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The acquittal of 28 lynchers in Greenville, S. C., last week served notice on the country that lynch law is still supreme in the South. It means that race-hating white supremacists can brutally murder any Negro they wish and

Many newspapers hailed the forward because it is the first time such a case has been brought to trial in the south. Green Light To But there was nothing new about the Jim-Crow atmosphere pervading the courtroom. The rights and lives of the Negro people were under discussion, but the Negro people had no voice in the prothe panel from which the jury was drawn, nor did either side in the case even comment on this matter.

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was somewhat unusual, there in Jackson, N. C. was nothing extraordinary about the kind of justice dispensed at the trial. It completely conformthat sadistically tortured and then murdered Willie Earle, a 24 year old Negro, were cleared erged from the trial as local was taken to the State prison.

The South Carolina state authorities, the judge and the FBI South. A white woman was went through the motions of walking along a dark row of toseeing that justice was done, but bacco warehouses when someonly the motions. HANDY LOOPHOLE

FBI drew up a case that had a white youths scoured the vicinhandy loophole. This loophole ity and seized young Bush. was the fact that the prosecu- Charged with attempted rape. tion's whole case rested on state- he was put in the jall and shortments of the accused. No import- ly thereafter kidnaped by the ant witnesses were put on the lynch mob. stand by the prosecutor.

individual maker of the state- since verified this fact. ment and not against other de- In contrast to the trial and

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Many newspapers hailed the Acquittal Gives

Acquittal of the lynch mob in Greenville, S. C., gave new ceedings. Not one Negro was in encouragement to lynchers the jury, nor was any Negro on in other parts of the South. This was shown 28 hours after the Greenville trial, when a mob of armed men took Godwin Bush, While the holding of a trial 24-year old Negro, from the jail

Only Busch's quick thinking and action saved him from the ed to the general pattern of torture and murder that befell Southern lynch law justice. Willie Earle, the Greenville vic-Twenty-eight members of a mob tim. He broke away from the mob and hid in the woods. After going without food for 48 hours of all charges. In fact, they em- he surrendered to the FBI and

The charges against Bush are typical of the rape cases in the body stepped out of a doorway behind her. Immediately she The state with the help of the started screaming. A group of

Bush often waited near the Then Judge J. Richard Mar- warehouse to walk his girl friend tin accommodatingly ruled that home from the place across the the statements of the accused street where she worked. Some could be used only against the white citizens of Jackson have

fendants named in them. This acquittal of the 28 Greenville meant that although seven of lynchers was the trial of James the defendants named Roosevelt Brown, 25 year old Negro, in in the nationalized gas and elec-C. Hurd as the man who fired Sylvania, Ga. Charged with tric power services scheduled a pared to use troops, the rank and the death shots, the jury could rape, Brown was sentenced to one-day strike for May 28 to not consider this evidence die in the electric chair after the Naturally each statement pic- minutes. The whole "trial" lasted three hours.

Call On Labor Of All Lands **To Help The German Workers**

An important manifesto by the International Executive Committee of the Fourth International, calling for the creation of a "free, united German republic of workers and peasants," has been received in this country. Addressed to the workers of Europe and 9

America, it urges opposition

"The resounding failure of the Moscow Conference," declares the manifesto, "leaves the German problem temporarily 'unsolved.' But Germany is still covered with ruins, cut up into four occupation zones, under four final pauperization of the Gerdifferent military dictatorships. | man | workers, the definitive The toiling masses are still the | colonization of its riches by your prey of ruin, famine, lack of own monopoly capitalists - the clothing and housing. Their most very ones against whom you elementary needs are still unfulfilled after seven years of strike struggles since the end of war and privation. And the most elementary democratic rights are still denied them after twelve years of Fascist dictator-

point for the race towards the the United States. for the rebirth of another vio- against the greedy and reaction- nation as a vice-president of the lent wave of chauvinism in Ger- ary policy of the American trusts NFTW.

lomacy of the powers "who are American troops from Germany met with Murray and Haywood approximately 100,000 of the with the analysis that "the encarving up the living flesh of and against all the reparations the peoples," continues the man- plans." ffesto, "the Fourth International of the German people to selfdetermination."

The manifesto calls on the to annexations, reparations and workers of various lands to opthe dismemberment of Germany. pose the reactionary plans of their rulers in regard to Germany. To the workers of the United States, the manifesto go ahead with their 24-hour

> "The oppression of Germany by American imperialism, the have carried on such admirable the war - all this must soon bear down heavily upon the furclass struggle.

"The lowering of the stand-The manifesto appeals to the ard of living of the German Committee which will receive fi- demands. They feel that only a joint committee, it is virtually workers of the world: "Destroy workers will give a powerful the myth that the entire Ger- means of pressure to your capiman people are collectively re- talist exploiters to use against sponsible for starting the war! your own standard of living. Understand that the policy of The military dictatorship that AT&T employes. the Big Four, far from laying your generals want to perpetuate the foundations for a lasting in Germany is a training school peace, only prepares the starting for future would-be dictators of

Third World War, Don't for- "The same hyenas who preget that a new robbers' treaty, pare the anti-labor laws in ion was polling its membership announced that the NFTW was of rent boosts. Such inflationary just like the Versailles Treaty Washington also want to reduce on CIO affiliation. Moran indiafter the First World War, will the German working class to cated he meant business by statonly create very fertile ground abject slavery. Your struggle ing he was submitting his resigis one and the same with the In opposition to the secret dip- struggle for the recall of the other leading NFTW affiliates is evidenced by the fact that the low-cost building situation

The full text of the manifesto | filiation and organization. re-affirms the inalienable right will appear in the June issue of the magazine, Fourth Interna-

Lynch Mob Of 28 24-HOUR STRIKE DEMAND Lily-White Jury MOUNTS THROUGH NATION



Ramadier Decrees Military Rule For 85,000 Utilities Workers

MAY 27 - Although the years in prison.

Following the lead of the for wage increases. Renault workers, 85,000 workers While the government prejury had been out only three 23% wage increase to meet the skyrocketing cost of living.

The Ramadier regime, however, is committed to a policy of wage freezing and "sacrifices" by the workers. Although Ramadier and his associates call themselves "socialists," actually they are running the government for the capitalist class of France.

Ramadier therefore met the demands of the gas and electric workers with a typical weapon from the arsenal of capitalist governments. He invoked a 1939 warfime law that does not lapse industries under military con-

The Ramadier decree calls for capitalist government. the use of troops if the workers

tor, has been named head of the 9-

Formal announcement of the

CIO developments came two

In addition, representatives of

CIO Now Organizing New

Phone Workers International

Telephone Workers Organizing at levels far below their original

days after John J. Moran, pres- president of the NFTW, which

termination of their recent strike, week-end in Philadelphia.

of their recent strike.

tional union at a Miami con-

vention scheduled for June 9.

file of the union went ahead with emphasize their demand for a plans to carry out the strike. "The government's decision makes no difference to us," one spokesman is reported to have said: "and we shall go through with our plans to the bitter end."

The leadership of the union. however, happens to be Stalinist. Jacques Duclos, top shot Stalinist leader, has announced that only "imbeciles" would call a general strike. And L'Humanite, the Stalinist paper, said there never was any question of a "strike" but simply of a "demonstration."

The Stalinists have suffered a until next July and placed these great decline in the eyes of the without new legislation, land-French workers as a result of lords would have a holiday of

inflicted on strikers-up to 5 ity fund. The CGT (General

Renault workers are back at Ramsder claimed that the by Stalinists) received only 800,work after winning signifi- current wave of strikes in France 000 votes although it lists more cant gains, the government were "incited" by "anarchists than one million members of crisis that was touched off and Trotskyists." The truth is the books; while the Catholice that the rise in the cost of liv- received more than 300,000 votes, by their strike continues. that the rise in the cost of five far more than their book meming is forcing workers to battle far more than their book members in the cost of five far more than their book members in the cost of five far more than their book members in the cost of five far more than their book members in the cost of five far more than their book members in the cost of five far more than their book members in the cost of five far more than their book members in the cost of five far more than their book members in the cost of five far more than their book members in the cost of five far more than their book members in the cost of five far more than their book members in the cost of five far more than their book members in the cost of far more than their book members in the cost of far more than their book members in the cost of far more than their book members in the cost of far more than their book members in the cost of far more than their book members in the cost of far more than their book members in the cost of far more than the bership. The Stalinist leaders Henri Raynaud and Eugene Hen. aff, who head the CGT list, came

Landlords Await Rent Hikes As Congress Stalls

Millions of workers are faced with the threat of rent increases as the June 30 ex piration of existing rent control nears without any Congressional action.

If Congress should adjourn their continued support of the rent hikes, backed up by eviction threats. At the present time This decline is reflected in the the House has passed the weak vote for officials to administer Wolcott bill which, while claimstrike. Savage penalties can be the government's workers secur-ing to preserve rent control, also contains the main idea of the real estate lobbies for "voluntary" 15% increases.

Meanwhile the Senate has pushed to the sidelines the Buck bill which gives regional and local boards the right to increase rents. The longer the Senate delays action, the more conces-MAY 26-The CIO is proceeding to organize a phone sions the real estate lobby will workers international union, it was announced by Phillip be able to wring from a joint ther development of your own Murray today. Allan S. Haywood, CIO Organization Direc- Senate-House Committee. In the event that the Wolcott and Buck bills are pieced together by a nancial and material assistance strong centralized union can certain that so many loopholes from the CIO in building a pow- match the power of the highly and provisions for increases erful industrial union capable of centralized AT&T - Bell trust would be made, that rent conembracing the 500,000 Bell and Their interest in the CIO wid- trol, while retained in name. ened as a result of CIO support would be smashed and at least 15% increases slapped on to the Meanwhile, Joseph Beirne, rising cost of living.

Both the CIO and numerous ident of the long-lines telephone had previously considered affili- consumers committees are soundworkers, announced that his un- ation to either the CIO or AFL. ing the warning on the dangers proceeding with plans to launch moves would bear down doubly the Communications Workers of hard on the workers because of America as an independent na- the critical housing shortage that worsens with every development. The National Public Housing The strength of the CIO move | Conference has just summarized in Atlantic City last week-end to 260,000 members of the NFTW tire home construction industry

discuss the problems of CIO af- were represented in the first is falling apart rapidly." All bills providing for the full meeting with Murray and Hay-Many phone workers have ex- wood. A second and larger con- retention of existing rent conpressed dissatisfaction with the ference is being scheduled next trols have been pigeonholed in both houses of Congress.

Truman Weighs Slave Labor Bill

Truman's continued sil-House lieutenants and the Senate-House conferees, and you get a clear indication that Truman is seriously weighing signing the bill to wipe out decades of hard-won labor gains, or letting it become law without way among AFL unions as well. his signature.

MIGHT SIGN

nal reports Truman's attitude as

ate labor bill.

"White House intimates have changed their tune. They're now privately peddling the idea that privately peddling the idea that the 'milder' Senate version is Anti-Labor Bills 'not too bad a bill.' Truman. they say, is not dead-set on a they say, is not dead-set on a veto and might sign a measure In San Francisco along the lines of the Senate

". . . Truman's counselors say an over-ridden veto-likely if he vetoes the Senate's bill-would hurt him more than union opposition. They discount union votegetting power in '48."

The conservative Business s "assured if the President can ount on more than a third of 'he Senate's votes." While the eto may come anyway, it appears clear that Truman would could not line up even 7 Senators in his own party.

COULD BE SWUNG

The 7 needed Senators, meanwhile, are waiting to see what in the way of post-offices, contracts and jobs." according to Business Week. This Wall Street mouthpiece does not mention that they are also waiting to see what kind of demonstrations and how much political pressure the labor movement is capable of oranti-union legislation.

Some Senators could be swung, a substitute.

AFL Unions Join CIO In Call Putting Okay On For Nation-Wide Stoppage

While Senate-House conferees worked this week to merge the Taft-Harley legislation into ence over whether he will a single union-smashing bill, more trade union

veto the Taft-Hartley slave bodies joined in calling other SIU branches for considerlabor legislation is an om- for a nationwide 24-hour ation. inous sign. Couple this with strike to express work- In Trenton, N. J., the Mercer reports about "busy rushing ing class opposition to ion adopted a similar resolution, back and forth" between White any form of slave labor explaining that such a work stoplegislation.

demonstration by all sections of the labor movement, which was first proposed by CIO international and local unions, is now beginning to make head-In New York City members of

the AFL Seafarers International Union voted last week to ask The May 23 Wall Street Jour- AFL President William Green to arrange a one-day work stoppage in conjunction with the CIO "Whispering galleries echo talk and the independent unions. The that Truman will okay the Sen- proposal was also referred to

plus one independent union, the Marine Firemen, paraded cide this question. The individup Market Street to protest ions, however, were permitted to anti-labor legislation last make their own decisions on the Saturday. The parade ended kind of protest demonstrations Veek (May 24) says that a veto Center where a resolution was in a demonstration at the Civic they want on June 10. adopted calling on President Trades and Labor Council will Truman to veto the Hartley-Taft hold a mass protest meeting slave-labor bill.

find it distasteful to reveal he attack and the June deadlines 4. AFL President Green will be on contracts with the CIO wa- the main speaker. terfront and warehouse unions brought the workers out in num- Local 107 of the CIO United bers. Parading was on a voluntary basis, with the largest turnout coming from CIO Ware- ing not only for a national 24-Truman "might care to tender house Local 6, which is set for hour labor holiday but also for strike on June 1.

ers were addressed by Paul the country. Schnur, San Francisco CIO Council secretary; Eugene Pat- UE local executive committee ton, president of the Warehouse- advocated a one-day stoppage men; and Scott Weakley, one and the organization of joint of the victorious councilmen of mass meetings like the Cadillac ganizing in protest against the the Oakland Voters League Square rally in Detroit last which won the recent elections | month. in Oakland. In his address, says Business Week, if Truman Weakley called upon San Franwould outline precisely the type cisco workers to repeat what was ions made plans for additional of measure he would approve as accomplished in Oakland. He re- joint or separate local actions ceived a rousing hand.

page would dramatize labor's de-This demand for a huge mand for a presidential veto of the Taft-Hartley legislation.

