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# KANSAS OUTRAGE--A WARNING TO LABOR!

### **Union - Busting** Cops Told to 'Crack Skulls'

Forty-five union men and women were brutally clubbed to the ground and the union hall of the CIO United Packinghouse Workers in Kansas City, Kansas, was invaded and wrecked on April 23 by blood-crazed police under orders to "crack skulls."

This unprovoked assault on the Kansas City packinghouse strikers is the most ravage outburst of police violence against labor since the 1937 Memorial Day Massacre against the Little Steel

The Kansas City police attack was premeditated. Prior to the assault more than 100 police massed near strike pickets at the Cudahy plant's main gate were called together by Police Captain Eli Dahlin, who commanded

#### "CRACK SKULLS"

"You are to crack skulls if they ask for it, no matter who they are. That means strike leaders and all, even a member of the city's legal staff if he interferes.'

The latter reference was to James H. Barnes, Assistant City Attorney and also union legal representative, who had previously protested police violations of the rights of pickets.

charged in a body on the defense- simultaneously rejected the less pickets, mercilessly flailing "third round" wage demands of them. In a few moments, 45 per- the biggest CIO unions. sons, streaming blood from scalp photographers, attempting to take rot grant any wage increases to pictures of the attack, were beat-

en and one sent to the hospital. As the sadistic cops belabored fallen workers with their clubs, they screamed: "Go back to work and get off the streets." Pickets ran toward the union hall, diagonally across from the Cudahy gate, with police in pursuit.

#### DEMOLISHED HALL

At the hall, the police broke in the heads of workers. The latter, the murderous police clubs. The walls were soon spattered with blood, glass strewn all over, chairs reduced to kindling.

Police later claimed they found false" and a "cover-up for acts

was a local ordinance against mass picketing. After the attack, grant strike sanction, aroused accomplished nothing. the District court issued an injunction against "illegal" picketing. Police cleared the streets of

#### MEAT BARONS **USE VIOLENCE** AGAINST STRIKERS

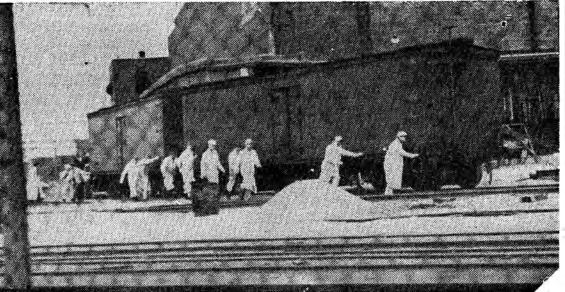
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all customers driven out.

axes a growing wave of violence the AFL Building Service Emby police and company strike- ployes' are likewise continuing gathered-whereupon two women vestments would be 14 1/2 % anbreakers in the packinghouse on the job. centers. In Chicago last week, a striker was murdered by a strike to grant official strike sanction circulars, and left! The union breaker who ran him down with has embittered the workers, leadership used this fiasco to an Armour truck. These assaults especially since the International create a momentary anti-red A delegated conference of UAW complaints, the SWP representaaccompanied company moves to is giving all possible assistance hysteria and the newspapers made Chrysler locals has voted for tives were informed that none operate plants after Truman's just short of legal sanction, thus much of the incident. "fact-finding" committee said depriving the strikers of strike meat trust offers of 9-cents an benefits. Capitalizing on this, the hour were "substantial."

dent, has appealed to Attorney sas or else to start a back-to- tial editorial outburst which General Clark for an investigation work movement. into the "brutal and wanton beat- The company's attempts to dis- and reconsider in view of national ing" of the Kansas City strikers credit the union and demoralize defense. and invasion of their hall. At this the workers have thus far back- Boeing workers are in no mood writing, four days after the out- fired and resulted in overwhelm- to "cool off." As one committee- workers. They are made by auto cd several thousands more signarage, the CIO national headquar- ing victories for the union. De- man put it: "I've cooled off for workers and auto workers are tures than the other organizaters has not said a word.

### Scab Squad



A Kansas City strike-breaking crew shoves meat-loaded freight cars across picket lines after railway terminal workers refused to do the job. The CIO United Packinghouse Workers report, however, that the packers' back-to-work movement has been a flop.

## Big Steel Leads Attack On CIO Wage Demands

By Art Preis

Acting on the basis of a unified Without warning, the police ful corporations have almost

U.S. Steel Corporation sounded and face wounds, lay on the the general offensive of Big Busi-More than a hundred ness on April 22. Benjamin Fairstrikers suffered blows. Ten were less, head of the largest steel sent to the hospital. Even news combine, announced that it would the steel workers. The leading corporations in the

> steel, auto, electrical equipment. meat packing and maritime inon wage raises or withdrawn previous offers of small increases. the pace-setter in Big Business

CIO's wage demands came on midst of recently-opened union announced it would deny all wage strategy, America's most power- requests of the CIO electrical workers.

> At that time, The Militant sharply warned that this heralded a general "Get Tough" policy by the major corporations. We atrumors emanating from CIO top steel union headquarters, that the corporations were ready to make concessions."

