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# PRICE INCREASES WIPE OUT WAGE GAINS

# Wall Street Musclesinto Indonesia

## UN "Intervenes" After **Dutch Seize Objectives**

By John G. Wright

After 15 days of savage warfare during which the Dutch colonial despots, using the blitzkrieg technique of the Nazis, achieved virtually all of their military objectives, the Indonesian conflict was SWP who participated in the petifinally permitted to come up before the Security Council, the body tion campaign were greatly heartostensibly charged with "maintenance of international peace." By a

France and Belgium abstaining— not for the Indonesian people then vote of 8 to 0 with Britain. + a resolution was solemnly passed by Australia. requesting both sides to "cease hostilities forthwith.'

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The Netherlands government. whose Ambassador Kleffens had ar- curity Council decision could never gued vociferously that the Security have been adopted. And the U.S. Council had no jurisdiction whatever in this issue, "complied" by issuing a "cease fire" order. The cause of Indonesian independence have been ordered to withdraw from of conquest waged by the Dutch the territories they had so cruelly seized. All this has been hailed as a great contribution to the cause Strike Against Firing of peace and a notable victory for the United Nations.

In reality, only another sordid chapter has been added to the all- The militant strike of almost 1,000 too-sordid record of this organiza- dock workers of the Eenheid Vak tion which serves as a facade for Centrala is in its third day. The imperialist power politics.

Charter was assumed by Australia. bravely standing up against com- delphia Branch of the SWP, 1303 But this step was not taken from pany threats and feel certain of an W. Girard Avenue. any altruistic motives. Australia's early victory. self-interests were involved. The On July 28 one of the dock workwaterfront unions of Australia had ers said that he felt Princess Julitied up all Dutch ships, in protest anna should be hung because she against their war of Dutch imperial- was largely responsible for the war Submitted in New York

The Laborite government found fired. Within a few hours all the itself compelled to submit to this dock workers of the EVC in the mass pressure, and the Stevedor- port of Amsterdam had stopped ing Commission, which is a federal work to protest the company's body, had announced that no fur- brazen persecution of one of their standstill a trade that is very im- The next day, in reply to the portant to Australian economy.

Seeking for a way out of this workers demanded the reinstateimpasse, the authorities apparently ment of their union brother with ter offered the easiest solution, if ing workers.

Philadelphia SWP **Files Petitions** For Its Candidate

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 4-Nomination papers for Irene Le-Compte, Socialist Workers Party candidate for Councilman for the 7th District, were officially filed today. Close to 2.100 signatures, more than double the number legally required, were obtained to place the party candidate on the ballot in the fall municipal elec-

The signature campaign was completed after an intensive two-week drive. Members and friends of the ened by the warm response of Philadelphia workers to the idea of an independent workers' candi-Worker after worker exdate. pressed himself as favoring creation of a labor party and cleaning This happened to suit the aims of American diplomacy, without out the swamp of corruption in City Hall, Cominated for years by whose direct intervention the Sethe Republican machine,

The signatures for the greater part were obtained in the working imperialists moved so vigorously class sections of the district. This last week not in order to aid the is the same district in which John Indonesian government followed but solely in order to scize a golden K. Rice ran as an independent Nesuit, after a few feeble protests that opportunity for assuring themselves gro candidate for Congress last the Dutch troops should at least maximum advantages from the war year. Many who signed remembered the SWP's support of Rice.

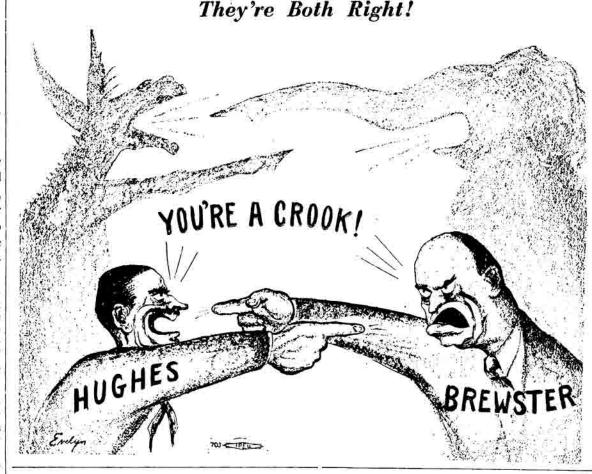
> Since Councilmanic District 7 is predominantly a working class district, a good response is expected in the elections for the SWP candi-

Plans for the fall campaign are proceeding. Workers interested in securing campaign literature and information about the candidate striking workers, who may soon be and the SWF program, can obtain The initiative for invoking the joined by the crane operators, are it at the headquarters of the Phila-

# State Senate Petitions

in Indonesia. He was immediately NEW YORK, Aug. 7-Nominating POLICY REVERSED petitions for Robert Williams, So-State Senator from the 23rd Sena- contrast it was a clear-cut retorial District, will be submitted to versal of his previous refusal to ther permits to service Dutch ships union brothers who was merely tomorrow. Over 4.600 signatures reversal was obviously dictated by company's "back to work" order, the by the election law. tions, or 1,600 more than required through with the strike voted by

Final plans for the campaign, decided that invoking the UN Char- pay for the time lost for all strik- which will extend from Sept. to Nov., are being worked out now.



# Strike Threat Forces Ford to Sign Temporary "No Penalty" Agreement

Ford II today was forced to re- Leonard, are reported to have oral." verse his arrogant stand against agreed to continuation of the noany "no damage suits" agreement torious "company security" clause. with the union.

The Ford Motor Company signed an interim agremeent, which will extend from six up to 12 months, waiving all rights under the Taft-Hartley Slave Labor Law to sue the CIO United Automobile Workers or its officers and members for

While Ford did not agree to make the New York Board of Elections yield in any way on the issue. This were secured for the Williams' peti- the union's determination to go the UAW National Ford Council and approved by the international executive board.

Consideration of the union's despecial four-man committee, with two members chosen by the union and two by the company. If the committee is unable to reach an agreement in three months, it will choose a fifth member and nego- ILGWU, advising them to continue tiate, if necessary, another three signing "no-strike" contracts. Only months. Then the question may be reopened for direct negotiation for another six months, provided both self had been a member of the spe-

This permits the company to "discipline" by lay-offs and firing any local leader or member who engages in a so-called "wild-cat" or "unauthorized" strike.

STRIKE STILL POSSIBLE

deadline was lifted by the union, odious and dangerous features of any alleged damages due to strikes. Leonard stated that a strike is still the Slave Labor Act. Dubinsky possible because of the company's proposed this action in spite of attempt to change the previously general agreement among all cialist Workers Party candidate for this a permanent feature of the Bood without the program. Unions, AFL and CIO, to have no Ford, without knowledge or con- dealings with the NLRB and to sent of the union, sent individual refuse to subject their officers to letters to all employes detailing the "loyalty oaths" or recognize the features of a pension plan with right of the government to dictate funds and benefits far below what the conditions for holding office in the union plan called for,

The same day the Ford workers were forcing a breach in the Taft-Hartley Act, they and all American labor were being knifed in the back mand for a permanent "no liabil- by David Dubinsky, president of ity" clause will continue through a the AFL International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

In violation of AFL policy, Dubinsky sent a memorandum to 450 U. S. Steel Hikes Prices Despite locals and joint boards of the a few weeks before, Dubinsky him-

# AUG. 6-Just nine hours before | However, in return for this tem- | fighting the Taft-Hartley Act which the strike deadline of 108,000 CIO porary protection from damage advised all AFL unions "that no- figures, stood 21% above the same much ground despite their great

The ILGWU head at the same time instructed the union's affiliates to be prepared to file certifications with the NLRB, under the provisions of the Taft-Hartley Law, that none of their officers are 'communists." This is likewise Although the immediate strike compliance with one of the most

> tion on the "loyalty oath" by boasting he has "cleaned out the Communists" from his union. He has also helped sharpen a legal weapon of the employers to be used against

suits, the UAW negotiators, headed strike provisions be omitted from week a year ago. And the week struggles and wage increases? auto workers, billionaire Henry by UAW Vice President Richard T. all future agreements, written or ending Aug. 2 registered a spurt of

#### SHARPENS WEAPON

Dubinsky explained his instruc-

# Inflation Slices Real Incomes to Levels of 1939

Price rises since March and especially in recent weeks have wiped out most wage gains and slashed purchasing power of the majority of wage earners below the reduced post-war levels of 1946.

In terms of what workers can buy, average incomes today are no better than those of the pre-war depression year of 1939, according to the latest conservative findings of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statis-

While money wages averaged \$48.46 weekly for all factory workers in May, 1947, after tax deducions and allowances for higher livng costs, weekly wages of the average worker with no dependents equalled only \$26.49 in 1939 purhasing power. The average worker with wife and two children got

an equivalent of \$29.99. This miserable wage level has been still further reduced by a new spurt in prices since May. And the under way will cut real wages down to bare subsistence levels, and even

Wholesale prices two weeks ago, according to Labor Department

retail food prices on June 15 were with every rise in living costs. 96.1% over 1939; clothing, 101.6%; and house furnishings, 78%.

past three months, headed by meat, political monopoly. This has allowed cannot be attributed to the farm- the capitalist government in Washfood dollar has fallen from 56c in tensify the inflationary trend and March, to 54e in April and 52c in expand corporation profits while May. Food processors, packagers and keeping labor shackled. distributors are cleaning up at the expense of both the workers and small farmers.

After the slim wage gains of the spring, which ranged from 5c to 15c Washington. They can achieve this an hour and did not compensate for power only through their own party previous price rises, the American and the advancement of a labor poworkers are again squarely confronted with an outright cut in living ing inflationary and anti-union

#### 'Whopping' 84% Rise In Profits Reported

Profits of U.S. industrial corporations in the three months ending with June "showed a whopping 84% increase over the year ago level," gloats the Aug. 2 Wall Street Journal. "First halfyear profits were the highest ever.

This is based on the reports of 131 leading companies in 15 major industries whose overall "earnings" were \$427,697,150 for three months. This does not include the usual hidden profits in fake depreciation funds, etc.

These gains ran from a "modest" 7% for food corporations to 449% for the auto corporations.

steadily worsening conditions.

Twice within two years the workupward acceleration of prices now ers have pressed wide-spread wage drives, whose gains were promptly wiped out by price rises. Today, living standards are worse than a year ago and rapidly falling.

Why have the workers lost so

Because (1) on the economic 3.1 points on the index in seven plane, the big monopolists have been days, following six successive weeks able to slice real wages by forcing up prices. The union leaders have The basic commodity prices index nevertheless opposed a fight for the on July 25, before the new infla- incorporation in all union contracts tionary impetus of the steel price of an escalator clause. Today the rises, stood at the all-time peak of workers must conduct a determined 306.3-206.3% higher than the Aug. struggle for a sliding scale of wages, 1939 index of 100. The Bureau of with an irreducible basic minimum, Labor Statistics had admitted that that would raise wages automatically

Because (2) by their opposition to a labor party movement, the union Scandalous food price rises of the leaders have upheld Wall Street's

The workers can destroy Wall Street's political monopoly by their struggle for labor political power in litical program to wipe out existstandards and the prospect of legislation.

# Attlee Tries to Unload Crisis Burden on Masses

(Continued on Page 3)

Pro-Indonesia Worker

AMSTERDAM, Holland, July 30-

lee demanded of the English people still another installment on the fearful price they have already paid to keep England going as a capitalist concern. Two years of unremitting privations and toil by the masses have raised English production and exports sharply above 1938 levels. But insolvent capitalism had in the meantime brought the country to the brink of a na-

tinoal disaster. The weakest segment of English capitalist economy today is its fiscal system. The four billion dollar American loan was supposed to have kept it stabilized at least until 1949-50, but already it is almost gone. Once the remaining billion is exhausted, it will be necessary to dip into the carefully accumulated gold reserve of some two billion. which would unavoidably entail an that is all! open declaration of bankruptcy. STARVATION RATIONS

-almost \$50.000,000 a month or Attlee warned. more than half-a-billion a year-

in peace or war. ble rations, all he offers is the omi- shifted like cattle, as they were in licly! nous prostect that "if rations have wartime. For whom? For what? Taking their cue from Churchill, designed to give preference to heavy sion.



In the name of proposing up this ports still higher. Even the five- be told to sacrifice if not in a case hopelessly insolvent fiscal system, day week established in the "na- of a "national emergency"? Attlee now demands that for an in- tionalized" coal industry will be definite period the English masses scrapped. The workers must "not Ital likewise be drafted just as labor subsist on starvation rations. The press at this time for increases in has been? Or at least, why shouldn't projected slash of foodstuff imports wages or changes of conditions," a capital tax be imposed on them?

will depress living standards to was placed in power by the workers for was that "industry and comdepths unknown in England either to defend their interests, goes on to merce refrain from declaring high as well as the most elementary ens to push the issue again. Attlee does not even promise sta- ward be frozen to their jobs and display your huge profits too pub- to many leading rank and file Dele-

England's fiscal system-the monstrous burden of the imperialist military machine. More than 4 billion dollars annually are being spent to land's history.

Yet the cuts envisaged here are less than modest. From an army of almost 1,500,000, all that Attlee is willing to withdraw are "some 133,000" by the end of this year and not more than "200,000 by the end of next March." And this, in the Consolidation caucus and the maface of an acute labor shortage!

The biggest drain of all on Engonly kept the industrial equipment Enginemen. antiquated but who yearly drain off the lion's share of the national inat a slower rate than others, and come. Bigger and better dividends have kept the London stock-market Meanwhile, the workers must booming for seven years since 1940. work longer hours and harder than a record to be envied even by Wall ever-to raise production and ex- Street. When should these leeches

Why shouldn't they and their cap-Attlee did not even propose to keep To crown it all, this creature, who down their profits. All he pleaded tell them that they will hence for- dividends." In plain words, don't rights of Brotherhood membership

"then the Government will intro- reference to any "socialist" meas- to be critical of Attlee. The truth resolution, against Robertson's op- tor points out that "no wage move-

cial AFL national committee on sides are agrecable. maintain the largest peacetime army, air force and navy in Eng-ROBERTSON'S MACHINE-RULE

> A sharp struggle is in process at the crucial 35th Convention of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen & Enginemen, in session at San Francisco since July 14, between progressive forces of the

chine of Dictator-President David convention. The vote was 757 to Robertson, according to the report ish economic life are the private in the current Consolidator, organ caucus members removed as Lodge

> play, bribery, terror and coercion without mentioning the cases of the unprecedented in the history of the unscated delegates, and then ram-American rail labor movement" to med through a vote against seating keep his machine in power, says the these delegates. No one else was Consolidator.

The Consolidation Committee is a VOTE AGAINST caucus fighting for democratic practices in the BLF&E and to achieve the merger of the dual BLF&E and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers (BLE).

gates," the Consolidator says.

The progressives, early in the conmanual workers." Some will starve Slurred over deliberately was the would have even dared to propose of waiting to the end of the long cers."

Unscated delegates include CCE owners of industry, who have not of the Consolidation Committee of officers "on mere accusation and without trial" by Robertson. Rob-Robertson has been "using foul ertson spoke for an hour and a half permitted to speak.

