of its best known leaders, announced his resignation and applied for membership in the Labor Party.

Brockway's resignation, coming shortly after that of M.P. John McGovern and Walter Padley, reflects the disintegration of what was once a powerful organization attracting large numbers of revolutionary workers. Today the ILP has declined both in influence and membership; sales of its paper, Socialist Leader, have decreased greatly; and several of its branches have folded up altogether.

to the degeneration of the party's its appearance at a meeting of policy. For many years it sought the Congress general committee to function as a half-way house in New Delhi last week. When the between reformist and revolu- Gandhi-Nehru leaders introduced ganizations, capitulating finally dure on drawing up a constitu- had defied Franco's orders to to reformism. The ILP strongly resembles the American Socialist voted against it, and Jai Prak- Gerona plant, one of the biggest Party, which is now discussing ash Narain, leader of the Con- metal works in Barcelona. First unity with the more influential gress' socialist wing resigned the soldiers tried to obstruct Social Democrat Federation.

bor Party bureaucrats refused to accept their affiliation. Opand impotent reformist outfit when they can join a big one like the Labor Party. (The British

ership are frantically trying to sing an accumulation of hatred she exported only 3 million tons. fuse with another dying organ- against the Allies for these con- Now Britain not only has no coal Fraternally, ization, the middle class Common ditions. the British Zone Re- for export, but not even enough

which was inspired by the Stal-

And up till now virtually the whole press has tried to cover up the fact that the Indo-Chinese went over to widespread military activities in self-protection only after the French troops had begun an aggressive occupation of buildings in the capital city of Hanoi on Dec. 17. Only the Trotskyist PCI and

its paper, La Verite, tell the truth about these matters and conduct a campaign against the measures which have the approval of the Petain government and forthe capitalist press and the Socialist Party's Populaire and on Indo-China, at present interned which the Stalinist L'Humanite in Fresnes prison, was recently maintains an embarrassed si-

Most of the French press is now giving vent to the traditional propaganda lies about the colonial people's savagery, atrocities, perfidy, etc. . . At the sleges accorded the fascist scum at Fresnes, has kept a deadly siis using former Nazi SS troops recruited into the French For-

Despite the empty boasts of of the Belgian trade union victory, French imperialism is itself to arguing for negotiafederation (FGTB), held last not having an easy time in Indo- tions with Ho Chi Minh because week, witnessed the begin- China and is dispatching rein- he is "for the French Union," ning of an important revolt forcements by the thousands, the new "democratic" name of against the do-nothing policies paratroop regiments and other the French Empire. But no apspecialized units.

The convention took place a The press here features the the workers. The demonstrafew weeks after the FGTB lead- government's statements, through tions of Indo-Chinese soldiers ers had been forced to organize Premier Blum in Paris and Min- and workers in France (reported against the high cost of living. China, rejecting negotiations with even been mentioned in L'Hu-In big cities like Antwerp, Liege Ho Chi Minh. From these manite. Even the Big Business and Charleroi, factory delegates statements one might conclude paper Le Monde was able to condemned the leadership and that the government expects to boast a few days ago of its agreedemanded organization of a gen- crush the colonial struggle al- ment with the CP "on the eseral strike to bring wages into together. But what do these sential points" of the Indo-China statements actually signify?

For one thing, they are designed to complement the fero- even more reserved and cautious clous assaults of the French than the Stalinist sheet. It intended to frighten the Viet in the Blum government. Even Minh Republic leaders.

clusions. It lacks the means for peoples. Despite these obstacles the that. The adventure might end, Only Franc Tireur, a paper France might be aroused.

Arthur Deakin, general secre- In the vote on policy, however, French imperialism is thus government any pain. Perhaps tary of the TGWU, called on the the reformist leaders spread so seeking a few military successes that is because one of those strikers to return to work Sun- much confusion that their reso- to serve as a basis for a new accompanying Moutet on his "inday. He was booed lustily and an- lution was adopted, with half agreement more favorable to its vestigation" of Indo-China is a test of strength took place on an When such preparations have ally collaborates in editing France been achieved, Moutet and Blum Tireur.



LEON BLUM

will declare that "peace is about to be re-established.'

La Verite's latest issue reveals that Baudoin, former minister in mer Director of the Bank of called from his cell to participate in discussions of an "interministerial commission" on Indo-China. The whole press, including L'Humanite which otherwise makes much ado about the privlence on this scandal.

ROLE OF STALINISTS

The Stalinist press confines peal is made by them to arouse question.

The "socialist" Populaire is for the "left wing socialist" Min-But French imperialism knows ister Guy Mollet, cabinet discip-Indo-China to successful con- than solidarity with the colonial

seeks to avoid causing the Blum

International Notes

continues as the trade union but it is not because anyone else movement persists in its demand is loved. The current is almost for the removal of the Yoshida equally marked in the other regime which was highly praised zones against the powers ocby MacArthur in his New Years cupying them." land got another blow last address. The government is trying to solve the crisis by inviting Socialist Party participation in a "national unity" Cabinet, but a strong left wing in the SP is bitterly opposed to such partici-

> A dispute over eventual fusion with the Communist Party led to a split at the 25th Italian Socialist Party Congress last week and the creation of a new organization, the SP of Italy, Its strength is estimated at between 15 and 30 per cent of the membership.

A strong opposition to the This decline is due above all Congress Party leadership made tion, one-third of the members scab on workers striking at the from the body along with the preparations for their mobiliza-Brockway and Company tried Bengal leader, Sarat Chandra tion, then they sought to delay to take the whole ILP into the Bose. Narain assailed the lead- their transportation to the plant; Labor Party for the purpose of ership's "defeatist attitude" for when they finally arrived there dissolving it there, but the La- weakening the masses' desire for they refused outright to act as a revolutionary struggle for in- strikebreakers. dependence.

down in the distribution of fuel week it led to announcements have led to mass attacks on coal that such important plants as stores and coal-carrying trains the Austin auto factory would in many parts of Germany. Des- have to close down. Only drasing the killing of one German, the last moment. The coal crisis people' have participated in fore World War I, Britain ex-The remnants of the ILP lead- these desperate actions. Discus- ported 74 million tons; in 1945 view consoles itself: "The Bri- for her own needs.

The Japanese Cabinet crisis tish may be disliked, even hated,

Three weeks of clashing between Indonesian and Dutch imperialist forces came to a head in a three-day battle over the Palembang oil center in Sumatra last week. "The Dutch used Mitchell bombers and artillery and mortars," said an official of the Indonesian Republic. "A destroyer and gunboats shelled the city from the Musi River. At least 200 Indonesians were killed or wounded. Virtually the entire population fled from the city and the camp where these civilian refugees were housed was bombed." The leaders of the Reconclliationist policy of the public are nevertheless preparing to sign an agreement recognizing Dutch economic interests in Indonesia late this month.

The tense social situation in

The British coal crisis is so Freezing weather and a break- acute that during Christmas

A Letter Of Resignation From The C.P.

Communist Party, 9 E. Exchange St., Akron, Ohio, Dear Comrades:

A year has elapsed in which time I have seriously studied our major guilt for turning the political line under Browder and country over to the British imour recent line under Foster, I perialists and paving the way ed to strengthen capitalism in mitted until the ouster of Browhave reached definite conclu- for smashing the mass movement

based upon this objective study.

