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Judge Reverses SLIDING SCALE PROTECTS Original Ruling On Portal Claim OIL WORKERS' REAL WAGE

Supreme Court Provides Legal Technicality For Dismissing Back-Pay Suits As "Trifles"

Federal Judge Frank A. Picard's reversal on Feb. 8 of his previous decision in the now historic Mt. Clemens New York SWP Federal Judge Frank A. Picard's reversal on Feb. 8 Pottery Co. portal-pay case strikingly confirms the old axiom; A capitalist judge never intentionally rules against the fundamental interests of the Big Business class.

It is obvious, as the Feb. 9 ? N. Y. Times admitted edi- ing-distance on company proptorially, that Judge Picard did not realize when he made be original award to the Mt. erty and preparation-time, the Judge "impartially" ruled that the 14 minutes a day overtime his original award to the Mt. Clemens Pottery workers that he "would let a multi-billion dollar genie out of the bottle." But, the Times added, he "did his best yesterday to put the genie

Whenever any capitalist - selected judge accidentally rules in favor of the workers, he is soon "straightened out." In Judge Picard's case, the whole capitalist class, its entire government apparatus, its press and radio poured the heat on him.

ACE OUT OF SLEEVE

Senators threatened him with profits.

nicalities to help him "get out suits. from under." The U .S. Su- The principal bill to revise the preme Court slipped him an ace Fair Labor Standards Act has from its black judicial sleeves, been introduced in the House by It instructed him to apply the Representative Gwynne of Iowa. doctrine of "de minimis no curat CIO attorney Lee Pressman last lex" (The law does not concern week told the House Judiciary itself with trifles).

Hits Move For 10-Cent Fare claimed by the Mt. Clemens Pottery workers was "narrow, pic-

howls and pressure show they don't consider it so "picayunish." Accumulated over a year, such dollars per worker-more than 5 billion dollars added to capitalist profits since 1938. It is from just such "trifles" that the capitalists amass huge extra

impeachment. The Department | Behind the ferocious Big Busof Justice and Treasury Depart- iness attack on portal pay claims ment, even President Truman there is a further sinsister aim. himself, presented briefs as The Congressional reactionaries "friends of the court" on be- are attempting to gut the whole half of the billionaire corpora- Fair Labor Standards Act (Wage and Hours) on the pre-He did not lack for legal tech- text of outlawing portal pay

sub - committee that Gwynne's After going through a lot of bill is designed to "tear the heart hocus-pocus of timing the walk- out of the act itself."

Stalinists Forced To Dissolve Fake Maritime "Unity" Body

By C. Thomas

After less than one year of existence, the Stalinist the increase without a referenmaritime "unity" bubble burst when the executive board dum. We also warn that O'Dwyof the Committee for Maritime Unity voted this week to dissolve the organization.

Joseph Curran, president of the National Maritime Union, a six or seven-cent fare. This Act. This political representa- scatter your shots in different proved fatal to the Stalinist. scheme of controlling the af- the CMU on a national scale. filiated unions through the

apparatus of CMU. This was admitted in a statement by the executive board which declared "that Curran's resignation has rendered the CMU ineffective for all practical

STALINISTS LOSE

lost the support of the membership in their fight against the Curran group. Curran had carried the fight to the membership when the Stallinist majority on the NMU National Council refused to submit the question of continued CMU affiliation to a referendum.

for Maritime Unity was established at a conference held in May 1946. The original groups in the CMU consisted of the independent Marine Firemen's Union. Viewed as a hostile formation by the AFL unions in the industry, it led immediately to formation of the AFL Maritime Trades Department.

OPEN WARFARE

From that moment jurisdiccondition bordering on open war- swered by "unity in action of all fare. In addition, the organiza- sections of labor." tion setup was so devised that

signed, charging the CMU with enslavement."

CMU, succeeded only in captur- five-cent fare will be in danger. plugging his own bill, HR 880. you pass it." ing themselves. Repeated exper- Even a 10-cent fare will not lead "My bill doesn't take away the lence with Stalinist unity man- to needed improvements. It is right to strike. But if a man euvers have made the seamen only a new means of extracting strikes, he's fired. Let him find wary of such schemes. With money for interest out of New another job if he doesn't like the elimination of the CMU, the way is now open for joint action

George Clarke, Organizer of the Socialist Workers Party, ayunish, meager" and that even New York Local, will appear 20 to 25 minutes of a worker's at the public hearing before time is a "trifle." the Board of Estimate, which began here today at the City

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Hall, in order to protest the pro-

posed subway fare-increase swin-

"The move to inaugurate a

10-cent fare," Clarke declared

today, "is a carefully manipu-

lated move by the banks and real

estate interests to saddle New

Yorkers with a new tax which

will not bring transit improve-

"This is the latest act in a

terrible swindle perpetrated by

financial interests over a period

of years," he continued. "Pro-

ceeds from the transit system,

supplemented by huge subsidies

from the city treasury, have gone

to pay interest and amortiza-

tion on a tremendous debt. No

improvement has been made in

the subway system for years.

Conditions in the transit system

tiality, Mayor O'Dwyer is the

instigator of the 10-cent fare

maneuver. The facts about the

system have long been available

have steadily worsened.

for the increase."

10-cent fare later.

York workers.

ments of any kind.

Why not make the corporations pay this "trifle"? Their "trifles" amount to scores of

The Stalinists, who had set

road that a firm foundation can bondholders."

ontinued CMU affiliation to a leferendum.

The short-lived Committee In Chicago Broadcast By Robert L. Birchman CHICAGO, Feb. 10-In the first of a series of radio and Railroad Brotherhoods as CIO unions in maritime plus the broadcasts by the Trotskyist candidates in Chicago, Mich- "a big step in the right direcael Bartell, Socialist Workers Party write-in candidate for tion. Such united conferences

Mayor, and Homer Lewis, SWP candidate for Alderman should include representatives in the Third Ward, tonight addressed the city's voters over from every local union in this Station WJJD. The SWP mayoralty canpresent crisis." didate declared that the "all-

out drive of Big Business to tional bitterness and strife cripple and destroy organ- two capitalist parties is now increased on the waterfront, ized labor" must be met by reaping bitter fruits," Bartell Through the CMU, every local "mobilizing labor's millions for dispute tended to assume a na- a smashing counter-offensive."

"A great National Congress of the Stalinists were assured of Labor must be assembled in an automatic majority on the Washington, with delegates from every trade union local in the As a result the non-Stalinist country. Confront the Congress union, officials rebelled. The of capital with a Congress of first of the original founders to Labor. Let this Labor Congress come out against CMU was the serve notice on the stooges of head of the Marine Firemen, V. Wall Street that labor will nev-J. Malone. Later, Curran re- er submit to their program of

fostering jurisdictional warfare, "Labor has shown that it is outright strikebreaking and at- more than a match for the bosses tempting to control the NMU. on the economic front. But the A few weeks ago, the CIO Ma- failure of labor to build an equalrine Engineers meeting in con- ly powerful political party of its vention, rejected affiliation to own is the chief cause of the

The policy of depending on "so-called friends of labor in the said. A Labor Party "would boldly champion the cause of the

Trotskyist Candidate On Chicago Ballot

CHICAGO, Feb. 10-Homer Lewis, militant Negro working class leader, is now officially on the ballot as the first Socialist Workers Party candidate for Alderman in this city. He is running in the Third Ward. Many workers are campaigning in the Third Ward for his election. Thousands of leaflets containing the election platform of the SWP have been distributed in this ward during the past week.

area. The ranks must be aroused and mobilized for action."

Bartell proposed that labor break the Chicago employers' "monopoly in the field of politics" by launching a local independent Labor Party in Chicago. 'A vote for the candidates of the Socialist Workers Party is a ist society of equality, peace and ports of the local CIO-sponsor- less and has ended in failure," vote for labor and for a socialplenty."

Homer Lewis, in his radio address, scored the broken promises of the Republicans and Dem- Labor Party In Akron." ocrats. "How many Republicised us a clean and decent cityonly to to leave things exactly as its title. It states: as before?

"Why is this? The answer is movement in Akron, CIO, AFL honestly represented the workers simple. Wealthy landlords own and Independent, to gather to- in battle with the big corporathese ancient firetraps-but they gether and begin the building tions, would be the foundations don't live in them. Coupon clip- of a genuine labor party. Such of such a labor party.

pers own the Toonerville Trolleys a movement has begun in Flint, "If these men and women can pers own the Toonerville Trolleys | a movement has begun in Flint, | -but they don't ride on them. Big Businessmen run the School Board — but they send their children to private schools."

Robber Yelling "Thief"



Monopolists Hurl Venom At Labor "Despite his pretended impar-In Hearings On Anti-Union Bills financial status of the transit

to him. He called the hearings For two weeks the Senate Labor and Public Welfare | ercise of the right to strike. for the sole purpose of preparing Committee has been firing heavy guns at the union movement in its public hearings. On February 5 the House nesota, the Republican who ap-Clarke called on the workers of New York to resist the rise. Education and Labor Committee joined in the barrage at pointed anti-labor specialist Jos- increase, remains as the mini-'We warn the workers that an the first of its scheduled hearings on the most savage attempt may be made to put over anti-labor proposals Wall Street has demanded in decades. avowed candidate for President serves merely to preserve real

Representative Clare E. er may use the fallacious argu- | Hoffman, the one he has."

The next day a Democrat, "A 10-cent fare must not only The action of the CMU execu- of all maritime unions on com- be defeated," Clarke concluded, Howard W. Smith of Virginia, tive was tacit recognition that mon problems. It is along this payments to the Wall Street wartime strike-breaking law, fol-"we must cancel any further co-author of the Smith-Connally lowed up with another blast. A be established for genuine unity. (See Page 6 on Subway Steal) member of the powerful House

of Rules Committee, Smith speaks ment of subway 'improvement' Michigan, called for out- Smith called for a kind of atom-The resignation in December of CMU co-chairman as a ruse for a compromise for right repeal of the Wagner ic-bomb anti-labor law. "If you would only pave the way for a tive of the auto monopolists bills." he told the Republicans, cross-examined himself, respond- "the chances are you will in the "As long as the mill-stone of ing to his own questions with end get nothing. That is why the affiliated unions through the is tied to the city's neck. the he wanted in the record, and to have one big bill. I will help

> At the Senate Committee hearings, Claude Pepper, a New Deal Democrat, declared "The Republicans are trying to destroy the unions . . . I regret to say it, but they seem to be going right foremen's unions; and insisted ahead. And they've got the that boycotts and jurisdiction ing power for CIO workers. votes to put over their anti-labor strikes be outlawed. proposals."

Charles E. Wilson, president of General Motors, took the stand Feb. 5. The head of the world's largest industrial corporation, When it gets around to that they can make a farmer out of me." ference of Chicago CIO, AFL pared maintenance of union membership provisions with "requirement for membership in the Nazi party."

lag far behind.

Rubber Workers Urge

Labor Party In Akron

ors from the two old parties has job for us politically."

Ex-Governor Stassen of Mintle, telling Ball he thought outproposals differed from those of

Stassen demanded the Waglines Wall Street is now demanding; he called for a federal law against mass picketing; demanded unions file financial statements with the government; advocated interference in union election of officers; opposed

Ball only in degree.

Sinclair Men Get Automatic Cost-Of-Living Boost In Pay

The CIO Oil Workers International Union has just given a dollars-and-cents demonstration of the value of the sliding scale of wages that provides automatic pay rises to meet rises in liv-

Under an escalator clause in the contract with Sinclair Oil Company, some 7,000 OWIU-

CIO members last week cost-of-living index will be are in terms of the cost of living. reviewed again.

Statistics living-costs index demands for higher wages. The in addition to a flat wage in- calator clauses retroactive to last crease of 18-cents an hour se- June, at least, which would procured in the contract signed on Nov. 15, 1946.

Thus, the total wage gain in

PRESERVES REAL WAGES

If, on the other hand, the cost of living declines, the basic wage rate, including the flat 18-cent eph H. Ball to the Senate, took mum. It stands as an outright crease in real purchasing power the witness stand Feb. 7. An wage gain. The escalator clause and improved living standards. of the United States in 1948, wages when prices are contintously soaring upware

The OWIU-CIO is now negolawing the closed shop was go- tiating with other major oil ing too far. But his anti-labor companies for a similar cost-ofliving escalator clause. However, the union is now demanding a total 25-cent an hour rise from the hold-out companies to bring out with the aim of capturing debt to banks and bondholders the bitter anti-labor testimony I am so anxious for the House ner Act be re-written along their wage-rates in line with the wage gains won from Sinclair in November.

Had the other CIO unions demanded and won escalator clauswhen the OWIU won its Sinclair contract. it would have meant tens of millions of dollars since in increased purchas-Had they fought for and won

received an automatic seven-cent an hour wage workers Party and The Militant boost, retroactive to warned of the coming inflation Jan. 1 and effective un- and first advanced the sliding til March 1 when the scale of wages slogan, wage rates would now be double what they

Right now the employers are This seven-cent raise is putting out false propaganda based on the 7.4-point rise about the cost of living declinin the U.S. Bureau of Labor ing. This is timed to counteract for the last three months of unions should meet this propa-1946. The cost-of-living raise is ganda with the demand for esvide wage raises of 30 to 35% right now.

Instead of relying on reassura period of three months has ing propaganda, the unions been 25 cents an hour, bringing should insist on tangible protecaverage Sinclair hourly rates up tion from the effects of any to \$1.65. If the index should rise further inflation. As the OWIU another three points by March 1. has proved, that protection is the Sinclair workers will get still the sliding scale of wages. With corresponding wage such a clause, the workers will feel that their basic wage gains are protected and that any further fight they make for higher wage rates will not simply be a chase after rising prices. It will be a fight for an outright in-

Oil Workers Vote On Western Strike

West Coast CIO oil workers are voting 4 to 1 to strike if the western companies fail to accept demands for a 25cent an hour wage increase, equal to the gains won by the Sinclair workers in their escalator clause contract.

The preliminary returns covering 5,000 workers were announced on Feb. 8 Another 12.000 votes were yet to be tallied. If called, the strike is expected to begin Feb. 15 when the current union contract expires.