In New York a special meeting of the CIO National Maritime Union voted in favor of a 24hour strike. This places both wings of maritime labor, AFL and CIO, on record as favoring a national protest action.

In Albany, N. Y., a state conference called by the State CIO Council voted unanimously to designate June 10 as "New York State CIO Veto Day," and to hold meetings and parades against the anti-labor legislation. A number of delegates proposed that the day be marked by a statewide work stoppage, declaring that the workers in the factories favored such action.

But State CIO President Louis Hollander would not let this proposal come to a vote. As "justi-SAN FRANCISCO, May 23 fication" for his bureaucratic -10,000 members of the CIO action he declared that the conference had no authority to de-

The New York AFL Central against the anti-labor bills at The threat of congressional Madison Square Garden on June

In Philadelphia, Westinghouse Electrical Workers voted unanimously at a membership meeta simultaneous march on Wash-At the Civic Center the march- ington from every local union in

In Buffalo, the Westinghouse

In scores of other industrial centers both CIO and AFL un-

THE RANKS WANT ACTION!

- An Editorial

The Taft-Hartley slave labor legislation ators have indicated by a word that they hangs over the American trade union move- will sustain a veto. ment like a razor-sharp sword. The thin The public already knows how vicious the strand that may keep it from falling is a Taft-Hartley bills are. The public already switch of 7 Senators from support of the paign promises nothing but scraps of paper.

these 7 Senators.

The trade union bureaucrats have given have sent appeals to Truman to please re- split evenly on the Taft bill (21 to 21). ject this legislation. And the AFL officials public about the evils of this savage anti- Truman and Congress. labor measure. That is about all.

These advertisements have made some Hartley bills were written in accordance with specifications of the National Associlined how the bills violate the 13th amend- strike. ment to the Constitution. They have disclosed how the platform of the Republican Party championed "free labor" while the candidates of the Republican Party in office have championed slave labor.

contemptuous silence. None of the 7 Sen- bor's own representatives in office!

possible presidential veto and a possible knows that the Republicans consider cammeasure to support of this hoped-for veto. The public knows too that the Democrats The immediate question facing labor is share the guilt, although the AFL adverhow to assure this veto and the switch of tisements say nothing about this. The public knows that in the House a majority of Democrats (93 to 84) supported the Hartley their answer to this burning question. They bill; and that in the Senate the Democrats

The great mass of workers start from have ear-marked \$1,500,000 for an adver- these conclusions. What they want now is tising and radio campaign to inform the action. They want to exert real pressure on

This pressure can come only from dramatic demonstrations and mass actions intelling points. They have told how the Taft- volving millions of participants. Resolutions passed by union bodies throughout the country show that what the union ranks ation of Manufacturers. They have under- want is a 24-hour nation-wide protest

Moreover, this action is only the beginning of the militant steps they want to take to fight Wall Street's anti-labor drive. They want a definitive answer to the Taft-Hartlev legislation. The way to do that is to But this is utterly inadequate. Truman organize an independent Labor Party! has responded to the prayers up to now with Mobilize on the political field and put la-

Notebook Of An Agitator

A Blood Transfusion

who lynched the Negro Willie Earle and admit- movie screen. ted it with ample detail in signed statements, a touch of mockery.

Well, that's one way of handling the race problem and advertising the American way of life to the benighted peoples of the world, who were looking on and listening in through the press and radio, and it may be safely assumed that the lesson will not be lost on them.

But I have seen it done another way-here in America, too-and perhaps it would be timely now to report it as a footnote to the South Carolina affair. This incident occurred at Sandstone prison during our sojourn there in the fall of 1944. I wrote about it at the time in a letter as fully as I could in the rigidly restricted space of the one sheet of paper allowed for prison correspondence. This left room only for the bare tion. But I believe the factual story speaks well enough for itself as then reported, without any additional comment.

here at Sandstone. When I went up to the hoscall were standing in the corridor in oppressive successful operation. silence. The reason soon became manifest. Through the glass door of the record office, and the double door. Now a doctor, now a nurse moved | get a little of it back."

Things are not exactly what they used to be in and out of view, only their heads, rather their in South Carolina. The mob of 31 white men drawn faces, showing, like figures on a silent

"The word was passed long the 'line' in hushed were put to the inconvenience of a trial in court. whispers: A colored man was dying. A desperate That is something new. But it turned out to be emergency operation was falling; the poor black a very small point, for the lynchers were all tri- convict's life was slipping out of the doctors' umphantly acquitted and the dead man is still hands like a greased thread. But we could see dead. That's the same old story. Lynch law is that the doctors were still working, still trying, still riding high; the courtroom "trial" only added and one could sense the unspoken thought of all the men on the line; their concern, their sympathy, and in spite of everything, their hope, for

their comrade on the operating table. "After what seemed an endless time, the prison pharmacist who was assisting in the operation came out through the double door into the corridor. His face was the picture of exhaustion, of defeat and despair. There would be no 'sick call,' he said; the doctors would not be free for some time. The case of the colored man was apparently hopeless, but the doctors were going to make one final desperate effort. They were sewing up the abdominal wound on the slender, practically non-existent chance that, by blood transfusions, they could keep the man alive and then build up his strength for the shock of anfacts, a strictly news report without amplifica- other stage of the complicated and drawn-out

"Then came a new difficulty. The sick man's blood was hard to 'type.' The blood of the first which was also a triumph of human solidarity needed just the same. The white convicts rose up en masse to volunteer for transfusions. I pital at 'sick call' one day to have my sore toes think every man in our dormitory offered to give dressed I immediately sensed that something was his blood. The sick man hung between life and missing, something was wrong. There were no death for weeks; but the life-giving fluid of the nurses in evidence, the door of the doctor's of- white convicts, steadily transfused into his body, fice was locked and the other convicts on sick eventually gave the strength for a second, and

"I saw him line up with the rest of us for the yard count yesterday, this Negro with the beyond that through the glass door of the oper- blood of white men coursing through his veins, actually participate in cutting cause — the Jim-Crow system ating room, we could see the masked doctors and and I thought: The whites, over the centuries, nurses moving back and forth around the oper- have taken a lot of blood from the blacks: it is nor in crushing his skull, nor in enforcement could serve to disating table. Not a sound reached us through no more than right that one of them should firing repeated shotgun blasts in-courage the lynchers and their

Lynn AVC Chapter Pushes Militant Fight For Housing

LYNN, Mass., May 23 - The Lynn Chapter of the Amer-® ican Veterans Committee is engaged in a bitter struggle petition campaign to the public. who secured the statements the victims over to the mob. In with the city administration over the issue of housing. The

the face of the acute need for and the city politicians. housing, the Mayor labelled his project a "memorial" to the war dead.

project would be a more fitting ed at every turn in getting the of the AVC has already tripled its of the accused and reduced the memorial to the dead than a new City Hall, since it would erans.

presentatives of the AVC pleaded for the establishment of a

letter through the local press, de- these increases from the powernouncing the proposers of the ful group of Metal Trades emhousing plan as "saboteurs" ployers. and "insidious perpetrators" of a "plot" to obstruct the building demands, negotiations and strike. of a "memorial" to the war dead.

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PIONEER

proposed the erection of a new a new City Hall no matter how Out of a population of 100,000 ordered them out of the case be-

tion campaign. Since all permits in a day through this house-tofor booths, public address ve- house drive.

great the protests. For a week the here, the AVC is aiming for 20,- fore they could. But no matter to stop swearing in his wife's City Hall. To avoid a political newspapers headlined the dif- 000 signatures, with 5,000 already what the intrigues were, the reblack eye for such construction in ferences between the veterans collected. The response to this cord of the FBI in other lynch knew the mob was being organ-For the past two weeks the dividual members of the AVC really tried to build cases that AVC has undertaken a big peti- are able to collect 100 signatures get convictions against lynchers.

The AVC sent a letter to the hicles, etc. are issued by the City | Moreover, as a result of its bility of the defendants' state-Mayor insisting that a housing Hall, the AVC found itself block- militant leadership, this chapter ments, but he also freed three necessary permits to bring the membership.

serve the needs of the living vet- Northwest Metal Workers Win In his final speech to the jury,

veterans and civilians. The meet- wage increases of 121/2 cents ing ended with the city politi- an hour, six paid holidays cians refusing to take any ac- per year, and two weeks yearly vacation with pay after four The Mayor replied to the AVC years of employment. They won

Nine unions coordinated their These include eight AFL un-He blustered that he would not ions affiliated to the Metal be deterred from his plan to build Trades Council - Boilermakers

Build A Labor Party Now!

by George Clarke

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cal 106 - in addition to Hope Lodge 79 of the International Association of Machinists (inde-

charges and countercharges of cribing the acquittal as an "out-

among the unions.

This year the nine unions found themselves confronted by | language, Clark added only that an arrogant and unyielding atti- the Justice Department "may" tude on the part of the Metal go into court to prosecute the Trades bosses, who in a few cases even threatened wage cuts. But united union action speedily brought the employers to terms and won settlements satisfactory to all locals concerned.

with the City Council where re-SEATTLE, May 20 - After Local 104, Iron workers Local contemptuous word "nigger" dismissed last Friday by Judge organizations. Permanent Housing Authority to a militant two day strike, 506, Auto Mechanics Local 599, facilitate the construction of 10,000 metal trades workers Auto Sheet Metal workers Lodesperately-needed dwellings for in Seattle uptown shops won cal 387, Molders Local 158, Weld- inflammatory appeals to race swept the building in which four

> followed by these unions in the turn these boys loose. You are past when individual negotiations not expected to convict them." and settlements were the rule. The result of each union going off on its own was smaller wage all the counts. gains all around, and the practice invariably gave rise to bitter

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Lynchers Set Free



the county jail for court. An all-white jury turned these murover unions and their funds until officials are elected who are ac-Here is the letter: "I have seen a triumph of medical science suitable. But the sick Negro got the blood he suitable. By White Southern Jury

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tured the maker of it as a mere adoption is. While such legislaonlooker who had been swept tion could not abolish lynching along by the mob and did not because it could not abolish its chunks of living flesh from Earle, itself - its adoption and rigid to his tortured body. The cowardly types who make up lynch to punish them. mobs never make confessions of ANTI-LYNCH BILL NEEDED their own guilt but always name the other fellow.

Thus the prosecution brought the backing of the labor movein a case that it knew could be ment and Negro organizations. It undermined by a single ruling by | would not only punish the lynchthe judge. Some sources now try ers but the local sheriffs and polto explain that the FBI agents ice and jailers who usually hand Undaunted, they embarked up- wanted to get actual witnesses the Willie Earle case, for examon a house-to-house campaign, to testify but that Washington ple, the jailer offered no resistpopular cause is so great that in- cases is proof that it has not

Judge Martin not only made the ruling on the non-applicacharges against seven others before the case went to the jury.

INFLAMMATORY APPEALS the chief prosecutor for the state did not even ask for the death penalty. Another prosecut- the mass eviction of six families 9ing attorney repeatedly used the from 1733 Washburne Avenue was ing Negro, Mexican, Italian, etc.

when referring to Willie Earle.

Throughout the trial the de- tenants have been on a rent held and raised funds to aid in fense attorneys engaged in strike since January when a fire paying the court costs. ers Local 541. Warehousemen race prejudice and in praise Local 117, and Blacksmiths Lo- of lynch action. Culbertson, the defense lawyer, shouted to the jury: "Willie Earle is dead and I wish more like him were dead . . . If a mad dog were loose in my community, I would shoot This year's action marks a big the dog and let them prosecute step forward over the procedure lina would criticize you if you me . . . Not a soul in South Caro-

The lily-white jury quickly brought in unanimous verdicts of not guilty for each lyncher on

After the trial Attorney General Clark issued a statement des-"under-cutting" and "sell out" | rage" because "a local jury freed all the admitted participants in the lynching."

But after using such strong 28 lynchers. No one took this half-promise seriously, however, least of all the lynch mob inciters in the South, who tried to lynch another Negro in North Carolina the day after the Greenville trial ended. The trial itself, the circum-

stances surrounding it, and its conclusion all combine to raise the question: Why was it staged?

One important reason was that it was intended to strengthen the hand of the Southern Bourbon congressmen who have been fighting for years against the adoption of an effective federal anti-lynch bill, and arguing that the states are capable of punishing lynch murderers. It appeared that the state administration and the judge had hoped for a few convictions on minor charges, not on the murder charges.

But they could not get even a few token convictions. The Jim-Crow system, which in large part rests on lynch law, cannot afford to sentence a murderer for even a month if his victim was a Negro and his defense was white

supremacy. Instead of disproving the need for federal anti-lynch legislation, the Greenville trial fully proved how important its immediate

would also make communities to vote against the Callahan where lynchings occur liable to Bill. The House was in recess suit for damages by the families and many of its members had of the victims.

conference, Richard T. Leonard,

UAW Vice-President and PAC

Director, said: "Under the Calla-

han Bill passed by the State Sen-

ate yesterday, hundreds of or-

ganizations, including labor un-

ions, are stigmatized as foreign

agents. They are required to re-

gister and file any information

requested by the Secretary of

State. Bill would give the U.S.