The wage situation in the major CIO-organized industries is as follows:

The first indication of the Big industrial policy on April 22 price cut might cost. Business plans to challenge the issued a public declaration in the

### the door and began to smash up everything breakable, including 15,000 Strike at Seattle among them screaming women, jumped from windows to escape Plant of Boeing Aircraft

SEATTLE, April 26 - 15,000 workers at the Boeing Airplane plant are striking for a 30-cent wage increase, eight paid

holidays and strengthened se-? "six weapons" in the hall-a niority provisions. Members of the leadership, the union was givsawed-off billiard cue, a broom Lodge 751 of the International en two overwhelming votes of stick with a nail, an iron bolt, a Association of Machinists since confidence—a 94 majority vote mallet and a three-foot stick. Association of Machinets since to strike in May, 1947 and a 97% forum of public opinion." That Ralph M. Baker, UPWA district tive, Boeing workers have been majority vote for a union shop director, said that police claims goaded into their first strike in last month, about strikers' "resistance" and 22 years by the arrogant House

that would make Hitler's Gestapo last Thursday morning, ending sions of the B-29's and carry the and Stalin's GPU look like Boy two years of futile negotiations atomic bomb. But the Army has The legal pretext for the attack the face of the year-old refusal strike. Two federal labor council- similar no-wage-increase policy, naw Counties. of the IAM national officers to lators assigned to the case have union members pressured their The Stalinists in the local situlocal leadership into calling the ation are distinguishing themselvstrike.

four thousand non-organized oflines as "Communist-inspired."

persons for two blocks. Even the IAM, are respecting the lines. this "Committee." business places were entered and But the AFL Teamsters Union is fercing its unwilling drivers to The Kansas City outrage clim- scab. Plant guards, members of mass meeting the next day near ductions. It is estimated that

Ralph Helstein, UPWA presi- to move the entire plant to Kan- is relatively subdued after its ini-

The bulk of Boeing's contracts "weapons" were "absolutely of Morgan-controlled corporation. are government orders for B-50's. The strike began at 12:30 a.m. These flying fortresses are reviand attempts at arbitration. In not yet intervened actively in the

fice employes and engineers, the gates. The context of these leaf-Four hundred members of the quite a stir. Curiosity was widesupervisor's union, affillated with spread as to the composition of 000 workers.

The failure of the International out of a car, distributed more cent an hour wage increase.

There exists considerable public pleaded with the workers to stop

spite rank and file discontent with so long I'm frozen stiff!"

March 3, when General Electric negotiations, to the effect that wage raises are denied and price cuts amounting to 25 million dollars annually would begin May 1.

Since Fairless had admitted to a Senate committee in February that a price increase then put into effect by U.S. Steel would tacked the false and deceptive boost profits \$28,433,190, the new reductions still would not circles, and particularly Murray's offset the previous price advance. Actually, a 25 million dollar price cut equals only 1.2% of the 1947 sales volume of 2.1 billion dollars.

This "picayune" price cut, as Murray termed it, was obviously advanced as a gesture to cover the wage turn-down. Increased STEEL: U.S. Steel, gen-erally considered is expected to boost steel profits olume, through war production far beyond what the temporary

Steel was not acting in "good pany's huge 1947 net profits of 153 million dollars.

ON THE CHIN

Their only answer, however, to the contemptuous action of the steel harons was to renew a pledge to "live up to the current two-year, no-strike contract," which expires next April, and to leave the wage issue up to "the to take it on the chin for another vear.

Promptly following the action of Big Steel, the key Little Steel companies, Bethlehem, Republic,

AUTO: Chrysler Corporation, which had previously met the demand of the CIO United Auto Workers for a es by singular stupidity. For days 20-cent raise with a 6-cent Despite the daily scabbing of before the strike, they distributed counter-offer, withdrew even this Saginaw and Flint attempted to after the attempted killing. one or two thousand among the agitational leaflets signed by the insulting offer on the announce-"Action Committee" at the plant ment of U.S. Steel's wage policy. General Motors, largest auto union officers are branding the lets reflected some of the real corporation, has refused to make strong sentiment for mass picket feelings and demands of the the union any offer at all. To workers and consequently created frighten its workers, GM announced one-week layoffs for 200,

> Chrysler officials had said that On the eve of the strike, a leaf- the auto workers did not need let was circulated calling for a raises in view of recent tax rethe picket lines. A huge crowd Chrysler's rate of profit on inwearing Wallace buttons stepped mually even after granting a 30-

STRIKE VOTE

not meet their demands. The Obviously this was only a move support and sympathy for the UAW international executive to make it more difficult for a done. company is ballyhooing intentions strike, and even the Hearst press board has sanctioned such action. | real workers' party to get on the The UAW national efficers on ballot. April 23 declared: "We want to remind employers who might be it finished its campaign before

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# Watchword for Unions Must Be: United Action

o its existence since the establishment of the CIO. This is the plain unvarnished truth and everyone should wake up to it.

The present offensive of Big Business hand in hand with all he agencies and divisions of the government—the courts, the police, right up to the Chief Executive himself-threatens nothing less than a return to the "good old days," the pre-ClO dark ages of nion-busting, strike-breaking and the open shop.

The Wall Street plutocracy has grown so bold and so swollen with arrogance, it dares use large scale violence against the unions for the first time since the Little Steel Strike of 1937.

This violence has gone to unheard of lengths. The unions' very right to existence is challenged when Kansas City cops, under orders to "crack skulls," can get away with an armed invasion of the CIO Packinghouse Workers' headquarters.