A blow to Robertson, however, was the defeat of his Constitution Com- of contrary evidence of U. S. Steel's to "break even" at 75% of producmittee's recommendation to elimin- own official semi-annual report. ate the 70-year age limit for officers. He is 71. The convention de- ing and revealing scrutiny by I. F. So far the Robertson machine has feated this recommendation and Stone, in the New York daily PM, been able to dominate the conven- then later voted 490 to 393 against July 31. tion "by denying convention seats reconsideration. Robertson threat-

One of the early convention actions was to vote a big salary in- this year was almost \$18 a ton LESS crease to the international officers, than last year." boosting the President from \$15,000 to be reduced." as they must!— Attlee in his speech omitted all the English capitalist press pretends vention, were able to put through a annually to \$25,000. The Consolida- own figures on costs and produc- MADE MUCH MORE duce a differential rationing scheme ures. This was not his only omis- is: Attlee's policy was dictated by position, to hear the cases of un- ment for the membership has even to produce 10,000,000 tons of steel profits in the first half of this to come of this. Even known the capitalists, a policy no Tories seated delegates immediately instead been inaugurated by these same offi- in the first six months of this year year, as its publicized figures show. lynchers can still get away with

## \$18-a-Ton Less Production Cost Big Steel - sometimes called | \$585 million to produce 5,000,000 | hidden profits in the phony deprespiral. Immediately following this year - or \$6.55 a ton less. U. S. Steel's announcement of an- FIGURES RIGGED

other price boost of \$5 a ton, General Motors hiked its auto

sential raw material." Irving S. Olds, U. S. Steel's top executive, claimed his corporation

was forced "reluctantly" to lift

prices because of "added costs."

specifying primarily the meager

#### steel wage increase of last spring. BARE-FACED LIE

This claim of "added costs" is bare-faced lie made in the face This report is subjected to a search-

Instead of U. S. Steel production cost of producing a ton of steel enable it to pay much higher wages

Even according to U. S. Steel's

## But these "cost" figures were

rigged to close the spread between last year's and this year's costs. prices another two to six per cent. U. S. Steel reduced last year's fig-This is only the beginning, admits | ures on costs by deducting a govthe Aug. 3 N. Y. Times. "Prospects ernment gift of \$31,500,000 in tax are for similar upward pressure on credits. This year it added to its prices in a wide range of industry, cost figure with hidden profits of 40% of which uses steel as an es- \$12,500,000 put into a phony depreciation fund above normal depreciation allowances.

With these factors taken into account, Stone points out, making a comparison in terms of all labor and material costs, it cost U. S. Steel \$98.27 to make a ton of steel last year, and only \$80.61 a ton this year. "The difference is \$17.66, almost \$18 a ten."

Since the steel industry is geared tion capacity - that is, to meet all its large fixed costs without any loss - every increase of production over that point represents an absolute reduction in unit costs. U. S. Steel has been operating at costs going up, Stone discloses, "the 98% capacity this year, which would and still operate at a far lower unit cost with no reduction in profits.

was \$940 million as compared with but at least \$81,000,000 when its murder in the South.

"Big Steal"—last week added jet show that the cost per ton was this with its annual profits figures propulsion to the zooming price \$99.36 last year as against \$92.79 during the war, which ranged from \$71 million in 1942 to \$58 million in 1945. Or its 12-month profits report for 1946 of \$60,700,000.

Think what the profits will be with the latest steel price hike. No wonder the Aug. 3 N. Y. Times,

after telling how "displeased" the steel trust was with "earnings" this last quarter, can report that "the final half of 1947 looms as a most productive and profitable one for the industry.

#### Lynch Mob Set Free In North Carolina

Seven white men who tried to lynch a Negro prisoner last May at Jackson, N. C., were set free by a Grand Jury on Aug. 5, despite the fact that one of the lynch mob had confessed to the crime.

Godwin Bush, the intended victim who made a daring escape from the mob after they had taken him from prison, had been arrested on a phony "rape" charge. The case against him was so fraudulent that the Grand Jury which freed the would-be lynchers had to drop the charges against him.

North Carolina Governor Cherry issued a demogogic statement that he did not consider the lynch case tion, the total cost, including taxes, U. S. Steel made not \$68,500,000 closed, but no one expects anything

# The Elemental Urge To Socialism

By J. R. Johnson -

pany, on reaching a base in Texas, "is a war for democracy. In Texas the white people believe in segre-Post Exchange.

detested segregation.

of Texas. It is under the jurisdic- this: tion of the federal government."

Texas people," said the Colonel. U. S. Army. As long as you don't "And boys, you know me. I like stop it, this trouble will continue. the Negroes. Let's have no trouble." You can take me out there now and

#### UNCLE TOM SPEAKS

non-commissioned officer, stooge of now.' the Colonel, a man in his forties.

"Boys," said he, "Let us leave the white people alone and they will are from the East, some from the leave us alone. We can get on if Jim Crow South. We come from we go our own way. I managed to everywhere and we differ on everyget on. What we have to do is to thing except on this. On this we avoid trouble."

There was a murmur of approbation and some applause. Then arose want?" a young Negro from Mississippi, a firm believer in Christianity, by the people. To do exactly as other peoway. His speech was taken down by ple do, that's all. We are sick and a stenographer in the group, as was tired of being pushed around." the speech of another young Negro who followed him. I have heard also?" them in full. They will be printed some day and they will live, both for their social significance and their oratorical splendor. The reader Jim Crow will stop. I like Negroes. must have patience therefore and My father had two hundred of them satisfy himself with this second working on his place, and I always

If they allowed segregation in the the war was lost. Then close down you told us to speak as man to man, the churches and the schools in the and the Negroes who worked on battlefield. They could not be brave Army stopped.' on the battlefield and cowards here. AUTHENTIC STORY If they had to die for democracy, then this was the best place to be-

#### WENT FOR THEIR RIFLES

By the time the speakers were finished, the men were ready. They went for their rifles and they marched on the Post Exchange. This, mind you, in a camp in Texas with thousands upon thousands of white soldiers.

The leaders who had started this agitation had not anticipated any major portion of the Aug. 4 issue such prompt and violent action. But of his New Republic magazine to they had the sense and the revolutionary responsibility to realize that an evaluation of the 80th Con-The Colonel heard and came rushing to the Post Exchange to stop progressives lies not in some new to the "progressive" side to the Republican votes. was told to get out of party but in "reform" of the old the way-or else. The Colonel got Democratic machine. out of the way.

The men went into the Exchange and began to break it up. The few Military Police sent for reinforcements and ringed the Exchange with machine-guns. The men from inside opened fire. But it did not last.

His fraudulent method of demonstration of demonstrating this, however, affords a devastating commentary on Wallace and the people deliberately tries to pull a fast one on the strain of the people deliberately tries to pull a fast one on the strain of the people deliberately tries to pull a fast one on the strain of the people deliberately tries to pull a fast one on the strain of the people deliberately tries to pull a fast one on the strain of the people deliberately tries to pull a fast one on the strain of the people deliberately tries to pull a fast one on the strain of the people deliberately tries to pull a fast one on the strain of the people deliberately tries to pull a fast one on the strain of the people deliberately tries to pull a fast one on the strain of the people deliberately tries to pull a fast one on the strain of the people deliberately tries to pull a fast one on the strain of the people deliberately tries to pull a fast one on the strain of the people devastating commentary on Wallace of the measures. However any member of Congress may have voted on other measures, their true position the people devastating commentary on was unambiguously stated on these two key issues.

Wallace's box-score would have had a different result also if he had a different result

The Colonel came back to the men. gressive elements. "Now, boys," he said. "You have shown-that-you are opposed to seg- box score of the vote of every mem- This policy was embodied in the bill the Portal-to-Portal Act, sponsored regation. I am proud of you. Sup- ber of the House and Senate on ten for U.S. financial and military sup- by the Truman administration pose we leave things as they are."

not going to let things stay as they totalled separately.

camp, complained that his daughter Progressive Votes on Ten Major IsDemocratic votes on this key issue? Out of 226
Democratic votes on this bill in the On the other hand, Wallace labels had been raped by a Negro soldier. sues." And what do you know? recognize the man. The Colonel method, that 62% of all Democratic many of the 10% of Democrats who broadcasts—one of the chief medi-Colonel, the complainant and some lected issues were "progressive," M. Ps walked down the line. The while only 20% of the Republican tionists, like ultra-reactionary Senasoldier and said: "This is the one." the Senate, the Democratic "pro- of many men like O'Daniel on this Union. The Colonel told the soldier to step gressive" vote was 60%; the Re- issue is recorded in the "progresout and ordered the M.P.s to ar- publican, 22%, rest him. A Negro soldier stepped The conclusion which the reader

During the war a Negro com- We don't know what they will do to order from the War Department

"No," shouted the company and was addressed by the Colonel on broke ranks. The Colonel, the democracy. "This war," said he, M.P.s and the Texan fled for their Army. What other occasions conlives.

FOUGHT JIM CROW

The situation became impossible. gation. So we must respect their The men fought Jim Crow every laws and customs. And on the inch of the way. Finally, a highranking general was sent down to hase Negroes must not go to the interview them. Twenty-one men were chosen as a committee to talk of war. The Negroes came from all over to him. He asked them to forget the United States, New York, Missis- that he was an officer and to talk sippi, California, Florida. But one to him as one soldier to another. He thing they had in common. They need not have made the gesture. He would have heard plain speaking in "Colonel," said one of them. "This any case. One of the twenty-one military base is not part of the state stepped out of the line and told him

"You want to stop the trouble "We must respect the views of the here? Then stop Jim Crow in the put me before a firing squad. Before they shoot, I will tear the The men called a meeting. The handkerchief off my eyes and tell ors feared him. I am told that many first speaker was an Uncle Tom, a you just what I am telling you

"Do all of you think like that?" "All of us. General, some of us are united.

"What is it you Negroes really

"Nothing, except to live like other "You want that in the South

everywhere."

"O. K.," said the General. "The got on well with them."

"That may be so, General," inter-United States Army, then for them rupted another spokesman. "But South for they would have no mean- your father's place have nothing to ing. The United States Army was do with this one way or another. teaching them to be brave on the We want the Jim Crow in the U. S.

A few weeks afterwards, came the Trotsky.

abolishing all discrimination on Post

-Leon Trotsky, 1940

Scientific socialism is the conscious expression of the unconscious historical process; namely, the instinctive and elemental drive of the proletariat to reconstruct society on communist beginnings. These organic tendencies in the psychology of workers spring to life with utmost rapidity today in the epoch of crises and wars.

—Leon Trotsky, 1940

Exchanges throughout the U. S. tributed, how the order was carried out, is beyond us here. But the narrative above can be vouched for. It is the written experience of one of our comrades. I can supplement it with dozens of other stories from other camps and from other theaters

The Army had given the Negroes organization; and the sense of solidarity and arms in their hands drove them to prodigies of revolutionary action. They fought an unceasing citil war with the Army authorities and with Jim Crow-minded white soldiers.

The company in question was broken up. Man after man was transferred elsewhere. One of them, the Missouri Christian, was pettybourgeois, of great intelligence, absolutely fearless and a fine speaker. The men respected him. His superiof the boldest agitators came from the deep South.

#### REVOLUTIONARY MATERIAL

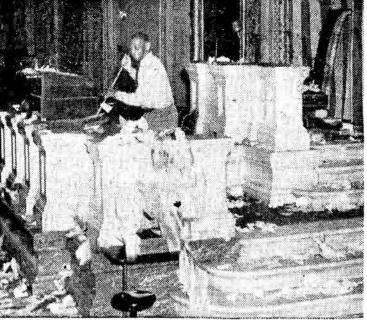
Somehow the revolutionary movement has to bridge the gap between ourselves and these men. Only a as fighters for Negro rights. Once they see and understand, they will be among the most desperate fightreach them, we must believe in them more than they believe in themselves. I have heard a Negro sharecropper say, without passion, almost casually: "If only the whites will

to pieces." That is what the revolutionary passion of the Negro is waiting for a force that means to tear this FPC REVIVED bloated, monstrous, tyrannical, inef-

join us, we could tear this country

casy.





Congressional Debris

A porter cleaning up the rostrum of the House of Representatives after the adjournment of Congress. For the rest of the country, the scattered waste paper represents unfinished business on housing, prices and shadows of economic collapse and war.

### SUP to Fight for Union Hiring Hall

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 5-In defiance of the Taft-Hartley Slave Labor Law the Sailors Union of the Pacific last night went on record to notify the west coast shipowners that they will reopen their contracts which expire Sept. 30. The members indicated that they will superstition, bigotry and ignorance. not tolerate any tampering with their closed shop agreement. With memories of the open shop days beore 1934 still clear in their minds, hey indicated their willingness to conduct a life and death struggle o maintain union control of the hiring hall, an issue none of the maritime unions can compromise

While preparing to carry on the fight against the repressive legislation. Harry Lundeberg, SUP leader. has announced in advance his abandonment of political action. By doing this he continues to weaken the struggle against the anti-labor drive of Big Business, which accomplished on the political field what it was unable to do on the economic

# **Painters Union Gains** Wage Rise in New York

NEW YORK, Aug. 1 -The new administration in AFL Painters in large part. It had antagonized District Council 9, headed by Secretary-Treasurer Martin Rarback, chalked up its first victory by wresting an agreement from the Mas- dependent, and as a result had augsuperficial view can see them merely ter Painters which includes a 15% wage increase and other gains. mented the ranks of the unem-

In the elections a month ago Rarback and his group drove out the

The new agreement raises wages to \$80.50 a week from the former after his defeat that the Rarback \$70 a week scale. Wages for scaf- administration was through if it scale organizing drive. As a first foldmen are increased to \$91 a failed to win the 6 hour day and a step in this direction it has reweek. Overtime and shift-time, a 75 cents hourly wage increase, none sore point in dispute, is to be di- of the leading Stalinists even dared vided equally among men in the to speak against the new agreement,

looks as if it can do it. The revolu- employer representatives, which set- 2,000 votes when he lost to Rartionary road to the Negroes is not tles questions of discrimination on back in the last election. Far more is required than the job, firing and related matters, The Stalinists had been so thormere knowledge of the Negro. It is will cease to be a dead letter and oughly discredited in the last few not at all accidental that the men will meet at least once a month, years that they were unable to who saw most deeply into the Negro | The Weinstock administration had make their customary demagogic question in the United States were practically scuttled this committee, speeches against the agreement the greatest contemporary masters which had met only two or three The Weinstock regime had bankof scientific socialism. Lenin and times during the life of the last rupted the union. It had permitted

The new agreement will terminate in one year as contrasted with the ment was considered a step forers for revolutionary socialism that Weinstock regime after ten years two and three-year agreements ward by the great majority of the our generation will know. But to of Stalinist misrule in the union, signed by the Stalinists in the past, membership. Although Weinstock had blustered

let alone vote against it. In the entire District Council, which counts some 10,000 members, only twelve The Fair Practice Committee, a votes were cast against the agreeficient imperialism to pieces and body composed equally of union and ment. Weinstock had received over

the industry to become non-union

unions, on whom the painters are ployed, already large in number. Under these conditions the agree-

Meanwhile the new administration is laying its plans for a largeestablished harmonious relations with other painters locals in the metropolitan area and has returned to membership on the New York Building Trades Council. These vital relationships had been criminally disrupted by the Stalinist Weinstock regime

#### Fight the Rent Hogs

The national CIO office sent out last week a letter to all CIO councils advising that tenants should organize to resist 15% rent increases and unjust evic-

# We the People

By Marvel Scholl -

The two most elemental urges of simply his name, sex, date and man are said to be the preservation place of birth with no mention of his legal status. In only ONE of life and the desire to propagate. state, Arizona, is he legally legiti-Yet around those elemental urges mate no matter what the marital is hung an impenetrable curtain of status of his parents.