Browder's infamous reign to you many, many times, as you already know. My words at the time went unheeded as well as the protests of many in the party ported the hated Churchill Tory time hoped that in the future monarchy in Greece. we would reject these pettyation and establish ourselves Marx and Lenin and arm ourselves with a revolutionary per-

der and his revisionist ideas only ists and lead the masses to a to take on a policy just as bad blind alley. and far from being Marxist and Dennis and Williamson.

capitalists everywhere. In France, Communist Parties is facing in the CP has emerged from the that direction. war a million strong, with 5

sions in regard to our policies that showed such revolutionary

sionist policies but at the same many crimes, established the

revolutionary. The difference is sia had only a few hundred thouthat now the Browder policy of sand members in 1917 when they betrayal is being put into prac- led the revolution. With a cortice by the leadership of Foster, rect program and the will to BROWDER POLICY PREVAILS ist reorganization of society, they Upon further study, I have stormed the heights and won a reached the conclusion that we great victory. Yet with far in America are not the only ones greater numbers not a single guilty of this revisionist policy. Communist Party anywhere has Communist Parties everywhere been able to follow ir their footare following the Browder pol- steps, nor is there the slightest icy of collaborating with the indication that any one of the

million supporters. Instead of States stemmed from the fact providing revolutionary leader- that we must do everything to ship to the French workers and support the struggle of the Sothe exploited slaves of French viet Union against Hitlerism. imperialism, the CP of France This correct impulse was twisted supports one coalition govern- by the Browder leadership into ment after another, thereby re- supporting all the aims of the viving the Browder-Peoples American imperialists We sup-Front policy that led to one de- ported the infamous "no-strike feat after another. In Italy it is pledge." Browder paraded around

is to make shabby deals with "free enterprise," a soft name that the youth was the first to the capitalist parties at the ex- for capitalism, was the natural fall under the axe of revisionism pense of the desperately starv- system for America. Browder as- when the YCL was abolished and

I opposed our policies during return of black reaction which

reigns there now. SUPPORTED CHURCHILL

In England, our party sup-

Our parties have come out of bourgeois ideas and their motiv- the war in many countries as huge mass organizations with once again on the program of widespread support and many opportunities to lead the way. But nowhere do these parties show the masses the road to so-Unfortunately, this has not cialism; everywhere they patch crystalized. We rejected Brow- up rotten deals with the capital-

> The Bolshevik Party in Rustake power and begin the social-

Our policy here in the United the same. There is a powerful the country hollering for unity Communist Party but its policy of all classes. He discovered that

sured everyone that the so-called the AYD established. The lead-In Greece, the CP bears the two party system was the best ers ran roughshod over the thing for this country.

By this sell-out policy we helppotentialities and the subsequent are now ripening. America em- that he follows the same policy of the Soviety Union on a world | condemned Browder here, scale. Wall Street imperialism nationally. I opposed the revi- government which, among its in preparation for an eventual the party, not a word of advice tober Revolution.

> ership not one single peep was leadership. heard from the other leaders who hurried to show him the door. Can it be that Foster and the others were not aware of the betrayal? Don't they know anything about Marxism? Did it take all those years and all that treachery to wake them from their slumber? What kind of leaders have we when it takes a signal from a French Communist to rouse them to the fact that they have been following a false policy for a decade or

May I remind you comrades

Crook's Agreement

"The Potsdam agreement is fundamentally a thieving agreement of the imperialist USA-England and the Soviet Union. The agreement is one among crooks for which the Stalin bureaucracy bears a large share of responsibilty. The proletariat must reject and combat this robbery and exploitation of whole countries, even if the Soviet Union under Stalin's leadership participated in such an agreement." - From Spartakist,

the Austrian Trotskyist paper.

membership to formulate this betrayal; no discussion was per-America and to weaken the la- der came up, Duclos awoke the bor movement. The fruits of this party, but in passing I must note erges as the outstanding enemy in France for which we and he

During all these years of beis in the lead in making demands trayal by the leaders and the upon the USSR and pushing to stifling of the members who restrict it in every possible way might have corrected the line of war against the land of the Oc- on how to act came for us from the CP of the Soviet Union, I And even though Browder has must, therefore, conclude that been expelled we cannot but note | what we and the other parties that in all the years of his lead- did was approved by the Stalin

the world proletariat, was swept and betrayal. into the dust bin of history by where it belongs: on the heads nism. of the Stalin leadership.

Comrades, the decision which But I am also convinced that have come to. the kind of politics practiced by the Stalin leadership of world

Lenin said that facts are stub-

I RESIGN

I have made has not been an I hereby resign from the Com-

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"Attempts to save economic life by innoculating it with virus from the corpse of nationalism result in blood poisoning which bears the name of fascism,"

-Leon Trotsky

Marshall Appointment

The appointment of General Marshall as Secretary of State is an ominous indication of the growing political weight of the military caste in America. It shows how far this country has evolved from the days when antimilitarism was one of its outstanding political characteristics. It shows how close we are to militaristic government on the hated Prussian pattern.

It is not necessary to cite the experience of Europe with military figures at the head of government to show the danger for labor inherent in this development. General Marshall himself has indicated where he stands as a militarist politican looking at labor. In 1943 he termed the struggle of the railroad workers for better wages "the damnedest crime that was ever committed against America."

Putting such a man in the second highest office in the land adds weight to the furious anti-labor drive now under way. And it has still graver implications.

By putting the leading spokesman of the military caste in charge of foreign policy, Wall Street emphasizes the military side of international politics and thus underlines its desire to militarize the United States. The appointment thus goes directly counter to the wishes of the people for an end to the military burden now bowing them down.

It steps up the pressure to convert America into the greatest peacetime military camp the world has ever seen. It gives fresh impetus to the diversion of astronomical sumsfrom the national income to produce instruments of destruction. It dovetails with Wall Street's carefully calculated campaign to conscript and regiment American youth.

Wall Street views the attainment of these objectives as essential to its plans for conquering and dominating the entire earth.

In 1934 Leon Trotsky declared that "History is taking mankind directly into the volcanic eruption of American imperialism." The Second World War witnessed this military eruption over Europe and the Far East. The appointment of General Marshall bears witness to a similar process within the United States. From now on the military caste will play an increasing role in American politics. Already the talk of General Marshall for President is growing in volume.

The swift rise of the General shows what a sinister shadow the brass hats cast over the American political scene.

Blow To Democracy

The top leaders of the CIO last week struck a blow at the democratic rights of state and local CIO Councils. That is the ruling that these lower bodies are prohibited from making contributions or sending delegates to any national organization except a hand-picked list of 36 groups approved by the CIO national officers.

This ruling has no other purpose than to discriminate against organizations whose sponsorship is considered "radical," particularly those cominated or said to be dominated by the Communist Party (Stalinist). It is a follow-up on the last CIO convention's redbaiting Declaration of Policy that "resents and rejects" the "interference of the Communist Party."

It is easy to discern this anti-democratic, red-baiting bias in the list of "approved" organizations. Why, for instance, are all sorts of foreign relief organizations OK'd-except those sending relief to Yugoslavia or Poland? Why is it all right for CIO councils to contribute to an anti-labor organization like the American Legion, run by businessmen and brass hats, and not all right to aid the National Negro Congress?

What started out as a red-baiting drive against the Stalinists has quickly been shown to be a drive against the democratic rights of the entire CIO membership.

This new ruling sets a dangerous precedent. It can be used by a few reactionary leaders to prevent state and local councils from supporting progressive groups and aiding worthy causes of benefit to labor. It might be used to prohibit local CIO bodies from supporting a movement for a labor party or giving strike relief to a non-CIO union.

If allowed to stand, this ruling can only strengthen the hand of the top union bureaucracy and invite the introduction of further

undemocratic and bureaucratic practices. It will also encourage the reactionary, red-baiting elements to intensify their attacks on union militants and all those workers they chose to label as "communists."

It must be pointed out that the Communist Party leaders themselves helped pave the way for this latest attack on union democracy in the CIO. The Stalinists capitulated to the red-balters at the CIO convention and voted for the anti-Communist resolution. They supported the revised rules that reduced the rights and powers of local councils. Now Communist Party members are learning the real meaning of the Stalinist betrayal which the Daily Worker hailed as a "great statesmanlike move."

Militant and progressive CIO members will vigorously protest and oppose this new ruling. They will insist on their right, as in the past, to determine by democratic vote whether or not they wish to cooperate with some other organization.

Victory In Detroit

The victory of the Detroit Branch of the Socialist Workers Party against the fascistinspired drive to evict the branch from its headquarters has given a valuable demonstration on how to fight reaction.

On last July 25, Detroit fascists launched the drive by setting fire to the headquarters while 100 persons were assembled. The reasons for this terroristic attack were clear at the time. The Socialist Workers Party is recognized as the outstanding champion of the rights of the Negro people. The fascists decided to apply lynch law to this organization that advocates militant defense of civil liberties and democratic rights.