Attorney General and the Michi-

gan Attorney General power to

determine that an organization

is a foreign agency. Bill specifi-

cally authorizes court to deprive

labor unions of their bargaining

rights and to appoint a receiver

accomplices by making it easier Such a bill has been recently of the corporations.

presence. Several deputy sheriffs ized but did nothing whatever

not enough, of course. The mere by ten or fifteen of their autopassage of legislation does not guarantee its enforcement. The Fourteenth Amendment to the professed ignorance as to the Constitution has been on the books since 1868. It is supposed to guarantee the "life, liberty and property" of the Negro peointroduced in Congress and has ple. Up to now it has been used minds. Others were openly defi-

> mobilize the forces to fight for did not have minds of their own, its enforcement. It will also serve or if they did, they were pretty to organize and mobilize the well set on how they were going great army of Negro and white to vote. In some few cases there

A federal anti-lynch law punish the lynchers.

ance other than to ask the mob

A federal anti-lynch bill is ed were surrounded individually.

But the fight to obtain a federal bill punishing lynching will workers who will smash the Jim-Crow system itself by ending the capitalist system that fosters and sustains the oppression of the Negro people. That is why every worker must join the fight to

Two protest meetings were

The Chicago Area Tenants

Union is growing rapidly

throughout the West Side area.

They have organized the 40 ten-

the landlord converted five-

room flats previously renting for

"kitchenettes" for which tenants

share the same bath room. Com-

plaints to the OPA brought no

retroactive rent reductions will

be ordered and that the family

will be reinstated in their apart-

In another militant action the

Hermes in Renters Court. These

children of James Hickman lost

The tenants then organized

pay rent until the landlord made

adequate repairs. They have not

the building, since the city water

wiring and water pipes are re-

by members of the Tenants Un-

cil, West Side Civic League, Na-

-A documented record

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NAACP and NAACP Youth Coun- ment.

their lives.

Chicago Tenants Union Halts

Mass Eviction Of 6 Families

Bu Robert L. Birchman

into a unit of the Chicago Area ants in the block of buildings at

Tenants Union and refused to 2639-45 West Adams St. where

had any water, lights or gas in \$37 a month into five separate

department and the utilities re- are charged from \$12 to \$18 a

fuse to provide facilities until the week. All five families must

Mrs. Adams has been fined in results until the Tenants Union

License Court for violations of sent a mass delegation to the

the city fire and building codes. OPA office. An investigation fol-

The court room was packed lowed. Indications now are that

ion and of organizations that of LaMarr and Katheryn Nor-

had rallied to the support of the man, who had been leading a

families facing eviction. Support partial rent strike and were il-

was given by the West Side legally evicted by the landlord,

tional Citizens Congress, Ameri- Tenants Union, upon learning

can Youth for Democracy, Na- that the family of John Gordon,

tional August American League, 1830 West Roosevelt Road, had

CORE (Committee of Racial been evicted, immediately organ-

Equality), and the West Side ized a committee and set the

Coordinating Council, represent- furniture back in the apartment.

CHICAGO, May 23 - The Chicago Area Tenants Union

mainly to protect the property ant, saying they were going to vote for the bill. All in all, one got the impres-

Detroit UAW-CIO Unions

Hit State Anti-Labor Bill

imprisonment and \$5,000 fine.

the Olds Hotel to hear speeches

from Tracy Doll, PAC Director

from Wayne County and oth-

ers about the political weak-

ness of the UAW and the CIO

in Michigan. No real analysis was

made of the reason for this: in-

stead the blame was placed on

the rank and file who failed to

vote in the fall elections. It was

also pointed out how Governor

Sigler and the capitalist press

had whipped the legislators into

After the meeting these UAW

members marched across the

street to the State Capitol where

they were to try to persuade

their respective Representatives

already left. Those who remain-

In some cases the legislators

contents of the bili. Many de-

clared they did not want to dis-

cuss the measure, saving that

they had already made up their

worker constituants.

a hysteria over the Red issue.

sion that these representatives

locals throughout the state went to Lansing last Tuesday delegation had persuaded their to lobby against the anti-labor Callahan Bill, which had representative to vote against

already passed the State officials. Senate by a large majority. Bill provides penalty of 5 years held on the measure. Speaking for it were Homer Martin and "This bill would place the li- Larry S. Davidow, expelled formberties of the people at the er president of the UAW and mercy of the State. It would his attorney. They sounded as if make the very existence of labor, they were seeking revenge for unions, groups, clubs, leagues, having been fired by the workers. societies, committees, associa- The American Legion and the tions, political parties, or com- Veterans of Foreign Wars also binations of individuals depend- had representatives who spoke ent upon the will of State offi- in favor of this fascist-like meacials. This bill is naked fascism." sure.

The 400 UAW delegates met in HEARING ADJOURNED

Speaking against the measure were State CIO President August Scholle, Richard T. Leonard and a representative of the Lawyers guild. The public hearing was adjourned when the workers booed the traitor Homer Martin. Other speakers were heard in committee.

The UAW delegates left Lansing with a disgust for the people who were supposed to be their representatives. The labor representatives asked that the bill be killed in committee, but few expected that this would be done. Regardless of what happens to this bill, it has already convinced many auto workers that the next legislature must have some auto workers to represent them. Several expressed their demand for independent political action.

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Workers' Revolution And **Bureaucratic Degeneration**

-By James P. Cannon -

on American Stalinism and Anti-Stalinism.)

its power only to fall victim to a new bureaucracy and be curity which haunt their lives. subjected to a new form of slavery?

The people who ask these questions - and there are many of them - have in mind the post-Lenin developments in Russia. Rashly concluding that the revolution has already been completely destroyed there - which is acutely sense the necessity of tearing itself loose from the far from the truth-and taking the Russian experience claws of the despicable AFL bureaucracy." This was written as a universal pattern-another serious mistake - they fear that Stalinism or something like it, with its totalitarian police state, forced labor camps, and terroristic suppression of all democracy will be the eventual outcome revolutionary cure for capitalism will turn out in the end to be worse than the disease. It is the perfect formula for passivity leading up to capitulation and renegacy.

Those who take this gloomy view of the ultimate outcome of a victorious proletarian revolution sound something like the worker who refuses to join a union and prepare a strike for higher wages because of previous bad experiences with bureaucratic sell-outs and betrayals. did? If the strike is lost we will be worse off than we are now. How do I know the union will not fall into the hands lution. of racketeers and be more of a detriment than a benefit to us?" Every organizing campaign has run up against this wrought such a profound change in the whole labor movekind of defeatist logic. In spite of that, many new unions ment and in the position and outlook of the American have been organized in the past ten years or so - more than in all the previous history of the organized labor movement - and they have greatly benefited the workers.

Those who demand guarantees as to the eventual outcome of a strike — or a revolution — ask more than we can give. Defeats and set-backs are always possible in every struggle. Naturally, as revolutionists we should look ahead and take into account the possible difficulties and dangers of the future and consider how to deal with them. But we must do this without exaggerating them and without permitting ourselves to be diverted from the task of the day. That task is the struggle against capitalism, and with that the struggle against the reactionary labor bureaucracy. This bureaucracy is a powerful obstructive force based on the privileged and more conservative sections of the working class, and has in addition the support of all capitalist institutions, including the capitalist government, against the great mass of the workers.

The Real Danger Today

It is this bureaucracy, as it exists today, which must first be dealt with and overthrown. Only then will we confront the possible danger of a new bureaucracy of the future, which no longer has any privileged section of the working class to lean on and no capitalist government to support it. In our view this problem will be much simpler and easier to cope with in the United States.

The real danger of bureaucratism with which we must concern ourselves first of all is not one that will arise on the morrow of the workers' victory. Rather, it is the burning both before the revolutionary victory of the workers and crete way out of their present uous attempts to gain the peasreality of the present day, and of the whole period between now and the American workers' revolution. The break-up of the bureaucracy in the labor movement and the freeing of the working masses from its strangulating grip, is the indispensible condition for the overthrow of American capitalism. Can this be done? Those who doubt it, or those who skip over the problem in favor of gloomy speculations about the dangers of bureaucratism after the revolution, are no good for the struggle.

In the early years of the Comintern some extremely interesting and instructive discussions took place on the trade union question between the Bolshevik leaders and some "Left" Communists. The specific point at issue was posed as follows: Should Communists accept the reactionary trade unions controlled by the reformist bureaucracy as they were and work within them to overthrow the bureaucrats, as the Bolsheviks said; or should they abandon these unions to the bureaucracy, withdraw from them and build new unions of their own, free from the presence of the bureaucrats, as the "Lefts" maintained? This was also the position of the American I.W.W., and was one of the reasons for its failure.

The "Lefts" of that time were unquestionably serious and sincere revolutionists-that is why Lenin took the trouble to debate with them at great length and with the utmost patience. They were confident that the workers could overthrow the capitalist regime and reorganize society on a socialist basis. But they seemed to be equally convinced that it was impossible to "reform" the reactionary trade unions-that is, to win over the majority, throw out the bureaucrats and transform the unions into militant organs of the class struggle.

Lenin pointed out that the "Lefts" lacked the sense of proportion. Look, he said, you are confident of being able to defeat and overthrow the power of the bourgeoisie concentrated in its state apparatus, its army, its police force, etc.; but you consider it impossible to overthrow the reactionary trade union bureaucracy, which is only one of the agencies of this bourgeois power which you expect to defeat in its entirety. This, said Lenin, shows a glaring inconsistency on your part; an overestimation of the power of the bureaucratic rabble which has seized control of the trade unions and an underestimation of the power of the masses of workers who constitute the membership of

The same inconsistency, on a thousand-fold greater scale, is today manifested by not a few people who have been demoralized by Stalinism and horrified by its crimes. The same doubts and fears formerly advanced in support of the discredited theory of the "Left" Communists with respect to the trade union bureaucracy under capitalism based on the foolish belief in its invincibility — are here expressed again in connection with the broadest problems of socialism, with far more dangerous implications than when they were first revealed in the limited field of trade union tactics. They underestimate the mass power of the workers - the motive force of every revolution and surrender the field to a possible future bureaucracy before it has even made its appearance.

Genuine revolutionists who have confidence in the ability of the American working class to overthrow capiability of the workers to dispose of the conservative bu- The thing is, to make the revolution.

(Ed. Note: This is the ninth and last of a series of articles reaucracy, which serves as an agency of capitalism in the labor movement. The struggle of the rank and file workers against this bureaucracy is one of the surest expres-Will the American workers lose the revolution after sions of their instinctive striving to settle accounts with they have won it? Will they overthrow capitalism with all capitalism and solve the problems of poverty and inse-

As far back as 1931 Trotsky directly linked the coming radicalization of the American workers with a determined fragments of what was formerly by by the interests of the occuand irreconcilable fight against the trade union bureau- one nation, with each zone un- pying power. crats. He wrote: "With the first signs of a rise in the der the military dictatorship of (economic) conjuncture, the trade union movement will when the bureaucracy seemed to have an unshakable grip on the existing unions, which then had less than three million members, and an unlimited power to prevent the organization of the unorganized outside of their control.

There were many croakers who scoffed at Trotsky's of the workers' victory in any case. This line of thought and "optimism," But within the brief space of less than a decspeculation has led not a few people to conclude that the ade, the movement of the masses proved itself to be strong enough to break this bureaucratic grip and achieve the organization of the unorganized in the mass production industries under the independent auspices of the CIO. The "new unionism" took shape in struggle against "the despicable AFL bureaucracy." This example shows how ridiculous it is to make a fetish of the power of the labor bureaucracy - or any other bureaucracy. The bureaucracy can dominate the masses only when they are passive. But the masses in motion can smash any bureaucracy. This is the law demonstrated in every great revolution. It will "How do I know the leaders won't sell us out as the others be demonstrated once again, and finally we think, in the greatest revolution of all - the coming American revo-

This magnificent movement of the CIO, which has working class is only the beginning. So far we have seen only the first tentative steps of the American workers on the road of radicalism and class militancy. Considering this, it does not require much imagination to foresee what a genuine, deep-going revolutionary movement of the working masses will do to the bureaucratic barricades still standing in their path.

The American workers can and will make their revolution; and, as is quite obvious, they will smash the present trade union bureaucracy in the process. "But," say the defeatists, "what then? After the victory, after the expropriation of the capitalists and the consolidation of a workers' government and the organization of socialist production - will not then a new bureaucracy arise? What guarantee do we have that power will not be usurped by a new bureaucracy, as happened in Russia, which will oppress and enslave the workers and rule by totalitarian terror?"

Such a thought indeed opens up "a perspective of the profoundest pessimism," as Trotsky once remarked, and is all the more to be condemned because it has no real justification. It can only debilitate the movement of the ing and unleashing the revolurevolutionary workers by robbing them of their will to tion of the Arab masses which within the framework of the restruggle, which must presuppose the prospect of victory will achieve the national and actionary aims pursued by the and the emancipation of the workers. An aversion to the social emancipation of the Mid-Stalinist regime in the USSR is quite justified, for it is indeed a horrible monstrosity, but the fear of its duplication here, after a victorious revolution, has no basis in limit itself to a criticism of ex-

There are profound differences between America and gram of immediate action to the the mass of poverty-stricken documents and secret minutes American hands, or indirectly Russia, and these differences create different problems masses which shows them a con- peasants. They will make stren- of this organization would im- where German purchasers were afterward, when the problem of consolidating the victory comes to the fore.