The Kansas City outrage is no passing or isolated incident. It limaxes the premeditated, planned and growing nation-wide assault on the unions. It is part of the pattern of a merciless class war organized by capital to beat down and crush labor,

#### CORPORATIONS AND THEIR SERVANTS

This war, constantly increasing in ferocity and broadening in its scope, was conceived and organized by the billionaire corporations. It is being spearheaded by the federal government itself, which is bombarding the unions with the Taft-Hartley Law. It is aided and abetted by the courts which are handing out strikebreaking injunctions right and left. It is being enforced by the police who are out in full force "cracking skulls" and inviting scabs and strikebreakers to walk through the picket lines.

Small wonder that under these circumstances the profit-bloated orporations, led by U.S. Steel, General Motors, Chrysler, Westingouse, General Electric, contemptuously toss the CIO's wage demands into the waste basket. Acting in open concert, they spit upon the biggest unions in the land.

This is a far cry from two years ago. Then the workers were on the picket lines millions strong. THEN THE CORPORATIONS HAD TO EAT HUMBLE PIE AND MAKE SUBSTANTIAL CON-CESSIONS. Then the cops had to talk politely to pickets. Then Washington had to tread easily and mouth conciliatory phrases.

What has changed since then? Are the unions smaller, weaker, their ranks dismembered, their treasuries insolvent? Not at all, Has a feebler breed of union men and women replaced the fighters of two years ago? Nothing of the kind. The magnificent combative qualities of the American working class remains unimpaired, as shown by the miners, packinghouse workers, typographical workers, and even the Wall Street white collar strikers, who have spilled their blood on the very steps of the Stock Exchange.

#### RETREAT, APPEASEMENT, SURRENDER

The unrestraint and savagery of the present anti-labor offensive Murray promptly called the top is the pay-off of the union leaders' policy of retreat, appearement. steel union officials together, and surrender. It is the price the workers are paying because their They deplored the fact that U.S. leaders have run to cover ever since Truman smashed the railroad TO WIN THE WAGE FIGHT AND TO SMASH THE TAFTstrike and opened war on the miners in June 1946. These leaders | HARTLEY ACT-THIS IS THE ALL-IMPORTANT TASK

The labor movement is face to face with the greatest threat | They actually sabotaged the fight while the Republican-Democratic coalition pushed through the Taft-Hartley Act. THEY HAVE SINCE GOTTEN DOWN ON THEIR KNEES AND GROVELLED BEFORE THIS SLAVE LABOR LAW. They kept a traitorous silence while Washington cracked down on the printers and miners.

And while the corporations and their spokesmen in Congress were sharpening up their long knives to plunge into labor's heart, these same self-styled "labor statesmen" were pretending that everything was lovely and rosy, they continued supporting and whitewashing the anti-labor politicians, they continued making speeches extolling the wonders of "free enterprise" while selling the Marshall Plan to the workers both here in the United States and abroad.

It is this-and only this-that has given new courage to the abor-hating corporations and is responsible for their cockiness and high-handedness.

In view of this situation, the leading fighters in the major industrial unions must now assume the responsibility of sounding the alarm and demanding a program of action. The issues involved are far bigger than the question of wages, important as this is, At stake is nothing less than the effectiveness and very existence of the union movement.

We must all realize that the time is long past when even big national unions can singly meet the entrenched might of the corporations, who furthermore have the full power of the capitalist government behind them. This was proven in the protracted General Motors strike of 1945, when victory was won only after every major CIO union hit the picket lines. How much more do the unions need a unified wage program and unified strategy of action today, when the corporations are fortified by huge profits and armed with new and potent anti-labor laws!

#### UNIFIED PROGRAM AND ACTION

The hard-pressed packinghouse workers battling injunctions, restraining orders and police violence in Chicago, Kansas City, Omaha, and St. Paul must not be left to their own resources. The corporations must not be permitted to knock down the unions "one at a time." "UNITED ACTION" IS THE WATCHWORD WHICH MUST ECHO FROM ONE END OF THE UNION MOVEMENT TO THE OTHER.

The outrage against the Kansas unionists must become the signal for the rearming and remobilization of the labor movement. The CIO must call upon the AFL, miners and railroad workers to join with them in a mass march on Topeka, the state capital, to let the capitalist powers-that-be know that police violence and wrecking of union halls won't be taken lying down.

This unity of action must be duplicated in every locality by the procession of immediate united action conferences to give practical backing to the packinghouse strikers, and prepare the ground, and put the heat on the top leaders to call an emergency national conference of the CIO, AFL, minc union and railroad brotherhoods. A UNITED POLICY, USING THE FULL POWERS OF THE MAJOR UNIONS IN AMERICA TO HALT POLICE TERRORISM. faith" and pointed to the com- gave up the wage fight in the spring of 1947 for a few crumbs. THAT NOW FACES THE AMERICAN LABOR MOVEMENT.

### **SWP** in Flint Surpasses Quota **On Petitions**

By Emmett Moore

FLINT, April 26-The Flint Socialist Workers Party termin ated its petition campaign this week after successfully obtaining its quota of 5,000 signatures. Youngstown Sheet & Tube and Signed petitions were also mailed Jones & Laughlin, proclaimed a in from Genesee, Bay and Sagi-

> Operating under many handicaps, the comrades surmounted part of the campaign, police in intimidate circulators of petitions.

SWP, police and the city officials against obtaining of signatures. ambush of Reuther. However, from time to time they they were "blocking traffic."