When fire failed to drive out the Trotskyists, the Detroit reactionaries resorted to other means. The Department of Buildings and Safety Engineering ordered the SWP to va-

cate the premises in 10 days. In the subsequent legal battle, the so-called Linwood and McGraw Civic Association submitted a petition brazenly demanding that the SWP be ousted because Negroes attended meetings.

The combination of fascist terrorists and reactionary city officials appeared so powerful that some faint-hearts predicted it was a losing fight and the SWP would be ousted. But the Trotskyists set out to arouse the labor movement of Detroit. They pointed to the threat to civil liberties and the democratic rights of labor throughout the city if this reactionary attack should prove successful. The Trotskyists showed once again that a fighting spirit is the first requirement if victory is to be won.

The labor movement of Detroit responded to the warning. Leading trade union officials denounced the reactionary attempt to oust the SWP. The Detroit City Plan Commission last week decided to approve the use of the headquarters for educational, recreational, social, neighborhood and community center purposes. The weight of the union movement in the struggle had proved decisive.

Had the Detroit Branch failed to appeal to the labor movement it is certain its cause would have been doomed from the start. On the other hand, the ability of Detroit labor to chalk up a victory such as this is an indication of what can be done on an incomparably greater scale in defending civil liberties and the democratic rights of labor.

For Labor Unity

Despite the deadly threat of impending antilabor legislation the AFL leaders persist in their refusal to join forces with the CIO in order to beat back the Congressional offensive against the labor movement.

Characteristic of their attitude was their spurning of an invitation from a number of Senators to attend a dinner on January 8 with representatives of the CIO to discuss means for blocking proposed laws to restrict labor's rights.

We are not advocating that union leaders dine or otherwise hob-nob with political representatives of the capitalist class. We are sure moreover that it was not the presence of capitalist politicians that kept the AFL spokesmen from this dinner. We are pointing out that what kept the AFL leaders from the dinner was the presence of CIO representatives.

It surely cannot be argued by the AFL leaders that there is no need to unite all labor's forces for joint action against the drastic laws that Congress threatens to pass against the unions. This need for united action is recognized by the AFL leaders as shown by their joint conferences with the leaders of the Rail-

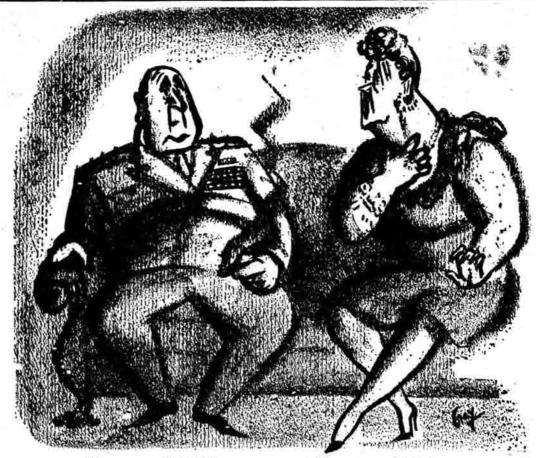
road Brotherhoods. But in the case of the CIO, which represents more than six million organized workers in basic industry, the AFL leaders are permitting narrow organizational and jurisdictional interests to stand in the way of labor

Whom are they hurting by this blind and narrow-minded attitude? Certainly it will not detract from the prestige of the CIO. The CIO has agreed to submerge organizational differences and has appealed to the AFL for joint action.

If, because of the division maintained in labor's ranks by the AFL leaders, Congress puts through union-busting laws, the members of the AFL will suffer just as much as the members of the CIO.

The AFL members must demand that their top leaders consider the needs of labor first. AFL local unions and city bodies should pass resolutions insisting in no uncertain terms that the AFL get together with the CIO for joint action in mutual self-defense.

The AFL ranks can make a good start by establishing united action on a local scale in every community. And they can call for national extension of such local action through a United Conference of Labor to be held in Washington.



"I'm sure if YOU were named Secretary of Labor, you'd stop all those strikes!"

THE RUSSIAN REVOLU-TION by Leon Trotsky, Workers International News

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The British Trotskyists are to be commended for their initiative in republishing this pambrief review of the essential achievements and significance of the greatest revolution of our

This pamphlet contains the full text of a lecture given by Leon Trotsky to an audience of to lecture in Copenhagen in Revolution." the hope that he would succeed

with will and courage."

ber 1917 Bolshevik revolution: make use of electric current.

lution take place?

3. Has the October Revolution stood the test?

in a backward country. "In order for the Soviet State to come into existence, it was conseproletarian insurrection, or up-

Social Democratic students in dustry and transport leading a Copenhagen, in November 1932. hundred million peasants. That as a world system." Trotsky, exiled in Turkey at was the natural and inevitable that time, accepted the invi- reciprocal relation between pro- volution was delivered by Trottation of the Danish students letariat and peasantry in the

ter struggle. Thus in 1917 "the phlet, explains: In this remarkable lecture, Party faced the realities of the

questions about the great Octo- technique, to build railroads, to ciety."

1. Why and how did this revo- | And then? Then humanity was thrust by capitalism into the 2. What have been the results? hell of wars and crises. But Socialism is allowed by its enemies, that is, by the adherents In answering the first ques- of capitalism, only a decade and tion, Trotsky shows the com- a half to install on earth Parabined character of the Russian dise, with all modern improverevolution, taking place as it did ments. Such obligations were

never assumed by us." Trotsky then draws the balance sheet of the October Revophlet which has been long out quently necessary for two factors lution. It "has laid the foundaof print. It is the best available of different historical nature to tions for a new civilization which collaborate: the peasant war, is designed, not for a select few, that is to say, a movement which but for all. This is felt by the is characteristic of the dawn of masses of the whole world. Hence bourgeois development, and the their sympathy for the Soviet Union, which is as passionate as rising, which announces the de- once was their hatred for Czarcline of the bourgeois movement ist Russia." The October Revo-. Four million workers in in- lution proved in real life that "capitalism has outlived itself

This review of the Russian Resky 14 years ago. Considerable changes have taken place in the While all the conditions were Soviet Union, and especially in in remaining in Denmark, or ripe for the October revolution, the Stallnist regime at its head, would secure admission to an- Trotsky points out that one since that time. But the princiother European country. This more was needed to assure its pal points made by Trotsky rehope was not realized because victory — the Bolshevik Party. main no less valid today. As his of pressure exerted upon the He shows how this party was famous theory of the permanent Danish Government by the forged through decades of bit- revolution, restated in this pam-

"The present productive forces Trotsky dealt with the meaning October insurrection with cold have long outgrown their naof revolution. "In order to sweep calculation and with ardent reso- tional limits. A Socialist society away the outlived social order, lution. Thanks to this, it con- is not feasible within national the progressive class must un- quered almost without victims." boundaries. Significant as the derstand that its hour has Then in answer to those who economic successes of an isolated struck and set before itself the point to the failure of the Re- workers' State may be, the protask of conquering power. Here volution to achieve immediate, gram of Socialism in one counopens the field of conscious re- dazzling results, Trotsky replies: try' is a petty-bourgeois Utovolutionary action, where fore- "Capitalism required centuries pia. Only a European and then sight and calculation combine to establish itself in the strug- a world federation of Socialist gle against the Middle Ages, to republics can be the real arena Trotsky asks and answers three raise the level of science and for a harmonious Socialist so-

- Larissa Reed

Congressmen At Work -

Wall Street's Washington Lobby

The first number of this year's Congressional Record contains only 64 pages. You can skip the first 44 without missing much. The last 20 pages, however, fascinated us. Under "Registrations"-a title you could hardly call sensational—these 20 pages list all the names of people who admit they are paid to lobby in Washington.

It's not an expose. Only routine in accordance with a law passed in the 79th Congress draw an unspecified amount for and what kind of political axe ing money in Washington to in- President of the United States. fluence legislation.

The Hershey Corporation tainer of \$1,000 per month" to heeled lobbyists in Washington this money to insure legislation increases. Besides the usual beneficial to the company, Her- "out-of-pocket" expenses, Earle shey makes "reimbursement at Brown gets \$2,600 a year; Lee F. cost for out-of-pocket expenses" Johnson, \$10,000 a year; Joseph to Baldwin and Mermey; and, T. King, \$6,000 a year; James naturally, the usual office ex- Edward Mack, \$5,000 a year; Alpenses and "traveling."