They are recommended reading.

In an article in Readers' Digest,

Harold Isaacs casts a balance sheet

between the old and new methods

The old method is knowledge

garnered in whispered conferences

behind the barn, "dirty words"

treasured for their mysterious im-

plications, misinformation which

terrifies or 'scientific jargon which

The new method is simplified

courses such as are now being in-

cluded in the curriculum of the

public schools in Los Angeles, Kan-

sas City, Mo., Pittsburgh, and New-

ark Valley, N. Y., where sex educa-

tion is included naturally in all re-

It is impossible here to ade-

quately summarize the article, but

it is certainly a subject worthy of

deep study by every intelligent

In Europe there is a vast army

of more than 150,000 Displaced

Persons. In 1946 there were more

han 100,000 babies born and reg-

istered as illegitimate. 100,000 in-

nocent children, born without

passports to normal childhood,

branded by bigotry for the "sins of

Justine Wise Policy, Justice of

the Domestic Relations Court of

New York, discusses this problem in

In 39 states of this supposedly

enlightened nation, hapless chil-

dren born "out of wedlock" are

branded on their birth-certificates.

24 states allow the stigma of illegiti-

macy to be lifted from a child

only if the father acknowledges

paternity, marries the mother and

In 24 states a legally born child

may be declared illegitimate if his

parents' marriage is annulled. In

only eight states is a child given a

simplified birth certificate stating

then legally adopts the child.

Woman's Home Companion.

startling article in the August

of sex education.

no one understands."

lated subjects.

heir parents.

parent.

What does it mean to be and illegitimate child? Read Justice Three articles in the August Polier's article. And read an acissues of Scope, Woman's Home companying article about how the Companion and Reader's Digest same problem is handled in Sweddare to lift that curtain slightly. en. Then judge for yourself how "enlightened" this nation really is.

> Janet Blair's article, "The Facts about Abortion," in the current issue of Scope, deals with a subject even more taboo than the other two mentioned above. It should be read by every working class mother, because this subject even more so than sex education or illegitimacy, though they are all related, deals with a very real cloud which hovers over every worker's home. Too many children, not for the heart, but for the pocketbook.

> It is an established fact that not only the unmarried girl "in trouble" furnishes material for the abortion mill, but also the married woman already overburdened with too many mouths to feed on her husband's wages. Dr. Abraham Stone, medical director of the Margaret Sanger Research Foundation, says that only birth control education will stop the abortion mill,

> But where is the working class woman to get such education? She didn't get it from her mother, and in many states it is a crime, punishable by imprisonment, for doctors to furnish such information.

> Despite the advances in scientific knowledge and educational methods, capitalism today nourishes all that is obscure, superstitious and reactionary. This is true in the field of sex relations. Only socialism will rip through the iron curtain that degenerate capitalism places around knowledge in this as in all other social problems.

#### GIs and "Prosperity"

GI trucking firms are being forced out of business faster than all other types of the little government - financed ex-soldier enterprises. As of May, there had been 1,412 bankruptcies, while 3,118 others were behind in paymer.ts.

# Henry Wallace Pulls a Fast One

By Art Preis

Henry Wallace devotes the

side opened fire. But it did not last. American workers and other pro- imperialist aggression, war prepa-

selected issues. Then the "progres- port to the Greek monarchy and the which denied millions of workers the

were. There was unceasing conflict. The results are included in a sum-One day a man, living around the mary table of "Possible Vs. Actual

is left to draw is that the Demo- SECOND MAIN QUESTION "Men," he shouted, "Are you go- cratic Party is more progressive

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the Democrats are over 60% "pro- man's last-minute veto of the Taft- It is clear that in order to bolster emphasizes: "We need liberal Demo-

SLEIGHT OF HAND

This sleight-of-hand is performed by selecting ten measures and issues in which the votes of the Demoinasmuch as they could not stop the gress. His aim, as he indicates, is crats on all the measures together men, they had to go with the men. to demonstrate that the hope of would appear heavily weighted on the "progressive" side in contrast

and the decisive test-came on two His fraudulent method of demon- chief measures. However any mem-

ration and aid to foreign capitalist falsely labels "progressive." The big feature of the issue is a dictatorships against "communism." as imperialistic.

> How progressive were the Democrats on this key issue? Out of 226 bill to swindle American labor. sive" column by Wallace.

The other, and equally conclusive, ing to allow them to take him away? than the Republican-indeed, that test was the vote to override Tru-

agely anti-labor law in American liberals and the Stalinists is not holds out this possibility of utilizhistory. Out of 225 Democratic above methods of base deception.

Thus, on the two questions that counted above all others, the Demo-

had a different result also if he had lowers that there is more hope in crats and Republicans alike in Con-

He does not include the vote or But things could not stay as they sive" votes of the Democrats and Turkish military dictatorship. Wal- right to collect back wages due them were because the Negro soldiers were Republicans are tabulated and lace himself has built his recent in portal-to-portal pay and which reputation by denouncing this policy cut the heart out of the Wages and Hours Law. The overwhelming majority of Democrats voted for this

His had been present and could Wallace finds, according to his recognize the man. The Colonel method, that 62% of all Demogration with the bill—a 90% reactionary vote. And "Voice of America" foreign radio lined up the company, and the votes in the House on the ten sevoted against it did so not for ums for spreading U.S. imperialist progressive reasons, but as isola- propaganda throughout the world old man stopped in front of a Negro votes could be so designated. In tor O'Daniel of Texas. Yet this vote eventual war against the Soviet

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gressive" while the Republicans are Hartley Slave Labor Bill. Here his political line of continuing sup-crats fighting within the party to again a majority of Congressional port for the Democratic Party. Wal- make it, if possible, once again the Democrats joined hands with the lace has resorted to a transparent party of Jackson, Wilson and Roose-fraud. This Democratic capitalist velt." Republicans to enact the most sav- darling of a certain section of the

> votes in Congress on this issue, 130 Wallace is reduced to such low progressive aims, Wallace admits: votes, or a 58% majority, were cast methods because he is desperately "No thinking liberal, examining the to shackle American labor and trying to head off the growing records of the following pages, can novement for a labor party. While find two dozen members of the pres holding out a vague hope that he ent Congress worthy of future supmight eventually head up some port."

TREACHEROUS DELUSION

Y.t. in the same breath as he

"third party," he concentrates main- If this means anything, it means ly on trying to persuade his fol- that the vast majority of Demogress are the open, pliant tools of "reforming" the Democratic Party. Wall Street. It means any talk of reforming the Democratic Party is spreading treacherous delusion. It Thus, in his introductory state- means labor will remain politically ment to his box-score, Wallace hog-tied until it builds its own party.

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# SIX MONTHS OF INDO-CHINA'S WAR

According to a communique of the Viet Nam General Staff, reproduced in Bulletin 20 of the Viet Nam Republic Information Serv ice in Paris, the Indo-Chinese forces in the last six months have inflicted the following casualties on the French colonial army 16,605 dead. 13,947 wounded, and ger of guerrilla infiltration and live numerous prisoners.

As for war material, the French TROOPS ARE BRUTAL have lost 3.554 rifles, destroyed or captured, while the Indo-Chinese brutally to civilians. Briggs reports

have destroyed 1,027 machine guns man. As they walked off swearing and lost 256. We have destroyed at her, the weeping victim, fortu-22 cannon and 45 mortars, as against mately unhurt, appealed to the 2 Viet Nam mortars lost. French bazookas destroyed or captured-18. as against 2 Viet Namese. French airplanes shot down or destroyed to the military policeman, directing on the ground-35. French tanks destroyed-94. Trucks destroyed-487. her head. "Pas de justice," she French locomotives destroyed-7."

#### EYEWITNESS ACCOUNT

Indo-China is provided by an eye- here!" witness account from Hanoi by Walter Briggs, special correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor, Aug. 1. The country-side is covered by gutted villages. The French garrisons are hemmed within the cities while the rest of the country remains under the control of the insurgent and armed population, According to correspondent Briggs:

"Tens of thousands of peasants, fighting for independence from France. They have contained French troops in a few major cities, some They hold the great bulk of the

mains dot the countryside "like an else." archeologist's resurrection of the past. Another village with roofs why he himself had placed Stalin- de Gaulle can only take positions gone, walls crumbled. Almost every village is scarred."

#### DESTRUCTION EVERYWHERE

The suburbs of Hanoi look "like a Chinese village after a Japanese where. Down its half mile of main ist motives. He then launched into bosses and the CGT will not be able wartime visit. Destruction everystreet (the reference here is to the Red Army. It is no longer "the thing. Not even a dog."

. The cities themselves are depopulated. Hanoi is virtually deserted. from the French frontier. "Two years ago Hanoi's population ing French commercial community strikes. has dwindled to about 50."

live in a constant state of alarm, was just going on vacation. being "not wholly unaware of the Political circles, especially the hatred in the eyes of the Viet Nam MRP and the Socialist Party, regard

in expectation of incidents."

The troops conduct themselves

seeing two soldiers topple over a The communique continues: "We ricksha carrying a Viet Namese wo-American correspondent sitting in the car with an American flag. When Briggs advised her to appeal traffic on the next corner, she shook said. "No justice."

The correspondent cites this as obviously expressing the universal A glimpse into the conditions in cry of the Viet Namese: "No justice

#### Berlin Worker Earns More By Sleeping than by Working

BERLIN, Germany, July 28-Living conditions in Berlin are illustrated by a true story making the rounds here. According to the story, an employment bureau wanted to put one of the registered unemployed to work. The latter rejected the jcb offer, offering the following

"I am not lazy, I am not ill, but I am also not stupid. I sleep every day till noon. Thus I dispense with breakfast. That means I can save a loaf of bread every week. This loaf I sell every Saturday on the black market. I receive for this loaf an average of twice the weekly wage I would make by working. Why should I work when I can earn twice as much by sleeping? Not to speak of the tax I would have to pay if I worked!"

The average wage in Berlin is 43 marks a week. Less taxes of all kinds, that leaves a net wage of 35 marks. Average bread rations per week amount to 2,800 grams. If one saves 1,000 grams of the bread ration, it can be sold on the black market for 60 marks. Black market operations are subject to penalty, of course, but are so widespread as to be normal, and the risk is therefore "fair." The calculations of the jobless man in the story are therefore flawless. His case merely epitomizes a state of allairs.

# De Gaulle Propagandizes For Dictatorial State

The leading strata of French

capitalism are very well aware that

there does not exist for the moment

the possibility of proceeding by a

It is announced that de Gaulle

wants to hold a mass meeting in a

what will happen between now and

then, it is already sure that such

Against this speech of de Gaulle,

the Stalinist party has just brought

or strikes. The Stalinist party re-

mains true to itself, to its patriotic,

Greek Tyrants

Arrest More

Trotskyists

PARIS, July 30-The majority of the city government of Rennes class-collaborationist policy. led by a few score intellectuals, are refused to allow General de Caulle to hold a public meeting in one of the town squares. De Gaulle therefore made his speech on a private cently come to understand that lot in the Breton capital. This speech was aimed essentially at the they can fight for themselves only

up convoys and waylaid patrols. ist). He declared that "national split the country, they say, and inists in order to crush the nasunity" was in danger "because of thus aids the Stalinists. In reprisal the French have razed a group of men whose leaders place entire villages whose charred re- service to a foreign power above all

Seeking first of all to explain coup de force, that for the present ist ministers in his government, he and organize the forces of reaction. used against the Stalinists every- But they fear that provocative and thing which has characterized their untimely manifestations may stimattitude concerning maneuvers, ulate the working class, discontentpolemical and lying methods, and ed with its living conditions, and shifts dictated by purely opportun- which the agreement between the a diatribe about the danger of the to satisfy. suburb of Gialam) we see no living boches so many kilometers away from Paris" but "the Slav bloc" big Paris square on October 5. only "two days' bicycling distance" While it is not possible to know

Naturally, de Gaulle was careful was about 200,000. Now drained by not to speak of the workers, of their a provocation will not pass without refugees from the fighting, it is demands which the Stalinist party an answer from the working class. about one-fifth that. A once-thriv- betrays. He avoided mentioning He limited himself to speaking in contemptuous terms of out today a poster in which it ap-The side streets remain barricaded the French state, presenting him- peals to republicans against facamid the uncleared wreckage of the self as the champion of the "strong tionists, but in which there is fighting. The French authorities state," to a capitalist class which nothing about the workers demands

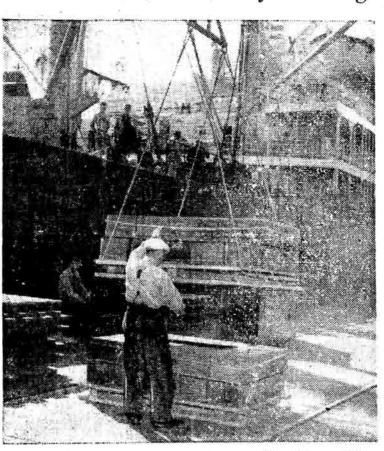
population. They realize the dan- this demonstration by de Gaulle

deattered strongholds; have blown French Communist Party (Stalin-twith some worry. He will help tives, must also by-pass the Stal-

relatively large numbers have rein by-passing the Stalinist direccent fascism of de Gaulle.

# Pogroms Sweep Palestine Leap Over to England

Wall Street Sends Arms for Chiang



The first 750-ton shipment of U.S. ammunition being sent free for use by Dictator Chiang Kai-shek's armies in the civil wor which has brought misery and suffering to China's millions, is loaded aboard the SS Washington Mail.

# Wall Street Muscles into Indonesia; **UN Acts after Dutch Gain Objectives**

(Continued from Page 1) slaveholders against the Indonesian

the exploitation of the fabulous withdrayal would merely precipiwealth of the East Indian Empire..

Wall Street had remained on the sidelines while the English, armed with American "lend-lease" equipment, reinstated the Dutch in Indonesia, after the native people had driven out the Japanese.

Wall Street had to sit by again while Britain served as "mediator," forcing the infamous Linggadjati agreement last October upon the young Indonesian Republic, and thus enabling the Dutch to consolidate at leisure their military forces for the eventual onslaught.