Truman And Congress Cooking Up controlling 50% of automotive production, called unions "monopolistic" and said, "I'll never Deal To Put Through Rent Boost

President Truman and Congress are reported to be | lief" to another million landlords cooking up a deal to boost rents 10% — and soon. He is said Venting all his vitriolic hatred to be willing to sign such a measure provided Congress reof labor, the monopolist com- tains the formal structure of "rent control" under cover of which rents could actually be raised.

The United Press on Feb. 3 reported that "Truman was extend federal controls for a Wilson wanted to stamp out represented by informed year." the unions with a series of laws sources today as willing to that would ban everything from sign a bill granting a 10% inthe closed shop to the free ex- crease in rents if Congress would

is best to begin at home."

and committeemen who have

Three days earlier Truman at the last moment rescinded a 10% boost order his Office of Tem-9 N. Y. Times, that the whole from raising rents piecemeal uning only to the verge, subtly in- bill, the only type of measure AKRON, O .- Inspired by re- | run its course; today it is usevited the Republican majority that would afford real protection in Congress to plunge in and from rent-gouging. ed labor party movement in says the Local 5 paper. "Labor

raise rents." Flint, Mich., progressive CIO must rise to political manhood. rubber workers here have raised We must do it now, before it is the slogan, "For A Genuine too late. And as with charity, it The last issue of the Goodrich A labor party, it says, "would torial appeal with that slogan as the union itself. The stewards ship.

"It is high time for the labor been tested for years, who have at the rate of 30,000 a month — posed any rent increases. a million total so far. After Feb. 15, these will be greatly speeded

Michigan, under the sponsorship lead us in the economic fight of the local CIO; we should not against the shrewd high paid Wall Street agents who run the "The old policy of seeking fav- rubber plants, they can also do a

"in the coming weeks." Meanwhile, the OTC has in-

sufficient funds and personnel to enforce existing rent ceilings. It's too busy granting increases to landlords whose incomes have nearly doubled in the past six years, from 2.3 billion to 4.3 billion dollars. The new Murray-Wagner Sen-

ate Bill, which has little Conporary Controls was about to gressional support, would continissue. Although he denied pre- ue rent control another year vious knowledge of the order, it without a blanket increase. But is believed, according to the Feb. it would not prevent the OTC action was "a political maneuver der "hardship" loopholes, etc. It wherein the Administration, go- is in no sense a rent-freezing

Last week swarms of real es-Other Democrats, in Congress, tate and landlord lobbyists apare proposing to "thaw out rent peared before Senate Banking control" by local boards which and Currency Committee hearwould speed up individual land- ings on rents They literally ans and Democrats have prom- Local 5 Air Bag featured an edi- be built on the same foundations lord applications claiming "hard- howled and shrieked for an end to all rent regulations. A few Such decontrol is already well spokesmen of veterans, labor and advanced. The OTC has been consumer groups demanded regranting individual rent increases | tention of rent controls and op-

> Only militant mass action by workers, veterans and other up under new "liberalized" pro- tenants will block the maneuver visions for landlord "hardship" to raise rents under the guise of retaining "rent control." Such The N. Y. Times said this was | rent decontrol must be countered "in line with the President's with the demand: Freeze All thinking" and would bring "re- Rents!

Senator Ball Admits Aim Of His Anti-Labor Bills RADE UNION IS To Give Bosses "The Right To Break A Strike" NOTES

DETROIT—"The right to strike must be set off by the right to break a strike."

In these words, Republican Senator Joseph Ball of Minnesota summarized the aims of his anti-labor, bills now before Congress.

His confession appeared in a recent issue of the Detroit News (Jan. 29). It is quoted by Washington correspondent Jay G. Hayden, reporting an interview with Ball.

What Ball's bill to "equalize the Wagner Act" seeks to accomplish, reports Hayden on the basis of Ball's personal explanation, is to restore "the right of a private owner to run his own business, without let or hindrance by either labor unions or

TO LEGALIZE SCABBING

It would, in short, enable the bosses to treat the workers as they please and with no restraints whatever.

Ball proposes, in fact, to legalme strikebreaking. "Unless it could be proved that the strike was caused by the employer's unfair labor practice, the employer would be free to hire strikebreakers as he pleased," Hayden explains.

START A BACK - TO - WORK MOVEMENT THAT WILL SERVE AS A BRAKE ON HAIR-TRIGGER STRIKES. THE of Michigan is growing. RIGHT TO STRIKE MUST BE SET OFF BY THE RIGHT TO BREAK A STRIKE."

Ball proposes nothing less than legalized union - busting with hired strikebreakers, gangsters, private company armed forcesunrestricted open-shop violence against the workers.

One amendment which Ball wants to introduce into the Wagner Act, according to Hayden, Fair Employment Legislation tant legislation. would require the employer "first | held a "working conference" for him, provided he returned im- ditions resulted in a slim at- two rival committees for an had spoken on this motion, EMPLOYE FAILED TO HEED was dominated by preachers, so- forces in the UAW and Mich- off TO HIS JOB. HE COULD RE- Trade Unionists. TURN THEREAFTER ONLY AT AND ON THE LATTER'S the various guest speakers, Bish- islature and Governor. TERMS."

Under such break a strike is simply to tell the workers to return to work. ing was assuming the character of the 185,000 signatures to the If they refused to accept uncon- of a "wake" rather than a work- petitions initiating the bill, took tion of the FEPC bill. ditional surrender, THE FED- ing conference to devise action the floor to challenge statements ERAL LAW would uphold the to force the bill through the leg- that the rival committee or his employer in refusing them their islature. jobs and replacing them with

right-hand man of Senate Re- the meeting was, as so much of publican Boss Taft, who is steer- the speaking was devoted to through the Senate. -His state- Communist Party (Stalinist) and ance, turned imploringly to the expression of the ultimate aims for an FEPC. of Big Business and the Congress majority.

Their "right to break a strike" really means: Destroy Organized Labort

NEW YORK

YORKVILLE FORUM "Stop Congress" Attacks on Labor" Hear GEORGE CLARKE

Organizer, New York Local Socialist Workers Party SUN., Feb. 16, 8 p.m. Czechoslovakian Workers

347 E. 72 St

Chicago Joint Labor Committee



Recognizing the need for united action to fight anti-labor legislation, Chicago labor has formed a body composed of CIO, AFL and rail brotherhood officials. Left to right: See. Michael Mann of the CIO Council: Sec. Joseph D. Keenan of Chicago Federation of Labor and Chairman Frank L. Noakes of the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes.

He quotes Ball directly: "This bill will put the risk back into strikes that existed before the National Labor Relations Act was enacted. "IT GIVES THE EMPLOYER A REASONABLE CHANCE TO A REASONABLE CHANCE TO WORK A REASONABLE C

When the meeting was thrown

local sabotaged the FEPC fight.

He stressed the need for united

two committees.

do with Communists."

of all forces favoring the proposed FEPC Bill in the State the inadequate lobbying pro-

The General Council of Briggs Local 212, CIO United sible to save the measure in the Auto Workers, on Jan. 25 adopted a strongly-worded resolution addressed to all sections of labor urging "the or- of militant mass action was ag-

ganization of a mass march 9-FEPC Bill now in the State measure to set aside petty fac- fight," Mazey declared. Senate Labor Committee.

ported Michigan Council for acter in support of this impor-

ou Hass, Father Clancy of the ACTU, Tom Downs of the Mich- open to discussion, Pete Casper,

RED HERRINGS

At times it was difficult to tell action and demanded an explasignificant screw-ball. He is the just what the main purpose of nation for the existence of the ing the principal anti-labor bills red - baiting attacks upon the mer, apparently caught off balment is a considered and weighty the Thomas-Leonard Committee speakers on the platform for as-

It was claimed by Downs, for form cared to answer Casper's representative had spoken for antagonism between the two the measure at a public hearing on the Bill before the combined Senate Labor and House Judikiss of death," according to and we will not have anything to cratic methods.

Actually, the gloomy outlook for the FEPC Bill in the Legislature flowed not from Stalin-

NEW YORK MEXICAN FIESTA Chili Supper, Dancing SAT., Feb. 15, 8 p.m. 116 University Place

grams of both committees. Mazey declared it was still poslegislature if a proper program gressively undertaken, "Back up on Lansing" to force favor- ist support of the measure, as the thousands of petition signaable consideration of the charged by Downs, but from the tures with a mass march on failure of the supporters of the Lansing and we will yet win this

tional considerations and prepare Mazey's remarks were enthus-On Jan. 30, the Reuther-sup- united action of a militant char- lastically applauded. Charles Smith, chairman of the Local 212 FEPC Committee, made a The fight for the bill has been motion in support of the proposal to notify the striking employe the FEPC measure here in the compromised almost from the for militant action. After only that his old job was available to state capital. Bad weather con- beginning by the existence of Smith and one other person mediately to work. IF THE tendance at this meeting which FEPC (reflecting the contending the chairman arbitrarily cut further discussion and THIS WARNING, HE WOULD cial workers, and supporters of igan CIO), and the fact that put the question to a vote. LOSE ALL STATUTORY RIGHT the Association of Catholic both committees have confined The voice vote was so close themselves to the policy of beg- that the ruling that the motion The reports from the platform ging for concessions from the was defeated was questioned. In THE WILL OF THE EMPLOYER and the tone of the remarks of predominantly Republican leg- a standing vote the motion was

ansing gave notice that the employer would have to do to igan CIO, etc., provoked one deledelegate of UAW Ford Local 600 fight would continue to build Whitney and Johnston of the masters, switchmen and hostlers. gate to remark that the meet- which had collected almost 25% support for militant united ac- BLE, played such a scabby role. Little or no drop was noted in tion to gain favorable considera-

Crisis In Communist Party

Both Tobin and Dave Beck, Teamsters West Coast vice-pres- turned down." Instead both ident, had attacked the general councils drafted a resolution to strike. Although the general the Teamsters' International ofstrike was the spontaneous an- ficials urging them-not to interswer of the local labor movement to organized strikebreaking cution of the strike." Three days off the Western Union strike in under protection of city police, later Local 70 withdrew from the Tobin called on the local Team- councils. sters to "respect their contracts." Thus far, owners of the two will be ordered to cross the pick- made by Judge Aaron J. Levy

been "exiled" to Alaska for re-

ported opposition to Tobin's rul-

Tobin's actions have start-

rank and file teamsters re- tween the striking AFL Retail main firm as ever, Local 70 Clerks local and the employers. of the Teamsters has withdrawn Real, after holding a session with from the Alameda Central Labor the RMA, wrote to both the Council, the Building Trades County AFL and Building Trades Council, and the strike strategy Councils "begging the accepcommittee, Joe Casey, Interna- tance of an employers' propotional Teamsters organizer, has sal." James Galliano, spokesman for the councils and the strik-

Under instructions from Tobin,

ing union, declared the offer "was a full open shop, and was provides pay for a 10-minute fere with the "successful prose-

Despite rumors that teamsters strikebound stores, acting as et lines, no such action has yet chants Association (RMA), have teamsters stated they would rerejected demands for a union fuse to cross any picket lines. An shop. The division created in the AFL official declared "neither local labor movement by Tobin Real nor anybody else can get has given the bosses added en- those teamsters to cross those

Railroad Clippings

Oakland Strikers

Enter 4th Month

(Special to The Militant)

Teamsters Czar-President Daniel Tobin and his Executive

ed a series of repercussions. To and AFL state president, at-

While the solidarity of the tempted to act as mediator be-

OAKLAND, Cal., Feb. 5-The Kahn and Hastings de-

By Henry Adams

Volume 1, No. 1 of the Train- iney's personal monthly magazine man the new weekly paper of has neither the space nor the the Brotherhood of Railway aim to stir up organizational in-



for which the BRT stands . . . in the locomotive cab. to publish news of the organization so all members may know | 67,800 rail workers lost jobs in leaders are leading."

defeated by a slender margin. of last spring's strike when La- ment on Class I railroads. Most The proponents of a march on bor, the official paper of the of the lay-offs were among Brotherhoods at odds with maintenance-of-way men 15 step forward for trainmen. Whit- cials, or staff assistants."

Trainmen, terest and action.

The National Conference of our run . . . | the Consolidation Committee of to inform Enginemen meets in Chicago on BRT mem- Feb. 10-12. This meeting of progressive enginemen is a historic gathering of the men who of the day have been leading the struggle and to tell outsiders of the things to achieve the unity of the men

what is going on and where their the first 10 months of 1946, according to Interstate Commerce The new paper is an outgrowth | Commission reports on employ-A regular newspaper is a good | the number of "executives, offi-

By Art Preis The CIO United Auto Workers | CIO United Electrical Workers, negotiations with Chrysler Cor- from "outside interference" and

mands for a 231/2-cent raise and boasts, "The ACTU was invited union security with a counter- by both the executive board and demand for "company security" the membership to set up a La-"discipline" strikers.

In a fine display of labor solipartment store strikes, which set off the recent Oakland darity, members of he AFL Seageneral strike, continue into their fourth month with union farers International Union in of striking CIO shipbuilding workers Local 13 when the CIO union struck Ira S. Bushey & Sons' Brooklyn shipyard on Jan. 30. The SIU's New York local had previously pledged full support in the event of a walkout.

> the South since the start of "Operation Dixie" last summer.

A unique clause in a UAW-CIO contract signed by Tube Methods, Inc., Bridgeport, Pa., wash-up period each day.

A year ago the Stalinist officials of the CIO American Communications Association called New York City with no gains 'trend'" of the Stalinist oppobut an agreement to arbitrate. The arbitration proposal was even produced an unsigned letwho was hailed by ACA Presi- to "prove" he didn't write the spokesmen for the Retail Mer- taken place. When questioned, dent Joseph P. Selly for "his letter he quoted. Here's a few earnest and equitable solution of questions Stack has to answer: this dispute." Judge Levy named as arbitrator the anti-labor jurist Samuel Seabury. Two weeks him-prove any kind of "trend" ago Seabury handed down a de- about anything? Even if the letcision in favor of the company. . . .

ence" of the Communist Party (Stalinist) in the CIO. An article in the Jan. 17 Labor Leader, the letter's origin stink just as ACTU organ, tells how the ACTU badly as his use of anonymous "rescued" Yonkers Local 453, letters.

poration hit a stumbling block helped reactionary red-batters when the company met UAW de- take over the local. Then, it the right of the company to bor School right in the union hall to train the local's member-

501 Organizer, organ of UAW Bell Local 501, Buffalo, is conspirit high despite the strikebreaking attempts of AFL New York joined the picket line tinuing its campaign against red-balting. The Jan. 9 issue editorially attacks the CIO's redbaiting Declaration of Policy. It reports that Bell Local 501 passed a resolution which stands upon the principle of 'no discrimination because of race, color, crerd or political affilia-CIO's Southern Organizing tion." It further warns that to Committee reports establishment abandon the traditional CIO of 324 new CIO local unions in policy of fighting red-baiting is to give the boses a weapon for strike-breaking in the midst of a campaign for higher wages."