R. Barnett \$11,000 a year to year; Edwin L. Stoll, \$3,250; and counteract any inclination of Congressmen to do anything that would have been anything



compelling lobbyists to register, any unusual expenditures in the state their income, who pays it, political interests of the power trust.

Clyde T. Ellis, another power they are grinding. Since it's trust lobbyist, gets \$12,000 a year printed in hard-to-read, six- -and the usual pin money too,

If you've been wondering about the enthusiasm of Congress over bert Payne, \$6,000 a year; Cal-The National Association of vin K. Snyder, \$10,000 a year; Electric Companies pays Arthur Charles T. Stewart, \$6,000 a

that would lower power rates. On Some of the Big Business outtop of "all traveling and in- fits list their lobbying expenses cidental expenses" Barnett can cautiously. Prudential Insurance

hires Milo J. Warner for "Amount variable; to be determined by services rendered." Prudential warily admits it also pays Warner "travel, hotel, telephone, telegraph, and certain office expenses and supplies, and proper and necessary entertainment expenses." How big a roll it takes to give a Congressman proper and necessary entertainment is not listed.

Others, such as the food trust, freely admit paying out as much as \$250 a day to individual lobbyists. William S. Snow gets \$8,-000 a year from American Fisheries, \$1,500 a year from California Sardine, and \$1,200 a year from National Renderers.

The National Association of Manufacturers and the Chamber point type, we advise you to of course. Purcell L. Smith is of Commerce maintain expensive take along a magnifying glass apparently a man highly valued lobbies. The Independent Bankif you go to the Public Library by the power trust. He gets \$65,ers Association is generous with if you go to the Public Library 000 a year, which compares fa- its lobbyists, and the Association to see for yourself who's spend- vorably with Truman's salary as of American Railroads pays \$40,-000 a year to J. Carter Fort alone.

It's a smooth-working political they make the nickel bar that lifting rent ceilings, you'll find power team-the lobbyist outsells for 8c and up—pays a "re- part of the reason here. The real side Congress greasing the way capitalist politician inside wield-Baldwin and Mermey. Besides to help raise the din for rent ing a legislative club against labor and in favor of Big Business.

DETROIT

The Road Ahead for The American Working People"

Bert Cochran Former CIO Leader Sunday, Feb. 2, 2 p.m. Socialist Workers Party 6108 Linwood Ave.

"Economic Report Of The President"

-By Art Preis-

Truman's "Economic Report of the President," presented to Congress on Jan. 8, opens on a jaunty note of confidence. "America has never been so strong or so prosperous. Nor have our prospects ever been brighter . . . I reject . . . the notion that we must have another depression."

There is nothing reassuring, however, about the major facts cited in the report. They confirm the more realistic and pessimistic views on the state of American capitalist economy today. Truman's data, rather than his faith in the prospects of the "private enterprise" system, prove the ship of American capitalism is heading into stormy waters.

Among the "weaknesses that need correction," the report finds, the "chief among the unfavorable factors is the marked decline in real purchasing power of great numbers of consumers, resulting from the large price increases in the second half of the

"If price and wage adjustments are not madeand made soon enough-there is danger that consumer buying power will falter, orders to manufacturers will decline, production will drop, and unemployment will grow . . ."

The report says that the average factory takehome wage of \$46 weekly in October 1946 could buy only as much as \$35 in April 1942, when prices were already considerably higher than in the prewar years.

ALARM AT CREDIT BUYING

Moreover, Truman expresses alarm at the rapid increase in installment and credit buying. This leads him to warn that "undue extensions of deficit financing on the part of millions of American families can gravely hurt our business system and lead in the end to deficit financing by the Government." Don't depend on credit buying to raise mass purchasing, says Truman.

And don't look to war savings as a "backlog" of purchasing power. For "it is unsafe to assume that most American families still have enough savings in hand to supplement current income for any considerable length of time." In fact, the rate of consumer savings is so low now, that it cannot "be reduced much further except by adversity." That

Production is only 15 per cent below the wartime peak, Corporate profits after taxes are 13 billion dollars, up 2.4 billions since 1944. Profits for individual entrepreneurs rose from 24.1 to 30 billion. But total income to employes-including executive salaries which increased-fell from 116 billion to 109 billion dollars.

LEAVE IT TO PROFITEERS

What will solve this "chief unfavorable" problem of declining mass purchasing power while production steadily rises? Truman suggests first that: "Business should reduce prices wherever possible." He just leaves it to the profiteers.

Why didn't the capitalists lower prices in the past six months? And why did Truman help scuttle price control and yield to the price-gougers when the Democrats controlled Congress?

On the other hand, he proposes that labor, whose purchasing power is so shrunken, "should refrain from demands for excessive wage increases that would require price increases or would prevent price

But wages have had nothing to do with price increases. Prices rose \$10 for every \$1 of wage increases during the past year. The huge military budget, carrying charges on the 260 billion dollar war debt, etc., take 20 cents out of every consumer dollar. Truman doesn't propose to end these in-

Truman's statistics disclose, in part, the grave ills of American economy. But his remedy is poisonous

The Payments Due You **Under Social Security**

-By Joseph Hansen-

The brightness of the future for a worker in capitalist America can now be measured in dollars and cents. If he is still single at the age of 65 he can expect \$24.83 a month for the rest of his life under Social Security provisions. The only catch is he must not be earning more than \$14.99 at anything else and if he is a farmer or domestic worker, he is excluded.

Apparently Wall Street's Congressmen figured that women are not as prodigal as men at the age of 65, for a single woman can count on getting only \$19.83 a month. A widow can cheer herself with the thought that she gets more than a single womanan extra 34 cents a month to spend for whatever

If she is over 65, the wife of a retired worker is entitled to draw \$13.05 a month in addition to what her husband gets.

An orphaned child gets only \$12.42 a month, However, an orphan, being young, can look forward to higher pay in a factory besides the final pot of gold provided by Social Security at the end of life's rainbow.

Social Security officials have discovered after ten years of close observation that 890,000 workers in the United States over 65 "prefer" to continue working rather than retire on the monthly insurance payments. But "experts in the field" believe that any depression is "likely to shake many aged workers out of employment" and thus compel them to accept the bounteous provisions of Social Security.

Probing the reasons for the reluctance of aged workers to retire, these same experts found that many of those who tried to live on Social Security were unable to do so.

Peter Kasius, New York regional director of Social Security, thought that this might be due to the fact that living costs have risen steeply whereas insurance payments have not been adjusted since 1939. He was even prepared to advocate as a result of his experiences and studies in the field that "the benefits must be related to economic reality and they should provide a minimum below which no one can be expected to live decently.'

The Congressmen who provided the benefits of Social Security for workers decided last year to jump on the gravy train too. Recognizing that they are not as hardened to poverty as workers, Wall Street's political agents were careful to provide that their payments start at the age of 62 instead of 65. How it works out for them is shown in the case of Representative May who was removed from office by the voters of Kentucky after sensational revelations of his connections with war profiteers. By paying in a lump sum of \$2,716 he is entitled to \$3,376 a year for the rest of his life.

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.

Asks For Pledges **Against Rent Rises**

Editor:

I for one am heartily in favor of your proposal to organize rent strikes as an answer to the real estate interests who are trying to raise rent ceilings or do away them altogether.

The meat crisis of last fall and the way the government gave in to the demands of the meat barons are proof that we dare not depend on the government to protect us against the rent

Somebody ought to start a movement right now providing for all unions and workers to pledge that under no conditions will they pay higher rents in

pledge right now.

Why Laundry Workers | Hence the demand of the un- My spendable income will go up \$1,100 allotment."

It may interest your readers to know about the State Minimum Wage hearing for laundry workers which was held in New York Jan. 3. Such hearings have been held recently in Buffalo. Syracuse, Rochester, Albany,

Since 1938 the established purly rates for laundry workers in N. Y. State range from 35 cents in Zone A (larger cities) to 30 cents in Zone C. These rates put the laundry workers in the category of the most exploited section of the workers. The testimony of the laundry workers at the hearing was ample proof of this condition. Even

Youth Activities

AKRON. - Socialist Youth p.m. Followed by refreshments. dancing. 8 South Howard St.