Why Soviet Union Degenerated

Russia was the most backward of the big capitalist countries. The proletariat, although highly concentrated, was numerically weak in relation to the population as a whole. Its industrial development and technique lagged of British imperialism. Finding far behind. On top of all that, the victorious workers' revo- no solution, British imperialism lution inherited from Czarism and the destruction of puts the Palestinian question war and civil war, a devastated, ruined, poverty-stricken country and a frightful scarcity of the most elementary necessities. The disrupted productive apparatus taken over by the revolution was incapable of turning out a volume of goods sufficient to overcome the scarcity in a short period of time.

The Russian Revolution was not an end of itself and could not build "socialism" by itself, in one backward country. It was only a beginning, which required the supplementary support of a revolution in more advanced Europe and a union of the European productive apparatus and technology with the vast natural resources of Russia. basic proclamation: The delay of the European revolution isolated the Soviet Union, and on the basis of the universal scarcity a privileged bureaucracy arose which eventually usurped power in the state and destroyed the workers' organizations-Soviets, trade unions and even the revolutionary party which had organized and led the revolution. A horrible degeneration has taken place, but for all that the great revolution their own fate! For the imhas not yet been destroyed, and its ultimate fate has not yet been decided.

Socialism can be constructed only on the basis of a highly-productive economy capable of producing abundantly. Where there is scarcity, with the consequent scramble for the meagerest necessities, the fight for privileges takes place; the material basis for a privileged bureaucracy appears, as was the case in Russia. We cannot the fate of the country in ac- over the administration of insee any prospect of such a situation in richly productive cordance with the wishes of the America once the power of the capitalist class is broken and production is organized, under a workers' government, for use and not for profit. America is a much more advanced country than was the Russia of the Czars, and consequently the American bourgeoisie is much stronger than was its Russian counterpart. Because of that, the overthrow of the capitalist regime in the United States pression of the most elemenwill be much more difficult. But for the same reason the tary democratic rights. That is consolidation of the workers' victory, once it has been attained, will be all the easier.

Thanks to the extraordinary development of American industrial technique, its vast resources and skilled working class, the organization of production on such a scale as to ensure plenty and thereby economic equality for all, mosphere of insecurity and op- they continue to pursue the spe- prepare the fusion of the revocan be assured almost immediately after the consolidation pression. The Arab and Jewish cial aims of the Zionist "naof the victory. This is the main point to keep in mind; it is the greatest assurance that neither capitalist coun- ing themselves. Out with the ter-revolution nor bureaucratic degeneration can find a troops and the imperialist govfirm material base here. Once the American workers have made their revolution, the decisive factors of American resources and technology will provide the material basis for the broadest workers' democracy, leading to the fultalism do not and cannot have the slightest doubt of the fillment of the revolution in the classless socialist society.

The Four Germanies

By Ernest Germain

Having brought their war for the "freedom of the peoples" to its logical conclusion, the American, British and French imperialists and the Soviet bureaucracy began the "peace" by completely crushing the sovereignty of

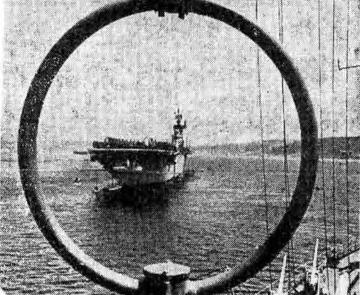
the German masses and violently dismembering the country. Although the same desolation reigns everywhere. there exists today not one Germany but four "zones of occupation," that is, four disintegrated of life are determined exclusive-

The Second In A Series Of Articles On Germany-1947

Because of the marked geo-

one of the Big Four. These four graphic differences between the Germanies have this in common, four zones and the enormous dif-

Truman Doctrine In Action



Entering the Turkish port of Istanbul is the U. S. aircraft carrier Leyte, part of the fleet engaged in maneuvers to terrorize all opponents of Wall Street's drive for world

ied picture. est in area and richest in agriculture. Before the war it prothat in each of them all aspects as a result of the lack of ferti- el. lizer and agricultural machin-

> tual famine here. On the other hand, insecurity is greatest in this zone. It is to raise the level of agriculture still a regular occurrence for men and women to disappear THE BRITISH ZONE suddenly or to be "collected" in the streets for deportation to Russia.

Dismantling of industry has been the most extensive in this part of Germany, but this special method of looting was a dismal failure since most of the machinery removed was damaged in transportation and the skilled manpower for the necessary repairs was lacking in Russia. The bureaucracy next made several attempts to transplant entire factories along with their personnel - among these, the in Jena—but this method got no esults either.

Then in February, 1947 came Marshall Sokolovski's statement putting a stop to the dismant-Two hundred factories which had been designated for dismantlement were to remain in

four occupying powers, the pres- state property - "Soviet Jointent situation in the four Ger- stock Companies" (Sowjetische manies offers an extremely var- Aktiengesellschaften). This gigantic trust includes all the The Russian zone is the larg- foundries, the entire industry for locomotive and engine construction, 70% of the optical industry. duced 57% of the potatoes, 44% etc. At present it is working at

of the wheat and 40% of the full production. In contrast, inlivestock of Germany. Despite dustry which is state-ized in the the large levies imposed by the hands of German states (Laenoccupation troops and the sharp | der) is working at considerably fall in agricultural production less than 50% of its prewar lev-It should be added that the

ery, the food situation in this largest part of current produczone is the best and, with the tion is going to Russia in the exception of Berlin, there has form of reparations. An importbeen the smallest amount of ac- ant exception is the Leuna factory, where the production of artificial fertilizers is being used in the Russian zone.

> The British zone is the most important industrially. Before the war it produced 87% of the coal and 65% of the iron in Germany. Its agricultural production, on the other hand, is very low, and in this zone the distributed rations are the lowest. All the efforts at "reconstruc-

tion" on the part of British imperialism and its lackeys, the working class leaders, have been concentrated here on increasing coal production-and this raising of production is nothing more than the special form of looting of Germany by British Zeiss optical instrument plants imperialism and its Western European satellites. But the catastrophic results of regularly exporting the largest part of the Ruhr coal production were not long in coming.

The zone's entire economic lifeindustry, transport, gas, electricity-collapsed almost completely as a result of the scarcity of coal, and the British capitalists themselves were compelled to finance the feeding of the miners, for otherwise all production of coal would have become impossible.

The subsidy of 80 million pounds sterling, which the British capitalists had to pay annually to maintain the present miserable level of existence in their zone, was more effective than all the humanitarian arguments in forcing them to change their

THE AMERICAN ZONE

The American zone, the least touched by war destruction and the least densely populated of the four zones, is the one where ly greatest progress. Nevertheless, in this zone also a number of factories were dismantled. The return to private owners of a

Despite the considerable wheat ficient from the point of view of coal is an unsurmountable handicap for a real increase in industrial production.

The English and American capitalists, by uniting their occupation zones economically. have attempted to reciprocally "neutralize" the most conspicuous economic weaknesses of

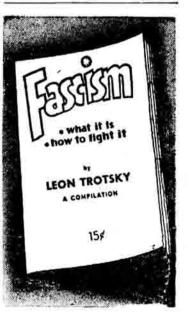
their zones. THE FRENCH ZONE

Finally, the French zone is the one where food rations are the lowest, where exploitation of the natural resources is carried out the most cynically in the interests of the occupying power, and where the military dictatorship -exercised by a gang of Vichy officers-is conducted the most

The French imperialists, seeing their "empire" crumbling everywhere, have thrown themselves avidly on the Saar, the annexation of which has become a life-or-death question for

These are the Four Germanies of 1947. But if there are four Germanies, there is only one common misery, and everywhere

(Next week: "Democratic Reeducation.")



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Revolutionary Solution To Palestine Question anti-Semitic propaganda of the

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The analysis of the social forces on the Palestinian Arab feudalists. chessboard has disclosed how vitally the imperialists are interested in maintaining control over this part of the effectively combat their own world. It has likewise shown why neither the terrorists, nor the Zionist leaders, nor the great landowning and bourgeois united with them in the Arab

Arabs, nor even the Zionist labor movement is capable of organiz- aced by foreign imperialism

But a Marxist analysis cannot isting relationships. It should ties" will do their utmost to

Successive conferences bring Arab High Committee for Pal- revolution. estine and the representatives before the Assembly of the United Nations. The envoys of Amer- facing the revolutionary action saries of the Kremlin assure the to the Palestinian masses themselves about their freely determining their own fate!

A revolutionary socialist proas its point of departure this in the country.

Down with the plans of "compromise," of "partition" and of "gradual independence" elaborated by the UN and the conferences of oppressors and exploiters! For the right of the people of Palestine to decide mediate election of a Constituent Assembly, for universal and secret voting by all the men and women over 18 years of age and living in the country before January 1, 1947. The Palestinian Constituent Assembly as the sovereign body must determine national lines, who will take population!

For the immediate withdrawal of the imperialist occupation

But "free" elections cannot be held in an atmosphere of police terror, espionage and supthe atmosphere of the British the British occupation by American or Russo-American or "international" occupation troops masses are capable of govern- tional" movement. the fratricidal war between the Jewish and Arab masses!

Committees! Palestinian masses is not men- mortal blow to the reactionary by George Lavan.)

Break with the Jewish Agency! Break with the Arab League! The Jewish workers, however, occupation. The replacement of to participate in the same or-

masses

cannot unite with the Arab proletariat so long as they continue ganization with the Jewish capitalists. And above all they canwould further intensify this at- the Palestinian revolution if tion of the Middle East and will Their breaking with the Jew-

ernment, the main instigators of its documents and secret minutes tory over world imperialism by mediately convince the Arab the Pacific. workers of the sincere reorien-For Workers and Peasants But the sovereignty of the and which would also deal a Palestine Question. Translated

The Arab workers and poor peasants cannot for their part

ruling classes if they remain High Committee for Palestine and in the Arab League. They cannot struggle effectively for the complete independence of Palestine if they remain within reconstruction has made relativethe Arab League which is the instrument of imperialism for perpetuating its domination of the Middle East.

Their breaking with the Arab large part of industry has refirst and foremost present a pro- prevent the politicalization of League and publishing of all its sulted in its passing directly into insecurity which permeates the For the right of the Palestin- and coercion. To make the mass Jewish masses and would show production in this zone, the scarian masses to decide their own of Arab peasants conscious of them that never again will the city of potatoes renders it detheir interests and to get them Arab toiling population engage to really participate in political in pogroms against the Jews. of food; and the complete lack together the heads of the Jew- life, they must be set in motion Such acts would show, on the ish Agency, the emissaries of the by the slogans of the agrarian contrary, that the Arab toilers in city and country are ready As for the Zionist leaders and to really, unite with the Jewish the Jewish capitalists, rather workers on the road to their

emancipation. The publication of the secret of land, and rather than risk documents of the Jewish Agency and the Arab League would deal ican imperialism and the emis- of the toiling masses, which a death blow to both these orwould forever dry up the source ganizations. It would show the Zionist leaders and the Arab of their profits - they will en- Arab and Jewish masses how chiefs of their disinterested ter into alliances with the Arab these two organizations are be-'sympathy." But no one speaks landowners. Continuing their smirched with horsetrades and deals with the great powers, how ganda they will attempt to pur- ready they are to sell the Palsue their work of dividing the estinian population to the high-Arab and Jewish toiling masses est bidder. It would teach the gram for Palestine should take and to perpetuate the tension masses to place trust only in their own forces and to pass resolutely from nationalism to brutally. internationalist unity of all the workers against their exploiters. Of course it is difficult at the

moment for the mass of Jewish workers to abandon the defense of their privileges. But their final experience with terrorism and its | them. futility, along with other equally futile methods of struggle, is preparing them for the revolutionary road.

Only one revolutionary party one common oppression. of the Middle East, the section of the Fourth International is capable of advancing this program of immediate action and dustry and will guarantee free of achieving on this basis the unity of the Arab and Jewish are the two slogans which make workers. This party is at prespossible the revolutionary mobil- ent in its formative stage, with nuclei in Egypt and Palestine. It will more and more attract the advanced elements of the Jewish and Arab workers who become aware of the blind alley into which nationalism has led

them. This revolutionary party will know how to organize the antiimperialist struggle within the not pursue the common aims of framework of the Arab revolulutionary forces of the Middle East with those of the whole insurgent colonial world. This ish Agency and publishing of all fusion will assure the final vic--these are acts which would im- the masses of Africa, Asia and

(This is the fourth and last tation of the Jewish workers; in a series of articles on The

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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

Leon Trotsky

Accept No Substitutes!

As the demand for a Labor Party becomes increasingly popular, the enemies of the movement for independent labor political action devise new techniques for heading it off.

Those who fear to oppose the Labor Party movement outright are trying to divert it into ineffective channels by proposing a "Third Party" in its place. Such a new edition of a capitalist party, mislabelled a "People's Party," is to be headed by "progressive" capitalist politicians like Henry Wallace, Ickes, Pepper and

The principal advocates of this "Third Party" in the unions are the Stalinists, skilled in the art of sidetracking and wrecking promising mass movements. At both the CIO Packinghouse Workers and CIO Marine Cooks and Stewards Conventions this month, Stalinist spokesmen sought to switch the sentiment for genuine independent labor political action into the "Third Party" dead-end.

The Stalinists oppose the formation of a real Labor Party so bitterly because they themselves want to maintain their connections with Democratic and Republican politicians and make new deals with them at the expense of the workers. The Stalinists trot behind Wallace, Pepper and their like - and they in turn remain loyal to the Democratic Party. Even if some of these "progressives" should quit the old machines, they have no fundamental differences with the other capitalist politicians and offer no program that can solve the problems of the workers.