> Spokesmen for the Curran group in the CIO National Maritime Union charged in the Jan. 31 issue of The Pilot that Stalinist Joseph Stack is himself the author of the "anonymous" vile Jim-Crow letter he inserted in the NMU's paper under the pretext that this "showed the sition in the union. Stack has ter not in his own hand-writing

How does a single anonymous letter-"sent" so conveniently to ter were authentic, how does he know it was sent by an NMU The Association of Catholic member? Couldn't one of Stack's Trade Unionists is campaigning pals have done the pen work against the "outside interfer- on the letter just so Stack could "prove" he did not "write" it? Stack's "explanations" about

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Aims Of Dissident Leaders

The rise of an organized opposition inside the Ameri- | der a different trade name. can Communist Party (Stalinist), which has led to whole-The chairman, George Schersale expulsions, reflects a growing revulsion in the working class layers of the party to the leadership's continued the European Stalinist parties.

betravals. CP members in the union reveal their opportunism even as sistance but no one on the platinstance, that the FEPC measure question. The chairman then feel the contempt of the tified speaker then bluntly admitted: "The other committee the war; its collaboration with liquidation and treachery . .

> At this point, Ernest Mazey, of the expulsion of Browder has about the Stalinist support of 1946.) the Briggs Local 212 delegation, not changed anything funda- the imperialist war. took the floor and denounced all mentally in the CP. The same SILENT FOR 12 YEARS those who shared responsibility old gang holds the reins, minus for disunity in the fight for an Browder who is sitting on the FEPC. He pointed out that if the sidelines as an official "business" measure was buried in the Sen- representative of the Kremlin. ate Labor Committee, this was Maybe the phrases of the "new" not a result of any "kiss of CP leaders are a bit more "leftdeath" by the Stalinists but ist." Their policies and actions should properly be credited to are as treacherous as before.

> > STILL STALINISTS But the chief spokesmen for the discontented elements show World War II. in their published documents and writings no real understanding proponents of Stalinism.

Committee for Publications, of Stalinist politics.

see the huge growth of some of They are discontented with the stagnation of the American paroppositionists.

had lost all chances of being asked for volunteers from the best militants. They cannot of Ruth McKenney and Bruce passed because a Communist floor to explain the basis of the answer the arguments of Minton, for instance, that "long millions, of supporters" while class-conscious workers about before Comrade Duclos spoke FEPC committees. An uniden- the CP's notorious political zig- out, we had come to hate and oughly isolated from the prolezags; its strikebreaking during despise the Browder policy of tariat and the masses generally." ciary Committees. This was "the has Communists working in it capitalist politicians; its bureau- But neither of us spoke out. We strength of the French CP is due thought discipline required us to to its "struggles against capital-They can see, moreover, that be silent." They are still silent

> William F. Dunne, in his statement 'Revisionism In Excelsis," finds the existence of "a revisionist leadership for some 12 years" in the CP. But he doesn't

> explain how this fact was lost for so long on Stalin's Third International. And he, too, is silent on the Stalinist support of U.S. imperialist participation Why should a dyed-in-thewool Stalinist of 20 years' stand-

dissidents appears to be the New | can no longer serve the interests | country.

which puts out the NCP Report, | Elements like Dunne are ap- the opportunist CP opposition a clearing house for left- Stalin- parently convinced that the leaders to spread the fiction that ist criticism of the CP. It makes American CP is too discredited the European parties are politiclear that "the central purpose to win the overwhelming sup- cally different from the Ameriof NCP" is "to bring about the port of the American working can CP. Otherwise they could establishment of a real Marxist- class. They see that the CP does not limit their criticism to the Leninist-Stalinist party in the not grow. That it has a contin- present American Stalinist lead-U. S." Of course, Maxist-Lenin- uous huge turnover of members. ers. They would have to trace ism and Stalinism are at oppo- That everywhere it goes among the source of the disease in the the most politicalized workers American CP to the germ of Expelled CP'ers like William F. its infamy has preceded it. Stalinism itself. Then they Dunne, Ruth McKenney and Therefore, they want a new Stal- would not speak of building a Bruce Minton, principal contrib- inist party which will no longer new Stalinist party. They would utors to NCP Report, are former bear the record of ill-repute of turn instead to the already ex-CP functionaries. They have the present Stalinist party. They isting and genuine Marxist-Lenlong records of opportunistic want to present Stalinism in a inist party, the Socialist Workadaptation to CP policies. They new cellophane wrapper and un- ers Party, the Trotskyists.

ty. Thus they point out, for in-We read in the joint statement stance, that the French CP "wins hundreds of thousands, the American CP "ends up thor-They falsely claim that this ism." (NCP Report, Nov. 18, It is true that the European

The American CP dissidents

Stalinist parties have attracted millions who wanted to fight for socialism and believed that the Stalinists would lead that fight. But these parties have cruelly abused the faith the masses placed in them; in every country they have formed coalition governments with the capitalists and supported capitalist measures against the workers.

WANT NEW MACHINE What the American left-Stalinists are really pointing out is

of the basic political falseness of ing like Dunne go into opposi- that the European Stalinist Stalinism. They have broken tion at this late date, especially parties are not as yet discreditwith the official American Stal- since his politics haven't chang- ed like the American CP. They inist leaders. But they are still ed fundamentally? The answer hope to build a party like those is: He has become convinced that in Europe by getting together a The main grouping of the CP the American Communist Party new Stalinist machine in this

It is necessary, however, for

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cialist tendencies in Burma be-

fore the war. The Dhobama Asi-

Ayone played a prominent role

in the organization of workers

and students and led the work-

ers' struggle on the basis of unity

between the Burmese workers

and the large numbers of Indian

workers in Burma. When the

oil workers of Yenangyung went

on strike in 1938, the Dhobama

organized demonstrations and a

When the Japanese invaded

general strike in their support.

Burma, Thakin Soe was one of

the leaders of the Dhobama who

refused to make any deals with

the Japanese on the basis of

their promises of independence

for collaboration against the

British. Soe insisted that free-

dom for Burma could be won

only by uniting all sections of

the people in a common struggle

against all forms of aggression

A section of the Dhobama

leadership under U Aung San

went over to the Japanese, but

they soon found that the Japa-

nese were as oppressive as the

British. The influence and pop-

ularity of Thakin Soe and other

left-wingers who were opposed

to any deal with the Japanese.

gained increasing popularity and

and foreign domination.

FOUGHT UNDERGROUND

LEON SEDOV 1906-1938

By Joseph Hansen

Nine years have passed since Leon Sedov, son of Leon and Natalia Trotsky, and an outstanding leader of the Protskyist movement, fell victim to professional GPU killers. Yet he is still the object of slanderous attack from the Stalinist murder machine that struck him

The most recent GPU book, The Great Conspiracy, now being distributed in huge quantities by the Stalinists, pictures Sedov as a conspirator linked with Hitler in a plot against the Soviet Union.

The repetition of this lie so many years after Sedov's death only serves to show what stature he had as an incorruptible Communist fighter. He was one of those self-sacrificing heroes among the Soviet youth who cialist revolution in other countries for decades.

STILL THROW MUD

And because he struck telling blows against the dictatorial us- part of the flesh and blood of socialism, the Stalinists still feel

of The Great Conspiracy, at- who defended the program of create. tempting to picture genuine Communism as a "conspiracy" tence they might tear out of context and fit into their propaganda assignment.

In the moving piece Leon Trotsky wrote in memory of his martyred son, Leon Sedov: Son, Friend, Fighter, Sayers and Kahn found a sentence telling how in 1923 when Lenin and reaucracy. Sedov joined in the fight. "He quickly grasped the art of conspiratorial work, illegal meetings, and the secret is- who follow the developments army headquarters during the suing and distribution of Oppo- of Spanish politics, the crisis civil war. Casado played a lead-

this sentence about Sedov's par- of Giral were no surprise. ticipation in the heroic struggle of the Left Opposition against government is a reflection of the Stalinist decay as an admission maneuvers of Anglo-American of a "Trotskyite conspiracy which was already ceasing to be ernment's obvious lack of a mass a mere political opposition with- basis, either inside or outside of in the Bolshevik Party and was Spain. on the point of merging with the

only because they calculated not for not having the confidence of ernment and said: "If tomorrow one in a thousand of the new the "international milieux or of as a Spaniard my duty is to take members of the Communist the forces in the country itself." responsibility in Spain, I will do handbook of lies and slanders as can powers and their represen- opposed to my role as a Socialrequired reading would check on tatives is clear. Backed by the ist leader, the references they cite.

Leon Sedov as a heroic figure they aim to prepare for a long after the Stalin regime and "peaceful transition" to a mili- proponents of the policy of comin April. We will not participate forgotten. In the long run the "persuaded to resign." It is evi- the Spanish CP recently entered mightiest torrent of filth cannot dent that the Republicans, Soblot out the truth.

munist Youth movement before promise with the militarists and which it feels is inspired by Anhe was 12 years, old, when the right-wing elements, with the glo-American imperialism and young worker's state, then head- aim of again saving the Spanish ed by Lenin and Trotsky, was capitalists. besieged on all sides by the in- It is certainly in this sense that to appear as "ultra-Republicans" vading armies of imperialism.



LEON SEDOV

spurned a soft government berth great and hungry years," Trotening of the first workers' state italism in Russia-and by the taken by humanity: the reorganization of the world into a planned socialist society.

The Bolshevik program became helpless in a Paris hospital.

When the Stalinist regime succeeded in smashing the party built by Lenin and entrenching itself as a brutal personal dictatorship, Sedov did not give up the hard struggle to reform the Soviet government.

EXPOSED MOSCOW TRIALS

The effectiveness of his work is evidenced by the fact that Stalin named him as one of the principal defendants in the infamous Moscow frame-up trials. Against the powerful Kremlin, armed with all its limitless reing facts that blew the frameups skyhigh.

volutionary leader while he lay year,

In the Pere La Chaise Cemeurpers of power who betrayed the youthful Sedov. When the tery beside the Communards of Lenin's program of world-wide capitalist encirclement of the 1871, Leon Sedov was buried un-Soviet Union generated the cor- der the red flag of the Fourth impelled to throw mud at his rupt Stalinist bureaucracy, Sed- International. He gave his life ov did not succumb to the pres- to build a better world, but his sure. He joined the Left Oppo- spirit marches on in the Trots-Sayers and Kahn, the authors sition, the faction of Bolsheviks kyist movement he helped to

backed by Hitler, combed Trot-sky's writings looking for a sen-tonge they might tear out of GOVERNMENT-IN-EXILE

Dr. Jose Giral, premier of the Spanish Government-In-Exile, resigned his post in Paris last month. After an unsuccessful attempt by Augusto Barcia to form a cabinet, Dr. Rodolfo Llopis this week announced formation of a cabinet, including a member of the Com-Trotsky organized the struggle munist Party. The following report was written by a Spanish against the mushrooming bu- Trotskyist shortly after Giral's resignation—The Editors.

By Pedro

Sayers and Kahn interpret In-Exile and the resignation

secret war against the Soviet Trifon Homez, representative of Minister Pietro made a speech the source of their quotation denounced the exile government

army, monarchist politicians and But mankind will remember some vaguely "liberal" elements, all its foul products have been tarist regime if Franco can be Leon Sedov joined the Com- paring a capitulation and com-

"Those were fiery and cold, the amnesty granted by Franco capitulation.

to Colonel Casado and General last November, and both appear ing this course." PARIS, Feb. 1-For those Rojo, chief of the Republican sition documents," Trotsky wrote. of the Spanish Government- ing role in the coup d'etat of tivities: Madrid, which opened the doors to Franco.

This latest crisis of the exile FEAR SPANISH MASSES

This policy of Anglo-American imperialism, which is determined by fear of the Spanish masses, could not be conceived without participation of some "republicans" and "workers' representan the point of merging with the ceret war against the Soviet eggine."

The GPU authors mentioned violently attacked the Giral gov-(Stalinist) Party given this The role of the Anglo-Ameri- so even if this action would be

The policy of the Spanish Stalinists is worthy of mention. After We are not interested in the Erihaving been the most energetic tish-sponsored general elections promise with the monarchists. the Giral government and came cialists and Stalinists are pre- forward as the party most hostile to the policy of compromise. aimed at isolating the CP. In the present crisis the Stalinists seek one must interpret the news of while leaving the door open for

After Poland's Elections

By N. Henri

PARIS, Jan. 31.-As everybody foresaw, the Polish elections have given a majority to the "Democratic Bioc" under the domination of the Workers at Warsaw be-Party, alias the Stalinists, and cause it "firmly intends to maina heavy defeat to the Peasant tain its interest in the welfare Party of Mikolajczyk, which is of the Polish people." Senator backed by the whole of capital- Vandenberg demands that the ist reaction, by the Polish fasc- Polish question be again subists as well as by Anglo-Ameri- mitted to the "Big Three." It is. can imperialism. Nobody doubts | most likely that the British govthe fact that the Polish elections have followed the pattern of Western Europe.

has "failed to carry out its sol- crushing of democratic agree-State Department denounced tions" in the Southern states

ocratic elements."

Washington.

PROTECTORS OF KKK

ed in a press statement that the can champions of "democracy" provisional Polish government has a different cause than the for civil war with the object of emn pledges" to conduct free ments by the Bierut governelections as defined in the Pots- ment. Their indignation ceases dam and Yalta agreements. The when it is a case of "free electhe use of measures of intimida- where the Negroes are brutally

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tion and pressure against "dem- | deprived of the right to vote. The "democratic" protectors of Finally, it declared that it the Ku Klux Klan and of the staging a demonstration at the negotiations on the basis of last the big centers, but the Viet Nawould maintain its diplomatic fascist troops of General Anders their agents in the countries of Eastern Europe. They obtained Mikolajczyk's participation in the Polish government from Stalin at Potsdam and Yalta.