But when the Netherlands government once again called upon Britain to "intervene" a few days up before the Security Council, Wall Deputy Foreign Minister Moham-

proffered Holland its "good serv- News that Gani, Tamsil and the members of the Greek Trotskyist tion that henceforth Washington "house arrest" did not come until movement were among those ar- would insist on the final say over Aug. 3. And it was not until Aug. rested in the last wave of terror "mediation" and the fate of Indo- 6 that AP cabled from Batavia a

On the next day, the Security daris government, which has Council adopted the resolution, drafted jointly by the U.S. and brought about the arrest of more Australia. It contains a carefully Government offering its 'good ofthan 16,000 people throughout worded provision which opens wide the doors for America's new role in Indonesia, so painstakingly pre-Thirteen Trotskyists have now pared in the meantime behind-the- by the British, the Indonesian govbeen deported to the desert islands scenes. This provision reads that ernment is more than suspicious of of the Aegean Sea. Three others, both sides must "settle their dis- the self-appointed American "umputes by arbitration or by other pire." On Aug. 5, the Antara Agenundergo trial on the charge of hav-(read:

means." The Dutch quickly complied. An For several weeks now there has AP dispatch from Batavia, Aug. 3. been no news of Comrade Stinas, notes with glee that Dr. Van Mook, country; mining forms the main one of the leaders of the Greek Governor General of the Dutch CRISIS IN CUBAN CP: A split basis of its so-called national econ- Trotskyist movement, and it is East Indies, "emphasized that the feared that he has been assassinated Netherlands had accepted the good by members of the fascist "X" or- offices of the U. S. to bring about a settlement of the conflict. . . . .

The Greek Trotskyists have is-The most official seal of all sued a moving appeal to the militant the seal of the dollar - has been workers in all countries to come to affixed to this bargain struck at the expense of the Indonesian peo-(The International Secretariat of ples. On Aug. 5, the World Bank the Fourth International is asking announced that it would release a all sections to intensify their cam- loan of \$175.000,000 to the Dutch.

paign against the regime of terror Newspapers hitherto "critical" of imposed on the Greek people and the Dutch suddenly changed their for the defense of the thousands of tune. Thus the N. Y. Times now imprisoned and deported Greek mili- coolly announces that far from

the confines of a 'police action'." As for the justifiable Indonesian mally recognized the right of the of two British sergeants by the demand that the Dutch withdraw United Nations to intervene, but Jewish terrorists of Irgun Zvai Le-Wall Street has long been wait- their troops, the Times sweeps it were looking to the United States ing for a propitious moment to el- scornfully aside, declaring that "the for direct mediation." bow aside the British who have great majority of the Security

#### UTMOST PRESSURE

comost pressure is now being brought to bear on the reluctant Indonesian government to accept Washington's effer of "good offices." Throughout the hostilities, Washington had kept mum. This failure to previously approach the beleaguered Indonesian authorities thumb is now blandly explained away by the State Department as solely owing to "lack of communication facilities."

prominent members of the Indo- missions that might emanate from 1936-39 uprisings of the Arabs in talism has in store for the Jews nesian government, among them it. before the issue was finally brought | Deputy Premier A. K. Gani and Street decided it was time to call med Tamsil, have been all this while in Batavia, or more acurate-On July 31 Washington officially ly, in jail, since July 20.

ces." This was a public proclama- others had been released from report that "U. S. Counsel General Walter A. Foote today delivered to Indonesian Deputy Premier A. K. Gani a message from the American fices' in an effort to mediate. . . Doubtless mindful of the disas-

trous fruits of the last "mediation" Washington) peaceful cy quoted Premier Sjahriffoedin as telling the Working Committee of Parliament that his government "would not accept mediation but would agree only to arbitration by a United Nations commission." For their part, the Dutch authori-

## **Dutch Unionists** Advocate Boycott On War Material AMSTERDAM, July 24-Im

mediately after the Dutch imperireally kept their campaign within Fourth International, issued a mani-

Eenheids Vakcentrale, although under Stalinist influence, have taken up this slogan and ordered the boycott of every boat sailing for Indonesia.

The Dutch capitalists, however, with the complicity of the other capitalists, especially the Yankee British, French and Belgian imperialists, will doubtless permit their ports to be used for the Dutch war

Indonesia.

Palestine last week witnessed a reign of terror against the civilian Jewish population that matched the goriest pogroms staged by the Nazis. Almost simultaneously, these anti-Semitic abominations leaped over to the "tight little island" itself, setting the stage for events that have not transpired in England since medieval times. The

English Jews who were so confident +that such things as happened in 1 In any case, thinly veiled threats Germany could not possibly happen to employ this tactic had been on enlightened English soil are now made several times. Gen. Sir Allan face to face with stark reality.

of Tel-Aviv, where according to UP sending shots into shops and movie | Jerusalem and Haifa, hardly re-

Passengers on a crowded bus five were killed, 18 wounded, with ance to the hoodlums. two women reported among the

witnessed similar scenes.

On the next day, the funeral proof the previous day's massacre served as an occasion for another brutal assault in Tel-Aviv. According to eye-witness reports, an armored car manned by British police drove headlong into the funeral synagogue. Three separate bursts of gunfire poured into the defense- a scapegoat for unbridled reaction less mass, wounding 33 Jews.

The British authorities have disclaimed responsibility for these outrages, depicting them as "sponties insist that they "had not for- taneous" reprisals for the hanging umi. These hangings were in their turn reprisals by the terrorists for Wall Street has in the meantime the execution by the British of been Holland's senior partners in Council held that a Netherlands made it amply plain to all the other three Jewish youths implicated in diplomatic chancelleries that it will organizing the Acre Prison break brook no interference with its plans. of May 4.

The denia's of the authorities pean continent, A persistent refusal by the Indonesian government to accept Amer- cannot be taken at their face value, ican "good offices" would by no any more than the original denials land serve once again to underscore means automatically remove Wash- of both the police and the army the utter futility of Zionism as a ington from the picture. It may that none of their men "were imthen choose to reappear in the guise plicated in the affray which turned the Jews. The Militant has repeatof member of a United Nations the streets into a veritable shooting commission which would, in its ma- gallery for several hours."

jority, be completely under its The Indonesian people will do to be a favorite tactic of colonial believing they could find their salwell to place no trust whatever 'pacification." Far from being vation there. in the United States and the strangers to its use, the British thieves' kitchen called the United have applied it on numerous occa-Strangely enough, however, six Nations, including any and all com- sions, in particular, during the are an anticipation of what capi-Palestine

Cunningham, Bri ish High Commis-In Palestine the main assault sioner for Palestine, is reported to took place in the all-Jewish city have told the head of the Jewish Agency that "the British had reachand AP dispatches from Jerusalem, ed the end of their patience, and squads of British soldiers and po- would not endure further insults, lice manned "approximately eight kicks, bullets and bombs 'without armored cars" and stormed the cen- reprisals." This statement, made ter of the city "firing wildly and after the pogroms in Tel-Aviv,

quires comment The fountainhead of the antiwere caught in a cross-fire and Semitic outbreaks in England Msuffered the brunt of the casual- self is quite clear. The incipient ties. Passers-by were assaulted by fascist formations there, headed armed troopers and policemen, by Mosley's scum, seized the oppor-Store windows were smashed and tunity to organize assaults upon the looted. There are reports of hand Jewish communities in London Livgrenades being used in addition to erpool, Manchester and other cities. clubs and guns. As a result of this The most ominous note here is the pogrom in Tel-Aviv on July 31, apparent absence of popular resist-

A Jewish-owned factory was set ablaze in Liverpool. In Manches-Jerusalem, Haifa and other cities ter thugs invaded the Jewish area, attacking passers - by, smashing store windows and inciting onlookcession accompanying the victims ers to loot. Syragogues in many cities, including London, were the targets for vandals who invariably raised the cry: "Down with the Jews!

The extension to England of these fascist-like attacks on the procession of 5,000 approaching the Jews is not a passing episode. Jews in England provide as convenient as they did in Germany, as they will on the morrow in the United States as well. This is inherent in the decaying capitalist system, which breeks the most bestial reaction regardless of how "democratic" the traditions of a particular country may be. The English pogroms are merely the latest verification of this inexorable truth. Whoever tells the Jewish people otherwise is leading them blindfolded to the same horrible fate they have already suffered on the Euro-

solution for the terrible plight of edly warned that by its policies Zionism could not help but prepare The method of "reprisals" delib- a bloody trap in Palestine for the erately inspired from above happens Jews who have been duped into

> The pogroms in Palestine, the anti-Semitic outbreaks in England wherever they still survive.

# Latin American Notes

COLOMBIA CP SPLITS: A deep | A contributing factor in the split split took place in the Communist is the so-called national economy Party of Colombia during its recent of Cuba. The first storm clouds national convention, according to a of this crisis could be seen in the July 24 UP dispatch. One section, proposition made by some Ameriled by Gilberto Vieira, continues to can capitalist interests, to establish call itself the Communist Party, a quota for Cuban sugar. What launched by the Maximos-Tsalwhile the other, led by Augusto happens to the sugar market is of Duran, constituted itself as the initial interest to Cuba for this is Communist Workers Party. After the split, each faction met separate-

It is hard, on the basis of the dispatch, to say what issues were involved in the split, but in view getting a sharp taste of the comof the treacherous policies of the Stalinist Parties, it is reasonable announced that the Bolivian gov- two of whom are girl students, will to believe that there were deep ernment had given the Patino minpolitical issues at play, even though ing interests permission to lay off ing been present at an "illegal they may not have taken clear-cut some 7,000 workers. And this is meeting." form at the present stage of de- only the beginning.

has also taken place in the Stalin- omy. The general conditions of the ist ranks in Cuba, directed mainly Bolivian working people are bad and basically against the treach- enough "normally," and everything ganization. erous policies of what has come to indicates that they will become be known as the Browderist lead- worse. There is deep unrest among ership of the CP of Cuba, which is the miners and also among the Inheaded by Lazaro Pena. The split- dian peasants. off forces constituted themselves as the Socialist Revolutionary Move- the jitters to some representatives ment and are now going through of American imperialism. One of a process of political re-orientation, them, Lynn Taylor, who just renot only on national but also on turned from Bolivia, was quoted by international questions.

while to mention that the Cuban mines have doubled and tripled Communist Party is one of the during the past few years. Native most corrupted Stalinist organiza- Indian miners, led by agitators, are tions in Latin America. It is so openly advocating the seizure of directly linked to the Cuban state the mines and their operation by apparatus that it applies even Mos- the miners." cow's new policy in relation to American imperialism in an extremely timid manner.

#### Greek Monarchy Asks For U. S. Troops

The Greek government is asking Washington to send U.S. troops to Greece as "a symbolic force" and in order to "intimidate" the guerrilla fighters against the Greek dictatorship, D. A. Schmidt reports from Athens (N.Y. Times, Aug. 6).

In addition, the Greek Cabinet has cabled an urgent request for the speeding up of arms deliveries and an increase in their the main source of national income.

UNREST IN BOLIVIA: Other Latin American countries are also ing depression. Last week the press

Bolivia is also a one-product

This situation is already giving the July 30 Los Angeles Times as In this connection, it is worth- saying that "labor troubles in the

> The "agitators" Taylor reters to are mainly members of the Bolivian Section of the Fourth International, who as true representatives of the exploited masses are at the head of their daily struggles.

SITUATION IN CHILE: Chile is suffering from the elements of both an economic and a political crisis. President Gonzalez Videla admits it may soon be impossible to pay even the salaries of government employes. The Chilean Cabinet has been reconstituted in the form of a new "technical cabinet" composed almost exclusively of members of the Radical Party, but that solves nothing. Meanwhile, strikes are on the upsurge.

#### tants. It is also asking for the col- seeking to establish their rule by lection of funds to help the em- bayonet, the Dutch appear "to have of Holland, Dutch section of the battled Greek Trotskyists.)

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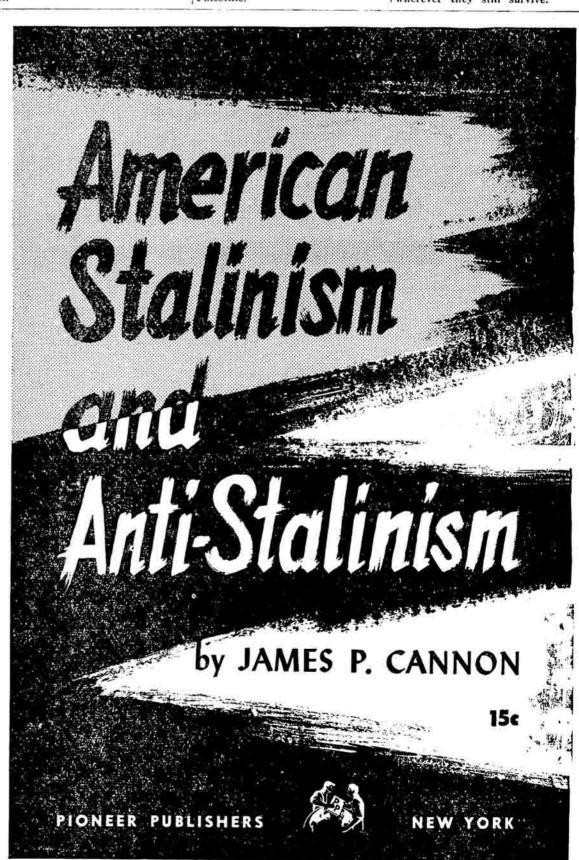
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alist attack on the Indonesians, the Revolutionary Communist Party festo entitled "The Enemy Is in Our Own Country," and calling for a total boycott by the workers of Holland and the world against any shipments by the imperialists to In-The trade unions composing the

For this reason, all stevedores and all seamen should follow the example of their Dutch brothers and boycott any imperialist shipments to



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"Capitalism will not disappear from the scene automatically. Only the working class can seize the forces of production from the stranglehold of the exploiters. History places this task squarely

Leon Trotsky

#### The Crisis in England

England, the country that has ruled the world for more than three centuries, finds herself today facing the gravest crisis in her history. Drained by the war, her antiquated economy now verges on collapse. The bubble of reviving England through an export boom has burst. Disaster now threatens the moment the last remaining billion of American credits is exhausted.

Just what is at the bottom of this crisis? The capitalist press in this country is elaborately pretending that England's terrible plight stems directly from the "socialist" measures instituted by the Laborites. As if Wall Street would have lent so much as a penny, let alone billions of dollars, to aid any genuinely socialist

The fact is, of course, that not a single genuinely socialist measure has either been projected or applied thus far in England. The nationalization of the coal industry and of the Bank of England have left these "nationalized" sectors along with the rest of the economy on the same capitalist basis as before. The coal industry and the Bank of England are still enterprises which operate for profit, with the dividends of their respective bondholders remaining as the first charge against their income. If any additional proof of the fraudulent character of these nationalizations is needed, let it be recalled that the Tories, headed by Churchill, adopted recently a program incorporating every single major measure already adopted by the Laborite majority.

Far from being a crisis of socialism, the English situation now unfolds as the crisis of capitalism.