One radio broadcast falsely asserted that the SWP was obtaining signatures "under false pretenses." When police were questioned with regard to alleged

Although the SWP started late, tempted to take comfort from the Wallaceites, and Communist, the steel negotiations that auto- Socialist and Socialist Labor parmobiles are not made by steel ties. Moreover, the SWP obtain-

### **Police Convert Reuther** Case into Witch-Hunt

The Detroit police departand anti-Negro, has converted its alleged search for the assailant of Walter Reuther, CIO Auto Workers president, into a witchhunt against oppositionists inside the union, "reds" and Negro un-

IGNORE MANAGEMENT

So far, six Negro workers have been held and severely grilled, them by turning on extra heat in although an eye-witness saw the last few days. In the latter three white men fleeing together from the crime-scene immediately

Not a single agent of the corp-When questioned by Genora orations or of the numerous Dollinger, chairman of the Flint fascist and anti-Negro groups in Detroit has been called in for admitted there were no ordinances questioning about the shot-gun The UAW leader is recuperat-

placed handicaps in the SWP ing in Detroit's Grace Hospital drive by picking up circulators from wounds in the right arm and telling them to move from and chest suffered on the night factory gates on grounds that of April 20. The would-be assassins escaped after firing at Reuther through a kitchen win dow in his home. A statement by the UAW In-

ternational Executive Board on April 21 pledged a \$100,000 re- within or without the union." ward for information leading to the arrest of the guilty criminals strike action if the company does had been lodged against the SWP, and promised to pursue the search unrelentingly until justice is

NO INFORMATION

At the same time, the Board stated that it had "received no concrete information that would form the basis of charges and ac- OPPOSITIONISTS GRILLED cusations." It said emphatically:

ment, notoriously anti-union est emphasis, to caution all of police. cur members against permitting themselves to be led into any kind of hasty and ill-advised action



WALTER REUTHER

against any individuals or groups Nevertheless, the Police de partment has seized upon the Reuther case to intervene in the internal affairs of the UAW, deaway from those outside, labor-

hating elements which have al-

ways been linked to terrorist attacks on unions and their leaders.

Dozens of UAW members, par-"We discount the implications ticularly those associated with that this assault grew out of in- the wide-spread opposition to ternal-union disputes." It added: Keuther at the last UAW conven- "Jewish rabbis."

"We want also, with the great- tion, have been hauled in by the

The most scandalous treatment was accorded Nelson Davis, a prominent Negro unionist in the Ford Local 600 and an acknowledged follower of the Communist (Stalinist) Party. The 52-yearold Negro worker was held for questioning for two days on an alleged "hot tip" which the police claimed they had received from a mysterious "Mr. X" whom the police refused to produce. They claimed their unnamed "informant" had heard Davis say he knew who was behind the shootirg. Davis was at work when the attack occurred. He was finally released, under \$2,000 bond through a writ of habeas corpus.

#### "TOLEDO INFORMER" Another Negro UAW member.

Frank van Hook, was arrested and held for hours and his home was entered and searched on the police claim that he had been picked out of line-up by an unidentified "Toledo informer" as the man who allegedly said he would "shoot Reuther on sight" at the UAW convention. Van Hook, the records show, voted for Reuther, Shelton Tappes and Hodges Mason, leading UAW Negroes, have also been grilled.

Police Commissioner Harry S. Toy, who is leading the witchhunt, was police commissioner in liberately shifting the search 1932 when police perpetrated the massacre of Ford workers. Recently Toy said that "communists" should be "either shot, deported or jailed" in a lynch-inciting anti-Semitic radio speech claiming Soviet agents were entering the country disguised as

Presidential Aspirants III-

## Harold Stassen-The Phony Liberal

By George Lavan

Of all the politicians on the make the prize eager beaver is Harold Stassen, former governor of Minnesota. There is no record whether Stassen had presidential aspirations in his cradie or not, but from the very beginning of his recorded activity he acted as a politician with his eye always on the main chance.

As a student at the University of Minnesota, Stassen was already a campus politician. He built a Republican group that later became the basis of the Stassencontrolled Young Republican

After college and law school Stassen opened a law office with E. J. Ryan, a successful Democratic politician in St. Paul. This practical arrangement gave the law firm an "in" with both capitalist parties.

#### POWERFUL MACHINE

He entered into politics and served two terms as County Attorney. By the end of his second term, he had already built up a was president of the County Atorganized the Young Republican League.

A favorable situation existed at this time, 1938, in the Republican Party in Minnesota. Farmer-Labor Governor Benson was a prisoner of the Stalinists whose wretched policies had brought the Farmer-Labor Party into disrepute. Stassen entered the Republican primary for Governor. He put on an agressive campaign and persuaded the great financial interests of the state to support him. The people who needed convincing were J. P. Morgan's U.S. Steel, which owns the great iron mines of the Mesabi range and the flour milling corporations.

Stassen's selling point was that the unrest then prevalent among farmers and workers-as shown by the activities of the Trotskyistled teamsters union in Minneapolis and the militancy of the farmers-demanded a new type of politician. The old time party hack, a bit stupid and slow on his feet, could no longer cope with the situation. A bright, energetic politician was needednamely Stassen. Stassen won the primary and the governorship, in the state tax on iron ore. During his administrations the

ANTI-LABOR POLICIES

Stassen's big accomplishment as governor, which established him as a "statesman" in the opinion of the ruling class and its newspapers, was his successmovement. Stassen can honestly lay claim to being father of the Taft-Hartley Act. The law Stassen guided through the legislature immediately after his election was officially entitled the Minnesota Labor Peace Law. The trade unions unanimously dubbed it the Stassen Slave Act. As in

the Taft-Hartley Act there were provisions for "cooling - off periods," state "conciliators," intervention in union affairs, and breaking strikes.

the aid of Roosevelt to smash the labor policy in America." militant teamsters union in Minneapolis, the union as one man lowering taxes in the upper voted to affiliate with the CIO. brackets in order to "encourage Stassen and his labor board investment." He is for housing brazenly intervened against the in words but strongly warns powerful political machine. He union. prevented elections to against the government becoming determine union representation the "nation's No. 1 landlord." He forneys Association and had and helped deliver the teamsters is for outlawing the Communist of the CIO auto union, on the to the corrupt Tobin machine.