Actually, the situation in Poland is one of fermenting civil ernment will follow the road of war with quite frequent violent explosions. The former landowners, the former officers, the capitalists, the priests, along with The U. S. government declar- The irritation of the Ameri- the emigre government apparatus, are organizing themselves re-establishing the old regime. STALINISTS FEAR MASSES

> The government, backed by Soviet troops and the NKVD (new name of the GPU), replies with terrorism and with trials, but of course it does not appeal to the working class and the peasant masses. According to objective bourgeois journalists. the masses support the changes which have taken place and they are ready to take arms to crush the remnants of the old

regime. Their intervention would be decisive. But the Moscow bureaucracy and its agents in Warsaw fear such intervention of the masses, which would rapidly overflow the framework of the present unstable regime and take the road of the socialist

Burmese Hit Deal In London, Want Full Independence Now

By Robert L. Birchman

While leaders of the Burmese nationalist movement were making a deal with the British government in Lonthe fight. In exile he continued don, the fight for genuine independence from British domination was reaching new heights inside Burma itself. Playing a leading role in this?

On Jan. 24, when the deal in

London had already been work-

up Communists and other politi-

cial edition of the official Ga-

zette imposed a ban on the Com-

munist Party of Burma and the

'Red Flag' Cultivators Union

(Trotskyites) as unlawful asso-

ciations." (Reuters' dispatch from

"Twenty-six persons were ar-

rested, including Thakin Soe,

'Red Flag' leader, who surrender-

ed to the police after a dramatic

ists who had camped in the precincts of the Shwed gon Pagoda,

but Thakin Soe escaped into the

"Armed police waited outside

for several hours before he

emerged. A brief tussle followed

"Crowds organized by the Com-

munist party stated that their

ultimate aim was rebellion and

distributed pamphlets advocat-

more favorable than the ones ous.

Completely discarding their

promise to permit a referendum

in Cochin China to decide if that

province wanted to join the Viet

Nam Republic, the French colo-

nial authorities last week pro-

claimed Cochin China as "a free

state" within the Indo-Chinese

Federation, which is wholly

French-dominated. The estab-

lishment of this puppet regime.

only formal ratification by the

At the same time the French

cabinet is debating the question

of calling a truce and establish-

ing negotiations with the Viet

Nam government. This debate.

however, has not in any way

interfered with the steady flow

of reinforcements and military

The Viet Nam delegation in

ter bargaining position than last

The London Times has advis-

ed the resumption of negotia-

tions as being in the best inter-

ests of French imperialism. The

same position is taken by the

French Communist Party, which

wants the government to save

face and thus be able to retain

Indo-China in the French em-

The French Socialist Party,

whose leaders previously assert-

ed there would be no negotia-

tions until a military decision

equipment to Indo-China.

SEEKING TRUCE

French Assembly,

separate from Viet Nam, awaits RESISTANCE GROWING

it signed last year.

was then taken to prison.'

nouncement that says:

"Police rounded up Commun-

attempt to evade capture.

permitted to enter.

9,000 MOBILIZE

Rangoon.)

fight, according to the disgoing to be a do-or-die struggle.
Let them shoot us if they dare. patches from Burma, was Then they will know what a an independent communist backing we have in the country." party which has been described as Trotskyist. ed out, "Burma police rounded The deal worked out between

the Attlee government and U sources, it might have appeared | Aung San, leader of the Anti- | cal party leaders today as a spea hopeless task to expose these Fascist People's Freedom League. frame-ups. Yet to Sedov goes resembles the arrangement made much of the credit for unearth- in India. Its terms provide for a Constituent Assembly to be chosen in April to draw up a con-In addition to the hardships stitution. Until then a Burmese suffered by a poverty-stricken interim government, headed by revolutionary in exile, Sedov U Aung San, will have control lived under the constant threat of Burmese armed forces and and stood against the stream of sky writes. The Bolsheviks were of death. Professional GPU kill- finances. The joker, of course, bureaucratic degeneration, sustained by the greatest vic- ers trailed him. The same gang is that the question of British knowing that the victory of tory yet achieved by the work- that machine-gunned Ignace forces in Burma will not be set-Stalinism would mean the weak- ing class-the overthrow of cap- Reiss in Switzerland is known to tled until a treaty is adopted have made at least one attempt guaranteeing British imperialist and the postponement of the so- greatest objective ever under- to murder Sedov. Finally, on interests in the country. Attlee Feb. 16, 1938, they succeeded in refused to make a pledge grantgetting at the 32-year-old re- ing independence within one shrine where police were not

OPPOSITION RISING

Meanwhile, according to the Feb. 3 Time magazine, U Aung before he was overpowered. He San "liked the idea of British troops staying awhile to help him control the Reds, some of whom could not even be controlled by Moscow." It was evident, because of rising opposition in Burma to any compromise on the issue of complete independence, that U Aung San would really need all the help

There are two communist vasions of courts of law and gov-Communist Party of Burma, led Pe. The other, which is often Flag" Communist Party, led by Thakin Soe, Both are opposed to the policies of the Anti-Fascist People's Freedom League, in which they participated until to exercise a mass influence. The following dispatches give an indication of their policies and ac-Thakin Soe, accusing U Aung and for their policies and activities:

Thakin Soe, accusing U Aung activities of betraying his country's french Authorities Violate Pledge

San of betraying his country's cause, was quoted as saving:

"Aung San may parley with the British imperialists, but the people's revolution against British imperialism and its hirelings in Burma will go on. Aung San tearing up all previous com- want to negotiate but don't position to secure a sweeping or sistance movement to birth," and his yes-men talk of staging mitments to the Viet Nam know with whom to do so. For decisive victory.

Thakin Soe denounced the London talks as a farce, adding: "We are not interested in the London negotiations. We know nothing will come out of them

"An authoritative informant said today that red-shirted Communist followers of Thakin Than Tun had engaged in a pitched battle with police and forces of the Anti-Fascist People's Freedom League in Yamethin, 250 miles north of Rangoon," stated an AP dispatch from Rangoon. Jan. 9. "The source said the Red Shirts used trench mortars during the fighting. He said he expected the famous British Black Cat division to be sent into the Central Burma area to

Thirty persons, including four women, were injured when police dispersed 500 communists Paris has called for a truce and try; the French control most of Burma government secretariat on year's agreements. The French mese dominate the country-side. of the demonstration. All those rules this out of the question; arrested are reported to have any negotiations now will autogone on a hunger strike. Thakin matically place France in a bet-Soe, leader of the demonstration. said it was intended to represent the grievances of the unemployed workers and that "we are determined to carry on the struggle."

"British and Burmese troops were kept on guard today after thousands of 'red flag' (nonparty) communists had threatened to besiege the government offices here," reported Reuters on Jan. 30. The report added: "Four thousand red sympathizers arrived by boat from the north." One thousand guards were on duty at the government secretariat, Schools and many shops were closed and a largescale strike was expected. Thakin Soe declared: "This is

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Protest Yoshida Rule



Thousands of Japanese workers demonstrate outside Tokyo's Imperial Palace, charging that Premier Yoshida's discredited government is plunging the workers into misery. General MacArthur last month brought a heavy fist on the Japanese unions, banning a general strike for higher wages. (Federated Pictures)

The roundup of communists, labor organizations at a mass ported on Jan. 28. The secretary "Party members and their dupes have carried out mass in sued," according to Reuters' dis- port authorities." patches. A resolution adopted by RECORD IS CONSISTENT parties in Burma. One is the ernment offices in Rangoon as the meeting stated that if no rewell as in the districts with the ply was received regarding Burby Thakin Than Tun and Thein object of overawing magistrates ma's demands for independence and other officers of the govby Jan. 31, the workers will "go called Trotskyist, is the "Red ernment into passing orders one step further in achieving wanted by the party" and their aims."

"Three thousand dockyard laborers and about 2,000 workers

To Hold Cochin China Referendum

of the French people do not

support the government's an-

nounced intention of seeking a

military decision before opening

any negotiations. Only 36% sup-

ported that position, while 42%

favored negotiations with the

Viet Namese, 8% said France

should vacate Indo-China, and

From Cochin China comes the

report that the resistance move-

ment in that province is daily

growing stronger, "Annamite re-

sistance organizations are now

advanced to the point where

free movement in Cochin China

outside of Saigon is entirely

controlled by the Viet Minh,

says Robert Trumbull in a Feb.

4 dispatch from Saigon to the

tion throughout the whole coun-

This is pretty much the situa-

14% had no opinion.

N. Y. Times.

who were charged with rioting, meeting in Rangoon, declared of the Rangoon Port Commiswas reported as continuing, with their intention to stage an im- sioners said "the strike could be

ers quotes from an official an- anticipation of the Burmese del- is that the strikers' grievances egation's return from London, are of a political nature-somewhen further orders may be is- thing beyond the purview of the Whether or not Thakin Soe

> revolutionist. From the material available, I

influence. In 1942 Thakin Soe 9,000 workers representing 48 to well over 20,000," Reuters re-

> and the Red Flag Communists are Trotskyists has not yet been verified, but his record certainly shows him to be a consistent

on Government timber projects have been able to determine that his size and influence. World joined the ranks of Rangoon's Dhobama Asi-Ayone, leading na- News, Stalinist publication in Two days after these arrests, strikers today, swelling the total tionalist organization with so-

and others broke out of jails where the British had left them and began to build the anti-Japanese underground movement that came to be known as further arrests expected. Reut- mediate strike until Jan. 31 "in settled amicably but the trouble the Anti-Fascist People's Freedom League. It is said that Thakin Soe met

secretly with U Aung San and convinced him of the need to break with the Japanese imperialists.

From incomplete information it appears that Thakin Soe, Than Tun and Thein Pe, who were the left-wing leaders in the Dhobama before the war, joined the Communist Party, which was very small before the war. Dur-London, stated in referring to the CP of Burma, that: "Its leader, Soe, in jail at the time of the Japanese invasion, wrote a manifesto from prison declaring that support of the Japanese would lead to the complete subjugation of the Burmese people, and Soe and other members at risk of their life, played a great part in bringing the united re-(Sept. 15, 1945.)

French government will be in whose reputation as an imperial- if the natives drive the French of the CP under Thakin Soe a position to exact terms ist butcher is a little less notori- forces out or if the French broke away to form the 'Burmasses at home rise up in wrath mese Communist Party' which A public opinion poll released against the government's im- was subsequently declared illegal by the Government."

International Notes

tion corps" and "vigilante corps" (flying squadrons and defense guards) to protect the workers against possible attack by antilabor elements.

Ademar Barros, who was supmunist Party in his successful ernor of Sao Paulo last month now "disavows friendship for the Communists and wants to form a block to check their growth," according to the Feb. 11 World Report.

Demonstrations against bread and cereal shortages stopped work throughout the Ruhr mine areas last week.

Final settlement of hostilities

n Indonesia have still not been

worked out, despite the readi-

ness of the Sjahrir government

of some parts of the agreement.

Just as in Indo-China, every sign

of conciliation by the national-

ists emboldens the imperialists

to become more aggressive and

Dutch Trotskyists, has chal-

lenged Socialist Appeal, British

Trotskyist paper, to a competi-

tion in raising 1,000 subscrip-

to increase their demands.

Viet Namese Have "Remarkable Army"

remarkable army, well led; they have become formidable

PARIS-"The Viet Nam is

and know well how to conduct guerrilla warfare. The pro-France natives are considered by the Annamites just about the same way as we considered the pro-German Frenchmen of 1940 - 1944. That is to say, as collaborators."-Statement by a wounded officer returned to France from the war in Indo-China.

MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL American Committee For European Workers Relief BENEFIT CONCERT

PETER LISOWSKY String Quartet (Well Known Artists) Duets by RUBY BRANCK, Soprano and DONALD STRANGE, Baritone Entire Proceeds for Food, Clothing, Medicine for destitute European Workers' families FRIDAY, Feb. 21,

Minneapolis Women's Club Assembly 407 South 15th St., Minneapolis Tickets \$1, including tax

The French government is had been made, claim they too neither side appears to be in a

the time being, they are propos-French imperialism is deterlast week shows that a majority perialist policy.

> The Kyodo News Agency re- tary mission which will continue ports that several unions in to train Greek army units for Japan are forming "youth ac- warfare against the Greek partisan movement.

> A wave of unauthorized strikes is sweeping Sweden as shipyard and metal workers grow more impatient with the slowness of negotiations for wage raises. ported by the Brazilian Com- The workers, who are asking for a rise of four to five cents an campaign for the post of Gov- hour, are engaging in quickie strikes, lasting 12 to 24 hours.

> > The strike struggles which began in Catalonia are now extending to other parts of Spain. Of especial significance is a metal workers' strike for higher wages in Madrid. One thousand workers are involved in this strike, the most important that has taken place in the Spanish capital in several years.

American businessmen have unofficially approached Indonesian Republic officials with proto compromise with the Dutch posals to offer services in return imperialists. The Dutch are de- for monopoly rights in Indonesia, manding issuance of an Indo- according to the Indonesian nesian general cease-fire order News Bulletin published in India. even before the proposed agree- The Ford Motor Co. offers to ment is signed, and they are de- repair highways while the Pennmanding that the Indonesians sylvania Railroad wants the accept the Dutch interpretation right to modernize the Indonesian railway system.

Seventeen out of every 20 school children in Greece have tuberculosis, Mrs. Sofia Tournakis of the Greek Ministry of Education declared in Washing-De Tribune, organ of the ton last week.

The other French colonies are closely watching the development of the Indo-Chinese struggle against French imperialism. Order reigns but the symptoms The British have announced of uneasiness persist," declares that they will withdraw half Le Monde. Even the capitalist the troops they have stationed press admits the existence of in Greece "as soon as possible." | mass sympathy for the Indo-Chinese. One demonstration of end to British domination of this sympathy was at an Algerthe Greek government's policy. ian football match where the For one thing, the withdrawal spectators sat down when the will not affect the British mili- Marseillaise was played.

But this does not represent an

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"The contradictions which rend Europe and the entire world asunder will find their natural and peaceful solution within the framework of a Socialist United States in Europe as well as in other parts of the world."