This crisis must, bring in its wake a grandiose political crisis, in the first instance, of the Labor Party. The masses who voted the Laborites into power, did so in expectation that they would guide the country on the socialist road. They have been monstrously duped. Instead these case-hardened reformists have done everything in their power to patch up the decayed capitalist system. For two years they have demanded "austerity," driving the masses to depths of poverty and sacrifices such as they were not forced to undergo even in wartime. Today Attlee and Co. propose to demand even greater sacrifices and greater degradation. There are no limits to what they will do in order to perpetuate capitalism in England.

But to the British people the unfolding crisis is the final grim warning that under this decayed system the road is completely barred not alone to future progress but even to regaining the living standards of the past. EITHER they permit their capitalist masters and the Laborite lackeys to plunge them into the abyss, OR they must really strike out resolutely and boldly on the socialist road.

#### A Crime Against Labor

AFL President William Green and CIO President Philip Murray last week committed an act of base treachery to American and world labor and shameless servility to Wall Street imperial-

They publicly and simultaneously endorsed the infamous Truman Doctrine of U.S. imperialist intervention in other countries and support of capitalist distatorship everywhere against the workers and peasants.

Their endorsement was contained in letters of praise for Truman's selection of Clinton Golden, former CIO Steelworkers' official, as a member of the American Mission to Aid Greece. Murray claimed the purpose of this mission is to "help the Greek people help themselves."

This is a contemptible lie. The purpose of the mission, as of all other so-called "aid" to Greece, is nothing but financial and military aid to the blood-drenched Greek monarchy, restored to power by British bayonets. This capitalist-monarchist distatorship is right now conducting a war of murderous suppression against the Greek

Every dollar U. S. capitalism is sending to Greece is going toward the extermination of the Greek union leaders and labor organizations. It is going to bolster a regime that is dragging tens of thousands to vile prisons and concentration

thousands with U.S. arms.

And who is paying for this? The loans and arms are being squeezed from the American workers through taxes. Isn't it the depth of treachery to American labor for its top leaders to complain about high prices, low wages and extortionate taxes while they endorse the robbery of American workers to pay for the imprisonment and murder of our brothers and sisters in

Green and Murray have committed an unpardonable crime that must receive the sternest denunciation from the American working class.

### World-Wide Spy System

For the first time in American history, the U. S. government is officially establishing an international espionage system.

Quietly and behind the backs of the American people, Congress in the closing minutes of its last session slipped through a bill creating a "Central Intelligence Agency," directly under the National Security Council, to "correlate and evaluate intelligence relating to the national security."

This, in the words of the Aug. 3 N. Y. Times, would be "an effective world-wide intelligence service"-that is, a world-wide spy system.

The nature of this system is indicated by the Times in its reference to the secret debates on the measure before closed Congressional hearings. "One of the greatest fears of the legislators was lest . . . they create an intelligence agency that could take on the guise and dominance of a Gestapo."

These political agents of U.S. imperialism had no difficulty quelling their fears. And thus, in the words of the Times, "this country has also embarked on the hidden game of international and national security."

This will be the biggest and most powerful spy system in history, backed by America's unparralleled financial and material resources. It will be a super-spy agency whose tentacles will reach everywhere on the globe. Not the least of its functions will be to penetrate revolutionary movements of the people.

What a hue and cry the Wall Street politicians, military agents and press have been making about the "red spy" menace. But Stalin must gasp in envy at the spy system U. S. imperialism is developing.

This all-pervading spy system will be under the control of the military caste, answerable to no one but themselves, working in the dark to serve any purpose they see fit. It will give the brass hats a further weapon for exercising their independent power and terrorizing the people.

The American people will never know what this sinister spy agency is doing, why it is doing it. They will have nothing to say about its activities. They will just foot the bills.

American capitalism, brazenly over-riding the traditional loathing of the American people for secret police and spy systems, has taken another big step toward perfecting its terror machine for the conquest and exploitation of the world.

#### Puerto-Rican Tragedy

As the post-war boom fades fast in Latin America, it cedes place to the post-World War II crisis, which aiready has found its profound repercussions in Puerto Rico, an outright colony of American imperialism.

In recent days, the metropolitan press has carried a number of articles commenting on the influx of Puerto Ricans to the United States, and particularly to New York and its large colony, known as "Little Spain." The N. Y. Times was even impelled to write an editorial on Aug. 3, shedding crocodile tears, under the title, "The Tragedy of Puerto Rico."

Beyond the shadow of a doubt, the situation in Puerto Rico is actually tragic. But what the N. Y. Times carefully omits are the causes underlying this tragedy. It doesn't dare to tell the truth, because the truth in this case would be self-incriminating.

It is not so much the over-population of this unfortunate island, as the Times pretends, that underlies the suffering of its population, but rather the fact that under American rule, Puerto Rican economy has lost all semblance of vitality. It has been reduced in practice to a huge sugar plantation, ruthlessly exploited by American monopolists, with its population converted into slave laborers, living in unbelievable degradation and misery.

For the Puerto Rican masses there is no prospect of any improvement at home and that is why they are leaving the island by the thousands seeking some other place where they can find subsistence. Capitalism has inscribed over Puerto Rico its sign which reads: "Leave All Hope Behind, You Who Remain Here!" And those now flee who still are able.

The tragedy of Puerto Rico reveals strikingly the hypocritical nature of America imperialism, especially its hollow boast of fighting to preserve the independence and the elementary rights of small countries. Puerto Rico is a model instance of the brutal suppression of national aspirations and national interests.

Let us recall in passing that the story of Puerto Rico also unveils the hypocrisy of the Stalinists who still paint up Roosevelt - along with his spiritual heir, Wallace-as champions of freedom and democracy.

It was precisely under the rule of Roosevelt and Wallace that the fighters for national libaration of this island were persecuted and thrown to rot in the federal prisons of the United States. Their "crime" was that they sought to liberate their country from the yoke of Wall Street.

So long as a Democrat or Republican inhabits the White House, they will remain



"I know it's safer, but I'm so accustomed to a Southern

pp., 1947, five cents.

This important pamphlet, just off the press, embodies the statement of the National Committee of the Socialist Workers Party on the notorious Taft-Hartley Slave Labor Act. The statement analyzes the ecobe passed and offers a fighting program against it.

Few laws passed in this country have ever been more "hated and unpopular" than the Taft-Hartley Act It was bitterly opposed by 15 million organized workers, "who with their families and allies, constitute the overwhelming majority of the country's population." The storm of opposition which followed the introduction of the bill, was "contemptuously flouted" by the reactionary 80th Congress, and the bill

The authors point out that this against organized labor."

The pamphlet demonstrates Street's drive to conquer the world, mies for small personal favors." And by every working man and woman The Taft-Hartley Act "is the domes- the role of the Communist Party in the country. tic section of Wall Street's plans for (Stalinist) was most pernicious of

FIGHT THESLAVELABOR world conquest as formulated in the all, the pamphlet explains. war-mongering Truman Doctrine. It is the pamphlet poses the fundation by Socialist Workers is the application of this doctrine mental question confronting American Party, Pioneer Publishers, 16 to the American people themselves, ican labor. "Who shall govern the In order to oppress people all over land? What class shall govern this

> they really put their hearts and party system. efforts into, was the "job of dis- That is why the most important couraging and squelching effective task today facing the American mass action. They believed it pos- labor movement is the task of buildsible to sweep back the reactionary ing a Labor Party now. The worktide with a paper broom of tele- ing class must have its own inde-

The pamphlet explains the reason thors warn. Slave Labor Law is in the tradi- for this betrayal of the workers intion of edicts against labor passed stinctive desire to fight the bill in tional United Labor Conference of by the fascist regimes in Italy and a correct class form. These corrupt "representatives of all unions, with Germany. "At one blow it wipes and fearful labor leaders "are bound full rank and file representation. out legal rights won in a century to the capitalist system and its way must be convened as quickly as posof bitter struggle." It violates the of life by their whole tradition and ible. The main point on the agenda Bill of Rights in the U.S. Constitu- training. They are tied by a thou- must be the complete break of the tion. It is designed to cripple the sand threads to the capitalist gov- unions from the capitalist parties union movement. So savage is this ernment and the political parties of and the launching of the Labor bill that its sponsors themselves "do Wall Street. A few union officials Party." not dare to enforce all its pro- like Lewis, stand under the Repub- The Socialist Workers Party urges visions at one stroke. But the poi- lican wing of the Wall Street vul- that the slogan of this Conference soned barbs are there, ready for use ture. Most of them flock under the be: "A Labor Slate in '48! Put Democratic wing. They know no Labor in the White House! No one that other political game but that of in Congress not controlled by the fierce anti-labor drive in this back-room deals, petty intrigues, and Labor!"

the world. Wall Street must have a country? What shall be the fate of submissive working class at home." mankind?" and who will decide this An important section of the pam- fate? They show that there is "no phlet is devoted to showing how the misunderstanding among the top workers wanted to fight this bill be- circles of the capitalist class about fore it was passed, and how they the real issues. That is why they were betrayed in their desire for fight as a class, with every weapon nomic and political conditions today effective action by the timid and at their command, mercilessly and which enabled such a vicious law to cringing union leadership. The without compromise. The Taft-'labor statesmen" like Murray, Hartley Act is a declaration of total Green, Lewis, Reuther, Tobin, Du- war against labor. In this total binsky, etc. "did little more than war, their chief weapon is their pocall names while the Taft-Hartley litical monopoly, their state appara-Act impended." The only thing tus, their government, their two-

> grams and petitions." But the great- pendent political instrument with est flood of protest letters and tele- which to fight the two parties of grams in the history of Congress Wall Street. "To hesitate or prodid not for a moment halt the drive crastinate in carrying out this Task No. 1 is to invite disaster," the au-

country is part and parcel of Wall button-holing labor's political ene- This pamphlet deserves to be read

# New Labor Czar, Denham: The Man and His Record

In vetoing the Taft-Hartley visions would be firmly enforced by committee rooms where it was writ-Slave Labor Law, President Tru- him. man assumed the pose of an op- stock broker, who is now so greatly Senate Labor Committee, is an old acter and record of the man apunder the Taft-Hartley Law—the iner is studded with unceasing ef- into the law." post of General Counsel, who has forts to circumvent the Wagner Act RABID ENEMY sweeping powers and the final say on what cases may be prosecuted TO LEGALIZE SCABBING under this law.

#### SERVES BIG BUSINESS

poration lawyer in Seattle. He next spired it.) became so closely attached to the financiers as to serve as manager the originator of rulings whereby house-cleaning" of the NLRB. for a Wall Street brokerage house workers fired for union activity in its Washington office.

capacity in 1933 as a "reorganizer" ly registered for other jobs with the key post, of shaky national banks which had USES. been closed down at the time. Five | He further distinguished himself years later, in 1938, he received an by fighting on all occasions for the

of his unswerving hostility to the Act. tenure as NLRB trial examiner. In however, is the behind-the-scenes a recent statement he declared: role he played in the drafting of the "I have always resented the fact Taft-Hartley Bill. According to the that the Wagner Act left the cm- weekly United States News, Aug. 1.

in behalf of the employers.

were refused back-pay after rein-He first popped up in an official statement, unless they had previous- White House has appointed to this

appointment as NLRB trial exam- broadest possible interpretation of iner, in which capacity he continued the employer's "right to fire." This to serve the corporations faithfully, by no means exhausts Denham's Denham himself makes no secret record as "enforcer" of the Wagner Wagner Act throughout his years of His chief claim to distinction,

ployer in a helpless position . . . this was accomplished in the follow-Now we have a law that provides ing manner: for his defense." In the same breath "As the law was drafted, Mr. Denhe added that the Taft-Hartley pro- ham found a quiet approach to the

ten. Senator Forrest C. Donnell This corporation lawyer and ex- (Rep.) of Missouri, a member of the

ponent of this measure; but his concerned about "firm" enforce- friend of Mr. Denham's from colsubsequent actions belie this pose, ment of law, did everything in his lege days at the University of Mis-Let us take as an instance the char- previous capacity to undermine the sourt. Senator Donnell took a numlaw he was supposed to uphold. His ber of Mr. Denham's ideas to the pointed by Truman to the key post entire record as NLRB trial exam- Committee and they were written

Fittingly enough, this rabid enemy of labor, who used his previous po-In one case Denham declared it sition to obstruct the law on the Truman's appointee to this post of legal for strikers to be fired and to books and to help write the most labor czar is Robert N. Denham, be replaced by scabs. He not only vicious piece of anti-labor legislawho blandly describes his back- refused to order the reinstatement tion ever passed in this country, anground as "entirely financial and of these strikers but subsequently nounced that he would tolerate no ruled that none of them could vote one of his legal staff who had even in the NLEB election. (The Taft- the slightest mental reservations Hartley law contains precisely such about the new legislation. Accord-This self-avowed creature of Big a provision and, as we shall sec. ing to a UP dispatch Aug. 2. Den-Business began his career as a cor- Denham is credited with having in- ham's first action, upon being sworn in as General Counsel, was to or-He is likewise credited with being der an immediate "large-scale Such is the "impartial" man

whem the "friend of labor" in the

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## June Exports Sag As **Production Slides Down**

The eyes of businessmen are now focused with anx-

iety on unexpected developments in foreign trade.

Capitalist experts believe that the fate of their capi-

talist economy hinges on the continuation of the export

boom. In his mid-year economic report, President Truman boasted about the unprecedented exports as one of the three main props sustaining high production levels

and employment. This is correct in the sense that once

the outlets for industry on the domestic market become

completely clogged, the sole avenue of salvation for

Up to now these foreign outlets seemed more than

adequate to take up any slack at home. American export trade hit the record figure of almost a billion and

a half dollars in May. Optimism ran high and there

was talk both in Washington and Wall Street of stabi-

lizing exports at an even higher annual rate of 20 billion dollars for at least the remainder of this year.

But June has brought with it disillusionment and

even alarm. According to the figures released last week

by the Census Bureau, exports dipped sharply in June,

declining by 13% to a total below a billion and a quarter.

incline to the view that this drop marks a turning point

in the export flood. The preliminary estimates for July

tend to bear this out. Henceforward, in their opinion,

exports will continue to recede. Some of the forecasts

a drop of about 30% by the end of the year.

The Wall Street Journal, Aug. 1, reports that "one big bank which finances trade around the world." expects

It is not expected that the Marshall Plan, by extend-

ing new billions in loans, credits and outright gifts to

Europe, will materially alter this gloomy prospect. Thus,

in the opinion of authoritative Wall Street Journal, "no

lend-or-give plan to sustain Europe could in itself keep

the export flood from receding." Here are the interest-

rope. Shipments to South America and non-U.S. North

America are bigger than those to all Europe combined.

And although the feed-the-world side of exports gets

the most publicity, manufactured goods are the real

backbone of the export boom. Shipments of foodstuffs

in May added up to \$224 million. But non-food manu-

factures like textiles, machinery and electrical equipment

The prospects of Europe absorbing textiles and durable

It is noteworthy that while booming exports have

undoubtedly helped sustain industrial activity in the first

half of this year, industry has nevertheless registered

its initial declines. Precisely in the period when exports

were rising to record heights, total output of manufac-

tured goods and minerals dropped from 190 in March

to 183 in June, according to the Federal Reserve index.

lion dollars, while their inventories shot up by another

third of a billion to a new record total of 22.7 billion

flollars. This gain was accounted for entirely by the

durable goods industries which are now confronted with

In the meantime, the already limited foreign pur-

chasing power has undergone still another reduction

through the new general price rise that is now in

These new factors aggravate the economic situation.