The proponents of such a "People's Party" argue that a clear-cut stand for a Labor Party would repel other sections of the population. This is totally false. The politically organized workers must seek support from the poor farmers, shopkeepers, Negroes and all who suffer from monopolist rule. But how can labor win their support? That is the heart of the ques-

Labor will never command confidence from others, if it does not display confidence in itself, its own power, program and party. The unions have already shown that they are the only organized force capable of combating the industrialists and their government stooges on the economic arena. Once the organized workers undertake to lead the political struggle against the monopolists, they will win increasing sympathy and support from all other oppressed sections of the American people.

The Stalinists have no confidence in the capacity of 15 million unionists to create their own party and provide a leadership and program for the entire people. That is why they paint up Wallace, Pepper and other demagogues who serve the monopolists as representatives of "the common man."

"The Third Party" peddled by the Stalinists is NOT the Labor Party the workers need and want. It would only be another capitalist party with its face lifted and its name changed.

Militants should beware of this fraud. Accept no fake substitutes for an independent Labor Party based on the trade unions.

Stop The Lynchers

Officials of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People correctly cite the acquittal of 28 lynchers in South Carolina last week as additional proof "that state action cannot be expected to punish the crime of lynching. Notice has been served on Negroes in South Carolina and throughout the South that they are now at the mercy of mobs, and that the law is powerless to defend them or to punish their murderers."

The main stress of the NAACP statement was on the need for an effective federal antilynch bill, such as The Militant has advocated for many years. But this paper vigorously disagrees with the following part of the NAACP statement:

"Unless we can secure federal legislation, it is entirely possible that some Negroes, abandoned to mobs by the law, may be forced, in their desperation, to devise some means of protecting themselves. This would be a lawless and futile gesture, but logical and understandable in the circumstances."

Why would it be "lawless" for Negroes to protect themselves against lynch terror? Why would it be "futile" for them to defend them-

selves against murderers? Do the NAAOP leaders really advise the Negro people to sit back passively and make no efforts to protect their lives and rights? If that is the kind of advice they have to offer, it is more than worthless it is positively harmful.

A federal anti-lynch bill will discourage lynching, but it will not by itself prevent lynching. A federal bill will make it easier to punish lynchers, but it will not restore life to the victims of the lynchers. A federal bill is necessary, but there is no contradiction at all between such a bill and defensive action by the Negro people against lynch mobs, both before and after a federal bill is adopted.

The fight against lynching takes many forms. It requires legislation in Congress; political action to secure adoption of legislation and election of officials who will enforce it; mass action to end the capitalist system which spawns Jim-Crow terror. No less important is the organization of effective action by the people themselves to stop lynch mobs before they can kill their victims.

Arms For Dictators

President Truman is again asking Congress for authorization to transfer vast amounts of arms and other military supplies to Canada and Latin American countries.

The Secretaries of State, War and Navy not only strongly favor his recommendations but have actually been conducting their activities in Latin America in accordance with them since the end of World War II. Congress will in reality only be legalizing military missions and the handing over of certain arms now barred by law.

The money to finance this expensive military scheme will, of course, be taken out of the U.S. Public Treasury as in the case of arms for the Greek monarchy and Turkish

The proposed measure casts a most revealing light on the purposes of U.S. foreign policy. By selecting the recipients of American arms, Wall Street can bolster up the most reactionary forces in the Western Hemisphere.

Along with the arms goes military missions -officers to oversee the indoctrination of troops and give advice on their use. The press cynically points to the example of the German militarists who helped spread Nazi doctrines by such means.

Since the arms are manufactured in American plants, the ammunition designed for use in them must come from the same source. By granting or withholding these supplies, the brass hats in Washington exercise effective control. This reactionary military program is called "standardization" of arms.

Truman's recommendations consequently serve to draw the Latin American regimes more tightly into Wall Street's net. This scheme adds military links to the economic and financial bonds already in Wall Street's

Wall Street is organizing the entire Western Hemisphere into a vast military camp-the largest peacetime military camp in history. When the time comes, Wall Street plans to turn loose this military machine on the Soviet Union. It plans to crush the USSR, smash all resistance in the colonial areas and rule the entire earth with the atomic bomb as scepter.

Trumans' plan for turning over huge military supplies to the Latin American dictators thus stands as another milepost on the road to World War III.

In Economy's Name

In the name of economy the House Appropriations Committee last week lopped almost 400 million dollars from the 1948 budget of the Department of Agriculture. These cuts virtually liquidate the food and land measures introduced by the New Deal.

Federal funds for crop insurance, soil conservation and farmer loans have been slashed to the bone. Such measures as federal loans to tenant farmers were completely eliminated. Inflated farm values, coolly explained the Committee, were "certain to collapse" in the near future. This means, as the Committee itself acknowledges, that many tenant farmers "will surely come to grief." For precisely this reason the Congressmen who serve Wall Street not only refuse to increase assistance to these farmers, but, on the contrary, expedite their ruin by depriving them in advance of any government aid.

Millions of school children were accorded similar treatment. A cut of more than 50% was made in appropriations for the school lunch program, which provides cheap lunches for children, with one child out of nine receiving them free. Withdrawal of federal subsidies will in most cases mean suspension of the school lunch program.

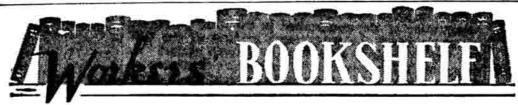
These same "economy-minded" Congressmen behave in an entirely different manner when it comes to serving the interests of their masters. Without hesitation they continue to pour billions of dollars into Wall Street's "peacetime" war machine. Poor farmers and undernourished children get short shrift, while bloody dictatorships in Greece and Turkey are granted hundreds of millions in pursuance of the Truman Doctrine.

Nor are Wall Street's own pockets ever forgotten. Thus in 1946 tax-rebates to corporations amounted to more than 3 billion dollars. These same corporations, who have been raking in unheard-of profits, will receive additional rebates of more than 2 billions in 1947 and approximately the same huge sum in 1948.

This striking contrast in Congressional behavior is another demonstration of the true class character of the present government. It is government of the rich, by the rich and for the rich. From it the poor can expect nothing



"But Senator, if we did away with the unions, the Reds COULDN'T capture them, could they?"



pp., 1947, \$3.50.

munist International from its foundation by Lenin and Trotsky in March 1919 to its dissoclaim to have been intimately Comintern during the first 15 years of its existence.

miliarity with the operations of well as with the principal administrators of its policies both in the period of its rise and in the years of its decline. They relate information, not always trustworthy, about the personal traits and activities of such figures as Zinoviev, Nicolai Bukharin, Karl Radek and others who formed part of Lenin's general staff for the world revolu-

As the Stalinist bureaucracy gained ascendancy in the Soviet Union, Lenin's International became converted into its opposite. From the organizer of the struggles of the world working class for socialism, it became the disorganizer of the revolutionary movement. When the Communist International no longer served the interests of the workers but became an unprincipled agency of the Soviet bureaucrats, it acquired a totally different type of leadership.

All those pioneers who remained loyal to the original Communist program and purposes were expelled, crushed, framed-up, or murdered. Those apparatus had to remake themselves into servile and unscrupulous functionaries dependent they injured the revolutionary

this process of transformation in that it will mean death and sufthe careers of such notable Ger- fering to them. man Stalinists as Ernst Thael-Marty and others. They show Sforza. He found himself in a

cause.

Ziff-Davis Publishing Co., 459 letarian fighters was destroyed forgot, except for taxing pur-This book purports to be an downfall of the Communist Ininformal history of the Com- ternational under Stalin's mis- | Christians (i.e., human beings)

Despite their former conneclution in May 1943 on order of the authors do not use the mate- middle - class gentry, doctors, Stalin. The anonymous authors rialist method to explain the real lawyers, officials - degenerate reasons for the process of poconnected with the inner work- litical degeneration they describe ings and leadership of the Instead of viewing the life his- their incomes not by service, but tories of the Comintern leaders by a theory of feudal rights. as part of the conflict of basic | They devoted their energies to They reveal considerable fa- class forces, ideas and programs | feuds among themselves and to on the international arena, they the Communist International as retail superficial and disconnected anecdotes about them.

> The authors put forward the the Kremlin's foreign policy esfered by the Stalinist leaders themselves.

> In reality, there is nothing 'socialist" in the policies of the Stalinist parties. The record proves that they do not strive for socialism.

CHRIST STOPPED Straus, 1947, 268 pp., \$3.

This is the story of the authworld of the village and of interest to the peasants only be-The authors seek to portray cause of their dismal certainty

Levi is a doctor, painter and mann and Willi Mucnzenberg, a leader of the liberal underthe Czech Smeral, the French ground, which is now organized listic, sympathetic, moving pic-Stalinists Jacques Doriot, Andre in the Action Party of Count ture of the oppressed.

REVOLUTION by Ypsilon, how an entire generation of pro- | country that time and the world and corrupted by the decay and poses. The peasants had a saying that they were not even because Christ never got to Gagliano. He stopped at Eboli, on tion with the Marxist movement, the plains of Campania. The and incompetent-lived as parasites on the peasants, justifying jealously guarding their petty privileges.

> The peasants lived out their lives, devoured by disease and thesis that today the "Stalin- poverty. Their only memory of tern," as successor to the Third | glory was the futile, reactionary International, is a political in- rebellion of the brigands back in strument of Stalin's totalitarian | the 1860's. Their religion was Eurasian empire which aims at more pagan than Catholic, and 'socialist encirclement" of a the priest complained bitterly hostile world capitalism. Not that they neglected him and their withstanding their opposition to duty to the Church (which was Stalinism, this interpretation of primarily to see that he was well fed and suitably honored). Posentially coincides with that of- litically, the peasants were helpless, because they had no knowledge themselves, and no way of learning of any solution to their Levi's politics are exposed in

> his last chapters. He lumps fasto overthrow capitalism but to cists, Marxists and liberals tocompromise with its upholders gether as "worshippers of the at the expense of the welfare state," and asserts that there can of the workers and their fight be no solution, since "there will always be an abyss between the -John Marshall state and the peasants." It is a conflict of two civilizations, he AT says, country and city, one pre-EBOLI by Carlo Levi, Farrer Christian, the other no longer Christian.

It is a dilemma of poverty, with or's year of exile, because of his no means to be found to relieve who remained in the Comintern anti-fascist activity, in the re- the poverty, which is partly mote village of Gagliano in back- caused by previous interference ward Southern Italy. It is the by the state. The chief enemy is year of Mussolini's war for em- not the landowners (peasants upon Stalin's dictatorship and pire in Ethiopia, another of the who own their own land are no carrying out Moscow's mandates endless series of wars which have better off than the tenants) but without question, no matter how always been going on outside the the parasitic gentry and the peasants' own hopelessness! It is not surprising, therefore, that the author is unable to present any effective program for ending the power of the landowners. Despite its false politics, this book is worth reading as a real-

-John Hudson

Congressmen At Work

Wall Street And Wool

men fight for the special interests of the capitalist class was well illustrated last week in the debate on wool.

How Wall Street's Congress-

Wall Street wants a flexible tariff policy to lower trade barriers for countries taking huge amounts of American exports. About 95% of Australia's shipments to the U.S. consist of wool, 40% of New Zealand's and 37% of South Africa's, With dollars obtained from these shipments, such countries can buy manufactured articles in America. A tariff acts like a wall cutting off international trade.

ering tariffs. Their objective is an orderly way." to increase their profits by lowering the price of wool. Astronomical profits during the war only whetted their appetite. American Woolen of New York, a typical company, cleared some 3 million dollars in 1940, 8 millions in 1945 and 20 millions in 1946. The aNtional City Bank of New York reports an average of 25.2% return on net worth for 1946.

ment bought the entire clip for dies and for a high tariff. 4 successive years, and now has entire country's needs for a year record for a tariff increase.



million pounds. And the British pool amounts to some 2 billion

precipitately if it were not artificially maintained by government support of domestic prices and by tariff walls (34c a pound tariff on wool now selling slightly above 40c).

growers, who produce about 20%

economic policy. The ruling clique acted swiftly. Will Clayton, attending an economic conference at Geneva of representatives of various governments, immediately returned to Washington. He is one of the Wall Street spokesmen in charge of working out policy for the Truman Administration. In a letter to Representative

Cooley of North Carolina, Clayton outlined the policy he proposed: (1) That the Secretary of Agriculture be empowered to impose a "fee" on imports if he deems it necessary. (2) That the pounds. Experts figure that it U.S. Government be permitted would take an entire decade to to dump its wool stocks at any The woolen goods manufactur- dispose of the present world price it sees fit, no matter what ers are likewise interested in low- stockpile of 4 billion pounds "in the cost to the public or the gain to the manufacturers. (3) With these mountains of wool That the wool growers be taken available, the price would plunge care of by some form of subsidy - "The cost of supporting returns to wool growers must be borne by the public of the United States regardless of the form that support takes.'

Thus Wall Street plans to take Consequently the western wool care of everybody it is interested in - the capitalists in Wall of the wool used in American Street's sphere of influence There is no shortage of wool. textile mills, are fighting tooth abroad, the textile manufactur-During the war the U.S. govern- and nail in Congress for subsi- ers at home and the wool growers out on the western ranges. Last week their representatives | The only ones forgotten are the in stock about 480 million pounds in the House succeeded in getting workers and poor farmers who - almost enough to satisfy the a majority of 151 to 65 to go on must foot the bill. But then what can they expect without repreat the prewar level. The clip this But such legislation would sentatives of their own to fight year will be probably around 300 hamper Wall Street's foreign for their interests in Congress?

Wall Street Tycoons Run U. S. Government

Who runs the American government? According to the civics text books used in the schools, it's the American people. The May 23 United States News, however, presents facts that lead to a different conclusion. This conservative businessman's magazine declares that "a new team of top-ranking officials is taking charge of affairs in Washington.'