> -Leon Trotsky -Leon Trotsky

Words Vs. Actions

The AFL Executive Council, meeting last week in Miami, formally went on record against any anti-labor law which "disturbs, menaces or destroys its free status."

If words alone could halt the Congressional anti-labor drive, then the powerful and sweeping language of the AFL's resolution might be a strong deterrent to the labor-haters. But neither the Big Business press nor Congress appeared troubled by the Council's verbal protests. It received scant mention in the daily

Why should labor's enemies be impressed with the WORDS of the top AFL leaders? Their ACTIONS in the recent period have only emboldened the anti-labor forces.

The same meeting of the AFL Executive Council that denounced anti-labor bills, rejected the CIO's proposal for joint action of all unions to beat back the union-busting legislative offensive.

While the Council was in session, its members in the Building Trades Department were imposing a no-strike arbitration pact on two million workers, an action Truman hailed as a model of "voluntary" surrender to the bosses. AFL Teamsters Czar-President Tobin and his lieutenants publicly proclaimed an expulsion drive against members who go on strike.

The actions of the AFL leaders clearly show they do not intend to lead a real fight against anti-labor laws. On the contrary, they are beating a cowardly retreat and putting forth a policy of appeasement.

It is up to the 7½ million AFL members to conduct a real struggle against threatened anti-labor laws, in spite of and against the policies of the AFL big-wigs. In every community they must join with the local CIO and Railroad Brotherhoods for united action. They must tell the AFL leaders in no uncertain terms that words are not enough; it is militant action that counts. They must demand an immediate halt to retreat and appease-

What Price Capitalism

Wall Street's propagandists no longer paint "free enterprise" in rosy hues of everlasting prosperity. That kind of propaganda won't fool anybody today. The phrase "boom and bust" reflects the popular view of the way capitalism operates. It has entered into the everyday speech of the people.

The Big Business mouthpieces now stress a new angle in their sales talks about the blessings of monopoly capitalism. True, they concede, capitalism has its ups and downs. But, as David Lawrence blandly puts it in the Jan. 31 United States News, "the price of freedom is occasional economic disorders and even business depressions." He says: "Freedom comes high."

How high is the price of this "freedom" bestowed on the world's people by monopoly imperialist capitalism? Is it just an "occasional disorder"-something like a slight cold with a few sniffles and light fever?

Think back to the prewar depression. In this country - the richest in the world the depression lasted uninterruptedly from 1929 to the start of World War II. Average annual unemployment ranged between 12 and 13 million. The total loss of income to the American workers was 300 billion dollars.

What was the price of "free enterprise" in broken homes, wasted youth, stunted and diseased bodies, degradation and pauperization? That is too colossal to figure. It will be immeasurably greater when the next depression strikes with the full impact of the consequences of a trillion-dollar war.

And that's just the beginning of the price of "free enterprise." Look at the billion and a half people in the capitalist-exploited colonial countries, ravaged by famine and epidemic diseases, worked to death for a fistful of rice per day, slaughtered with machine-guns, bombs and flame-throwers when they dare to fight for their independence. This too is all part of the price paid for "free enterprise."

Where in the whole world is this "freedom" capitalism is supposed to bring? Is it in Japan and Germany under the conquerors' heels? Is it in the "liberated" countries wracked with economic chaos, strangled by capitalist police regimes? Is it in Georgia or Mississippi or Har-

lem or Chicago's Black Belt? Congress is certainly not preparing to bring freedom with its drive to smash the unions

and restore the open shop. The military caste holds out no promise of freedom as it lays plans for Prussianization of the country. And everywhere in the land fascist demagogues are spreading their poison. Fascism and military dictatorship - these too are part of the price of "free enterprise."

And let the capitalist propagandists include two World Wars in 25 years when figuring out the price of their system. Let them charge to their system the cost of 25 million dead of World War I and the estimated 66 million dead of World War II. Then let them add the devastation of continents, the homeless millions freezing amid the ruins.

And one more thing they must include -World War III - the next war of atomic and germicidal annihilation. That is where world monopoly capitalism is heading. That is the final prospect held forth by Wall Street in its mad drive toward world domination.

The ultimate price of "free enterprise" that perfumed term for capitalist exploitation, repression, robbery and mass murder - is the destruction of civilization.

Only when the masses put an end to capitalism and establish world socialism will they win real freedom. Socialism, the system of planned production and distribution, organized and controlled co-operatively by society as a whole, alone will bring abundance, peace, security, leisure and culture.

The price of true freedom is the great emancipating struggle for a socialist world. That is a price the masses will gladly pay to escape the frightful cost of "free enterprise."

Negro History Week

Negro History Week (Feb. 9 to 15) again serves to underline the consistently militant traditions of the Negro struggle in this country. The Negro people's contributions to American progress and culture are rich and numerous; a study of them is necessary, rewarding and inspiring for those fighting today to end all forms of Jim Crow.

Negro history, as it is taught in most schools, is a lie from beginning to end, deliberately obscuring and distorting the truth. But in recent years, independent research and study, keeping pace with the development of the modern Negro struggle, have helped to sweep away the obscurities and expose the lies. The Negro militant has every reason to be proud of his people's history and traditions.

This history is a record of long and bitter struggle against great odds. From the moment the Negroes came to this country as slaves, they fought against their oppressors and against slavery itself. The history of the South before the Civil War is a history of continuous conflict and rebellion.

Whenever they had the chance, the slaves revolted; and their spirit was never broken. Their active resistance gave birth to the abolitionist movement and was one of the decisive factors in the Civil War. The Negroes could not win their freedom by themselves; but they took the lead in this fight and they won it, with the aid of their allies, by FIGHTING for it.

Southern historians (and their Northern sympathizers) have labored mightily to erase and distort the significance of the Negro's role in the Reconstruction Era which followed the Civil War. But here too the truth is becoming better known: The Negro freedmen were in the forefront of the fight for democratic rights in the South. They defended and extended the right to vote, educational opportunities for all, agrarian reforms, etc. This period of progress was ended only by a conspiracy between the Republicans and Democrats which disfranchised the Negro.

But the Negro struggle could not be destroyed by fraud or violence, and it has come a long way in the 60 years since the end of Reconstruction. Today the Negro people are better organized and more determined than ever before. Most important of all, they are now a significantly strong and established part of the labor movement, which is their best and most dependable ally in the struggle for equality. New currents are developing in the South, and it is plain to all that the Negro struggle is moving steadily to a decisive conclusion.

"If there is no struggle, there is no progress." That was the watchword of the heroic Negro abolitionist, Frederick Douglass. It is the watchword also of the Negro militants today.

Not Trotskyists

In the Stalinist lexicon, "Trotzkyite" is an epithet applied promiscuously to anyone under displeasure of the Kremlin no matter what his or her real political position may be. The Daily Worker pins the label with equal readiness on a follower of Earl Browder, Ruth Mc-Kenney or Adolf Hitler. The object of the Kremlin is to smear the genuine Trotskyists, who also represent genuine Marxism.

The latest instance of this smear tactic occurred when Ruth Fischer turned informer, testifying against her brother Gerhard Eisler, charged by the FBI with being an undercover agent of the Kremlin and now being held at the Federal House of Detention in New York.

The Feb. 7 Daily Worker labelled Ruth Fischer a "Trotzkyite" and the capitalist press, including the reactionary N. Y. Daily News, picked up the epithet, using it as part of their attempt to give authority to Ruth Fischer's testimony.

But Ruth Fischer is NOT a Trotskyist. She was once a leading member of the German Communist Party but was expelled as a follower of Zinoviev in one of Stalin's periodic shufflings of the leadership of that party. She capitulated to Stalin and in her confession of faith displayed her antagonism to Trotskyism. Stalin spurned her advances. For a brief period in 1934 she flirted with the Fourth International, but for the past 13 years she has been an opponent of Trotskyism.

We repeat. Ruth Fischer is NOT a Trotskyist. She specializes in writing sensational articles on Stalinism, serving as a tool of American imperialism.



"Just think, the atomic age will take all the drudgery out of women's lives-we'll just press a button instead of arguing with the servants!"

This book is both a guide to, and an appraisal of, the work of the Temporary National Economic Committee, which was set up by Congress in 1938 to investigate monopoly in America.

The TNEC has received little attention. The New Deal politicians started it as a sop to the storm of public reaction against monopolies that followed from the 1937 economic crisis. The investigation finished its work in 1941, when war preparations were in full swing, and these same politicians were riding other political horses. They held a Lynch's book is the first genfor lay readers about the three foot shelf of 37 volumes of TNEC publications, and on that score alone it renders a valuable ser-

Fortunately, he goes beyond these guidebook duties, and gives us an appraisal of the committee and its task. His own views appear clearly as pro-New Deal. and he includes a mass of material favorable to it. Yet he avoids the crude camouflage of Roosevelt's policies which has served history of the depression.

by substituting an inquiry . . ."

myth that the New Deal was the Sherman Anti-Trust Act. basically a set of concessions aimed to pacify labor with half only brought the record up to

ECONOMIC POWER by Da- legal concessions to organiza- the problems it was created to vid Lynch, Columbia Univer- tion of labor, very small conces- solve: "Idle factories, unemployity Press, 1946, 423 pp., \$5.50. sions, although the workers took ment, social unrest, maldistribuhold of them and made tremen- tion of income, hoarded savings, dous use of them. But the real concentration of economic power, Roosevelt program was organiza- and monopolistic control of intion of capital, and his gestures dustrial activities." Yet, he says, to labor were only sugar-coat- a solution still is needed, for ing for the NRA codes which with the return to peacetime

trusts by legalizing and encour-

aging monopoly in industry, Business trade associations were set up as NRA code authorities with legal power to enforce monopoly prices and limi- with reporting the facts, which tations of production, "It was aptly demonstrated in the cartel hearings that the trade associa- LETTERS FROM PRISON by tion is the American counterpart quiet funeral for the TNEC. of the German cartel . . . Under the NRA these organizations eral report that has come out reached their heyday and succeeded in the compulsory cartelization of industry, with the associations as the legally constituted agencies of control. The legal basis for this control dis-

of vitality."

oughly monopolized American their struggles against the first capitalism, with production held imperialist war. down and prices held up by combinations, agreements, tricks, personality of the greatest womto falsify much of the economic and threats, and government as- an leader of the revolutionary sistance to monopoly through movement. "You know," she re-For instance, it was Roosevelt state and federal "Fair Trade marks in one of them. "that I who requested the Congressional Laws," etc. Yet he adds that the really hope to die at my post, in study of monopoly. Lynch does TNEC hearings did not contri- a street-fight or in a prison," not leave out this point: "One of bute new disclosures; the facts She was to die at her post within the motives attributed to the were known before. The real im- a few short months after her president at that time was to port of the hearings is that the release from prison—assassinathead off the Borah-O'Mahoney machinery and methods of ed by Junker hirelings of the bill (for Federal chartering and monopoly are so commonplace German Social Democracy. regulation of large corporations) | that they are accepted as a matter of course, even after 50 years | character, courage and devotion, Lynch's history of American of government gestures against brought to life again in these monopoly does not support the monopoly since the passage of letters, remains to guide and in-

Even in statistics the TNEC women fighters for socialism.

THE CONCENTRATION OF | a loaf. The New Deal made a few | date. It offered nothing to solve strengthened the already strong economy the people must necessarily grapple with these problems again.

The author is not a Marxist, and he sets forth no solution of his own. He contents himself he does well. -Warren Creek

Rosa Luxemburg, reprinted by Socialist Book Center, Ltd., Lohdon, 1946, 48 pp. Available at Pioneer Publishers, 116 University Pl., N. Y. 3, N. Y., 70

This pamphlet contains many memorable passages in the letters that Rosa Luxemburg wrote appeared when the NRA was de- to Sophie Liebknecht, wife of clared unconstitutional, but the Karl Liebknecht, during 1916cartels remained with little loss | 1918, when both of these Marxist leaders of the German work-Lynch's book describes a thor- ing class were imprisoned for

These letters reveal the inner

The example of Rosa's great spire succeeding generations of

-Larissa Reed

To The Free Press Many thousands of American newspapers, labor,

More Local Unions Join

In United Labor Action

More and more local and state bodies of the

CIO, AFL and Railroad Brotherhoods are initiat-

ing joint committees and united actions to beat back

the anti-labor offensive in Congress and state legis-

Indiana CIO, AFL and Railroad Brotherhoods un-

ions last week formed a joint state body to fight anti-labor bills now pending before the state legis-

lature. Proposals were made for a protest march

In West Virginia a state Co-operative Labor Leg-

islative Council has been set up with representatives

from the CIO, AFL, United Mine Workers and

The purpose of this Council, according to a state-

ment it adopted, "shall be to foster and promote

legislation favorable to organized labor and to op-

pose legislation unfavorable to the interests of or-

ganized labor in particular and all labor in general.'

DuPont empire, has established the Joint Labor

Committee including representatives of the CIO,

AFL, Railroad Brotherhoods and the Independent

United Telephone Workers. The Committee has

asked every local union in the state to send rep-

filiated with the previously-established United Labor

Committee of Lehigh Valley, which includes the AFL

Central Labor Councils of Allentown and Easton

and District 9 of the CIO Steelworkers. The United

Labor Committee is laying plans for joint action

Previously reported in The Militant have been the

joint action committees formed or in process of

formation in Chicago, Rochester and Jamestown,

N. Y., New Haven, Conn., Minneapolis and St. Paul.

have adopted resolutions calling for formation of

joint action committees in their communities and

urging their national union leaders to establish sim-

A number of AFL locals have passed motions op-

posing the AFL Executive Council's rejection of

Paper Monopoly Threat

ilar united bodies on a national basis.

immediate joint action with the CIO.

Hundreds of local unions in the past few weeks

In Allentown, Pa., the local CIO Council has af-

Labor in Wilmington, Delaware, heart of the

Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen.

resentatives to its meetings.

against union-busting laws.

on the state capitol.

independent and dailies, are forced to curtail publication and pay fantastic prices for newsprint because of a monopoly-created paper shortage. But the 80th Congress tries to hush this up. Senate Republican Boss Taft, whose family con-

trols the rich Cincinnati Times-Star, forced the temporary dropping of Small Business Committee hearings into publisher-paper mill collusion. Taft and his monopoly cronies don't want the public to know how a handful of big publishers and paper mill owners control the reputedly free press. *

Half of all paper available for magazines goes to only five publishers - Time, Inc., Curtis, Crowell-Collier, Hearst and McCall's. About 6,000 other magazines must share the other half.