CHICAGO. - Youth meeting Fridays at 8 p.m. Discussion on pamphlet Socialism On Trial Games and refreshments. 777 W Adams, 2nd floor.

LOS ANGELES. - Socialist Youth Club meets every Tuesers. 3161/2 W. Pico Blvd. Educationals after every meeting. Refreshments served.

Broadway (near 14 St.) Dan-

cing, refreshments. Saturday Nite House Parties: GR 5-8149 for information. PHILADELPHIA,-For information call ST. 4-5820, from noon to 6 p.m.



though the union which is about Subscriber hour in 1946, it has been offset Chicago, Ill. by the rapid rise in cost of liv-

Need Minimum Wage law of 75 cents an hour for the go up 2.9 per cent. On laundry industry which employs about 34,000 workers, of whom 26,000 are women. 82 per cent of who worked 40 hours or more a week in 1945 (even before the sharp rise in inflation) earned less than the amount needed for adequate maintenance.

workers live - they just exist." the Joint Board, herself a laundry worker for many years, "We stand all day. We wear rubbers and an extra pair of stockings to keep out of the dampness. Our weekly earnings are so low, we cannot take time off to nurse colds," she further stated.

"Both my husband and I work to make ends meet," said another member of the Joint Augments Police. Board and added, "we cannot even pay for our burial. Most of the time we make collections Editor: Club meets Sunday afternoon, 2 for funeral expenses for the de-

a third woman, "Thanks to the ment in which eight were killed union we have reduced the This fire happened only a but I still cannot save up enough Avenue disaster, where another comrades who has been ill for to take in a show every now and tenement house collapsed and several months and unable to day, 8 p.m., at SWP headquart- then. I haven't bought a new 37 were killed in the ruins. garment in God knows how many

years." NEW YORK. - For informa- lished data on file with the'N. Y. don't know about. The City's the Militant that Flint has not tion on the Trotskyist Youth State Department of Labor, it Fire Department is cutting down Group send name and address is estimated that the laundry on its fire services in Harlem to 116 University Place, N. Y. 3. sales in N. Y. State rose from at the very time that overcrowd-Open Forum: Every Friday \$105,000,000 in 1939 to \$136,- ing and deterioration of the up. No need not to get that \$200 8 p.m., at Academy Hall, 853 000,000 in 1944 - an increase buildings places the people in of about 30 per cent. But this greater jeopardy through outdid not stop the representative break of fires than ever before. of the employers from launching a vicious attack against a higher minimum wage and pointing to the women who testified.

stating that they were in good health and well groomed; that they needed no aid from any Minimum Wage Boards.

Shows The Gimmick In Tax Proposals

I read where the Republican Congress is going to get bighearted and cut our income taxes 20 per cent.

The bill proposed by Representative Knutson has a real gimmick in it. It wants to slice 20 that.

So if I make \$1,200 a year, I'm ion for a State Minimum Wage 2.1 per cent. On \$3,000, It will

the women and male-minors \$65,436 left after taxes, Under the new bill he'd have \$112,349 per cent. On a million dollars, he wouldn't do "so good." He'd have \$271,177 left under the new tax "You cannot say the laundry bill, or \$110.891 more than now. But that would be "only" a testified one of the members of 69.4 per cent increase in his spendable income.

> Maybe we ought to complain about this discrimination against the man in the million-dollar bracket compared to the man in the \$300,000 bracket.

Cuts Fire Protection

Last Sunday night I went to ceased workers, since we don't the meeting at Imperial Hall. make enough to carry insur- sponsored by the New York Local of the Socialist Workers "For 22 years I have worked in Party, where speakers protested the laundry industry," testified against the recent fire in a tene-

out a very significant fact at the Fund Campaign. According to the 1945 unpub- this meeting that most people "He writes: Say, I notice in .And at the same time, he pointed out - the City is increasing its police force!

New York

One-Quarter Of Quota Contributed To Date In \$20,000 National SWP Fund Campaign

By William F. Warde National Fund Campaign Director

Last week saw the quarter mark reached in the \$20,000 Emergency Fund Campaign for the Socialist Workers Party. Contributions amounting to \$1,556.21 which came from all parts of the country lifted the grand total to \$5,012.45, or 25 per cent.

Although weekly returns have been increasing as the campaign progresses, the SWP branches will have to speed up their collections from now on if the \$20,000 goal is to be attained within a three-month period.

Newark makes its debut this week with a \$100 payment on its \$300 quota. "We arranged a buffet supper at our headquarters Sunday, Jan. 12 to launch our local activity on the \$20,000 Fund," writes Dorothy Lessing. "The National Organization Secretary, Morris Stein, presented a graphic report of the work, plans and financial needs of the SWP.

"The response was heartening. The entire quota was subscribed then and there and one-third per cent from taxes on all in- raised in cash. And there are still others to be comes up to \$302,000 a year, and heard from. Newark is a little late in starting, 10.5 per cent on amounts above but we're now moving ahead fast."

New York reports through its Fund Director, I would gladly sign such a 10 years old, increased the wages going to have \$8 more to spend Duncan Conway: "Last week was a banner one to an average of 66% cents per a year under the new bill than for us, with a record total of \$504.95 collected. under the old. My spendable in- Chelsea Branch turned in the sum of \$276.20. Cencome goes up seven-tenths of a tral continues to maintain a commanding lead per cent. If I make \$2,000, the over the other New York branches, with a total new tax bill will save me \$38. of \$661.72 or 62 per cent already paid on its

Harlem Fund Director John Andrews reports: "Harlem held its first social for the special pur-Now look what it does for the pose of raising part of our \$300 quota in the fat-backs. A capitalist who campaign. All those who participated had a "earns" \$300,000 a year now has great deal of fun. Over \$20 was made toward the branch pledge. We adjourned early so that the comrades could all be on hand for mobilization left. His income would go up 71.7 early Sunday morning to help organize the protest meeting against the threatened evictions in

> Boston moves up to third place by sending in \$100 on its \$400 quota.

West Coast branches were well represented among last week's contributors. Seattle mailed in \$50 as part payment on its \$800 quota. San Francisco enclosed the sizeable sum of \$285 which brings payment on its \$1,250 up to 38 per cent. From the opposite side of the Bay, Oakland dispatched an initial donation of \$30. San Diego in New York City | Southern California matches this with a check

for \$31.10 as a starter on its \$100 quota.

From the Mid-West, Cleveland begins payment on its \$300 pledge with a check for \$23; Toledo adds \$35 on the way to fulfill- BRANCH ing its \$300 obligation; and dependable Detroit sends in \$68

Along with a money-order from Flint for \$23.50, Genora Dollinger, Campaign Director of the Scotty Hunter Memorial hours and increased the wages, short time after the Amsterdam Fund, comments: "One of our participate in our work informs One of the speakers pointed us that he is contributing \$10 to

done too good in that drive for the twenty thousand. Tell those guys to kick in and boost that in right away. When this \$10 is put in, you can tell those guys who are working every day there Is no excuse for not kicking in.'

We want to thank the following Militant readers for their assistance. Flora Schneider of East Orange, N. J. who contributed \$5 toward our National Fund together with her "best wishes for your success in this undertaking." And the friend from Staten Island who wrote for a copy of Pioneer's new reprint, the Supressed Testament of Lenin, and enclosed a donation for the Fund with greetings, "Yours for a Socialist

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By Marie Crandall

(Special to The Militant) The Buffalo Branch of the SWP and the Militant Forum welcomed in 1947 at a New Year's Party for the benefit of European revolutionary workers and anti- that we'll be able to go over the fascist fighters, which was highly successful in attendance, mer- this time is bigger than in the ry-making and fund-raising. The Branch has sent the entire pro- branch has grown, too!" ceeds from the affair, amounting to \$170 to the American Committee For European Workers Relief, 197 Second Ave., New ture Agent, reports that they calls for initiative and ingenuity York City.