HAROLD E. STASSEN

sen claims to be a liberal and a friend of the Negro people. His dent of the First National Bank will result in a farce. As for Walactions belie his words. In 1941 the Minnesota Board of Educa-U.S. Steel was rewarded by a cut tion. Typical of this investiga- president of the Minnesota and tion were questions asked Dr. Ontario Paper Co.; J. C. Hormel John G. Rockwell-whether he of the meat packing company; because he is the direct inheritor iron ore tax was reduced from an had ever invited Negroes to his J. S. Pillsbury of the flour milling of the Roosevelt liberal policies. publicity for the meeting. Ernie average of 18.4 cents in 1937 to home. Later that year a Negro company; W. L. McKnight, presi-1943. Following up his widely to abandon the exclusion of and Manufacturing Co. publicized campaign against "loan | Negroes | from the Minnesota

sharks" he upped the legal in- Home Guard. Stassen refused, clearly as a phony liberal, an living, against the Taft-Hartley There were many comments on terest rate on small loans from offering only to set up a Jim unscrupulous politician on the Law, etc. Furay quoted Philip the orderly fairness of the 8% to 36%. His old age pension Crow regiment, which the delegalaw forced old people accepting tion promptly rejected.

state relief to turn over all | In April 1943 after his second property including homes to the re-election Stassen resigned to join the Navy, and became aide

and flag secretary to Admiral llalsey, then commander of the South Pacific Force. Whether his volunteering was due to great patriotism or to the belief that after the war there would be ful campaign against the labor a great veterans' movement playing a big role in politics is a matter of conjecture. At any rate it gave Stassen the status of the only veteran of World War II besides MacArthur in the Republican presidential race.

Stassen was discharged in November 1945 and immediately set to work for the Republican nomination of 1948.

What exactly is Stassen's platform? It isn't very precise but certain elements can be made out. all the rest of the familiar ma- He has some minor criticisms of thinery for barassing unions and the Taft-Hartley Act but on the whole the Act is "the foundation In 1941 when Tobin enlisted for a fair, just and well-balanced

He is for "tax reform" by party. In his Wisconsin campaign subject "Which Road for Labor he attacked New York as a 'hotbed of communism" and Party?" likened communism and social-

In foreign affairs he demands tor of the United Public Workthat Marshall Plan aid be refused ers, spoke for Wallace. Jack to any nation which plans any Palmer, former president of Chev- the National . Association of in their lapels for identification. nationalization of industry.

#### ENORMOUS SUMS

sums of money in his attempt to it over and purge it of the adcapture the Republican presiden- mitted reactionaries and "skunks." tial nomination. He travels around | We must work within a mass the country in a chartered DC-3 party with a liberal tradition, plane. His numerous campaign offices are well set up and well fidence of millions of people, he staffed. Where does all this money | declared. The CIO policy is to whim. come from? An examination of oppose every Congressman who the list of men financing the voted for the Taft-Hartley Law, Stassen campaign may well sup- whether in the Democratic or

Mills, Inc.; Donald D. Davis,

of the big monied interests.

Labor's Capacity and the Russian Revolution

### Funeral Service for Gaitan



Holding the hand of her 11-year-old daughter, Mrs. Jorge Gaitan, widow of the slain Colombian Liberal Party leader, leaves the funeral service at the national park in Bogota.

### Labor Party Discussed At Detroit UAW Forum

DETROIT, April 18 - Ap- he had become so violently opin '48-Truman, Wallace or Labor

August Scholle, head of Michiism to two peas from the same gan CIO spoke "For the CIO-PAC rolet Local 659 in Flint spoke for

a Labor Party. Scholle advocated entering the Stassen is spending enormous Democratic Party in order to take which has the support and con-Republican Party. The Michigan Here is a partial list of con- Commonwealth Federation exributors and money raisers for perience, where its candidates re-Stassen: H. E. Atwood, president ceived only 2% of the vote, Minneapolis; J. R. Baird, presi- starting a new party at this time of St. Paul; Harry A. Bullis, lace, he is a self-starter. He

The next speaker, Furay, saw party." Wallace as the man of the hour He stands for peace with Russia Stassen thus emerges very million jobs, a higher standard of presided at the meeting. Wallace in 1944 and asked why the symposium.

ed an important symposium Party had such men as Rankin Training, etc.

declared that both the Democratic a scab attempted to crash through. and Republican Parties were Wall Street owned and controlled. The majorities of both parties voted Policy." Mort Furay, state direc- for the Taft-Hartley Law. These of them was betraying the work-

ing class. Palmer tore into Wallace and movement is not a legitimate exmovement, Palmer said. It can frenzy. be turned on or off at Wallace's

Palmer called for a mass conof the First National Bank of showed, according to Scholle, that workers, farmers, and small busi- hall. nessmen. Palmer stirred the

locals contributed finances and grant"-ten dollars. Mazey, chairman of the PAC only one issue remains to be champion of civil liberties, sixty which initiated the symposium, amount of the wage increase.