One quarter of all newsprint goes to only three chains - Hearst (again), Patterson-McCormick and Scripps-Howard. More than 1,900 dailies and many thousands of small weeklies have to scramble for the other three-quarters.

Little wonder 576 newspapers were suspended, merged or cut from dailies to weeklies from 1930 to 1944. This suppression of free press is speeding up now.

Of 1.394 U.S. cities having daily papers, ninetenths have only one daily, or one ownership if there are more papers

Last year the Senate Small Business Committee was beginning to study concentration of paper mills, price collusion and artificial paper shortages. It found two Canadian producers and the Canadian subsidiary of International Paper Company monopolize half the newsprint industry of Canada, source of 85% of U.S. newsprint. International Paper also owns 30 mills in the U.S.

The committee also disclosed enormous postal subsidies to the giant publishers. Luce's Time, Life and Fortune cost the Post Office \$3 million a year. But Congress rules the public must not know.

Wiley Emergency Plan For Third World War

The problem of a successor for Truman, in case he should die, is bothering the Republican machine in Congress. Under present law, General Marshall would move into the White House if anything happened to the President.

Last week Truman again recommended that Congress pass a law to make the Speaker of the House his successor. This would be Joseph W. Martin, Jr., Republican of Massachusetts. Agreeable as this might be to Martin, other Presidential aspirants feel such in amendment would be unfair to them. And so the Republicans have been slow at accepting Truman's

Senator Alexander Wiley, Republican of Wisconsin, and the political representative of the cheese interests in that state, thinks that Truman's proposal only scratches the surface of the problem. He sent a letter to Truman telling him that the proposed plan is "inadequate" in the atomic age. He proposes instead a "push-button" emergency

government. "We know that in an atomic war it would be practically impossible for the Congress to assemble in any given spot." Envisioning the outbreak of World War III, Wiley

foresees an atomic bomb exploding in Washington, D. C., so that all the Senators and Representatives as well as the President would be "eliminated." What

He proposes legislation right now to take care of such an emergency. The Governors would appoint a new set of Congressmen who would hold sessions via television, radar and other inventions.

Speaking over the radio, Wiley declared that what is needed today is "more immediate push-button plans for the push-button warfare that will come."

Build A Labor Party Now!

By George Clarke 10 cents 16 pages

Pioneer Publishers 116 University Pl., N. Y. 3, N. Y.

Congressmen At Work -

Congressional Brain Service

One of the arguments used by Wall Street spokesmen against electing workers to Congress is their lack of college education And workers unfamiliar with college, tending to over-rate its value and to feel very keenly the inadequacies of their education are frequently taken in by this argument.

Yet Wall Street does not insist its candidates be intellectual giants. If you've ever heard some of them in an unprepared moment when they lacked a canned speech, you've probably stupidity and butchery of the English language.

However, once in office, they subjects at their finger tips. How do these stumblebums

do it? The secret is brains-not the Congressmen's brains-but the brains that Congress, like any analyze any issue, line up the ar- | Wall Street. other moneyed organization, has on its payroll,

word on how to vote, but who compile it and analyze it. finds his mental fog on more money, however, and so many craftsmen. Congressmen appoint the wife Library of Congress for help.

headed by fifteen \$10,000 a year price economics, international native intelligence.



specialists. It has one of the best been amazed at their ignorance, libraries in the world at its dis- publications and eliminate the posal. The experts in this depart- of interest.

ment act as confidential agents ments he lacks in a matter of the working class. They are esminutes.

If he has to make a speech machines in their skulls, willing for the record, the Service will to prostitute high intelligence to guments pro and con, dig up the

complex matters somewhat of a participate in this work can re- to put those specialists in charge handicap. If he wishes, he can serve a desk at any time and whose sympathies are against put a skilled ghost-writer on his have a corps of attendants as Big Business and with the office payroll as "assistant" at collaborators. These "helpers," masses. \$8,000 a year. That's a lot of naturally, are highly skilled

If a Congressman has a pecu-

the subject as if he had just stepped out of the Stone Age. Yet he need only dial the telephone to be instantly supplied with a 20th Century brain trained for decades in the field. In addition to these conveniences, the Service follows the entire periodical press and makes abstracts of all articles

trade, or marine law, for in-

stance, may know as little about

gressman, free him from the arduous work of digging through possibility of his mising an item The higher paid specialists, begin to display encyclopedic for Congressmen. If a Senator or who act as staff organizers, are knowledge, cleverly-fitted logic Representative runs into a blind of course carefully picked men. and imposing oratory. They alley in debate, a telephone call They are screened for leftist seem to have the most difficult to the department will get him political beliefs or for any tenthe needed information or argu- dency to support the cause of

of importance. Such abstracts,

placed on the desk of a Con-

Obviously, workers elected to facts and shape them for deli- office would not only utilize the Take a typical machine poli- very. No matter how difficult services of research experts, but tician, who never misses a turn the subject, the Reference Ser- would enlarge the staff and when the party whip passes the vice will ferret out the date, raise their pay to levels commensurate with their high abi-A Congressman who wants to lities. Moreover, they would fight

sentially men with calculating

Wall Street overlooks nothing to keep its political machine running smoothly. It even makes or some other reliable relative liar "personal" problem, he need sure the absence of brains in its to this post, and turn to the Leg- only call the Director of the elected representatives doesn't islative Reference Service of the Legislative Reference Service hamper their activities. Cerand if an expert is available, he tainly, the labor movement In existence since 1915, this is put at the service of the Con- should not let the workers' lack Service has been greatly ex- gressman. A Wall Street politi- of formal education block it panded in recent years. Its staff cian assigned to work on legis- from struggling to win public of expert research technicians is lation requiring knowledge of office for union men of high

NATIONAL FUND CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR

up the national total to \$10,191.34, or 51 per cent of the goal.

The branches throughout the country are speed-

ing up the tempo to meet the deadline. This

week Newark joined the ranks of the One-Hun-

dred-Plus Percenters, by sending in \$120 for a

total of \$302, or one per cent above its quota.

St. Louis, which still heads the list, is thus now

faced with its first challenge in the "super class."

The increasing tempo of the campaign is ex-

pressed strikingly by the fact that the number

of branches who have reached the half-way mark

At the same time three more branches-Allen-

town-Bethlehem, Baltimore and Bayonne-have

removed themselves from the zero status. Balti-

more which sent in half of its \$20 quota "hones

to have some more by Saturday," writes John

Leavitt. Bayonne's initial payment of \$5 is like-

wise accompanied by a pledge from Betty Winters

"This is our first payment of \$39 on our \$75

campaign quota," writes Regina Shoemaker from

Allentown and adds that the branch expects to

This awareness by the branches of the need

to keep up with the campaign schedule is the

From Flint Genora Dollinger assures us: "You

tance of \$25.50 which brings the branch close

Cleveland has pulled up its payments to the

From Milwaukee Carol Andrews writes that "we

Another highly auspicious sign

is the increasing volume of do-

pathizers "do not hesitate to

"Here in Flint," she writes,

or better has doubled in the last week. There

are now eleven branches in this category.

to "send more soon."

paign.

The half-way mark was passed last week in the \$20,000 Emergency Fund Cam-

paign for the Socialist Workers Party as fifteen branches sent in \$1,246.50. This brings

Workers' Forum Half-Way Mark Passed By Branches In \$20,000 National SWP Campaign

The Workers Forum columns are open to the opinions of the readers of "The Militant". Letter. 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.

Greetings From Trieste

At the New Year's dawn I send all my best wishes for the revolutionary efficiency of the only conscious and true socialist- increase his wealth when surplus problems. ic movement, and to you, its militants.

As soon as I can have the time, I shall write something for our beloved workers' paper.

Likes Militant And **Trial Pamphlets**

Editor: I have read The Militant for some time and I know it is telling the truth more than any other paper I know, and I read practically all of them.

and In Defense of Socialism. To defend socialism in the capital- Editor: ist court, knowing that there is no justice there, takes a lot of courage and fearlessness.

their economic interests in an insame society. It is a hard and unthankful task, but some day the truth will win.

Chicago

Editor's Note: At the beginning of the Second World War, 18 Protskyists were placed on trial

Minneapolis and then railroaded to prison for opposing imperialist war and maintaining that socialism offers the only road to a world of enduring peace and plenty. The two pamphlets mentioned by H A. contain the United States Congress. I am re- ly enable the employers to use and expects to go over the top by March 1. So main testimony of the defendants. They can be obtained from Pioneer Publishers at 116 University Place, New York.

Student of Marx Asks Questions Editor:

We are studying Marx in one of my economic classes, but in my various readings I find different interpretations and criticisms of what Marx meant. Perhars you could enlighten me on the following problems:

Surplus value calls for and can only arise from the existence of vast masses of workers. But the Marxist analysis shows an increasing army of unemployed. displaced by machinery. The unemployed yield no profit. Thus with every step forward which the capitalist makes, he more deeply cuts his own throat.

reconcilables which cannot be re- | capitalist economy, according to conciled? How can harmony be Marx, gets out of its depressions established between two contra- besides through wars, public dictory propositions unless you works and international compe-

plus value, how can the capitalist ments on the above-mentioned variable capital?

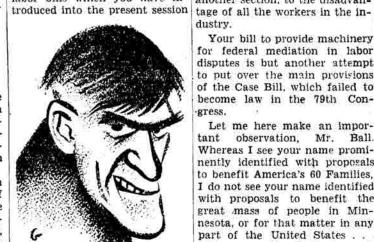
Also, doesn't Marx overlook the role of demand? Production can- mate asks why haven't Marxists not go on unless there is a mar- a sense of humor? ket for the goods, but after reading Marx it is difficult to find of the readers of "Workers' For-

What are the ways by which a up one question at a time.

Enclosed you will find a copy of a letter I wrote to Senator neapolis industry for 23 years I appreciate very much what what I think of his anti-labor have been a member of the the defendants did to educate the legislative program. This letter American Federation of Labor, best guarantee of its successful termination. workers to an understanding of was inspired by a motion in a where I, together with my fellow test to Senator Ball.

in part.

I feel it is necessary to make



Can there be a solution to ir-

drop one overboard? Since profit comes from sur-

where the market is.

Other controversial questions questions asked by "P.M." We are: Is the revolution inevitable? will be glad to publish the best Is there democracy in Commu- replies. For the sake of brevity,

Minneapolis Worker Tells Off ractically all of them. I have read Socialism on Trial Senator Ball, "The Bosses' Man

tition?

I would appreciate your com-

P.S. My pre-theological room-

Editors' Note: Perhaps some

um" would like to answer the

we suggest correspondents take

Vermont

Senator:

conduct as a Senator in the acted into law, would convenient- Milwaukee is now past the three-fourth mark ferring specifically to the anti- one section of employes against do Minneapolis and several other branches. labor bills which you have in- another section, to the disadvan-



BALL

DETROIT Negro Conference and Memorial for Frederick Douglass (Negro Emancipator)

Sunday, Feb. 16,

6108 Linwood Ave. Detroit Branch, Socialist Workers Party

Ball a few days ago telling him and for more than 20 years I recent meeting of Local 292, In- trade unionists, have enjoyed can count on our quota being in by March 1." ternational Brotherhood of closed shop conditions. I can And she backs up her prediction with a remit-Electrical Workers, that all of report, Mr. Ball, that the issue its members write letters of pro- of the closed shop in trade to the two-thirds mark. You use my letter in whole or since passed the experimental half-way mark. "The comrades here all under-Chester K. Johnson tablished principle among wage fident we will make our quota on time," writes Minneapolis earners, that he who benefits by Alemeda Kingsley. "The comrades are striving union organization and union to have two-thirds of our quota in by the 15th Exerpts from the letter follow. agreements must also help to of February, the two-thirds mark of the cam-

a vigorous protest against your wide collective bargaining, if en- sincerely want to over-subscribe our pledge."

to pass such vicious legisla- lecting a total of \$12.50

contain no provisions for a recall of its elected legislative representatives, so in view of this fact, together with your complete failure to serve the interests of Minnesota wage earners, like myself, I can only ask you to "esign your post.

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of Congress.

I have been a worker in Min- finish "our quota by March 15." union organization has long stage. It is a firmly es- stand the necessity of the campaign and are con-

foot the bill. Your bill to prevent industry-

Your bill to provide machinery nations from sympathizers and for federal mediation in labor readers of The Militant. Several disputes is but another attempt branches among them Baltimore to put over the main provisions and Flint, report an excellent reof the Case Bill, which failed to sponse. In this connection Gen- Branch become law in the 79th Con- ora Dollinger explains that sym-

Let me here make an impor- contribute when asked. In fact, tant observation, Mr. Ball they seem to feel proud that Whereas I see your name promi- they have been asked." nently identified with proposals to benefit America's 60 Families, "we have been pleasantly sur-I do not see your name identified prised at their immediate rewith proposals to benefit the sponse. One working couple, great mass of people in Min- husband and wife, we asked for nesota, or for that matter in any the first time to aid us in our

for the man who works . . .

Chester K. Johnson

part of the United States . . drive for additional finances. For you, Mr. Ball, to seek Both of them responded by coltion against the organiza- their shopmates and friends tions of the workers only de- These sympathizers understand monstrates your utter contempt that our organization is not financed by any capitalists, and Unfortunately, Minnesota laws they demonstrate their solidarity with our ideas in this very positive manner."

> This is confirmed by our mail in which we received today a contribution of \$2 from A. S. and Family of New York. Enclosed was the following warm message

of solidarity: "I am a button-hole worker who feels as thousands of other working men and women that there is something wrong in the world today. You people have the right idea. Keep up the fighting spirit of Eugene Debs.

The Chicago Youth is still pacing all the other youth groups, and is steadily increasing its lead with another \$2 on its quota.

Pioneer **Notes**

Pioneer Publishers literature is being used successfully by two Socialist Workers Party branches which have entered candidates in spring elections.