For their tendency is to speed up the rate at which

industry is declining. As both the domestic and foreign

outlets prove capable of absorbing less and less, the

swollen inventories of the manufacturers, which up to

now have served as a major factor in sustaining produc-

Manufacturers' shipments in June slid off by 200 mil-

goods at the rate of a billion dollars a month obviously

do not enter the minds of the most sanguine proponents

"Biggest exports are going to countries outside Eu-

ing and quite cogent reasons for this conclusion:

The most sober among the foreign trade specialists

capitalists lies in the world market,

DISILLUSIONMENT AND ALARM

are rather pessimistic.

totaled over a billion dollars."

of the Marshall Plan.

dwindling foreign outlets.

INITIAL DECLINES REGISTERED

tion at high levels, will suddenly become transformed into the greatest single obstacle to industrial activity. **Job Statistics Show How Liars Can Figure** 

The latest official figures on employment, in Truman's recent Economic Report, would have us believe but the goal of 60,000,000 jobs has been reached. To those who know that "liars can figure and figures can lie." Truman's statistics have a slight odor about them.

A closer scrutiny of these figures, together with illuminating hints that appear here and there in the press, reveals a situation that is scarcely conducive to joy and optimism.

An article in the News of the Week section of the N. Y. Times, July 27, by Washington correspondent Joseph A. Loftus, observes that Truman's employment figures "need qualification before Americans begin to congratulate themselves and throw caution overboard."

He reports that "the seasonal factor is evidently responsible for a substantial part of the employment peak. Agricultural employment always rises at this time of year and declines after harvest time."

Agricultural employment, he points out, normally rises to about 10,000,000 in midsummer and drops to a low of 6,000,000 after harvest,

"Thus a drop of 4,000,000 in agriculture will result in a corresponding drop in total employment." He adds: "Some declines may also be expected in construction with the beginning of unfavorable weather."

ADDED FOUR OR FIVE MILLION Truman's figure for employment was obtained by adding four or five million to the actual total of permanently employed.

"In other words," says Loftus, "there is still quite a way to go before reaching an annual average of 60.-000,000 jobs" and "not merely 60,000,000 summertime jobs."

He observes a further phenomenon, which the Truman report failed to stress. "When employment rose in June, unemployment did too."

Here is the crux of the matter. Truman's "experts" could pad the employment figures to give a good mouthfilling and vote-catching total. But they could not altogether conceal the decisive fact - that there is steadily mounting unemployment.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Census, which issued the 60,000,000 employment figure for June, there was simultaneously unemployment of 2,555,000. This was a rise of 600,000 in one month.

The most significant increase of unemployment is in manufacturing, where there were 150,000 less persons employed in May than in April, and 250,000 fewer

That this trend has continued is indicated by the report of the New York State Labor Board that factory jobs in that key state dropped another 20,000 in June.

In certain industries, such as textiles, unemployment has become acute. Joseph W. Knapik, president of the CIO Dyers' Federation, recently said: "The depression in the dyeing, finishing and printing industry is not around the corner - it is already here, and we can look for less than 20 per cent of our plants to work full time between now and Labor Day, with the remaining 80 per cent on a part time basis."

What is the real employment situation? Truman's figures don't tell us the truth. But it is evident that unemployment is considerably worse than the government admits. And it is further evident that the jobless trend leaves no room for any optimism.

# Workers' Forum

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

#### Her Eves Opened By Indonesia War

I worked in a war plant during the war. I gave a considerable part stroy them. I did not agree with your paper that my work and my

Business. Well, now I have had my eyes opened, and so have many others view of the general consensus of Part of the ammunition I helped to authoritative opinion that the "reproduce is now probably being used to kill innocent people in Indonesia themselves will not take place this who have the same ideas about fascism that I have. And part of the the market, which is supposed to money I lent for war bonds may discount future trends, vigorously Jobless Family Kicked have been used by the government push up beyond the 1946 highs? as a loan to the Dutch government to help finance them in this terrible war.

husband, who is of Dutch descent upward movement of prices in terms and volunteered for the U.S. Army partly because he wanted to free the Dutch people from Nazi rule, feels exactly the same about this mat- capitalists themselves in their own ter as I do. And I am sure that the system and their inability to decide majority of the Dutch people feel just what course they should pursue.

### Questions Analysis Of Economic Trend

In The Militant, May 24, John G. Wright, whose articles on the economic situation I found quite informative, analyzed the behavior of the to the bottom, I refer J. V. to my stock-market and concluded that it article "Wall Street's Epic Tucsday" must of necessity go down, "downward at an ever dizzier pace." Instead, as you know, the stocks actually rose to this year's highs. Wasn't this prediction therefore obviously wrong? And don't you think Appreciated Series the readers of The Militant have an By Ernest Germain

Boston, Mass.

### Explanation Offered By John G. Wright

If I left any reader with a misconception that my comments on Wall ports about conditions there and go tack to their farm land in Okla-Street's behavior in May were de- I must confess that your series was homa. signed to forecast the concrete the best, most graphic and revealmovement of stocks in the next few ing of all I have come across. I am And when they got there, the sup- ficers in the military mission in Braweeks, then I have no choice but to glad to see that I am not alone in posed farm land turned out to be a apologize for not having made my urging that the German people mirage. It had been sold for lack standardization plan," even though the election frauds in Kansas City. meaning more clear. It was-and is should not be punished for crimes of tax payment. The family applied -furthest from my mind to forecast market fluctuations over any short-term period. This belongs to the field of crystal-gazing and not of scientific analysis.

My purpose is to determine future E. Bohannan and Grace Carlson. trends of the economy as a whole and in this particular instance I merely sought to depict these trends as they are reflected in the gyrations of the stock-market, which Pins All His Hopes as a whole, even if in a highly dis- On Henry Wallace torted form. The article cited by J. V. analyzes the bearish moods Editor: prevalent in May and concludes I would like you to discontinue with the following statement: "This sending me your paper. will determine its (Wall Street's) If we are to get anywhere, the downward, and at an ever dizzier Wallace is the best we can hope for

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### downswings in a bull market. Early pronounced upswing, yet even Wall Street's most optimistic prognosti-

cators did not view this as a reversal of trend, which, since the of my wages to buy war bonds. I sharp break in May, 1946, has been did this because I hate fascism and distinctly bearish, despite such flucimperialism and wanted to help de- tuations as the recent eight-week 'bull market.' The latter development can hardly

money were being used to aid Big as yet be construed as a definitive reversal of this trend.

This is especially interesting in cession" envisaged by the capitalists year. If that is so, then why doesn't

Morcover, with the hiking of steel prices we are now amid a general Editor: price rise. Yet the market is still I also want to tell you that my extremely hesitant to reflect this of stock quotations.

The correct answer is, in my opinion, the lack of confidence of the I have tried to show in my articles Housewife and Worker what are the deep-going economic reasons for this persistent pessimism. And since the economic trends are distinctly downward, I am still of the opinion that the most likely variant for Wall Street is still downward, and at an ever dizzier pace.

> For the reasons why I think, in the light of the latest developments. that the bear market will be ridden (The Militant, Aug. 4)

John G. Wright

# J. V. Editor:

Let me offer my thanks for your excellent series on Germany, 1947 A month ago, the Brink family because I spent some time on her war. Ever since coming home, I ed by the press and the county rehave continued to read various re- lief authorities until they decided to workers guilty of participating in of the distinguished jurists on the committed by the German rulers for relief in Oklahoma and was

(and rulers of other countries), Preis, Theodore Kovalesky, William vation Army.

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### ket are as common as temporary Don't Cast Your Vote this year there took place a rather For the Atomic Bomb

I want to say that any man who votes for the two old parties, the Democrats and Republicans, is voting for the atomic bomb.

The rulers who dropped the atomic bomo on two cities, killing innocent people, cannot be trusted vote for them.

the Soviet Union but what little is won in Lenin's and Trotsky's day. Hamilton, Ohio

# From Pillar to Post

Enclosed is a clipping from the local press about the suffering of the Brink family, which attracted considerable attention here. The situation of this family of 11 people seems to me symbolic of the life of the poor under the capitalist sys-

Here is a family which has been knocked from pillar to post. Five years ago they left their Oklahoma Work on orchards and farm was of the war, however, work became scarce and the family was forced to apply for county relief.

They were accepted and given \$278 per month. In addition, their misfit county clothing.

the California law, which states that four freedoms. no person is eligible to receive re-California

by Ernest Germain. I happen to was given the alternative of returnhave a certain interest in Germany ing to Oklahoma or having their relief cut down to \$126 per month. soil as a soldier during the recent | The family was cajoled and hound-

They ran out of funds on the way. turned down on the ground they I also enjoy the articles by Joseph were citizens of California! They Hansen, James P. Cannon, Art then applied for aid from the Sal-

ferings of the Brink family should of the butcher Chiang Kai-shek. be a warning for the labor movethe employers fighting against the and Air Forces than before.

employed workers. The trade unions should form unemployed committies and meet in bombs. a general labor conference to fight for trade union wages for the ungeneral trend, amid minor fluctua- workers have to unite, not fight employed, for opening the idle factions, in the next period, namely: each different clan. A man like tories, and for reduction of weekly working hours without any reduction in weekly take-home pay.

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What happened to that money? Who got it, and what was it used for, and did they need it more than American citizens that we need of writing the U.S. Treasury and asking for an accounting. But hav- TO PAY FOR LAST WAR ing nothing else to do at the moment, I decided to do it myself. It war. But there is still the last war might not be as accurate down to to be taken care of, and we will be the last fraction of a cent as if it paying on that one for decades to was prepared in Washington, but it come. So: would probably be a lot clearer, in a political sense.

So I took the daily newspaper, a production of large amounts of guns pencil and a sheet of paper, and and planes and ammunition which here is the list I drew up.

Something like one-third of the and French imperialists to mow budget is being used to get ready down Indonesian and Indo-Chinese farm for a better life in California. for a new war. Of course, one-third fighters for independence.) of my \$4.20 wouldn't pay for more | That brings the total to an even found by Mr. Brink. With the end than a few bullets, but I prefer to \$2 and leaves \$2.20 to be divided think that this sum is broken up, for expenses on the home front: perhaps in this way:

SHIPPING ARMS

A dime is being used toward the application for admission into the cost of transporting \$35,000,000 Bill; the 15% Rent Increase Bill; Basilone Housing Project was ac- worth of arms now on the way to the bill to end portal-to-portal pay cepted, and they moved there. The Greece, with a lot more to follow and cut the guts out of the Wagefamily managed to eke out a miser- When those arms get there, they Hour Law; the bill endorsing the able existence even with the help of will be used to help the Greek Truman Doctrine. (All of these monarchy shoot down the guerrillas bills were enacted into law.) in the North and to arrest the work- A nickel apiece toward printing administration decided to adhere to the nerve to ask for some of the cost housing; a 65 cents minimum A nicke! will be used in Turkey abolition of the poll tax; a federal

lief unless he or she has been a self- to pay the carfare of a government supporting citizen for three years in official going down town to close crimination in industry; ending Jim up one of the opposition newspapers | Crow in the armed forces; author- provoking on election day. because it wrote something about ization of an effective flood control the desirability of free elections. Another nickel will go to pay the education: admission of 400,000 dis-

salary of the U.S. Military Governor placed persons during the next four in Germany who threatened to apply years. (None of these was passed.) the death penalty to any German demonstrations for something to eat. U.S. Supreme Court who upheld A dime to help provide at reduced Truman's strikebreaking injunction

prices the liquor ration of the of- in the coal strike last winter, zil to promote the Truman "arms Congress has not yet authorized it. A dime toward the 24 million dol-A dime for the ribbon of the typewriter in MacArthur's office in Tokyo which will be used to prepare

more anti-general strike decrees. A nickel to contribute to the flying Especially now, when a new de- pay of an officer sent to China to pression is being prepared, the suf- train troops to uphold the regime

A dime for the new law "unify ment. Unemployed workers should ing" the armed forces which will renot be left to shift for themselves sult in even more red tape, dupli-

Fifteen cents for the production and stockpiling of more atomic packages are received in Europe.

A nickel toward the expenses of Nazi scientists brought over here to when we received your two pack- able to get me some baby stuff we help in the development of bac- ages of clothing and I send you teriological warfare.

A dime to cover the extra costs resulting from separate Jim Crow thing very well since we have to Harry Thompson training and quarters for Negro start from scratch with everything

Fifteen cents toward the cost of is a lot of talk here about "reconprinting a new manual teaching struction" but we have been waittroops how to take care of "riots" by striking workers.

fascists cooked for us. You can A dime toward the pension of Colonel Kilian, commander of the Litchfield prison camp. A nickel toward the production of

Our greatest worry these days were shoes for our little girl, and Victory Medals for millions of sol-AKRON-2nd floor, 8 S. Howard | MILWAUKEE-Militunt Bookshop, | PITTSBURGH-1418 Fifth Ave., 2nd | diers, sailors and marines. we were talking about how to get a pair of very sturdy ones for her.

Dear Friends:

## Minneapolis SWP Marxist Study Class every Holds Successful **Outdoor Festival**

MINNEAPOLIS, Aug. 3 -Close Science, 305 Grant Ave., cor. of to 150 members and friends of the Minneapolis Branch of the except Sunday. Phone EXbrook Socialist Workers Party gathered at the Tenth Annual Raspberry Festival held here last Sunday. A tra-SEATTLE-19191/2 Second Ave. Open ditional summer event of the Minneapolis Branch, this year's festival was celebrated at a beautiful picnic site on the bluffs overlooking the

Minnesota River. Under the direction of the Social Committee, a full program of games and sports events was arranged for the picnickers. Baseball and volley ball games attracted the adults while the children enjoyed beanbag throwing, quoits and other 2. Phone Garfield 1137. Open playground games. Another feature of the festival, which was popular with the children of all ages, was the hot-dog, ice cream, pop and Wednesday, 8 p.m., at Odd Fellows

candy stand. A pienic supper of potato and macaroni salads, sandwiches, raspberry sundaes and coffee was served TOLEDO - 113 St. Clair St., 2nd to all late in the afternoon. Members of the Social Committee, which arranged the 1947 Raspberry Festi-Youngstown 3, O. Open 12-5 p.m., val, were Ila Stone, Prentice Stone, Monday through Saturday. Phone Evelyn De Boer, Harry De Boer and Bill Curran.

among government employes.

can continue its failure to do anything resulting in the conviction of ond Sunday; only four subs were known lynchers in the South.

annual salary and expenses of Theodore Bilbo, even though as a result of mass protest he was never seated in the Senate.