Close to 100 people were prestransformed with decorations created by 32 comrades and friends. The hall rivaled the appearance of the most popular night clubs. Fancy paper hat creations, handiwork of women comrades, created a sensation. and the party was complete with in starting the campaign locally

noise-makers. rung in with the spirited singing quota of 15." of The Internationale in a demonstration of working-class soli-

Seattle SWP Tops List For Week's Sub-Getting

THE MILITANT ARMY

subs," reports Clara Kay, Liting our election campaign and 5 subs to his credit." on many other occasions. (We ran a candidate from that area in the election.)

of the new subscribers who en- writes. "She told me she was of The Militant's most important and asked me to be sure to see slogans: the Labor Party and the him when I came back to Memsliding scale of wages. Quite a phis. Her husband is a railroad ex-Stalinists, eager to hear the previous job for trying to or-Trotskyist Program. High scor- ganize the workers into the ers for the lay were Com. ades CIO." Wendell and George who each obtained 6 subs. So far, Courade George is top scorer for the erature Agent, Los Angeles,

sold during the week. James and paper. Since he is a musi-White sent in 21 subs obtained cian and works nights, he hasn't by the comrades and he reports: been able to participate in our lead with 32 subs to dats, while The Militant." Pearl Spangler follows closely with 29. The campaign is progressing nicely "

The following note from Leon Forth accompanied 12 subs obtained by the Chicago comrades: "It isn't much to tell, Perhaps many comrades have persisted more than this, but a comrade PER CENT here in Chicago, Helen Spizzeri, went back three times to see a City renewed his sub for one person whose sub to The Mili- year and contributed \$1. tant had run out. The first time he wasn't at home, but she sent in 7 new subs to The Milicaught him in the third time tant. and up she came with a \$1 sub . . . We now have a 'race track' in our drive for Militant sent the following explanation of subs and a number of comrades an advance payment on his subalready have 'cars' entered in scription: "I do not like to owe the race."

you should be receiving a substantial amount of renewals from Newark."

"Our mobilization was rained ward moving workers inside the out," reports Dave Swenson, Labor Party, and it is received Akron. "Only one of the youth with great enthusiasm as being comrades and myself went out a real workers' paper, reporting sub-getting. We visited three the struggles of the International neighborhood friends of his and working class."

Seattle Branch comrades, de- | sold one sub. It was Joey's first termined to help build The Mili- experience in sub work and had, tant circulation, start the New I believe, a good effect on him. Year with 32 new subscriptions. We plan to go out together again Ten comrades participated in in this neighborhood as he has today's canvassing for Militant a wide acquaintance there based on a newspaper route he had erature Agent. "Most of the 32 formerly . . . Our next mobilizawere received in a housing pro- tion is set for Sunday, Jan. 12. ject where the Socialist Work- We are hoping that the tradiers Party and the paper are es- tional mid-January thaw will pecially well-known, due to our help us out. Comrade O'Kenny extensive distributions there dur- won the December Handicap with

Dick Clarke, a St. Louis comrade who spent the holidays in "The comrades averaged three Memphis, sent in three subs he subs an hour, and held very in- obtained there. "I had a long teresting discussions with most talk with one woman," he thusiastically agreed with two sorry her husband was not home few of the wo.kers we met were worker. He was fired from his

Pauline Dodge, Westside Litwrote; "I was given a lead for a sub by the branch, I made Connecticut State Branch ran contact with the person by tele-Seattle a close second for subs phone regarding our activities "Clara Raymond remains in the work yet, but he subscribed to

> Militant subscribers are doing a good job in boosting the paper. Sam Taylor of Madison, Wis., came to our office while visiting New York. He turned in 7 more subs for fellow students. Sam Richter of Chicago sold a Militant sub to a dining car

waiter enroute to New York. Salvatore Terilli of New York Herman Courts of Cincinnati

A Militant booster in Canada any labor organization money because I realize they are most Mary Steele, who has taken always poverty-stricken and tryover Militant and Fourth Inter- ing to make ends meet. It's only national sub work for Newark, the faithful that are willing to predicts that "within a few weeks | educate the many for nothing."

> A subscriber in Nottingham, England writes: "We have introduced The Militant to left-

134 Subs In First 3 Weeks Of "Fourth International" Drive

Branches of the Socialist Workers Party secured 134 subscriptions to Fourth International, monthly magazine of the American Trotskyists, during the first three weeks of their three-month campaign launched Dec. 15. This is an average of 44 subs a week.9-

To reach the goal of 1,000 subs predicts "that once we get into by the end of the campaign, full swing there will be no stopsubs should have averaged 77 a week. Although the campaign is lagging a little, letters from the branches express confidence of fulfilling quotas by the end of Toledo Branch has been dividthe campaign.

This confidence is typified in a letter from Winifred Nelson, Campaign Director for St. Paul. "With 25 percent of StJ Paul's ing with a score of 262 points quota obtained in the first three weeks of the campaign," she Union Team." writes, "we feel confident here top. It is true that our quota last campaign, but the St. Paul

Leon Forth, Chicago's Litera-"have a Chicago comrade who more than anything else. After is out to get the national prize" all, a little Trotskyist initiative which will be awarded to the and ingenuity will go a long ent. The headquarters was leading individual Pace-Setter, way." This prize is a rare bound volume of New International (predecessor of Fourth International) for 1934-5-6.

Milwaukee was a few days late because they were looking for a Feature of the evening was the new headquarters. "However." presentation of two original and writes Virginia Barrett, FI humorous skits. At the stroke agent, "we have three subs alof midnight the new year was ready and expect to go over our

> San Francisco too was late in getting started but Anne Chester

ping us."

Maggie Walker reports that ed into two teams, the Housewives Team and the Trade Union Team. "So far," she adds "the Housewives Team is leadversus 192 points for the Trade

Harry Thompson reports for Los Angeles Local: "Central Branch has challenged Eastside Branch that it will obtain twice the number of subs in proportion to size of membership." He feels that "this campaign

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Buffalo Raises \$170 For Relief

Ephraim Coe is a tall man with the quiet, kingly dignity you notice many times in older Negroes, and his voice is the deep, sonorous

voice of a prophet of old. Ephraim Coe was a man of

When it all began he couldn't say. When he was a little child listening to his mother or the church elders, something might have caught in his mind. "The Lord smote the first-born of Egypt . . .

Oh, the heavy burden the Children of Israel had to bear!) Or perhaps it was when he grew a little older

and began to know what it was for a colored man to live in the South. (This life, brethren, is a hard, sad life. Happiness is only in the Kingdom of Heaven. Work, suffer, be patient . . .)

In the steel town all his people worked in the plant on the hard, dirty, dangerous, low-paying jobs. They all lived in dirty, tumble-down shacks and tenements. There was no opportunity in this vale of tears for any of them. But there was the church.

Ephraim Coe was a man of God. He had long delt it. He was a man of God, and here was work

Ephraim became a deacon in the church. He was a steady, dignified man, and the people trusted him, They came to him for advice. When the preacher left town, Ephraim became preacher in his place.

Every Sunday, when he wasn't working, he'd stand in the little shack they used for a church, and fling out his beautiful, rolling voice. The slow, majestic words came from deep down inside himself, from the elders he had listened to as a child, from the Bible he had read through so painstakingly, pressing his finger along the

print and mumbling the words that he read. Ephraim was happy - as happy as it was given a man to be when his people were "oppressed so hard they could not stand."

But the seeds of doubt began to enter into the mind of Ephraim Coe, A slow anger welled up from the depths of his heart, so slowly that he was hardly aware of it until it flamed high inside his breast. As Moses felt when he smote the Egyptian, so Ephraim felt. He could no longer speak of patience, of bearing one's burden. To fight back, to give blow for blow, yes, "an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth!" —

that was the message. It was about that time that we organized the plant. Ephraim went to his flock and brought back their names signed to union application blanks. On Sundays when he didn't work, he no longer loosed his rich voice like a prophet of old in the little shack they used as a church. He attended union meetings. He went to the homes of Negroes who had not yet joined the union. He passed out leaflets. Oh, no, this was not the word of patience. This was battle. It was war for emancipation. He was no longer a man of peace, but a warrior.

As Ephraim Coe himself said, "I turned my back on God. I was a preacher, but I left my flock, because the old words were wrong. I had to go the new way."