### Strike Settled at **NY Curb Exchange** NEW YORK - One of the

most significant struggles of America's white collar workers is drawing to a climax. This is the strike of the AFL United Financial Employes, Local 502, against the Curb and Stock Ex-

Half this strike has already neen successfully concluded. The Curb Exchange, after a bitter a contract which includes maintenance of membership, voluntary checkoff, a 10 per cent across the board wage increase, plus a bonus on shares run through the Curb Exchange. The workers returned as they had walked out, in a united group.

The AFL Seafarer's Internaional Union and the Sailor's Union of the Pacific have continued to give unstinting aid to this strike. Their conduct furnishes model for other unions. Men, money, union hall facilities, food, being held for trial under \$500 bail along with one UFE worker.

Police violence of the rawest sort is still continuing. Last week, four seamen were beaten unmercifully with clubs as they proximately 300 people attendpointed out that the Democratic Street toward the picket lines. Three others, caught in the melee, held here in the hall of Local 157 and Eastland in its ranks, that it barely escaped from the police stood for Universal Military clubs. Five pickets were hauled away in the paddy wagon for Jack Palmer, who spoke last, merely closing their lines when

Since the incident in the second day of the strike where a plainclothes detective was beaten to the ground by uniformed police, parties were interested in further- these undercover police have ing the policies and interests of worn brass pins or pearl stickpins Manufacturers and whoever told They were forced to discontinue working people to support either this practice as scores of well dressed pickets with pearl and brass stickpins in their lapels showed up on the picket lines. his phony liberalism. The Wallace Again, hundreds of whistles were brought to the picket lines to pression of the organized labor drive the police into a state of

Sandwiches and coffee are served on the line as the men and women keep moving. Leaflets ference of political action com- telling of the latest status of the mittees to set up a bona fide strike are distributed daily to the Labor Party, which will dem- lines and the Wall Street crowds. ocratically elect its candidates Mass picket lines of several for all offices, and which will thousand are maintained. A doctor espouse a program to benefit the is in daily attendance at the union

Among the disgraceful actions audience when he stated, "If we during this period was the answer service. Bonds of 1,000 rupces and the B and C Mills workers, arare strong enough to take over of the New York AFL Central more are required to be posted by rested and held in prison since Stassen staged a witch hunt in chairman of the board of General never consulted anyone in the pemocratic Party, we are Trades and Labor Council to a labor papers, if they are to con-CIO before he launched his party, strong enough to build our own request for men and money for tinue publication. the strikers. The Council granted Approximately 25 auto union the UFE the "constitutional of the Madras Labor Union, the Madras Labor Union. According to the latest leaflet.

an average of 9.6 cents a ton in delegation asked Governor Stassen dent of the Minnesota Mining and the world. At home he is the committee of Briggs Local 212, ironed out in the strike — the well be proud of the men and women who have held out against make, a pliant and reliable agent Murray's eloquent praise of Henry arrangements and the running of the very citadel of capitalism for four rugged weeks.

### Events on the International Scene

By Paul G. Stevens

#### NOTES FROM INDIA

The Constituent Assembly of oldest existing registered trade power in August 1947.

features, according to Tilak, are 1931. he following:

It proposes to constitute India as a "Sovereign Democratic Re- independent candidates for the public." In the Resolution adopt- first time against those of the and organizational help have all ed by the Assembly in January Congress to which it has been been turned over to the UFE. At 1947 (that is, before Britain's affiliated, scored a great success present reading, 8 SIU men are withdrawal), these words were in the recent municipal contests preceded by the word "Inde- in Bombay. 26 SP representapendent" - which is now dropp- tives were elected to 48 of the

> writer, the intention of the capit- the field. alists to remain as a Dominion within the British Empire, reneg- lows on the results: "The political ing on its whole traditional campaign for independence.

States, however, that the Draft to go to the CP, justifiably prej-Constitution becomes openly anti- udiced as they are against the democratic and reactionary," the Stalinists for their role of treachwriter concludes, "for it gives ery in the August (1942) strugsanction to the autocratic regimes gle. The Bombay workers have prevailing in these states." The therefore naturally turned to the Draft Constitution makes no pro- other large party that has apvision for elections there, so that peared before them as an altern-"we can be certain that in all ative. . . the elections becoming cases the Maharajahs will nom- virtually a duel between the Coninate at least 50% of these repre- gress and the SP." sentatives."

formal "evidence of the open alli- votes to 3,136 for the SP. Reformance that now exists of all vested ist in character, the SP leaderinterests in India (bourgeoisie, ship is breaking with the bourglandlord-feudal interests, British eois Congress only under the imperialism) against the masses." pressure of the class struggle

drift toward a police state - an they are attracted to socialism Indian counter-part of the Chiang "Should it fail to lead them for-Kai-Shek regime in China, — ward," the Spark concluded, "the repressive decrees are constantly workers will abandon the SF being passed by the Congress even as they have abandoned the government. The latest affects Congress." 'liberty of expression," to which the Draft Constitution gives lip-

newly created India is soon to union paper, has been forced to adopt a constitution. As was to discontinue publication by this be expected, the drafting com- decree. In Calcutta, the CP's mittee dominated by the capital- journal Swadhinata has had to three week battle, finally signed ist Congress Party is proposing suspend publication for the same a document which indicates its reason. Finally, the Trotskyist reactionary trend since it assumed organ Poratam, in the Tamil dialect, was refused the right of In the March 6 issue of New publication by the Chief Presi-Spark, fortnightly organ of the dency Magistrate in Madras,