A dime toward the persecution of

A nickel toward financing the 9 renewal-subs today. Rena Breshi

Relations Board. A dime toward the costs of elec- about the 15% rent boost. Most tricity in the Senate when a fili-

A nickel for the purchase of kerosene to be poured on "surplus" potatoes; a dime to per uade farmers not to grow too much food.

Fifteen cents toward the financing of another presidential commit- from those subscribers who want to other workers to read The Militant tee on economic affairs which will continue reading The Militant every is more than welcome. We urge all assure us not to worry because there week. Gene Abel, Literature Agent, Militant readers to get their friends isn't going to be another depression says: "In our discussions with to subscribe to the paper. this year.

That leaves exactly 25 cents out lation: Taft-Hartley Slave Labor of my original \$4.20. And all of that, I like to think, is going to be used toward the payment of the lifelong \$3,376 a year pension to be paid to ex-Representative Andrew J. May, who has just been sentenced to jail for accepting bribes in consion, the Los Angeles County relief ers in the cities because they have bills on the following subjects: Low nection with war contracts when he tary Affairs Committee. wage law; equal pay for women;

These are thought - provoking things to ponder over on pay day. anti-lynching bill; outlawing of dis-They should be equally thought-



would be terribly grateful to you.

For we do not know how to get it

from old laundry, but this un-

fortunately is non-existent. All we

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linen is concerned is one set, and

this is breaking down from con-

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buster is going on.

A nickel to help keep the nation's capitol running on a strictly Jim Crow basis.



#### New York Local of the Social +ist Workers Party has organized with enthusiasm on Leon's brilliant analysis of the Jewish "enigma" and a committee to work on this fund- his historical explanation of the raising project and already over \$100 rise of the Zionist movement. The

has been collected from friends and tragic events now taking place in contacts who have expressed through Palestine, combined with the tertheir generous contributions their rible plight of the European Jews, interest in seeing this important are leading to a crisis in the nabook published. SWP branches in tionalist movement. Leon's book Chicago, New Haven, San Francisco points the way to the solution of and Minneapolis have also begun the Jewish problem. contacting sympathizers for contri-

of the persons asked this question

cialist Workers Party who would dencies and new waves of vicious have a particular interest in this anti-Semitism, which will impel publication. A specially inscribed more and more of the Jewish peocopy of the book will be given ple here to look for a fundamental to everyone who contributes \$10 or solution. This solution is presented more. Advance orders for the book. in Leon's book in clear and comprewhich will sell for \$2, will be taken hensive form-the solution of interduring the course of the campaign, national socialism. **ACEWR Relief Items** 

butions.

The author. A. Leon, was one of cal introduction and a summation NEW YORK, Aug. 4-The fol- And that was exactly what was in the great heroic figures of world by his comrade and collaborator, lowing letter, sent to the Amerithe package! For her the joy was lower l can Committee for European me for being so immodest to come
We also Polish is trained of the and become victims and weapons of cation and wasto in the Army. Navy Workers Relief. is typical of the with a request which perhaps you ternational in Europe during the publishing of this vitally important pathetic joy with which relief cannot grant. I am expecting dark years of the war, he never let book by sending your contribution. something which in normal times is no matter how small, to PIONEER up his work for a moment during a cause for joy. That is, an addi-PUBLISHERS, 116 University Place, the Nazi occupation of Belgium and France, tirelessly continuing the New York 3, N.Y. A \$10 donation tion to the family. (This will be the last time.) If you would be fight for international socialism in entitles you to a free inscribed copy. illegality and under the most dangerous circumstances. He was arrested by the Gestapo in Belgium in June 1944 and died a martyr's death It would be possible to make it in the Nazi concentration camp in Auschwitz-at the age of 26!

Leon's book, which has already in that magazine's issues of Oct June of this year, have commented

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First Week of Campaign Seattle's campaign to get Mili- | readers whose subs have expired, we tant subscriptions netted 15 subs are getting a clearer picture of during the first week. Irene Joyce their reaction to The Militant, to A nickel for the FBI so that it reports for the branch that their the Socialist Workers Party pro-"sub-getting luck was bad the scc- gram, and to socialist ideas."

THE MILITANT ARMY

Seattle Nets 15 Subs

subs next week."

boost the total.

new law."

obtained." She says, however, that "Just a few lines to state that the comrades "hope to send more I'm the new Militant Manager for the Milwaukee Branch in the coming term. I hope that I'll be able The San Pedro Branch of Los to function in as efficient a man-Angeles Local mailed in 9 subscrip- ner as Fred Martin has in the tions. Results of the week's sub- past," This note is from Carol Angetting have not been received from drews. We welcome Milwaukee's the other branches in the Local as new Militant Manager. yet, but San Pedro's 9 will help

J. W. C., a Militant booster in Kewanec, Illinois, has set himself The Boston comrades are follow- up as a one-man sub-getting team. ing-up on all the expired Militant He sent in four one-year subscrip-

union-crippling activities of the new reports that "some of the comrades D. H. B., a Militant booster in "labor czar" and National Labor who went out on renewals have Santa Monica, Calif., sent in a oneasked the subscribers how they feel year sub for a friend in Baltimore.

> W. T. Y., of Cincinnati, Ohio, reput up quite a protest against the newed his subscription for one year, stating: "I like The Militant very much because it prints the truth. The comrades in Connecticut I could sell a number of papers if State Branch are likewise concen- I had them."

trating on getting renewal-subs The help of this friend in getting

## PIONEER NOTES

#### Vital Book on the Jewish Question Pioneer Publishers announces the opening of a campaign to

solicit funds from sympathizers for the publication of the book, The Materialist Conception of the Jewish Problem by A. Leon.

> In this country, Wall Street's allout war against the American labor

It is Pioneer's aim to reach those movement is bound to be accomfriends and sympathizers of the So- panied by the growth of fascist ten-HEROIC FIGURE

geen published in French but is unavailable in English, is a first-rank addition to the great literature of Marxism. Readers of Fourth International, already acquainted with chapters from the book published and Dec., 1946, and Mar., Apr. and

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dollars in taxes to pay for

these bombs out of their shrinking pay checks. It's

Wall Street's propagandists to the effect that "war like the masses of people opposed to war. will be so horrible no nation will dare to go to war," the mask is beginning to slip. These Gentlemen the Underworld for Doomsday. They've got everyof Finance aren't kidding! They are so serious that thing of value protected in nice, safe caves - and they don't care very much whether you know it that doesn't include you, your wife and babies. These War III.

that the rich would begin to inhabit in this Atomic truth: Wall Street "is facing the situation real-Epoch, But the War Department wasn't joking in its istically."

For two years atom bombs have been piling up report issued August 4. "Army Seeks Caves, Mines, every hour of the day and night. Nobody knows for Underground Plants," ran the headline over the how many hundreds are already stacked away in statement by Secretary of War Royall. The War secret hideouts. And nobody Department wasn't talking about plants to provide knows at what moment the peacetime goods. It meant more and bigger fac-

> tell you so. As Royall points out, they've already got "retention in standby" of 60 "complete industrial plants, including pre - war installations, costing \$2.301,348,000." A worker with a \$25 weekly paycheck will be comforted to know that it will cost only another 25 million dollars a year to maintain these 60 plants. Then there are 71 additional governmentcontrolled plants costing only \$1,394,000,000 which are for sale or lease with a proviso that the War in the event of an "emergency."

Yes, they are practical men, these planners of Wall Street is galloping toward World are expendable. Let the literary backs, the priests and the politicians lie about "peace" while capitalism Maybe you once joked about the caves and mines remains. The War Department is telling you the

The Negro Struggle

## **Political Uncle Tomfoolery**

By Albert Parker

party in this country. Like the top union leaders, of appointments in strategic and well-paying posithey find themselves forced to tions of qualified Negroes such as never happened

condemn the records and activi- before ties of the Republican and Demoto draw the logical conclusion that It's like a doctor diagnosing a case and then refusing inant ones but within them."

to tell his patient what kind of medicine he needs. The picture is no better among the few Negro editors willing to discuss the question of a new party, intelligence of the Negro people. If more Negroes for almost all of them, being connected in one way or another with the two capitalist parties, are dead the Democratic Party which is using every dirty trick set against the creation of a new party to challenge at its command to keep them disfranchised. And the political monopoly of Wall Street's parties. Most of these editors even go to the lengths of telling the North, it certainly has escaped the notice of the Negro people that the capitalist parties aren't the great majority of the Negro people who are still tient to just keep on doing whatever it was that made him sick in the first place.

To prove that this is no exaggeration, we call atterrion to the front page editorial, entitled "Don't Be A Sucker," in the Aug. 2 issue of the Detroit Tribune. This editorial expresses the belief "that there is hope for the Negro citizen in America under its present parties. We believe that at no time has the future looked so bright and the picture more promising than it does at the present time." Such rosy statements need some evidence to back

them up, at any rate before a Negro audience. But all the Tribune editors can offer is this:

tories where atomic and other explosives could be produced while millions of people above ground were bombs to blast out of existence perishing amid smoke and flame and poison gas.

In the War Department and Wall Street they habited by millions of human are practical gentlemen, and they are proud to Department may take them over on 120 days' notice

They've got all kinds of plans for this Big Time done the same way in slaughter houses - they Underworld. "Embraced would be arsenals, proving skin the hides off the cattle before chopping them grounds" and all kinds of special projects including, no doubt, a nice big dugout for the FBI to take But now, after two years of lullables sung by care of the "troublesome" elements on the home front,

Most of the Negro press is as silent as a clam southern states are seeing Negro voters go to the about the need for Negroes to support a new political polls en masse. Northern states are seeing a stream

> "Yet, there are those impatient, wild-eyed indicratic Parties. But after doing viduals, who would tear down the whole foundation that, they stop short and refuse just because Rome cannot be built in a day. The salvation of the Negro race does not lie in desertanother party is needed to re- ing the present parties for a third. The way to place them in the seats of power. progress, success, and victory lies not outside dom-

> > This is what we call whitewashing the Jim Crow at the bottom of the economic heap and the first to be hit in the coming depression.

Most insulting of all is the reminder that Rome wasn't built in a day. Of course it wasn't, but the Negro people's experience with the betrayals of the two capitalist parties hasn't lasted just a day, or a year, or a generation either. As a matter of cold fact, it has lasted 70 years now and there is nothing impatient about Negrocs beginning to add up the score and to realize that their "Rome" isn't being built at all. Even now the Negro people aren't impatient; they are just fed up. And we suspect they will be just a little more fed up after reading the "For the first time since Reconstruction, many Tribune's kind of political Uncle Tomfoolery,

## Little Thieves and Big Thieves

- By Art Preis -

Reading the August 1 Wall Street Journal to get wife and children. Children, too, found employment information on the state of the nation right from easier. The increase in shoplifting by women and the horse's mouth, I was attracted to a leading front- chi'dren is directly traceable to less spending money." page article entitled "Thriving Thieves."

Naively supposing that this had to do perhaps is, what to do about poverty? with the Hughes-Kaiser investigation, price-gougers, rent-sharks or the profiteering element in general, subject. Because a realistic approach to the problem I applied myself to the lengthy text.

opening sentence, or come-on: "Thieves are thriv- clientele. ing in these days of 'full employment.'

not directed toward the crooks I had in mind. "Little net average profits. I refer to those 250 corporathieves are stealing more. Big ones are too," But tions that got most of the government-built war this distinction was between "the man caught lift- plants for a song, the shipping companies that were ing a dozen diapers in an Omaha Woolworth Store handed billions in new ships for the price of junk, \$100,000 in Pennsylvania."

Not a word about bankers, industrialists, landlords, merchants or government officials. It was all about the thieves who get pinched and put in jailthe peanut-snatchers whose total take is in the outfits like U. S. Steel, which has just raised steel millions. Billionaire thieves are not the subject of prices another 15% while its unit cost of production surveys in the Journal.

discovered, came from the sad fact that insurance sides, but some more chrome finish on the outside. companies which paid out 18 million dollars in 1945 on burglary and theft insurance policies, had to fork the moralist. I can have only pity and sympathy out 27 millions last year. And they complain the for the poor woman who steals a pair of Woolworth trend is still upward.

that so arouses the ire of the Journal? A Wichita, Wall Street Journal yelling, "Call out the FBI!" As Kansas, police captain supplies a hint:

More poverty, more petty stealing. So the problem

I couldn't find anything in the Journal on that of poverty takes us immediately to the question of I sagely nodded my head in agreement with the the real big thieves - who form the Journal's paying

I speak of the 250 largest corporations who got But the Journal's indignation about thievery was 113 billion dollars of war contracts and tripled their to the 'crackers' who tapped a private safe for the corporations that since the war have boosted their total profits to 17 billion dollars this year, or almost double even the best annual wartime steal.

My indignation, unlike the Journal's, is directed to has declined, or General Motors, which has added All the Journal's moral fervor about thieves, I another price boost for cars that have the 1941 in-

Morals seem to vary according to the class of stockings so her daughter can be well dressed in What is the cause of the rise in petty thievery school. That's the kind of stealing that has the for the thieves that get me boiling, the capitalist "During the war years a man could earn better robbers, the Journal is disturbed only that their pay than now and could easier satisfy himself, his "profits outlook" is not as bright as hoped for.

## Notes from the News

in 50 years, syphilis has been reported among the number of corporations actually punished in these natives of Greenland. Authorities state the disease 71 cases. was brought to Greenman servicemen during the war.

admitted participation in the attempt to assassinate Lcon Trotsky Wictor Serge points out from Mexico City: "It feat of the Roosevelt-Wallace ticket, and in 1944 will be interesting to see if he includes among them they voted for the Roosevelt-Truman ticket. a portrait of Robert Sheldon Harte," Trotsky's Amerlean secretary who was murdered in the May 1940 attack.

Socialist Party pleads with its Dutch comrades to deputies. oppose the Dutch war against the Indonesian Rebublic because this war will harm "the cause of democracy, peace and the success of the Marshall tary of the Workers Defense League for many years,

retary of War Royall. In only 71 of these cases were 1945, according to the U. S. Burcau of Labor Statistics.

AMERICAN BENEVOLENCE: For the first time indictments returned. No report is given on the

was brought to Greenland by U.S. WHAT PRICE FREE SPEECH: The Rev. J. A. Rabun has been fired as pastor of the McRae (Georgia) Baptist Church, formerly attended by Her-PAINTED IN BLOOD: Alfaro man Talmadge, because he spoke against Talmadge's Siqueiros, Mexican Stalinist, who "white supremacy" bill last February.

THE UNFAITHFUL: The Communist Party is in May 1940, is preparing to have an exhibition of whooping it up for Wallace to replace Truman in his art works at New York's Museum of Modern Art. 1948. Yet in 1940 the Stalinists worked for the de-

NOT COUNTED: Another Negro was ivnched last week but the "official" lynching records won't show it because the unarmed victim. Versie Johnson, was CONFUSION ON THE MARCH: The American shot to death in Mississippi by a sheriff and two

> NEW WDL SECRETARY: Morris Milgram, secrehas resigned and been replaced by Rowland Watts.