These men were never elected by the people. They were all appointed to office. Yet they both "shape and execute" government policy. "All have Wall Street connections."

"Top policy is being influenced by Commerce Secretary W. Averell Harriman and Navy Secretary James V. Forrestal." Harriman is one of the wealthlest men in the United States, a tycoon in banking,

railroads, mining and aviation. Forrestal was head of the investment-banking firm of Dillon, Read & Co. before his appointment by Roosevelt as an "adviser" on national defense. As a banker he was involved in such financial manipulations as the purchase of Dodge Brothers automobile

company for \$150,000.000. The new Under Secretary of State, Robert A. Lovett is another Wall Street figure. He is a close friend and former associate of Harriman, having been a partner of Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. and a director of many railroads, banks and insur-

ance companies. W. L. Clayton, another member of this "team," founded Anderson, Clayton & Co., the largest cotton firm in the world. Lovett and Clayton, says the U.S. News, "are to be responsible for shaping and admin-

istering foreign policy" for the United States. At the head of the World Bank is John J. McClov. He was a former partner in the Wall Street law firm of Cravath, deGersdoff, Swaine & Wood, Like Lovett, McCloy is a director of the Union Pacific Railroad Co. which is controlled by the Harriman family.

McCloy has two assistants to help him disperse dollars in carrying out Wall Street's foreign policy. These are Eugene R. Black, a former vice-president of the Chase National Bank and Robert L. Garner, former vice-president of General Foods Corp. and a former Guaranty Trust official.

In addition to these top figures, Wall Street has other key men holding posts in The World Bank. Among them are E. Fleetwood Dunstan, a former vice-president of the Bankers Trust Co. and Chester A. McClain, one of McCloy's former law partners.

In the International Monetary Fund, Wall Street has such men as Andrew N. Overby, formerly of the Irving Trust Co. and the New York Federal Reserve

Other key figures in this new team directing the government are Marriner Eccles, a western banker who is now Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board. and William McChestney Martin, Jr., former president of the New York Stock Exchange.

Not since the days of Harding, Coolidge and Hoover has Wall Street dared exercise such flagrantly open control over government affairs. As "advisers" to Truman and the Republican-Democratic coalition in Congress, they are the ones back of the "doctrine" of supporting reaction throughout the world and the current drive to wipe out labor's hardwon gains with the most savage anti-union legislation in decades. As the U.S. News observes approvingly, "there is not the faintest tincture of left-wing reform in any member . . . '

Capitalists Bewildered **About The Depression**

- By John G. Wright -

Capitalist thinkers are greatly perplexed about the economic situation. From the most informed cricles comes the cry; "Where is the recession?"

Polls of economic experts continue to give conflicting opinions. The majority still say the "recession" is only on its way. A doughty handful believes there will be none. One nameless expert in a recent poll astounded his colleagues by refusing to speculate about a future bust because "we are busted already."

Congress is now conducting a special poll of 800 largest business enterprises, whose replies will supposedly resolve this ticklish problem. It is safe to predict that after this poll is taken, all these gentlemen will be little wiser than before.

They remain so genuinely puzzled because they tend to approach all questions, in the first instance. from the standpoint of dollars and cents. They do not fully realize the important role they themselves and their policies play in expediting (or retarding) the course of the economic cycle which they are utterly impotent to prevent.

Had prices hit the skids, there would be no doubt whatever among them now about the present state of affairs. But prices by and large continue to stay up. Truman's price reduction program fizzled miserably. Hence the bewilderment.

They do not understand the operation of their own system and how it is possible under this system to temporarily maintain high prices-as they are doing-in the face of stagnating or declining physical volume of sales, in the face of stagnant or declining production and growing unemployment. Yet these are all unmistakable signs of unfolding

But the main reason for their confusion lies in their mechanical thinking about economic cycles in general, and their downward phases in particular. They do not understand, among other things, that this is a process which must pass through several distinct stages.

The downward phase of the economic cycle does not begin with declining production or declining prices. This is actually the second stage of the process whose beginning we now witness. It is preceded by a period of peak production and peak prices in the course of which most of the factors which underlie the boom are liquidated. This stage set in toward the end of last September, paving the way for the plunge downward. The third and final stage is the crisis itself, which is in reality the lowest point of the depression. This is what the capitalists mean when they talk about "recession."

There is no reason whatever why the crisis itself should come swiftly. To be sure, the capitalists are wishfully hoping that the unfolding economic convulsions will fall into the patterns of 1920-21 when there was a sharp price break accompanied by an equally abrupt break in production within the space of a few months, after which there came recovery. They prefer to forget what happened in 1929 when it took almost four years before the depression touched bottom.

Meanwhile they have thus far acted to speed up and aggravate the situation. They permitted the boom to be liquidated in less than seven months, when it could have lasted much longer provided some checks on the profiteers had been enforced. They are now permitting the economy to skid into the second stage with the same reckless abandon.

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

Candy Store Reflects Capitalist Anarchy

Editor: For the past few months I've been forced to work in a small to see a few more of the countless examples of the mismanagement of society under capitalist rule.

The small store of almost any type, inefficient to the core, is a clear reflection of capitalist anarchy. In my neighborhood, within the space of one short block, there are three candy stores. None of the storekeepers can afford to keep a really sanitary store with the most upto-date equipment and the latest labor saving devices.

None of the storekeepers can carry a sufficiently varied stock to satisfy the needs of the community. In addition to the three candy stores in my block, there are four groceries, each of which carries many of the items which the candy stores carry.

In addition to the tremendous waste of space and equipment involved in such a set-up there is a great waste of labor First, there is the waste of the storekeeper's labor, since each one keeps his store open 18 hours a day, 6 days a week. Secondly. there is the waste involved in the Executive Committee for the the delivery of merchandise to New York area of the UPW to ina number of stores instead of vestigate the possibility of such one. Not only that, but in most cases a different truck must CIO and AFL unions. make deliveries to each store since they carry brands which differ in name but are almost identical in quality.

Advocates Joining Socialist Workers

Editor: Do you want to help insure Proposes Additions your future against war, famine, strife, injustice, insecurity and the political corruptness that Editor: continually keeps the working-

man's nose on the proverbial grindstone? cating the conditions that en- an Independent Labor Party." force the mass exploitation of the working man in this country it would be improved, I believe. the courage to print the truth

Do you want a country that is ionism in politics!" not only maintained by the

need only examine with care ity!" what these 13 seemingly insignificant words mean to realize that you and you alone can free yourself from the bonds that prevent you from enjoying your right to peace, security and con-

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Before criticizing socialism or its program, you owe it to yourcandy store. Here, I've been able self to examine the constitution write once again, to congratu-When you get to know how the week's issue of The Militant. party functions internally and how it is run by working men, book of an Agitator" which conyou will realize the sincerity with which this party carries on an Chaplin's new picture "Monsieur unyleiding struggle against the capitalist regime.

There is a Socialist Workers Party branch located in every important industrial city. Visit the branch nearest you today and learn what socialism is, what it stands for, and how we can build a better world through it.

Adopt Resolution For 24-Hour Strike

On May 22 at a membership ter of Local 111, United Public Workers, CIO, a resolution was adopted calling for a 24-hour work stoppage to protest the anli-labor legislation now in Congress. The resolution requested a step in conjunction with other

action. This is labor's 11th hour." men, women and children!

To Program Box

Allow me to suggest a subsidiary slogan under item 4 in the that they, too, have always been program box on page 2 of The impressed by the terrible injus-Are you interested in eradi- Militant, that now reads: "Build tice of so-called "law enforce-

by adding: "End company-un- on this subject, and they all wish

Paragraph 6, on housing, would people, but operated to the full- be improved by adding: "Put the press her own appreciation. All REVOLT SPREADING est extent of the word by and money for war preparations into her life, she has been deeply

Minneapolis, Minn. with her.

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interest at heart a government | Everyone Should See "Monsieur Verdoux"

At the risk of being told to cease writing letters, I must

I am referring to the "Notetains the splendid review of Verdoux.'

Always my family and myself have been stirred and troubled by this monstrous contradiction which has existed since the dawn of civilization-the frightful injustice inflicted by the so-called law courts upon individuals guilty of so-called crimes on a small scale, while the ruling class Flint, Mich. perpetrates the same crimes on a scale magnified a million times.

Think of a man or woman serving a prison term for robbery or kidnapping in the days of slavery, while millions of stolen, kidnapped human beings meeting of the Libraries Chap- were forced to toil in servitude all their lives by the criminal. bandit slave-owners!

Or think of a man or woman serving a sentence for theft under capitalism, while the bandit capitalist is allowed to rob every worker of a part of his justlyearned wages!

And, above all, think of any one-anyone-being executed for murder, no matter how horrible The resolution passed with the individual case, while the practically no opposition. The decadent, bestial, monster-capsentiment expressed by the mem- italist of today roams over this bership was unusually militant, unfortunate world like a relic "Postcards and petitions have of the age of reptiles, a destroyer Brooklyn, N. Y. failed." said one member. "This of mankind, the murderer of is the time for more aggressive millions of helpless, innocent

> M. R. But no other newspaper, to New York my knowledge, points out this contradiction. That is why I was so glad to read The Militant this week.

Many friends of mine wish to join me in this letter of appreciation. They wish to state also ment." But they never expect-This is excellent, of course, but | ed any newspaper would have to thank The Militant very much

> My mother, too, wishes to ex-A. W. H. how glad she is that you agree

In closing, let us all demand to be allowed to see Chaplin's picture. "Monsieur Verdoux" in our neighborhood movie houses. Every one should see it; every one has a right to see it!

Belle Montague Boston, Mass.

ORKERS' PORUM Resistance Mounts Against U. S. Imperialism

By Arthur Burch

After their upsurge at the end of the war, the workers aggravated it in the extreme. of Europe and Asia were forced temporarily to retreat before the might of Anglo-American imperialism and the masses and to crush the remtreachery of Stalinism. But the workers have utilized the nants of the Russian Revolution intervening period to regroup?

They want France and England

their forces. Evidence is ac- the road lies their only hope for cumulating that today they are peace. once more beginning to move of the Socialist Workers Party, late you especially upon this into action against the Amer- ican capitalists insist on harsh ican colossus and its capitalist terms from their beneficiaries. agents throughout the world.

The greater part of Asia is al- not only to orient for war against ready in revolt while the deep- the Soviet Union but to turn over ening economic and political exploitation of their colonies to crisis in Europe and Africa is the American monopolists. So the precursor of new revolutionary situations in the coming jected loans that even the hardstrike in Shanghai indicate that Chiang Kai-shek, the tool of man Doctrine and a halt, for the Chinese masses are savagely bat- the foreign Quislings. But the revolution. tling for their freedom against need for bolstering their econtheir French overlords who are omies is so urgent that the forbeing aided by American arms eign capitalists are being forced and money. Korea insists on in- to submit to the conditions departitioned between the United ism. States and the Soviet Union.

The French workers are striving to break out of the straitjacket of the Stalinist trade union leadership. The strike of 30,000 Renault auto workers encouraged workers throughout In addition to achieving certain economic gains, the Renault far from solving the European party. workers compelled the Communist Party leaders to withdraw their opposition to their strike action in order to maintain their hold upon the metal workers union. This led to the ousting of the Stalinists from the government and precipitated a profound political crisis.

In England dockers, transport workers and miners are among those who have defied their bureaucratic leaders by striking The Labor Government is beset less by the Tories than by the leftward-moving workers. Demonstrations and riots have brought about the collapse of the De Gasperi government in Italy. The German workers have staged powerful hunger demonstrations throughout the entire British zone. To head off similar outbreaks in its zone, U. S. imperialism threatens reprisals reminiscent of Hitler's bloody

Even in fascist Spain workers for the benefit of each and ev- housing," or words to that ef- moved by this same thing. Al- have staged strikes that have ways she has expressed great in- shaken Franco's rule to its The answer is well stated in Paragraph 11 calls for a Work- dignation at every imprison- depths. Revolt is spreading Karl Marx's slogan, "Workers of ers and Farmers Government, ment or execution of a human throughout French Africa. Mad- when you reached the Camp," wrote: "It was inspiring to see grand prize. ne world, unite. You have noth- To this could be added: "For being by the hypocritical rulers agascar has already risen while wrote Militant columnist these workers, young and old, ing to lose but your chains." You the genuine rule of the major- of this or any other country, and Tunisia, Morocco and Algeria Theodore Kovalesky, after a Negro and white, men and wo- CHAMP AND GO TO CAMP!

> postwar boom-the grim specter by soft trees and low hills; you icies and organizational ques-The Truman doctrine is their starving, demonstrative masses tion a memorable event." of Europe and Asia. In essence, the peoples abroad, prospective 29, is located on Little Pleas- and Fourth International.

every section of the globe out- is well prepared and plentiful. er information desired, will be the contradictions facing American imperialism are greater than ever. While the United States succeeded in crushing its hostile imperialist rivals and subordinating its capitalist allies, it likewise succeeded in eliminating important markets for the American productive machine. U. S. exports last year were nine billion dollars in excess of its imports. To avoid an impending economic collapse. this country must continue exfloor open from 12 noon to ports on this large scale and even extend them. But the rest of the capitalist world is ruined SEATTLE-19191/2 Second Ave and heading toward bankruptcy. Open 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Foreign countries can continue Mon. through Fri., 12 to 5 p.m. to buy only with "peacetime lendlease" from the U.S.

That is the meaning of the economic phase of the Truman Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Basic Doctrine. American industrialists are willing to grant billions ST. LOUIS - 1023 N. Grand to their capitalist allies, which Blvd., Room 312. Forums must be paid of course by taxes on the American workers. The latter are expected to acquiesce on the false assurance that along

BROOKLYN Preview of Life At

Mid-West Camp Special edition of Mid-West Follies

WILLIAM F. WARDE Educational Director of Mid-West Camp Sat., May 31, 8:30 p.m. 635 Fulton

While trying to save world capitalism from overthrow by the the prime factor in precipitating new revolutionary situations At the same time the Amerthroughout the world.