Bolshevik Leninist Party of In- when the BLPI could not post dia, Section of the Fourth Inter- the required bond, It is notable national, K. Tilak briefly analyz- that the press laws on which the es the Draft Constitution. Out- decree is based hail from the imstanding among its reactionary perialist British administration of

The Socialist Party, running Congress and 5 Stalinists. In the This indicates, says the Spark working class areas the SP swept

New Spark comments as follevel of the Bombay workers is perhaps the highest in India. It is The Draft calls for the appoint- only natural therefore that they ment of Governors of Provinces should be among the first to be instead of their election, as orig- disillusioned in the bourgeois nally provided by the Assembly. Congress. Turning away from "It is in relation to the Native Congress, they were not prepared

The Trotskyists contested only The Constitution thus gives one of the seats and received 641 As if to underline further this The workers flock to it because

Amarnath, Trotskyist leader of last year, has been freed after a Thus, the Indian Laborer, organ campaign on his behalf by the

#### GENERAL STRIKE IN BURMA

A general strike gripped Ran-1 words. Socialism has become the goon, Burma early this month, watchword of the people of Asia according to the London Economist, It was directed mainly against Just as their native capitalists do British-owned companies, and in a negative sense, they very was accompanied by demonstra- positively demonstrate in action tions against the government of Trotsky's great theory of the Thakin Nu, "dedicated in princ- "Permanent Revolution." iple to national independence and socialism," which demanded the expropriation of all foreign inter-

from Burma just as it has from

fighting for their

FRANCE

JOINT YOUTH CONFERENCE Although Britain has pulled out On March 29, a National Con-India, its capitalists still own ference was held in Paris repremany of its rich national resourc- senting Socialist Youth and Interes of rice, oil and tin. As in the national Communist (Trotskyist) ment pledging lip-service to the Youth Movement (MRJ). One of people has taken over the reigns the immediate tasks decided upon

from the imperialists, while play- was the construction of youth deing their game. But here, too, fense guards against de Gaullist the masses are in action to force and other reactionary attacks their leaders to act on their upon labor organizations.

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#### far more backward country than Germany; its working class was relatively much smaller; and its workers did not have the benefit of the long

THE BOLSHEVIK PARTY But Russia had one advantage that served to more than compensate for these shortcomings. It had a party, the Bolsheviks, representing the revolutionary vanguard elements in the working class. This vanguard, a tiny minority of its class, had been isolated from the workers during the long years of reaction preceding 1917. But during this difficult period, when the Bolsheviks were deserted by many weaklings and waverers, they stood firm in their principles, they swam against the stream, they based their calculations on (1) the workers' capacity to take power in a revolutionary situation and on (2) their own ability to defeat the influence of the reformist and reactionary currents among the workers and win the leadership of the class.

By George Breitman

to overthrow capitalism? From the very be-

ginning the Marxists answered in the affirma-

tive. Since 1917, however, it is no longer necessary

to rely on theoretical arguments alone, for the

Russian revolution conclusively demonstrated that

the workers can take power under certain favor-

and not in Germany a year later? Those who

restricted their approach to this problem to an

examination of the respective "political capacity"

of the working classes in these countries would

have had a hard time explaining. Russia was a

political and organizational experience and tradi-

tions that the German workers had. In all these

respects the German workers were at least as

well prepared to take power as their Russian

Why was the revolution successful in Russia

able conditions prepared by capitalism itself.

Do the workers have the political capacity

The political capacity of the German workers as a class was not inferior to that of the Russian workers. They were defeated where the Russian workers were victorious primarily because the German revolutionary vanguard took a longer time than the Bolsheviks to realize the need for an independent party to combat the treachery of the Social Democrats. As a consequence the German vanguard elements were not prepared to take full advantage of the first revolutionary outbreak at the end of the war in 1918 and were beheaded before the appearance of the second big opportunity in 1923.

The lesson to be drawn from this is that it is the duty of the revolutionary vanguard to prepare itself in time, especially in periods of reaction, for the role it must play in leading the workers to the fulfillment of their great historic mission in periods of revolution. Those who try to obscure this lesson by talk about the workers' congenital incapacity demonstrate thereby only their own incapacity to be of any use to the working class at a time when the future of the revolution depends on the vanguard's tenacity and ability to resist capitalist pressure.

### A SOURCE OF OPTIMISM

The Russian revolution, constituting the most important event in political history, has naturally been a source of revolutionary optimism to the workers of all countries, because "if they could do it in backward Russia, we can do it anywhere else." For the same reason, it has been a source of deep embarrassment to the back-sliders and refugees from Marxism of all varieties.

Now the peddlers of skepticism about the possibility of socialism can no longer hawk their shoddy wares (patented by Big Business) under the slogan-the workers can't make a revolution. They have to make a slight amendment, as Jean Vannier does in the March Partisan Review, and say-the workers can't "seize and hold power.

The very manner in which Vannier is forced to pose the question is a tacit admission that the workers can make the revoluton. He never admits it explicitly but he cannot logically deny it on the basis of his own formulation-which, incidentally, immediately negates three-quarters of his article. Once that is recognized, the question of whether the workers can hold power after winning it becomes a legitimate one for discussion.