SMALL PERCENTAGE: The Justice Department PRODUCING MORE: Man-hour productivity for was given 400 war contract fraud cases, reports Sec- the last quarter of 1946 rose from 5 to 10% above

# THE MILITANT

# HICKMAN CASE VICTIMS TELL TRAGIC STORY TO 'MILITANT'

## Telephone Paper Says Labor Must **Build Own Party**

By S. Foster

MILWAUKEE, Aug. 3 - Telephone union leaders, recently rated as conservative, today give indications of rapid advancement in their political thinking. In a strongly worded editorial of WIS-CONSIN DIVISION 23—C. W. A. NEWS, they sound this warning:

"No legislation can stop the progress of labor. The enactment of anti-strike legislation will only mean the application of new methods that will have Mr. Employer begging for a good, decent, oldfashioned strike.

The editorial notes that "under the economic system prevailing in the United States, there has been an ever-constant conflict between two groups of people, capital and labor" and appraises the actions of both Democrats and Republicans as attempts to outdo each other in serving the wishes of the Manufacturer's Association."

It then urges that "labor build its own political organizations free from control or association with

"We await the final outcome of such a conflict," the editorial concludes. "for we know that as the struggle progresses, it will be ever clearer that if we are to enjoy the full fruits and beauties of this nation, it will be necessary to rebuild our economic system, from one that makes fortunes for the few while leaving the many in insecurity, into an economic order in which the resources and pleasures of our nation will be applied for the good of the

## Unionists Picket **Dutch Consulate** In San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 1a picket line of Indonesians and a picket line of Indonesians and adequate hearing room was jam-trade unionists. Invading the packed with representatives from all marched before the Mills Tower dren in their arms, told pitiful tales Building in which the Dutch Con- of profiteering landlords and evicsul has his offices.

Called under the auspices of the American Committee for Indoneline were members of the National Maritime Union, the Marine Cooks and Stewards, Longshoremen, Communist Party and Socialist Work-

With the red and white flag of of Indonesians formed the main ried charges of murder and brutal- tions. ity against Dutch imperialism. Another stated: "Nazis ravaged Holland in 1940-Dutch ravage Java in 1947." Leaflets handed out called for the boycott of all Dutch ships carrying ammunition and weapons of war

When the picket line was at its Dutch Consul's office to lodge their

dependence.

#### Fewer New Homes In 157 Key U. S. Cities

Almost 40% fewer new homes were started this spring than last, sharpening the already acute housing crisis, according to a recent AP housing survey of 157 of the nation's largest cities. The number of families evicted amounted to more than 13 times the total of new dwellings erect-

While the need for new housing has been estimated as high as 10 million units, only 37,514 new homes and apartments were started in these cities in the first quarter of 1947. This compares with, 61,795 new units under construction in the same period last year. The average construction cost - which is going up - is already up 23%.



These three escaped with their lives from the mine disaster at West Frankfort, Ill., July 24, two months after a United Mine Workers local safety committee charged the company with not making an effort to eliminate, harards which caused the explosion that killed 27 mine workers. Left to right: Frank Casper, Tom Kirby and Charles

# **Angry Tenants Demand** Philadelphia Rent Control ter. After nine months of searching for 10 place they could call home, thickman came into contact with the housing shortage for Negroes to

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 4 - Rent-gouging landlords here are Coleman promised him a four room cubby hole in the rat-infested fire, squeezing tenants for all the traffic can bear. The Office of Rent burne Ave. The flat was not vacant could find. Control reports over 8,000 evictions threatening tenants within the at the time. next 30 days. And these are only the beginning, as the city's landlords [ prepare to take full advantage of +-

the new federal rent laws.

law called the Maxman Ordinance. this thing till our teeth fall out." Played up in the press as a rent-

The facts were brought out cleartion thronts.

as communist legislation to shackle free enterprise, and defending the "divine right" of landlords to evict Indonesian Independence at the their tenants. Labor and tenant head of the line, a large delegation representatives were squeezed in between the long speeches of the debody of the pickets. Placards car- fenders of rent-gougers and evic-

The spokesman for the Philadelphia Branch of the Socialist Workers Party, Max Geldman, although one of the first registered on the speakers' list, was the last called to speak. While landlords and their lawyers had had unlimited time, and trade unionists went up to the utes to present the SWP rent control program.

"The Maxman ordinance falls en-The Socialist Workers Party in tirely short of its avowed purposesupporting the picket line put out rent control," Geldman declared. a statement calling for the return "It fails to protect tenants from of all U. S. arms lend-leased to the rent increases, will not prevent evic-Dutch, a boycott of all shipments tions. All talk about the 'uncon- Negroes lickets to the public bathto Dutch imperialism and full aid stitutionality of a law with real house, members of the National Asto the struggle for Indonesian in- teeth to protect tenants from rent sociation for the Advancement of

> in the next 30 days, and the 380,000 and other organizations. lous landlord. They must have as- sionally to join the pickets. surance against rent increases and SOME SNEAK IN

Geldman concluded by expressing "fanciest" on the boardwalk, usual- based on the fact that the captain of Licenses, to revoke the license of the SWP's support of the program by catering to thousands of bathers was not a "member" of the bath- the Jim Crow management of the presented earlier by Herbert C. Moy- on a normal day. The persistent house. A score of voices shouted Park Inn Bathhouse. er. Secretary of the Philadelphia pickets have cut down its take to a "Liar," and individual white pickets In the meantime, the picketing CIO Industrial Union Council: "All mere few hunderds. Even those who demanded in insistent voices: "Why continues unabated, each weekend, rents to be frozen as of June 30, go in, sneak past the picket line in didn't you ask me if I was a mem- during the "busy" hours from 10 1947; a moratorium on evictions; a shamefaced manner, ducking their ber when you sold me a ticket?" prosecution of all landlords violating heads to try to ward off the cry: an ordinance incorporating the "Shame! Shame!" above measures."

## Survivors of Mine Tragedy



hearing was the presence of a num- two rooms until the flat was avail- of his children, contacted Goleman

the Powelton Apartment tenants, week. The administration has proposed a who declared: "We're going to fight

control law, it actually will neither evictions will be primary issues of man had to buy his own stove and prevent rent increases nor stop evic- the SWP's forthcoming municipal to use keresene lamps for lights. He Protest against the barbaric rape by at a five-hour public hearing on the party candidate for councilman it, if the second floor flat was not of Indonesia by Dutch imperial- rent control held last Wednesday for the 7th District, has already available by Sept. 18. ism was registered yesterday by by a City Council committee headed urged tenants to organize immedi- FOUR BURNED TO DEATH by Councilman Maxman. The in- ately for effective action to stop. Then in January came the hor- whelmed with grief, by sending a

election campaign. Irene LeCompte. was promised he could have his \$100

rible fire in which four of the Hick- fifth member of the family to his

# heart of San Francisco's financial walks of life. Tenants' representations at noon, the pickets tives, including women with childistrict at noon, the pickets tives, including women with childistrict at noon, the pickets tives, including women with childistrict at noon, the pickets tives, including women with childistrict at noon, the pickets tives, including women with childistrict at noon, the pickets tives, including women with childistrict at noon, the pickets tives, including women with childistrict at noon, the pickets tives, including women with childistrict at noon, the pickets tives, including women with childistrict at noon, the pickets tives, including women with childistrict at noon, the pickets tives, including women with childistrict at noon, the pickets tives, including women with childistrict at noon, the pickets tives, including women with childistrict at noon, the pickets tives, including women with childistrict at noon, the pickets tives, including women with childistrict at noon, the pickets tives, including women with childistrict at noon, the pickets tives, including women with childistrict at noon, the pickets tives, including women with childistrict at noon, the pickets tives, including women with childistrict at noon, the pickets tives, including women with childistrict at noon, the pickets tives, including women with childistrict at noon, the pickets tives, the pickets tives at the pickets

side Park and held on \$100 bail, on \$10 bail.

against the park several weeks ago the conditions that led to this This is the second week of police by the inter-racial group.

By Robert L. Birchman

CHICAGO, Aug. 5-In an interview with this reporter at the County Jail, James Hickman, 44 year old steel worker, related the background of the tragic events culminating in his arrest and possible indictment by the Grand Jury on a charge

rectly responsible for the death | Testimony at the coroner's inof his four youngest children in the quest indicated that the fire might disastrous tenement house fire at have been deliberately started. It

filled in by Mr. Hickman's wife. more rent by converting the flats. Anna, at their home in the Ash- The coroner's jury denounced the burne Veterans Housing Project. The Hickman family had toiled dangerous firetrap conditions existas day laborers near Tunica, Mis- ing there.

for 11 weeks. He returned to Tunica always will be." where he worked for another five

In June, 1945 he came to Chicago, him to bring his family north, where he hoped the opportunities were She still suffers from those injuries. arrived in Chicago.

FORCED TO DOUBLE UP

ter of organized tenant groups who able. Instead, he, his wife and on July 16, seeking the return of his The Republican city administra- let the City Council know, in no seven children were forced to live money. He told me that Coleman tion, up for reelection in the fall, uncertain terms, that tenants were in the attic room, 14 by 16 feet, confessed to him that he had set has been forced to put up a show not going to tolerate rent boosts and with no water, no gas, no lights fire to the building. Firmly believof concern about the menace hang- evictions. Exemplifying this deter- and only one small window. The ing him to be the murderer of his ing over the 380,000 families who mined spirit was the spokesman for rent for this cubby hole was \$6 a loved ones, he shot Coleman, and

The landlord promised to provide days later. an oil stove for cooking and to fur-Rent control and the menace of nish lights. He did not do so. Hickdeposit back any time he asked for

Race-hating policemen of Fort violence to enforce Jim Crow in the petty points of law. Full recognition tion thronts.

On the whole the hearing was a field day for the landlords, the Real with each other last week in member of the Committee of Racial father's love for his children, to the field day for the landlords, the Real with each other last week in Equality, was blackjacked and justifiable hate Hickman had for the making the most arrests to carry out thrown aboard a bus bound for N. Y. man he considered responsible for sian Independence, over 250 pickets Estate Board, the local Chamber of the Jim Crow policy of the Pali- Ferry for participating in a similar the death of his children. Commerce, and the large commercial sades Amusement Park, which bars protest action. He was jailed and No one has been brought to trial hotels. They took up the greater Negroes from the park's swimming held in \$100 bail. This week he re- for the death of the four Hickman part of the hearing, attacking even pool. Men and women were brutal- turned with 40 members of his and children but he now has to face ly beaten for protesting the discrim- the Modern Trend organizations to judgment because he shot the man ination Eleven, all white, were solicit support in a boycott of the he thought was guilty. We pose the thrown behind bars; seven in Cliff- park. four into the Fort Lee jail and held Jersey Civil Rights Law was filed man, or the society responsible for

of murder. On July 16 he shot man children, aged 3 to 14, were the landlord whom he held di-burned to death.

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1733 Washburne Ave. last Jan. 16. was shown that Coleman had tried Other parts of the picture were to evict the tenants so he could get owner of the tenements for the

sissippi in the land of Bilbo and Mrs. Anna Hickman, a little wom-Rankin, and were unable to become an with tears in her eyes, told me even tenant farmers. In 1944, after this story as we sat in the living being rejected for service in the room of their home. She said: "I Navy, Hickman came north and have been in grief for my four chilworked in the steel mills in Gary dren for the last six months, and

Mrs. Hickman was in the hospital for five days after the fire, as a result of the injuries she suffered when she jumped after being unable seeking a job that would enable to any longer hold on to the brick wall to which she was clinging. available to provide them with a Her son, Willis, was in the hospital decent home and educational facili- for ten days and still suffers from ties. Seven months later the family the injuries received when he

jumped from the fourth floor. ALL THEY COULD FIND Because of the housing shortage. Mr. Hickman told me of his love and the restricted areas in which for his children, and how he con-Negroes could live, they were forced stantly was seeking a suitable home. to double up with a married daugh- It wasn't a question of money. He David Coleman in August, 1946. the point where the miserable attic flat on the second floor at 1733 Wash- trap tenement building was all they

Coleman never returned the money Hickman paid \$100 for two months as he had promised to do. Hickman, rent in advance and was promised still suffering from grief at the loss

Both Mr. and Mrs. Hickman asked me to express their thanks to organization of the Hickman De-

fense Committee THE QUESTION IS POSED The question is now posed: "Will the State of Illinois add further to the grief of a family already over-

death?" The Hickman Defense Committee is determined to mob public opinion and support to see that this case is not decided on

question: "Who should stand before A suit for violation of the New justice and be judged-Mr. Hick-

# **Anti-Jim Crow Demonstrations** Have Strong Effect at Rockaway

ROCKAWAY BEACH, N. Y., Aug. 3-Shouting "Down with an arrest! We demand an arrest!" When the picket line was at its height, a delegation of Indonesians Geldman was given only three min- Jim Crow." approximately 75 pickets, both Negro and white, today the Negro captain if he wanted the marched in their second successive weekend picket line before the manager arrested. "I certainly do," notorious Park Inn Bathhouse, located on the boardwalk at 115th was the answer. "On what charge?" Street, Rockaway Beach.

> discriminatory refusal to sell away in response to the chanted U.S. Army. increases and evictions, is an eva- Colored People organized the picket the picket line: "Another blow the guest of the management." sion of responsibility. It is up to line, which has trade union backing the City Council to draw up and and the support of the American pass an ordinance to meet the emer- Jewish Congress, the Catholic Worker, the Siloam Presbyterian Church, "The 8,000 families facing eviction the Committee on Racial Equality.

renter families already harassed by The pickets assemble each Saturthe soaring cost of living, are not day and Sunday morning at 10 walk, and tried to buy a ticket. At interested in a lawyer's argument o'clock, with banners and literature. the door he was stopped by the outover the legality of a rent control The crowds also begin assembling act. They must have immediate re- on the boardwalk then, to watch, placed against his chest to physicallief from the pressure of unscrupu- generally to encourage, and occa-

The Park Inn Bathhouse is the

An encouraging feature of the walk up to the ticket window before over and over again: "We demand day or Sunday morning.

they are aware of what the picket charge of discriminating against my Aroused by the management's line means, and indignantly turn color and against the uniform of the "Please do not patronize a Jim Crow At this point some bright boy in bathhouse; there are other bath- the management's menage woke up houses on the beach," then there to the seriousness of the charge, and

> cheers and handelapping. This afternoon a tense situation were refused. developed when a Negro captain in ASKING \$500 DAMAGES the U.S. Army Air Force walked down the incline from the boardstretched hand of the manager.

ly bar him from entering. SHOUTED "LIAR"

The pickets gathered around when the manager claimed the refusal was brought on the State Commissioner

As the line began moving again Committee for Social Action has inat the command of the police, the vited all opponents of Jim Crow to On the other hand, when people marchers shouted with one voice join the protest action next Satur-

he was asked, and replied: "On the

against Jim Crow!" accompanied by However, two Negro civilians who subsequently tried to buy tickets

Three Negroes have started civil proceedings against the Park Inn Bathhouse management, as being personally aggrieved, and are asking \$500 damages. A criminal court proceeding has also been begun, on charge that the management has violated the New York State Penal Code. In addition, pressure is being

a.m. to 4 p.m. The Co-ordinating