All the objective conditions for social revolution either exist or are fast developing. Capitalism has for some time exhausted its possibilities for further prolonger solve its problems and is ed to ring up even better scores onerous were the terms for profast losing confidence in itself. in the next two Sundays to Such is the misery and desperaperiod. The recent demonstra- pressed French government tion of the peoples of Europe tions and threatened general thought twice before accepting. and Asia that they desire at all cessful conclusion. Now Secretary of State Mar- costs a radical change. The the Chinese workers are moving shall has announced that there demonstrations sweeping the forward in the fight against would be a brake on the Tru- world outside of the American continent are proof of this over-American imperialism. The Indo- time being, in further loans to whelming sentiment for social Only one condition for a suc-

cessful revolution is absent - a strong revolutionary party that can lead the masses to victory. dependence and refuses to be manded by American imperial- But it is in precisely such turbulent times that revolutionary The European masses are bit- parties grow. The role of the terly hostile to the Truman doc- French Trotskyists in the Rentrine. They know that it means ault strike shows the advance war in the near future. They made by the workers in the short gain little from the economic aid period since the end of the war. granted to the Quislings for it The deepening of the world crisis is just enough to prop up decay- in the coming period will offer every comrade is determined to branch as a member of the So-France to follow their example, ing capitalism and keep them in even greater opportunities for get that week-end at the Sum- cialist Workers Party." a state of slow starvation. Thus, the growth of the revolutionary mer Camp?"

Fun At Little Pleasant Lake



How One Vacationer Viewed Benefits Of Mid-West Camp

she says to be sure to tell you are on the verge of erupting. stay at the Mid-West Vacation men, joining in the discussions of the so-called "American Cen- ious summer season. "You saw of Marxist economics, history tury"-and at the peak of the the beautiful little lake framed and politics, or trade union polof rising revolt haunts the ar- saw the sleeping quarters and tions, straining to learn the maxrogant American industrialists. the dining and recreation hall imum that they could absorb." answer to the demands of the it, that it alone made the vaca- al Educational Director, is in

. . . There was fun, so much of William F. Warde, SWP Nationcharge of the educational pro-The Mid-West Camp, opening gram. Instructors include wellthis means an offensive against for its fourth season on June known writers for The Militant

war against the Soviet Union ant Lake, 60 miles from Detroit, Those who wish to be assured and economic aid to the capital- and easily reached by train or of a fine vacation should write ist forces who are being enrolled bus. The camp is operated on now to Oscar Coover, Manager. as assistants in this bestlal cru- a cooperative basis to give work- 116 University Place. to make ers and their families a good reservations, or clip the coupon The postwar world finds the vacation at reasonable rates. on this page. Full directions for American colossus dominating There are varied sports. The food reaching the camp and any oth-

side the Soviet Union and its | One of the best features of the mailed upon receipt of the comsmall periphery of satellites. But Camp is the educational pro- munication. Columbiana Strikers' Morale High Despite Vicious Attack By Court

By Art O'Brien

YOUNGSTOWN - At a hearing in the Columbiana County Common Pleas Court, a group of F. C. Russell Co. strikers were tried for contempt of court last week. Two

strikers were found guilty and@ fined \$200 and costs, plus one | fighting for a renewal of a union week in jail was also suspended. shop clause in their contract. pended \$150 of each fine, leaving a fine of \$50 to be paid. The week in jail was also suspended. Attorneys for the defense filed a eral locals have made donations. motion for an appeal, whereupon The CIO Council donated \$100 the defendants were released under \$200 bond each.

As The Militant reported last week, 150 workers are on strike at the F. C. Russell Co., a small steel fabricating plant in Columbiana, Ohio. The workers are

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The Youngstown union move-

ment is coming to their aid. Sevand referred the case to its leg-Islative committee for publicity.

The spirit of the workers in the face of this vicious attack is splendid.

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THE MILITANT

nants of the Russian Revolution in the USSR, the United States is Detroit Sub Campaign Starts With Good Score

rades went out last Sunday and brought these in. They angress. The ruling class can no nounce that they are determinbring their campaign for 200 subs to The Militant to a suc-

The branch has been organized into several teams. The winning team gets treated to a free lunch at the headquarters after each Sunday mobilization. After lunch a movie in the headquarters rounds out the day.

The competition in Chicago's 8-week campaign for 300 subs is getting hot. According to their special bulletin, the Militant Sub Campaigner, "The leading four contestants remain the same as last week, but the Comrade Frank B., Sr. has moved into first place with a comfortable lead." Comrade Frank has 19 points to his credit. Comrade Howard is his closest contestant with 13 points, followed ed in 8 subs secured by the comby Hoot with 9 and Rosalie with rades during the week. 8. The brisk competition in Chicago's campaign is not surprising when you know that the top Literature Agent for the New Pace-Setter will be awarded a Haven branch. Welcome into the whole week at Mid-West Vacation Camp and School. In two weeks the Chicago

comrades have piled up a total of 103 subs to The Militant. And, according to the Campaigner. the South Side team is still leadclosing up the gap. Calumet branch has decided

to get into the running too. This branch has challenged the four "You noticed many things gram. About this Kovalesky individual aspirants for the We wonder who will BE THE

Today's mail brought in 25 subs from Buffalo, Charles Carlson explains that 24 of these along some of the remarks made by these shop workers: "The main phrase they use is that finally they are reading a newsthe Bosses and Big Business in short, it is a truth-revealing tion of any amount-no matter newspaper that doesn't pull any punches and prints the truth about the workers, their participation in various union activities. They appreciate the articles in The Militant pertaining to the anti-labor drive that is being conducted in Congress. This anti-labor drive is manifesting itself in the workers' minds that Big Business and its associates are out to crush the entire labor movement and the workers realize that they have to come to the fore, unite and show the Bosses that they, the workers, have a solid front.

"Another phrase the workers

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capitalistic press."

Milwaukee's Militant Manager. Fred Martin, breaks down the composition of the 97 new subscriptions they obtained in their campaign: "The new subs are practically 90% workers in the factories and various trades. Included are 8 railroad workers, The Pace-Setter getting the two union officers. One submost subs will be awarded a scriber is a Socialist Labor Parweek-end at Mid-West Vacation ty sympathizer who is getting Camp and School for Workers. rather disgusted with the in-"The spirit of competition in activity of those sectarians and the branch," says E. Brent, Li- is trying The Militant to get terature Agent, "is fine and the some action. One of these submorale is very high. Need I tell scribers is a former seaman who you that the teams work hard is now in a CIO steel union. He to get that free lunch or that expressed a desire to join our

Boston was rained out of its sub-getting expedition Sunday. but Rena Breshi reports that "Comrade Josephine Joyce sold three subs last night at our social. Comrade Joyce has been inactive due to having a baby. but she didn't waste any time order has definitely changed. in getting subs now that she is back with us."

> Winifred Nelson, Militant Agent for St. Paul branch, mail-

Zeke Abel has been elected the ranks of the Militant Army, Com rade Abel.

L. C., Militant booster of Southgate, Cal. sent in a sub for a fellow in the shop.

M. B. of Kennewick, Wash. ing although the North Side is made sure that his friend continues to read The Militant by sending in a six-month renewal for him.

Our appeal for financial aid is bringing a gratifying response. showing how highly Milltant boosters value their paper. The following have made threemonth pledges or contributions: 1. S. H. Spring Valley, N. Y \$5 2. W. T., Buffalo, N.Y. \$5 a week 3. W. S., New York, N. Y., \$1 the comrades work. He passes 5. H.C., Roanoke, Va., \$2 a month 6. G.W., Bronx, N.Y., \$4 a month If you have not yet done so, we ask you to join these friends paper that is not catering to of The Militant in sending what you can. A pledge or contribu-

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Guest:

For years I've had a pet project in my head. I'd like to see it worked out some day. I think it would be great if Memorial Day were observed



as a holiday each year by the trade unions in honor of those ten Chicago workers who gave their lives in the fight to organize the steel industry.

On this May 30, it's just ten years since the Memorial Day Massacre, ten years since the Chicago cops shot and beat ten of our brothers to death in a field before the Republic

Maybe some one would ask, "Well, how about Philip Murray? He owes a lot to those martyrs. Maybe he'll recognize their sacrifice in some way as head of the union.'

Well, in a way he did. On the eve of the tenth anniversary of the workers' Calvary, Murray laid down a policy for the CIO Steelworkers. A policy of renewed militancy? A proud and resolute struggle against the reactionary Congressmen who want to kill the labor movement? No! A new two-year no-strike pledge. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES, he said, must there be

We saw the no-strike pledge operate during the war. We saw how it gave the companies a free hand to do as they wished. We heard the superintendents and managers say in grievance meetings, "Well, what are you going to do about it? You can't strike, you know."

Murray wants it "made clear that the company and union officers, whose duties involve negotiations of this labor agreement, are not antiunion or anti-company . . . '

How do you like that! Grace, Fairless and Girdler aren't anti-union, he tells us! It's a small world: you meet new "friends of labor"

every day. And how about us? I can tell you, brother, I'm anti-company, and I think you are too, And I think every good union man is anti-company. Too many of us have been beaten or killed in the class struggle for us to love the companies as passionately as Philip Murray seems to.

Here's my idea: I think Murray was worried to death when he saw all the steelworkers in the country close down the mills last year, particularly those tough Lackawanna boys who went out a week early and left the blast furnaces half full of iron when the company not only rejected the union's offer to maintain the plant during the strike but also brought in food and started arranging to get scabs. I think Murray felt his throne shake with the vibration of the march-

ing pickets. Then too, Murray might have got the wrong idea about those ten union men who died ten years ago. He may think they died for him. Perhaps he sits in his easy chair in the twilight at the close of day, perhaps he sits quietly with tears in his eyes and muses, "Those ten martyrs died for me. If it weren't for men like that I couldn't lead the life I do . . . and I love the life I lead!"

Only I don't believe so, brothers I believe they died for us. I believe they died as fighters in the hope of building a strong union as a step toward making a decent life for the working people. And I'd like to honor them in the militant spirit in which they died - and not by collaborating with, and surrendering to, the greedy monopolists that murdered them.

The Negro Struggle -

The Case Of Jackie Robinson

People in other countries who read the Amer-

ican press are probably scratching their heads to figure out why so much space is given to the case of Jackie Robinson, first baseman of the Brooklyn Dodgers. Most of them, we can be sure, do not understand what is so remarkable

about a dark-skinned athlete becoming a big league player, or why he should become the target of nasty remarks and even a threatened

But that is "the American way." Many an athlete has been barred from the big leagues no matter how talented he is. America's favorite sport is just as tainted with Jim-Crow practices as America's capitol. It is no wonder in this country that the Robinson case has attracted so much comment and that the Negro press devotes so many columns to it.

It is their hope that the acceptance of Robinson, and a good playing record on his part, will prepare the way for other capable Negro ball players, thus knocking open still another door always closed to the Negro people. We cannot exclude the possibility of a few more Negroes being admitted to the big leagues (especially because such acts will bring many more Negro fans out to the ball parks), but even that would represent only token representation.

The rub is that organized baseball today is not a sport played out of sheer love for the game. It's a fairly well-paid profession, another way of making a living. Many of the players, chiefly the Southerners, are resentful about a Negro "infringing on a white man's job." no matter how able ne is at it. This fact is at the bottom of the many jibes directed at Robinson. It's not so much a case of his playing on a

white team so much as it is a case of his working for a big money team. Many colored athletes perform with mixed teams in high school and college sports without any undue comment in many parts of the United States. However, such activities do not pay off for the individual player as in organized baseball. That is the reason why the Jim Crowers are riding Robinson, trying to un-nerve him and cut down on his batting and fielding average.

Jackie Robinson is another proof that Negroes can vie with the best of them in any field, if given the chance. He is in that sense a living demonstration of the falsity and hypocrisy of the doctrine of "white supremacy." That is why the Jim-Crow elements want to get him out of the public eye. That is why the Negro people and their allies want him to be given the opportunit; to show that he can succeed.

The individual fight over Jackie Robinson is therefore important and significant, even though it does not and cannot resolve the larger question. In sports - as in monopoly-controlled in dustry, the officer corps of the armed force ctc. - when they can't exclude us entirely from the better-paying positions, they give us toke: representation, hoping thereby to quiet us. Bu token representation is not enough. It mean that the great majority of qualified Negroes are just out of luck.

We must and will continue to fight Jim Croin every field — in the arts, the professions sports and every other sphere of human activit which reflects the unfair economic practices o employers toward minorities. The thing to re member is that the organized labor movemen is our team. When we strike the bosses out ir the factories, we will have beaten Jim Crow of its home grounds, and guaranteed its defea. everywhere else.

Brothers Under The Skin"

- By Grace Carlson -

help in combating a Jim Crower in his plant. It seems that this individual -a Southern-born white-had been agitating for separate washroom facilities for white workers. In trying to defend this reactionary policy, the

The other day, a friend came into the Minne-

apolis headquarters of the SWP asking for some

Jim Crower had mouthed the stock argument that Negroes are "different," and had made the triumphant assertion that the Red Cross keeps "Negro blood" separate from "white blood." So, I dug up the July 4, 1942 issue of the

Journal of the American Medical Association to demonstrate that the Red Cross segregation policy is completely unscientific. In this issue, the Committee on Race Relations of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists denounced the Jim-Crow policy of the American Evidence was given by the distinguished scien-

tists of the Committee of Physical Anthropologists that successful transfusions of blood from white persons to Negroes and vice versa had been accomplished hundreds of times. "There is no evidence that the blood of Negroes differs in any significant respect from that of white persons," the Committee stated flatly.