Of course, that isn't exactly accurate. What he really did was bring most of his flock with him away from the barren old pastures to fruitful new grasslands. He is still respected. His advice is still sought. People look up to him even more than they used to.

Ephraim Goe, who used to be a man of God. is no longer that. He has grown in experience and wisdom, and today, tall and dignified, he stands more firmly on the ground.

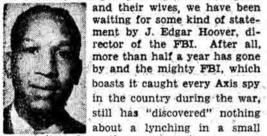
Ephraim Coe is a man of the people.

The Negro Struggle -

The Purpose Of Red-Baiting

Bu William E. Bohannon

Ever since last summer, when the FBI announced that it was handling investigation of the Monroe, Georgia lynching of two Negroes



about a lynching in a small community where the murderers' names are known to almost everyone.

So when we heard that Hoover had an article dealing with Negroes in the February issue of American Magazine, we expected that it might have something to say about the FBI's record in connection with the Monroe and other lynchings. But that was a vain expectation. Instead of dealing with the acute problems besetting the Negro people, it deals with "the menace of communism.

This article, it seems to me, is a classic example of the purpose behind red-baiting generally. Look at how it works:

Negroes want action to punish and stop lynching. Hoover tells them to beware of commun-Negroes want the right to vote in the South. Hoover discusses the "diabolical ends" of the reds. Negroes demand the elimination of discrimination in employment. Hoover anican way of life."

In other words, Hoover's red-baiting, like redbaiting in the unions and elsewhere, has a certain aim. That aim is to divert our attention from the real and pressing problems facing us and to get us fighting among ourselves so that against our enemies.

It so happens that the Communist Party also goes in for red-baiting against militant opponents of their sell-out policies. Hoover calls attention to this in the following words:

"Many liberals seeking to better the Negro's plight, will have no part of the Communists' real program and whom the Communists cannot influence, are labeled 'Trotskyists.' Doubt is adroitly raised by the Communists concerning these American leaders in Negro organizations, in an effort to discredit them."

Hoover's reference to Stalinist red-baiting is probably intended to justify his own red-baiting. But actually it does nothing of the kind. Redbaiting is a reactionary weapon, no matter who employs it. Stalinist red-baiting weakens the fight for a better world and it must be fought. But Hoover's red-baiting represents a far greater danger today and must be fought even harder because it is intended to set the stage for widespread government attacks on democratic rights which we must defend at all costs.

A Dangerous Weapon

- By Grace Carlson -

Last month members of the Michigan Society of Neurology and Psychiatry heard a re-



port of a delicate brain operation on a 28year-old Detroit woman. The operation, called pre-frontal lobotomy, is not new. In the past four years more than 2,-000 lobomoties have been performed upon mental patients by U.S. neuro-surgeons.

What was new about the

Detroit case was that the operation was performed upon a woman who was sane. She was a so-called criminal and the brain operation was performed in order to "reform"

her. Detroit police had picked her up for stealing but when they saw her FBI record they turned her over to the Wayne County General Hospital as "criminally insane."

This is a dangerous weapon in the hands of the police! It is a dangerous precedent when

brain operations can be utilized by the repre-

sentatives of capitalist "justice" as reform measures! Not many details are given about this Detroit woman but we do read that her record started at the age of four when she began to steal. spend another fifteen or even thirty years in the Communist Party today. institutions, or of performing the operation."

The operation consisted of severing the con-

sponsible for planning and carrying out desires translate them into action. After the operation, was said that the woman's "former threatening, aggressive, assaultive behavior" had disappeared.

world may force this woman back into the from the policies of the Social Democrats. paths of prostitution and stealing. The old What then? Another lobotomy?

Wouldn't it be simpler-and better-for society to sever its connection with the vicious capitalist system, which forces women into lives of "crime"?

Notes From The News

President Truman's fellow Democrat from Missouri, Rep. C. Jasper Bell has introduced a bill to provide \$50,000-a-year annuities to former Presidents.

Some people in Summerville, S. C., collected \$8,000 to build a war memorial for local boys who died in World War II. The plan was to eliminate the names of two Negro servicemen who had been killed in the war. The City Council voted against the memorial "in its present

The UAW will not sponsor any bowling teams in the American Bowling Congress tournaments unless the ABC quits Jim Crow practices

Called for service on the jury hearing the football-fix case in New York, William H. Haskell, registered representative on the Stock Exchange, stated: "I'm in the gambling business myself." The Stock Exchange canceled his listing last week, and the horrified Wall Street firm he worked for, E. F. Hutton & Co., "discontinued his employment."

The Socialist Party and the Social Democratic Federation have both appointed committees to meet and discuss the fusion.

New members elected to the NAACP Board of Directors include Philip Murray and Eric Johnston, former head of the Chamber of Com-

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The Detroit Socialist Workers Party's successful fight against eviction from its headquarters because Negroes as well whites attend its meetings, surprised some local union leaders who supported the SWP but had privately expressed the opinion that its fight was hopeless.

In a surprise move the new Michigan Attorney General, Eugene Black, has ruled that the state FEPC proposal initiated by petition must go on the ballot. Black's predecessor, Foss Eldred, has barred the proposed FEPC bill referendum on flimsy technical grounds after unions and other organizations, including the SWP, got petitions with 175,000 signatures.

The Communist Party is having some trouble with its 1947 re-registration. It claims a membership of 74,000, but only "some two-thirds have re-registered to date," according to the Jan. 9 Daily Worker.

Allen Heist, Southern California director of the American Civil Liberties Union, accuses local police and the district attorney of "inexcusable brutality" and "unwarranted" prosecution of Hollywood studio strikers. Not a single member of the jury panel picked for the mass Jan. 11.) This can be shown to over. But as long as there are group by all government agencies, ernment funds in the form of a duce workers' homes. trial of 115 of the strikers is a wage earner; an even greater extent by exam- millions in search of non-exis- From this it becomes even subsidy to maintain "price ceil- (This is the second in a series most are retired businessmen.

THE MILITANT

Leninism Means: Break With Communist Party!

An Appeal To The Members Of The Communist Party

PAGE SIX

By The Editors

This month, as members and followers of the Communist Party, you will be called upon to commemorate the 23rd anniversary of Lenin's death. This is fitting and proper. Revolutionary workers the world over should meet to honor the memory of the creator of Bolshevism, the founder of the first workers' state. and the most beloved leader of the international working class.

But the Communist Party will transform this occasion into an obscene mockery. It will pay ritualistic lip-service to Lenin's name while denying and defying in practice all that he taught and fought for throughout his life. On this same anniversary three years ago, Earl Browder used the occasion to proclaim the dissolution of the Communist Party as part of its policy of open submission and surrender to Wall

Since then Browder has been deposed and expelled as a "revisionist" and "an agent of American monopoly capitalism." But apart from the scapegoat Browder, virtually the entire crew who championed the "revisionist policy" remains today in the top leadership of the Communist Party. Of still greater importance is the fact that the Foster-Dennis swers that communism is a threat to "the Amer- program is not in a single essential different from the Browder policies they so loudly condemn in

CP Policy Aids Red-Baiting

The present Communist Party leaders continue to kneel before the pressure of the reaction. At we will not be able to take effective action the recent CIO Convention in Atlantic City prominent members of the National Committee of the Communist Party voted for Murray's red-baiting resolution.

> This appeasement encouraged the red-baiters to strike immediate blows against union democracy at the state CIO conventions in Massachusetts, New Jersey, Wisconsin and elsewhere. Under pressure of the witch hunts, staunch supporters of Stalinist policies such as Lewis Merrill, president of the CIO United Office and Professional Workers, have already publicly dissociated themselves from CP institutions. And Merrill only leads this parade.

> On the political field the Communist Party leaders follow the old line of supporting capitalist parties and capitalist candidates, and opposing the formation of an independent labor party. How did the Foster-Dennis policy in the recent New York elections distinguish itself from Browder's? Only in this respect. Under Browder the Communist Party supported the corporation lawyer Mead for Senator and the banker Lehman for Governor, whereas under Foster-Dennis the Communist Party supported ehman for Senator and Mead for Governor.