Harry Thompson writes from Los Angeles: "While collecting election petition signatures last Sunday, I sold 15 copies of Vigilante Terror in Fontana (10c pamphlet). Seven other comrades and I were doing house-to-house work in the Negro area of District 15, where Louis Kisner is our candidate for Councilman. Myra Tanner Weiss (author of the pamphlet) is running for Board of Education Office No.

Chicago sent in a rush order for 100 more copies of Build a Labor Party Now, by George posed of 650 copies, "We feel our

BUFFALO Militant Forum Every Saturday, 8 p.m. 629 Main St.

Quota

SWP FUND

10,000

\$10,191

Feb. 10

ST. LOUIS	\$ 50	\$ 78.00	156
NEWARK	300	302.00	101
BOSTON	400	400.00	100
BUFFALO	700	700.00	100
YOUNGSTOWN	500	500.00	100
Milwaukee	200	154.00	77
Minneapolis	670	440.00	66
New York Local	6,000	3,724.23	62
Flint	200	120.00	60
Connecticut State	120	70.00	58
San Francisco	1,250	707.00	57
Chicago Youth	25	14.00	56
Allentown-Bethlehem	75	39.00	52
Pittsburgh	150	78.00	52
Baltimore	20	10.00	50
Cleveland	300	148.80	50
Rochester	75	35.00	47
Philadelphia	500	230.10	46
Reading	150	68.40	46
St. Paul	330	149.62	45
Toledo	300	132.00	44
Detroit	1,000	390.00	39
San Diego	100	33.82	34
General	1,725	561.50	33
Akron	400	126.00	31
Los Angeles Local	1,500	447.00	30
Chicago Local	1,500	385.37	26
Oakland	250	57.50	23
Bayonne	25	5.00	20
Houston	25	5.00	20
Philadelphia Youth	25	5.00	20
Seattle	800	75.00	9
Akron Youth	10	0	0
Los Angeles Youth	25	0	0
New York Youth .	50	0	0
Portland	150	0	. 0
Tacoma	100	0	. 0
Total	\$20,000	\$10,191.34	51%

election campaign in Chicago will stimulate considerably our literature sales," wrote Leon

Pittsburgh: "Last Sunday, at a p.m. Followed by refreshments. lecture by Mr. Paul Robeson, on 'Negro and World Affairs,' comrades sold 50 copies of A Practical Program to Kill Jim Crow by Charles Jackson and passed out sample copies of The Militant with each pamphlet sold.

P. Brent of Detroit reported on an earlier meeting when A. Philip Randolph, president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, AFL, spoke at San Antoine YWCA. "Shirley sold eight Build a Labor Party Now, eight Practical Program to Kill Jim Crow and five The Struggle for Negro Equality."

Order these 10c pamphlets cing, refreshments. from Pioneer Publishers, 116 University Place, New York 3. N.Y.

AKRON "The Negro Struggle For Equality" Speakers:

SAMUEL T. KELLY, NAACP ELVIN BROWN, Editor MILTON GENECIN, SWP Sun., Feb. 23 8 P.M. 8 So. Howard St

Youth Activities

AKRON. - Socialist Youth Mildred Ford, reports from Club meets Sunday afternoon, 2 dancing, 8 South Howard St .. 2nd floor.

> 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 Tuesday, 8 p.m., at SWP headquarters, 3161/2 W. Pico Blvd. Educationals after every meeting. Refreshments served.

HEW YORK. - For information on the Trotskyist Youth Group send name and address to 116 University Place, N. Y. 3. Open Forum: Every Friday, 8 p.m., 116 University Pl., Dan-

Saturday Nite House Parties: call GR 5-8149 for information. For information about Queens Youth Group, write M. Kevin, 116 University Pl., N. Y. 3.

mation call ST. 4-5820, from noon to 6 p.m.

BROOKLYN

PHILADELPHIA .- For infor-

Valentine Party Sat. Feb. 15, 8:30 P.M. 635 Fulton St.

THE MILITANT ARMY

Nine SWP Branches Top "Militant" Goals



Nine branches of the Socialist \ary. This is a wonderful start Workers Party reached the Jan- for the month." uary goals they set for subs to The Militant. This is an improvement over December when only tions sent in by each branch

standing sub job for January tal of 593. But we are not yet are Connecticut State, Seattle, hitting our pre-Convention stride St. Louis, Akron, Philadelphia, of 900 a month. A little more Boston, Oakland, Pittsburgh, and sub-getting by those branches

Guil Pennington reports for Akron, one of those branches that reached its quota: "We are glad to report that these 6 subs put us over our quota by one. This is the first time that this has happened for some time. I believe the comrades will make even a better showing in February. Comrade Joe Smith won the Militant 'Handicap' this month with 7 subs. The prize was three Lenin pamphlets. Also, this month ten comrades were active in ketting subs, where only five participated last month."

Pauline Ryder rushed in 27 subs for Philadelphia, stating: "This makes 62 subs for Jan-

Literature Agent Paul Shell of St. Paul, another of the branches that reached its goal, writes: "The F.I. campaign has spurted us on in the Militant campaign. We still have to see some more subscribers whose subs have expired, but I would estimate that the percentage of renewals is very high."

Correspondence indicates that other branches will add their names to the list of those reaching their goals in February. "For Percent January we made over half of Bronx SWP Backs our Militant quota;" explains F. Lester of San Francisco, "and we have gathered enough momentum so that we feel sure we will get our full quota for Feb-

The same optimism is express- line protesting the showing of the ed by Fred Martin, Milwaukee slanderous Uncle-Tom film, Song Militant Manager: "Milwaukee of the South, the Bronx Branch improved somewhat in its Janu- of the Socialist Workers Party ary sub-getting. Roughly, the staged a two-hour demonstration branch got 23 subs for the in front of the RKO Franklin Comrade Gregory led the branch again this month in sub sales. She got seven subs, six of which were new. She had gone mus is an Uncle Tom, Song of out to get renewals after work the South Slanders the Negro and thought that she might as People" and distributed leaflets well try for some new subs in condemning Hollywood's conthe neighborhood, and ended tinual Jim-Crow portrayals. with six new ones. Comrade Helen Burns followed close with six renewals. She is one of the steadiest go-getters in the branch . . We are planning a short, intensive sub drive soon in the vicinity of our new office. It is a solid working class district with

a large number of Mexicans in E. Brent sent in 12 subs for Detroit, stating: "Please credit

these subscriptions for Febru-

Below are listed the subscripbranches reached their goal. during January. This is an im-Branches that did an out- provement over last month's tonot yet reaching their goals and we'll hit the 900 mark.

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	Connecticut		300
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	Akron	31	124
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	Boston		102
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	Pittsburgh		100
	St. Paul		100
	Milwaukee		68
	Los Angeles Local		68
	Flint		. 57
	Newark		46
	San Francisco	21	42
	Toledo	16	32
	Detroit		28
	Minneapolis	9	23
	Cleveland	15	20
	San Diego	5	17
	Portland		14
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	Los Angeles Youth	0	0
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	Bayone		
	Buffalo		
	Calumet		3
	Chicago	43	
	New York	66	(3)
	Reading	6	
	Rochester	0	7,9
	General		33
	Total	¥	739

Protest Against Jim Crow Movie

NEW YORK, Feb. 8-Rallying to the support of a United Negro and Allied Veterans' picket Theatre tonight

In freezing weather the pickets carried signs reading, "Uncle Re-

The picket line was influential in keeping many movie-goers from entering the theater.

NEW HAVEN Negro History Week Speaker: BILL SINGER Friday, Feb. 14, 8:15 p.m. NEW HAVEN LABOR SCHOOL

855 Grand Ave.

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YOUNGSTOWN

SWP Headquarters, 35% South Ave.

Dear Friend:

I wonder just how it was when you bought your subscription to The Militant. Perhaps it happened in the shop, when



one of your union brothers

told you about a workers' paper that told the truth and had the courage to stick to its guns even when the going was tough. Perhaps you subscribed

during the war, feeling that the workers had nothing to fight for, nothing to win, that it was a capitalist war for power and profits, and all the fine words about a "war for

democracy" were lies. Perhaps one evening a young member of the

Socialist Workers Party knocked on your door and showed you the paper for the first time. Perhaps you belong to the Communist Party.

You might have gotten your first Militant at a distribution outside the hall where you went to hear Browder or Foster. It must have been refreshing and stimulating when you read it, when you saw in print the very things that you believed in the bottom of your heart should have been printed in the Daily Worker but weren't printed there. You must have felt deep satisfaction when you read in The Militant that the Socialist Workers Party always opposed the wartime no-strike pledge that bound labor's hands, when you read that the SWP opposed the capitalist war and defended every colonial nation that fought for liberty and every worker out on strike and every Negro or Jew fighting for life and dignity against fascists, Ku Kluxers, and other reactionary race-haters.

You and I are brothers, comrades. We want a

better world. We have this thing in common, our desire for truth and justice, freedom and equality. If you didn't feel this way, you wouldn't have subscribed to The Militant.

Feeling the way you do about the ideas of The Militant, don't you want to do something to help? The fifty cents you paid to have the paper sent to your house for six months didn't pay for the paper at all. That's the price, but it couldn't put out the paper without other financial help.

You must have read by now about the Emergency Fund Campaign of the Socialist Workers Party on Page 5 of The Militant, That's what I want to talk to you about.

We need those few dollars or cents that you can manage to spare. And I ask you to give them. Or rather I ask you to INVEST them.

If you give to the SWP fund, you invest money in a new world. You strike against fascism and tyranny. A political party needs money, you The party has to put out leaflets, print

pamphlets, help distribute The Militant and the Fourth International. There are no big advertisers to pour money into the paper, and without money, there wouldn't have been any Militant for you to read. You can help in this fight against misery,

tyranny and war. You can dig down and give as much as you can afford. You'll be giving the money to the Socialist Workers Party to help YOU and your kids. You'll be laying a brick in the building of Socialism and buying a share of stock in the new world.

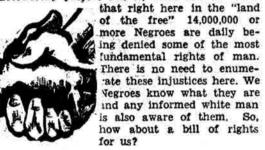
Don't put it off. There are so many things we intend to do that we just don't get around to doing. But this is important! It could be, some day, a matter of life and death, of freedom or

The Negro Struggle -

Jim Crow In The Capital

- By Joe Morgan

A "bill of rights" for the world is being drawn up by a United Nations sub-committee, A most noteworthy project this is, when one considers that right here in the "land



The U.S. government is co-operating with other countries in drafting this so-called "bill of rights." And yet in the seat of government, Washington, D. C., the pattern of Jim Crow is as rigid as in any city of the deep South.

In recent months picket lines have been thrown around some of the places practicing Jim Crow, with many liberal actors, doctors and lawyers signing anti-discrimination petitions, etc. Among the places being picketed was the National Theater, and President Truman was so informed by telegram. But two days later Washington policemen dispersed the pickets in front of the theater just before the whole presidential family entered. Photographers for a Negro paper were told by secret service men not to take pictures. Truman later said he had not known anything about a picket line.

The crude Missouri tactics employed here fare ment too.

badly in comparison with the late Roosevelt's smooth approach. Roosevelt would not have gone into that theater, but Roosevelt also did NOT end the segregation policies in the District even when he controlled Congress lock, stock and

Washington was run for many years by the Democrats who had a majority on the District of Columbia Committee of the Senate. When it is recalled that Senator Bilbo was chairman of this committee and therefore "Mayor" of Washington, it is easy to understand why Washington was run so much like the South. But now the Republicans control the Senate and this committee. Yet Washington's Jim-Crow pattern has not been altered in any way.

What a glaring contradiction Washington offers to the rest of the world! While U. S. delegates in the UN are continually prating about the lack of democracy in other countries, their government practices the most vicious kind of discrimination and segregation against onetenth of its citizens.

Washington is an example of the direct reactionary role of the capitalist government with regard to the Negro people. It plays the same role in other parts of the country, but not so openly. We Negroes cannot expect a government which Jim Crows us in the armed forces and in the very seat of the government, to bring us any help in our fight for equality. The only way we can get the equality we want is by concerted action with other workers toward a common goal. And that means a fight against the govern-

Cold Water Flat Available

A New York City Marshal by the name of James Mullins got an order the other day to evict a family in Staten Island. The eviction



appeared to be no more than a routine item in the day's working of the law. Some people, it seems, are incapable of practicing enough thrift to pay up their rent, thus infringing on the landlord's right to enjoy a fair return on his investment.

The tenant, Hinton James, was 79 years old. As his aged wife busied herself in the kitchen of the cold water flat, he waited in the front room to greet the Marshal.

Up until about two months ago, according to the press, Mr. James had been employed as a hospital attendant. Whether he was fired, temporarily laid off, or had to stop working because he didn't feel well, was not reported. But lacking sufficient income, he fell behind in rent until the debt to the landlord amounted to \$25.

What went on in the old worker's mind as he waited to be evicted remains a mystery, since he took a clothes line and hanged himself without leaving any message that would indicate his last thoughts.

His wife, meanwhile, busied herself in the kitchen. Whether the noise of her activities blotted out other sounds, or whether in her old age she was a bit hard of hearing, is not clear. Possibly her husband died without a violent struggle. In any case, the first sound to attract her attention was Marshal Mullins hammering on the door.

It was when she went to admit the Marshal that Mrs. James saw her husband hanging by

the neck from the clothes line.

Marshall Mullins proved to be a man of rare humaneness for a cop. He told the widow that he would not evict her. How this generous concession squared with the law was not mentioned by the press.

Another factor that might have swayed Mullins in reaching his unusual decision was Mrs. James' evident lack of composure. It appeared doubtful she could handle herself in the street with the household furniture stacked on the sidewalk. In fact the aged woman seemed so unnerved that Mullins ordered her taken to a hos-

The hospital admitted her long enough to treat her for shock, probably as an emergency case. Then, according to the press, "she was removed to the New York City Farm Colony at New Springville."

It would thus appear that a vacant cold water flat is available in Staten Island although the press said nothing about Mrs. James' furniture being removed or Mullins deciding to go ahead with the eviction.