Reference was also made by the Committee

to the widespread use of vaccines, serums and other preparations from the blood and glands of horses, rabbits, sheep, etc. The Red Cross never encourages any foolish prejudices which patients might have against treatment with substance:

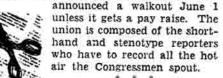
of such origin, the Committee points out. Knowing that the Red Cross officials act under pressure of the Southern Bourbons, the Committee also recalls the custom of "bettercircumstanced families" in the South of using Negro women as wet-nurses for their babies. Many of the same substances that were circulating in the blood of the Negro wet-nurses were imbibed by the white bables along with the nutritious elements of the milk, it was observed.

"In view of these facts," the Committee states in its summary, "it seems improbable that any soldier or civilian so seriously wounded as to require a blood transfusion will insist that it come from a person whose skin is no darker than his own."

My friend was very glad to get this information as to the unscientific character of Jim Crow and he seemed very sure that he would be able to convert his shopmate to a policy of brotherhood. I hope so! It's a sad thing to think that the bosses can get white and Negro workers to fight each other. Our interests are all the same. Scientists, Marxists and poets - all proclaim the triumphant refrain - we are "brothers

Notes From The News

Congress may soon have a strike in its own backyard. The District of Columbia Shorthand Reporters Federation, a new independent union,



Carl A Marzani, former State Department employe, has been convicted of concealing membership in the Communist Party. Maximum penalty is 110 years in prison and \$110,000 in fines. His trial was marked by the testimony of police spies who had been sent secretly into the Communist Party.

Representative Sabath of Illinois told the House that "outrageous, crooked dealings" are going on in Wall Street.

Kenneth Romney, former sergeant-at-arms of the U. S. House of Representatives, has been sentenced to one to three years. His accounts were \$143,864 short. The money had been used by him for speculations dating back to the 1920's.

Representative John E. Rankin last week told the House that it should prevent Henry Wallace from making any more radio speeches.

Samuel Hyder of Pawtucket, R. I., as arrested and fined for laughing soo much and too loud. Police Chief Mills invoked an ancient law against "reveling." Hyder got his fine back after a retrial defending the right to laugh as part of free speech.

As the anti-labor drive to pass the Taft-Hartley legislation mounts, the big industrialists have increased their donations for anti-labor publicity. \$330,000 was contributed in two weeks to the NAM's publicity wing, the National Industrial Information Committee. Its quota for 1947 is \$3 million.

In the first quarter of 1947, American steel workers produced 78% more steel but received only 44% more total wages than in the first quarter of 1946.

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Dump Surplus Potatoes As World Goes Hungry

Unemployment Rises To Half Million In New York

New York is witnessing something not seen since prewar days. Crowds of workers clustered around bulletin boards in employment offices.

work" plan.

In August 1945 some 70,000@ largest city. Today the estimates of jobless range from 400,000 to

According to a survey taken by the Daily News more than 140,000 members of AFL and CIO unions are hunting work. Tens of thousands of others are on a part time basis.

In the garment industry at least 33,000 are jobless Employers explain that shelves of the stores are filled with goods, warehouses are jammed, people demanded, and so they have slowed down production.

Retail clerks have been hard hit too, with some 2,500 recently lopped off payrolls.

Among the bakery workers, 4,000 are pounding the pavements. People simply can't afford the cakes and candies stacked in retail cases and bak-Restaurants, cafes and night

clubs are likewise feeling the first squeeze of the slump-6,000 workers in this industry are no longer "needed." Hatters and millinery workers

are searching with fear in their hearts for non-existent jobs -7,000 of them. The toy and jewelry industry

has felt the slump with particular severity. Here 17,000 have been given discharge slips. Some 9,000 fur and leather

workers are combing the lofts in the city's by-streets hoping to find openings that will enable them to meet rent and grocery Shoe workers are likewise

well - represented among the jobless. More than 5,000 pass well-filled displays in countless shoe store windows in their search for an opportunity to

As for furniture workers, estimates of job-hunters range from 3,500 to 8,000.

The News reports that there is "sizeable" unemployment in other fields too, "Machinists longshoremen, building service workers, musicians, newspaper employes, textile workers, wholesale and warehouse workers. seamen, truckmen, cigar makers and paper products workers could use an aggregate of 35,000 or 40,000 jobs in New York." The News ascribes most of this

unemployment to sky-high prices that have cut down purchases. but adds, ironically enough, that doorman and elevator operators | cratic parties. are out of work because "building owners cut staffs since they cannot raise rents."

Unions in New York are worried about mounting unemploy-

were on relief in the country's are doing virtually nothing about it. The Greater New York CIO Council is reported to be urging "lower prices" and a "share-the-

Appeals to "lower prices" have proved to be so much wasted breath. A real "share-the-work" plan could accomplish something if it were pushed energetically. The proposal of the Packinghouse Workers, for instance, for a 30 hour week at 40 hours pay is a step in the right direction. Still better would be a are unable to pay the high prices sliding scale of hours which would divide all the available hours in industry among all the available workers, but at no reduction in take-home pay.

Such concrete proposals must be energetically advanced by the unions today to protect the membership from the growing

Strikers Against Camels



Their morale high, these members of the CIO Food Tobacco Agricultural & Allied Workers sing with gusto as the strike against R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. continues in Winston-Salem, N. C. To help their struggle for higher wages and decent working conditions, don't buy Camels or Prince Albert Tobacco.

Dunne Calls On Unions

MINNEAPOLIS, May 24 -Vincent R. Dunne, Socialist Workers Party candidate for Mayor in the recent primary, today issued the following statement:

"Mayor Humphrey will quite probably be elected to a second term on June 9. Frank Collins, the only other candidate, has scarcely an outside chance.

"In reality, there is no difference between the two, so far as their fundamental views are concerned. The fact that they have different party affiliations is a secondary matter. At this juncture in their political careers, Humphrey, a Democratic Party hopeful, and Collins, a Republican Party climber, consider of the true master-the power-

"Intent on launching another HIS PRISONERS war to put the working peoples of all countries in chains, the have completely surrendered trade union 'leaders' in this pro- school children and institutions, American imperialists choose their right to speak for labor in gram of 'company unionism' in consuming 11,000,000 bushels, their atom-bomb diplomats from politics. They scuttled the Far- politics!

been indorsed for re-election by bor's tent in Minneapolis. And Minneapolis trade union movethe entire trade union movement, the Democratic Party has taken ment must force a change of he has the tacit support of all full advantage of the opening, course. Labor must build its three daily papers. The daily Humphrey today defies every own party, based upon and con-



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the working class electorate as has 'crossed the line' and come Humphrey from building a per- the potato mound, only being nothing more than a convenient out with very substantial sup- sonal political machine. instrument. Between the parties port for this outstanding Demthey represent, the struggle is ocrat. All of the 'labor leaders' -we are not concerned now-

both the Republican and Demo- mer-Labor Party. It was these

that does not suit his fancy. Humphrey decides what is good and what is bad for labor. Humphrey decides which of the labor-endorsed candidates should be permitted to run. And why The trade union officials are his prisoners now!

"In 1943, the Socialist Workers Party warned of this danger. A public statement issued during Humphrey's first mayoralty campaign said, in part:

workers' movement nor does he supply. base himself upon it. When elected, he will serve the workhave the possibility of keeping er in cutting down the size of

"We were not concerned then | 000 bushels.

"A break must be made with men who guided the Democratic political company unionism all "Although Humphrey has Party—the camel's nose—into la- along the line. The ranks of the ment. Up to now, however, they press - avowedly Republican - proposal of the labor movement trolled by the trade unions."

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When the Truman Administration poured kerosene over a mountain of potatoes down in Alabama the other day, public resentment rose ligh. Didn't the capitalists and their political represenatives declare last summer that if controls were removed prices would come down as soon s production got under way? Didn't Truman just get through emanding general price reducions? If production will bring prices down, then why did the Fruman Administration destroy hese potatoes? Doesn't he know hat the food trust is socking he public as much as 10c a sound for potatoes?

To counter this criticism, the Department of Agriculture issued an explanatory "Memorandum." This document should be reuired reading for anyone who still believes that the capitalist system is the best of all possible

The Department explains that it is under statutory obligation to keep prices at not less than 90% of parity (a figure equal to purchasing power of prices before World War I). Under this law, no one should be "surprised." says the Memorandum. if potatoes are destroyed,

It then describes Department of Agriculture efforts to keep prices up. In 1946 it deliberately lowered production goals in hops of keeping the crop down. But unfortunately for the Department, the wilv American farmers used better seed, new and improved insecticides and got a lucky break in the weather. So they produced a record crop of 475,000,000 bushels. This was almost 100,000,000 bushels above the goal set by Washington, and 50,000,000 bushels more than

To get rid of the potatoes, the Department did its utmost to popularize the vegetable and increase its consumption. But this 'Humphrey does not know the didn't make a dent in the huge

So they pushed all the potse toes possible into charitable iners' cause only if the organized stitutions and into the governlabor movement builds a labor ment - sponsored school - lunch party. Such a Labor Party, con- program. But these consumers trolled by the trade unions will didn't make much headway eithable to account for about 3,000,-

The government then decided only that of vying for the favor of the city know the meaning of with the question: Does Hum- to try potatoes as stock feed, this but they don't dare to ex- phrey have 'good' or 'bad' in- giving them to feeders of beef ful financial clique of Wall press their real thoughts in pub- tentions? The facts are that cattle and hogs at prices as low Humphrey is an active member as 1c for 100 pounds. That's of one of the bosses' parties. And right - one cent! The cattle "These trade union officials he has the backing of all of the were more successful than the

> As a further gesture, the government earmarked about 10,ing the starving millions of Europe and the Far East a tantalize ing taste of American abundance.

At an unspecified price the Government dumped another 10,500,000 bushels into starch mills. And another unspecified amount at an unspecified price to distillers of alcohol. After these Herculean efforts,

the government was still left with about 20% of the surplus on its hands.

The net cost of this program union leadership who have ut- to the people was \$80,000,000. In the light of this experience, either the Republican or Demo- ranks what is involved and fail- "the Department tightened its potato program for 1947." It ordered acreage reduced from 2,-669.800 to 2.517.000 acres, and set working people. So far, they have tain a complete silence. For them the 1947 goal at 375,000,000

Now comes the pay off. It ap-Governor Driscoll speak "from that they have nobody to sup- pears that the government again experience" on the need to port, no "good" Democrats or underestimated the productive strengthen the power of the gov- Republicans to endorse. The un- capacity of American farms. Asernor. That is, to further restrict ion leadership has failed to pro- tute farmers are increasing the had been expected.

And so the Memorandum ends the Labor Party. Throughout its up pessimistically, warning that campaign, the SWP candidates it will have to destroy a lot of lent to the announcement of Big have explained how the issues in potatoes again this year if prices Business that its chief concern the Convention are connected are to be kept up. In fact the 7,500 bushels destroyed in Alabama are only the beginning.



SWP Candidates Wind Up Campaign For N. J. Constitution Convention Election

By Alan Kohlman

NEWARK, N. J., May 27 -One week before the June 3 election for delegates to the New Jersey Constitutional Convention, the issues have been clearly posed by the contending political parties. In marked contrast to the Republican and Democratic coalition, the Socialist Workers Party candidates have presented a straight-forward platform in the interests of the working people.

The SWP has advocated amendments to the Constitution

(1) For full protection of labor's rights to organize and strike; end state intervention and strikebreaking.

(2) For expropriation of all public utilities and their operation by the state under workers' the Republicans and Democrats.

and political equality for the on what should be done. In most Negro people and all other racial counties they have been conand minority groups. For an ef- tent to make a backstairs deal fective state FEPC with real pow- providing for joint slates of Re- strikebreaking regime and beer to enforce the laws against publicans and Democrats, with discrimination.

methods of election to provide was gummed up, and only the them. The chief responsibility dates of the SWP.

VOTE FOR THE SWP CANDIDATES for the New Jersey

Constitutional Convention from Essex County In the June 3 Election William E. Bohannon George Breitman Alan Kohlmon

strict proportional representation and a single-house Legisla-

These measures are designed to protect and extend the democratic rights of the workers and the vast majority of the people. They point up the immediate democratic needs of New Jersey workers which are under attack by

These boss parties for the (3) For full economic, social most part have nothing to say the former in a majority. In Es- the Democrats, the workers do (4) For revision of present sex County, this bi-partisan deal not see anybody representing by voting for the three candi-

Republicans are running a full for this rests with the official

cratic parties has uttered a word ed to put up any independent about any type of amendment labor candidates. to protect the interests of the The union leaders now mainbeen content to let former Gov- to speak on the issues would bushels. ernor Edge and his successor only call attention to the fact for election to the Legislature by the ability of the people to make vide leadership in the matter of yield per acre far above what their demands heard in the Legislature, and strengthen the office of chief executive.

Such a "platform" is equivaadministration to its own needs. Labor Party now.

For a number of reasons, interest in the Constitutional Convention is much less than in regular elections. The workers, by and large, do not see what issues are at stake. As they ity to strike a ballot protest turn in disgust from the Driscoll come increasingly fed up with

Not a single spokesman of terly failed to explain to the

the Constitutional election.

This points up the need for is to centralize executive power with the Labor Party and emin order to streamline the state phasized the need to build the

> Especially in Essex County. where only a full slate of Republicans is in the field, the workers now have the opportunagainst boss class rule, for independent working class action, for a working class program -