What Lenin Advocated

How does Leninism differ from the reformism of the Social-Democracy? Lenin advocated uncompromising struggle against capitalism and all its agents, whether they wore a liberal or conservative mask. He insisted on independent economic and Fifteen of the 28 years of her life had been spent political action by the working class and demanded in reform schools and prisons. Dr. Louis Lip- that the workers rely upon their own organized schutz, clinical director of Wayne County Hos- power. The Bolshevik Party educated and mobipital said: "We had the choice of letting this lized the workers for the overthrow of capitalist woman continue in her present vicissitudes rule and the establishment of a socialist society. with every reason to expect that she would There is not a trace of this Leninist spirit left in

The Social Democrats, on the other hand, preached and practiced the policies of class collaboration. nections between the part of the brain re- They supported the so-called "liberal" capitalists against the more reactionary capitalists in the name and the other parts of the nervous system which of the "lesser evil." By thus weakening the revolutionary will and self-confidence of the workers, by suppressing their independent class action, and by subordinating the workers to capitalist politics and parties, the Social Democrats led labor from But what of the future? The necessity for one defeat and disaster to another. For many years making a living in this cut-throat capitalist the Communist Party line has differed in no way

The present Communist Party leadership calls pathways in the brain may be re-established. for a "return to the policies of FDR," not for a return to the policy of Lenin. Roosevelt was the political agent of American Big Business and all his major policies and actions were designed to Lenin, Liebknecht And Luxemburg



strengthen capitalist rule over the people of the United States and the rest of the world.

Lenin took advantage of the difficulties of the capitalist rulers to advance the working class struggle for the conquest of state power. Wherever capitalism is in crisis the Communist Parties today intervene to prop up crumbling capitalist regimes. For Lenin's policy of revolutionary struggle, they have substituted the Social Democratic policy of coalition cabinets.

Mainstay of Capitalism

Look at France where virtually the entire active working class follows the Communist Party. Instead of mobilizing the masses to fight for a workers' and farmers' government, the French CP leaders are the mainstay of the present capitalist government. As part of this government, the French Communist Party is lined up with the imperialist slavemasters who are slaughtering the Indo-Chinese people fighting for their freedom.

Lenin was above all an internationalist. He taught the workers to rely upon their international class solidarity and common revolutionary struggle against capitalism in order to defend their vital interests and to protect the Soviet Union against, imperialist attack. At the same time, he taught the workers to distrust such "thieves' kitchens" as the League of Nations, the forerunner of the present United Na-

Foster and Dennis, echoing Stalin, support the UN and depict it as an effective instrument of world peace. In reality, under the pretense of preserving world peace, the UN serves as a screen for the war preparations of the Anglo-American imperialists against the USSR. By spreading illusions about the UN, the CP leaders not only trample on Lenin's teachings but deal heavy blows to the defense of the Soviet Union.

No Different from Browder

Thus Foster-Dennis follow the policies of Leninism no more than Browder did. Both promote the policies of Stalinism which betrays revolutionary Marxism. These perfidious policies have been imposed upon the Communist Parties everywhere by the bureaucratic gang headed by Stalin who have usurped power from the workers in the Soviet Union. There is the fundamental source of all the crimes against labor committed by the Communist

parties, the real source of "revisionism."

The true representatives and continuators of Leninism are the Trotskyists, organized in the Socialist Workers Party. That is precisely why all the sell-out policies put over by the CP leaders have been accompanied by a murderous campaign of physical violence and slander against the Trotskyists. The Communist Party leaders employ these poisonous weapons in order to prevent criticalminded workers in their ranks from acquiring real information about the nature of Stalinism and learning the real truth about the Trotskyist posi-

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Great and growing discontent with the policies and leadership of the Communist Party are spreading through its ranks. Critical voices, opposition movements are making themselves heard and felt, The Stalinist bureaucrats, who served Browder as obediently as they now do Foster, are trying to stamp out this questioning by expelling scores of workers critical of the class-collaborationist policies dictated to them. They seek to frighten these workers with the "bogey" of Trotskyism

Contrast With Trotskyism

Such bureaucratic methods of dealing with the growing workers' opposition will not and cannot work. More and more members of the Communist Party are turning for enlightenment to The Militant and the publications of the Socialist Workers Party. They are no longer being deceived by lies and slander. Lenin himself once wrote in regard to political disputes: "It is necessary that every member of the Party should study calmly and with the greatest objectivity the substance of the dif ferences of opinion . . . He who takes somebody's word is a hopeless idiot, who can be disposed of with a simple gesture of the hand."

This is excellent advice. Why not resolve on Leg-in's anniversary to act upon it? Investigate the ideas of Trotskyism. Make an objective examination of our program. Compare our conduct and policies during the war with those of the Communist Party. Contrast our forecasts and developments with those of Stalin, Browder and Foster. We are sure that you will become convinced, as many other ex-members of the Communist Party

already have been, that the Socialist Workers Party is the real fighter for Leninism in this country today and that your place is in our ranks.

Private Industry' And The Housing Crisis

only to be freed from restrictions in order to begin a great demned structures and replace supplies of material and labor, in the Patman bill, found their housing boom, has recently been given support by the de- them with modern housing. control measures of President Truman. This idea originated commercial building, although new homes for the workers. The with the real estate interests, who, through the Producers the laws were full of loopholes, building interests' excuses today government subsidized materials Council, have raised a fund of 3-\$5,000,000 to spread this lie.

Private commercial builders have never shown any great interest in producing decent homes to rent to workers at prices wage-earners can afford to pay. Their main interest in building lies in the luxury class of construction, hotels, department day, after 46 years, there are 83,- quate housing. stores, theatres, office and commercial buildings and high-rental apartment dwellings for the is to divert materials away from veterans' housing and into their own money-making schemes.

I have shown that the housing shortage is not a new phenomenon due to the war, but ining the Old Law Tenement sit- tent homes, the selfish owners more clear that without restric- ings." Most of the funds ear- of articles on the housing crisis.)

uation in New York City.

000 of these tenement buildings, PRE-WAR RECORD housing millions of people, still

In 1901 a law was passed con- a drop in the bucket compared enterprises, demning certain types of New with the actual need for 10 mil-York City tenements as unfit for lion homes. As a matter of fact, human habitation. Over the we need 500,000 homes a year years that have passed, various just to compensate for fire losses agencies of the city have tried and homes destroyed and mainto eliminate these dwellings. To- tain the present level of inade-

During the years before the in use. The real estate interests war, when materials were availrich. Their main concern today have fought every effort to tear able and prices one-third what down these slums. They are still they are today, the record of being rented to poor workers, "private industry" was even who can find nowhere else to worse. From 1930 to 1937, only 175,875 dwelling units per year At no time in these 46 years, were constructed. Over half of have the owners attempted to these homes were built for people rather the product of capitalism replace these worn out fire-traps, in the upper income brackets. maintained by the Producers and a part of the system of ex- These buildings have been paid These figures also include all Council, has demanded and reploitation. (See The Militant, for by the tenants many times housing built for the low income ceived millions of dollars in gov-

"private industry" showed not way through this method into did produce 665,000 dwelling are but a ruse to obtain mateunits in 1946. This is, however, rials for their own high-profit was side-tracked into commercial

> The building industry itself, as organized under capitalism, operates in the 20th Century with pletely failed to produce housing 18th Century methods. Homes for workers, either before, during are still the products of hand la- or after the war. Prior to the bor, while methods of mass pro- | war they expressed themselves duction and pre-fabrication are as "not interested" in the lowopposed by the producers of an- cost, low-rental housing field, tiquated building materials. Today, it is clearer than eve Properly organized factories that if workers' and veterari could mass-produce pre-fabri- homes are to be built, then it cated homes today to sell at a is the responsibility of the govprice under \$5,000 as compared | ernment to do the job. with the \$10,000 price asked for today's poorly constructed home.

The building industry, through its powerful lobby in Washington

The utterly false idea that "private industry" needs will never tear down these con- tions of any kind, with plentiful marked for "veterans' housing" went into veterans' housing, but

> The building industry and the real estate interests have com-

> The failure of the private ca italist interests leaves the re open to government-built, government-owned, low-cost, lowrental housing projects on a nation-wide scale. Only a government building program will pro-