This incident, humdrum and ordinary as it is, nevertheless reveals the singular advantages offered by the capitalist system. So long as Wall Street runs the country, you are safe from such horrors of socialism as decent old age pensions for the poor or a guaranteed annual income that might sap your moral fiber and deprive you of

the incentive to get out and hustle. Under capitalism, no matter what your age. you are guaranteed complete freedom to exercise individual initiative - even if it takes the form of hanging yourself by the kitchen clothes

Notes From The News

Professor James Burnham, who broke with Marxism and the labor movement in 1940, has written a new book. The Struggle for the World.



which will be published next month. An advance quotation from it reads as follows: "The survival of democracy in this country requires the suppression of communism, now."

The Gallup Poll finds that 69% of the people favor releasing conscientious objectors from prison, 23% are opposed and 8% have no opinion.

William Z. Foster, CP national chairman, is now en route to Europe "to study at first hand the postwar situation in Europe," acording to the Daily Worker.

The New York City public school system will experiment this semester with a new course designed "to instill America's traditional principles of free economic enterprise," according to the Feb. 8 N. Y. Times. If successful, this

inculcation of capitalist propaganda into 500 "selected" pupils will be repeated next fall.

The Socialist Party National Executive Committee's only demand in connection with the proposed merger with the Social Democratic Federation is agreement on the need for the united group to run a candidate for president in 1948 if there is no third party by then.

Over 400 conscientious objectors and pacifists were scheduled to publicly burn their draft cards at protest meetings organized by the Break-With-Conscription Committee in a dozen important cities on Feb. 12.

Negroes are registering to vote by the thousands in Mississippi. Leadership in the drive is being taken by Negro ex-GI's.

The Communist Party has had to extend its 1947 re-registration of members to March 1. Almost 20% of its members in New York State have not yet signed up.

THE MILITANT

PAGE SIX

N. Y. BANKERS PUSH SUBWAY FARE STEAL

New Pamphlet By Cannon **Out In March**

NEW YORK, Feb. 10-Pioneer Publishers announced today that its next pamphlet, The Coming American Revolution, by James P. Cannon, National Secretary of the Socialist Workers Party, will be off the press March 1.

The pamphlet contains the Theses on the American Revolution" adopted at the November 1946 convention of the Socialist Workers Party, and a speech on the theses delivered by Cannon at this convention.

The pamphlet explains why the United States has now been caught up in the main stream of revolutionary development. American economy never recovered from the catastrophic depression of 1929-1938. The Second World War only postponed the inevitable revolutionary crisis. The postwar depression now looming will prove far more devastating than the depression of the Thirties, Cannon predicts.

The working class on whose shoulders the future rests is stronger than ever before. What the American workers accomplished in the trade union field will now be extended to politics. The victory of socialism in America cannot long be delayed, in Cannon's opinion.

The first edition of this important pamphlet will be 20,000 copies. It has an attractive cover by the Trotskyist artist J. Thal. is 32 pages and will sell for 10

Local 212 Hits NewWitchHunt In Michigan

baiting witch - hunt against

of Governor Sigler on a state- ged him out of the car. wide basis."

progressive movements.

and his administration are doing took me to jail." nothing to provide the people of NOTHING NEW of the state of Michigan."

Picket For Rent Control



American Labor Party members in New York picket state Republican headquarters with signs "You control Washington, you control Albany, why don't you control rents?" (Federated Pictures)

San Pedro Police Brutally Beat, Jail Innocent Negro

Bu Louis Kisner

SWP Candidate for Los Angeles City Council, 15th District SAN PEDRO, Calif., Feb. 7-I have just spoken to Alfred Giles, a Negro worker who was brutally mauled by the

city police, then jailed and charged with assault and hat- appealed, was forced to uphold tery. When Alfred Giles was brought into court his face this clause. was swollen and disfigured, a cut above his eye was bleeding, his shirt and trousers hardy against the racial minority had reached the colossal figure were badly bloodstained. Deproper the police and were far greater) they worked

Judge Irvin Taplin declared the court in the case of Alfred out a coup that has few parallels. him guilty.

Last Christmas Eve, Mr. Giles, Mrs. Giles and several friends for Mr. Giles' sentence, Judge New York, offering to sell the were driving along Capitol Drive Taplin faced a packed court, He city the unexpired portion of in Channel Heights housing was compelled to set a date to their franchise on the city's lines project, only a few blocks from hear arguments in favor of a new for the amount they had orihis home, when his motor was stalled by the pouring rain, A police car drove up and ordered Municipal Court. Mr. Giles to get his car off the road.

COP DRAWS GUN

lican Governor Kim Sigler, off. it backed into the stalled who last week initiated a red-car. The maddened officer, Mc-DETROIT, Feb. 10-Repub- As the police car began to drive Graw, jumped out of his car, accused Giles of bumping the po-Michigan college students lice car and shoved a pistol into and ordered an "investiga- his side. "Get out of this damn tion" of communist influence car," the officer threatened, among state employes, has "and let me fill you full of lead!"

resolution by the Executive the car began to plead with the at present a Detroit factory Board of Briggs Local 212, UAW- cop not to shoot. McGraw then worker, was viciously beaten replaced his pistol and drew a and injured when police, with-The resolution calls attention "slapper" from his pocket with out a search warrant, forcibly to the fact that "the daily press which he beat Mr. Giles about entered his home at 4870 Rushas been filled in recent days the face and in the stomach. The sell on the night of Jan. 13. with statements and scare stor- other officer appeared now with Mr. Coleman related this story ies announcing a red-baiting a blackjack and began to beat to the Militant reporter: "Upon witch-hunt under the leadership the helpless victim as they drag- answering a knock at the door.

"The last I could remember," clothesmen who flashed their It points out the meaning of said Alfred Giles, "I was going badges before me. I attempted to such attacks: "Experience has down into the water. Then I keep them out of my house since demonstrated repeatedly that the knew enough to feel them throw they had no search warrant of red-baiting attacks of the em- me in the floor of the police car entry. They gave no explanation ployers and their governmental on my face and McGraw was or reasons. They said that they representatives serve as a cover riding in the back resting his wanted to ask me some quesfor a drive against all labor and feet on my back. The handcuffs tions. I told them that they could were too tight on my wrists be- ask the questions at the door. "The present witch-hunt fits hind my back, so I asked him to When I said that, they lunged the traditional pattern and seems relieve the handcuffs. He stamp- into the door, forced their way designed to divert attention from ed on my back and said, 'Lay in, and used abusive and vile lanthe fact that Governor Sigler there and be quiet!' Then they guage in front of my four chil-

dren.

this state with an adequate This terror is nothing new in but I wouldn't permit it. I pointhousing program or a state rent San Pedro, a district which is et out that there was a police control measure and to hide the overwhelmingly populated by box in front of my house. When fact that Sigler and his admin- workers — seamen, longshore- I told them that I had my rights istration are in opposition to the men. fishermen, cannery work- as a citizen, the police sneered lice brutality is directed particu- they hit me, until they gave up Election Rally on Feb. 2.

By R. Young DETROIT, Feb. 9-Detroit down the stairs. As I lay there, referendum."

police brutality has found its one of them hit me in the eye latest victim. Enoch Cole- with a flashlight while another italist press has pounded on the been strongly denounced in a The terrorized occupants of man, college graduate and cicked me in the back. I was "need" for a 10-cent fare. And

> "At Detroit Receiving Hospital I was confronted by two plainmedical treatment. was ransacked."

other similar cases, it is the vicpolice walk the streets free.

By Joseph Hansen

NEW YORK, Feb. 10 - The public hearings opened by New York's Mayor O'Dwyer on the proposal to double the 5-cent subway fare is only the latest chapter in a tale of plunder that goes back to 1894. In that year a group of Wall Street sharks made a deal with City Hall called the "Dual Contracts" under which two holding companies, the

sit Co. and the Brooklyn \$326,248,187 and took over the badly-deteriorated lines in June given a franchise to operate gleveted and submerties to operate.

This was not a cash deal how elevated and subway lines owned by the city for 75 years.

Under the "Dual Contracts" of 3% interest. the city put up \$326,000,000 for

companies made enormous pro-timates in the press. fits operating the city-owned lines—yearly dividends ran as swindle as a necessary step in high as 30%. But after the First consolidating the lines, giving World War costs began to mount. riders free transfers from one Under management of the Wall Street operators the subway equipping, modernizing and exsystem steadily deteriorated, un- tending the transit system. til cars, tracks and other equiptil cars, tracks and other equip-ment became so bad additional however, pointed out at that huge investments were required. time that the scandalous fraud The private operators of the was a preliminary step in Wall city-owned subways and elevat- Street's drive to raise the 5-cent eds clamored to raise the fare fare to 10 cents. to 10 cents. The "Dual Contracts," however, carried a clause reading, "the rate of fare shall be five cents but no more."

Even the Supreme Court, to whom the Wall Street interests

Finally in 1939, when their The action of the police and were far greater) they worked Giles, however, has not gone un- They opened negotiations noticed. On Jan. 30, the date set with LaGuardia, then Mayor of trial. The hearing will take place ginally invested, plus a substanon Feb. 13 in the San Pedro tial bonus. After some haggling. LaGuardia finally settled for

DETROIT COPS FORCE WAY

handcuffed behind my back and while O'Dwyer has maintained taken to jail in a patrol car.

"I was told that I was being booked on a charge of being a fugitive from justice. The original charge was changed to assaulting an officer and later changed to felonious assault.

I was treated for my wounds. Later I received a bill for this

my wife told me that the house

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ever. The Wall Street operators took bonds, bearing the high rate

Thus the bankers and real the construction and extension estate interests not only made of these lines. The Wall Street their original investment many operators put up only \$287,000,- times over in the profits they 000. Looking far ahead, these fi- shook down, but when their nanciers demanded-and got - franchise was three-fifths gone a clause guaranteeing them a they converted it into gilt-edged minimum profit of \$10,000,000 a bonds that at the present rate would eventually pay them off For several decades these two \$1,881,000,000, according to es-

LaGuardia palmed off this system to another, and re-

WALL ST. SWAG

Since 1940 the subways have shown an operating profit. Last year, for instance, this profit was \$7,000,000. But the booty paid to the former operators of the city's lines has wiped out this profit and thrown the books far into the red. The "debt service," as the advocates of the 10-cent fare euphemistically call the tribute paid Wall Street. amounted last year to \$57,000,-000. Had Wall Street continued to operate the lines, the shakedown would have been only \$10,-

000,000. Last June O'Dwyer opened a campaign to double the 5-cent fare. On July 15 the N. Y. Times revealed his strategy: "The Mayor is known to feel that the matter should go to popular referendum as soon as possible. perhaps by next spring." At the same time O'Dwyer expected to work out "some process not imposing on the Board of Estimate the politically 'red hot' burden of actually fixing a higher fare as a condition precedent to a

Since then the New York capthe pretense of a "last ditch fight" against the proposed increase, the Chamber of Commerce, the Citizens Transit Committee, and the State Asso ciation of Real Estate Board have carried the ball for him.

The capitalist press howls about the "ancient level" of 5cents, about "a 10-cent ride for a nickel," about the dismal arithmetic" of transit finances, "After I was dragged away, about how "unthinkable" the present fare is, about cutting out "free rides" and establish-To this day Mr. Coleman has ing a "self-sustaining" fare. But not been told why the police de- the cold truth is the proposed sired to question him or gain increase would raise the cost of entrance to his home. As in all living for the average New York family by \$75 to \$100 a year tim who is brought before the for no other reason but to guarcourt as the offender while the antee the annual tribute paid to Wall Street.

Homer Lewis Talk On Housing

The following is part of the families, now holds 18. Another speech by Homer Lewis, Socialist | built for six, houses 44. Recently

licemen appeared at my door. problem is made more acute by series of tenement fires. They began to pull at me saying, the damnable restrictive covenants and Jim Crow practices. areas. Someone makes a profit ed out of the door and I fell These measures restrict Negroes from the misery and disease of

tics, and flooded basements. live in blighted areas. These are profit system must go. districts so rundown, rat-infested, disease ridden and unhealthy the city administration, which

Workers Party canidate for Al- I saw a space behind a store, I wage demands of the employes and Negro workers live here. Po- Every time I cut off the phone Chicago, delivered at the SWP housing a family of 14. One of derman in the Third Ward of can hardly call it an apartment, the children has to sleep in the bath tub. In addition to the general Eleven lives have been lost in

housing shortage, my people's the past few weeks through a

Someone benefits from slum into black ghettos in this so- overcrowded tenements. More called land of freedom. They profit is made from sub-standsqueeze us into already over- ard buildings than would be made crowded tenements, fire-trap at- if new, decent houses were built and rented to workers at a price Three hundred and seventy- we can afford to pay. The profive thousand people in Chicago fit system stands in the way. The

that experts have condemned serves the interests of big busithem as unfit for human habi- ness. These Charlie McCarthles only make gestures, while condi-Two hundred and forty-two tions remain the same. Workers thousand dwelling units in Chi- must form their own organizacago have been declared unsafe tions now. ORGANIZE TENto live in. Today these condemn- ANTS' UNIONS to fight the ed tenements are crammed from landlords on the economic front. attic to basement with men, wo- ORGANIZE AN INDEPENDENT men and children. A house on LABOR PARTY to fight capithe South Side, built for three talism on the political front.

We can expect no help from

Bartell's Speech At Rally

The following is an extract | duct of the decay and putrefacfrom the speech by Michael Bar- tion of that same outlived systell, Socialist Workers Party tem. write-in candidate for mayor of Election Rally on Feb. 2.

talist America.

is spreading like creeping gan- you vote.

decadence and decline is a pro- vote for a socialist society.

'you're going to jail.' I was push-

So the real issue in this elec-Chicago, delivered at the SWP tion is, who shall rule, who shall be the masters, the plutocratswho are a handful of parasites Chicago is rotting away and leading all of humanity to ruin this is true of all cities in capi- and destruction-or the workers who are the millions, and who The city is decaying from the build and create. That is the center outward, and the decay real issue you must decide when

grene, embracing ever greater A vote for capitalist candidates numbers in its grasp. The rich is a vote to continue the same can escape by fleeing to the sub- slums, the same racial discrimurbs, but the workers are trap- ination, and bigger wars and depressions. A vote for our can-Chicago was a great city in didates is a vote for a workers' its day - it was built in the government, a new world, a new heyday of capitalist expansion. life, for the happiness and peace Its grandeur was a product of that can be ours, and that we capitalist growth, and now its are fully entitled to - it is a



"They started to dial my phone,

"Thirty minutes later four po-

HOMER LEWIS