We should begin by noting that Vannier's sweeping conclusion about the workers' incapacity to hold power is based on a mighty skimpy foundation. The workers have been successful in taking political power only once, and they have lost it only once. Vannier's hard and fast law, based on a single test and supposedly good for all time, is hardly in keeping with the "rational and methodical scrutiny" which he professes to advocate. Such a method would certainly not pass muster in any reputable scientific laboratory.

#### A WORTHLESS METHOD

This method is even more worthless in the field of history, to which we must look for the trends enabling us to understand contemporary developments. The history of the rising capitalist class, for instance, illustrates how hard it is for a revolutionary class to take power and keep it uninterruptedly. And it furnishes us with many examples of the capitalists being forced to give up political power for a period after they had won it in bitter struggle.

The one that comes most quickly to mind is the "great rebellion" of the 1640's, when the British capitalist class, led by Cromwell, overthrew the feudal regime of Charles I. In 1660 the Stuart monarchy was restored in the person of Charles II. The counter-revolution was unsuccessful in its attempt to undo everything the revolution had done, but it did succeed in wiping out the political rule of the capitalists. It wasn't until the "glorious revolution" of 1688 that the British capitalist class put an end to the absolutism of the monarchy.

And in our own country the capitalist class had the power, in alliance with the Southern planters, after the revolution against Britain, only to see t fall into the hands of the slaveholders. It took another span of many decades, and a hard-fought civil war, before the capitalists regained national political rule.

"One strike-you're out!" Any umpire who made such a ruling would surely be booed, pelted with pop bottles and denounced as a dirty robber, if he could get away that easily. Vannier's onestrike decision against the working class is just as raw and merits even stronger condemnation.

But why did the Russian workers lose power after winning it, and what conclusions is it valid to draw from that fact? Trotsky wrote many books analyzing this question, and the Trotskyist explanation was concisely summarized as follows in James P. Cannon's pamphlet, American Stalinism and Anti-Stalinism (whose last chapter definitively answers the croakings of the renegades on the very question we are discussing here):

#### THE REAL REASONS

"Russia was the most backward of the big capitalist countries. The proletariat, although highly concentrated, was numerically weak in relation to the population as a whole. Its industrial development and technique lagged far behind. On top of all that, the victorious workers' revolution inherited from Czarism and the destruction of war and civil war, a devastated, ruined, poverty-stricken country and a frightful scarcity of the most elementary necessities. The disrupted productive apparatus taken over by the revolution was incapable of turning out a volume of goods sufficient to overcome the scarcity in a short period of time.

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

to the counter-revolutionary Stalinist bureaucracy because of the temporary defeat of the European revolution combined with several factors peculiar to Russia alone. If the European workers had taken power after the First World War, Russian Praise and Donations productive levels would have been raised considerably, the population's fear about a capitalist war of intervention would have been eased, and the conditions for the rise of counter-revolutionary Stalinism would never have existed. Without the world who are fired by sothose conditions, it obviously wouldn't have cialist aspirations and find our required much additional "capacity" for the paper indispensable to an under-Russian workers who had won power by a suc- standing of labor and internacessful revolution to hang onto it.

#### THE DECISIVE ISSUE

The decisive issue then was not the capacity of the Russian workers, isolated in a hostile capitalist world, to hold the power-Lenin, Trotsky and the other Bolsheviks never thought they could. The issue was really the capacity of the European workers to take power in the years following the Russian revolution. A concrete examination of the Russian development therefore brings us back to the fundamental question-can the worker take power-and here Vannier has already been compelled to admit tacitly that they can.

Properly analyzed, therefore, the Russian experience proves not the congenital incapacity of the workers to hold power, but that the workers cannot for long hold power in a single country and that the socialist revolution is by its very nature an international revolution.

To this it need only be added here that the extension of the revolution to other countrieseven now, 25 years after the beginning of the Soviet state's degeneration-would lead quickly to the overthrow of the Stalinist bureaucracy and the restoration of the Russian workers' political rule. Stalin, another disbeliever in the workers' political capacities, understands this fact so well that he has shown himself ready to go to any extreme to strangle the workers' revolution in

any part of the world where it arises. (Next week: The Prospects for Revolution.)

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"The human race has a right to be proud of its Aristotle, Shakespeare, Darwin, Beethoven, Goethe, Marx, Edison and Lenin. But why are they so rare? Above all, because almost without exception, they came out of the upper and middle classes. Apart from rare exceptions, the sparks of genius in the suppressed depths of the people are choked before they can burst into flame. But also because the processes of creating, developing and educating a human being have been and remain essentially a matter of chance, not illuminated by theory and practice, not subjected to consciousness and will . . Socialism will mean a leap from the realm of necessity into the realm of freedom in this sense also, that the man of today, with all his contradictions and lack of harmony, will open the road for a new and happier race."

-Leon Trotsky, Copenhagen Speech, 1932.



LENIN

### A Fascist Conspiracy

The most repressive bill in the history of our country was unanimously endorsed by the House Un-American Committee on April 28, and is headed for action by the House of Representatives this coming week. If enacted, it could be used to destroy the civil and political liberties of every working class fighter for a better world, and would drag the country a long way down the road to a fascist dictatorship.

This measure, numbered as HR 5852 and entitled a "bill to protect the United States against un-American and subversive activities," is ostensibly aimed against the Communist Party, but in practice it could and would be used to throttle all opponents of the bi-partisan war and anti-labor program, including those who have absolutely no connection with Stalinism.

Following are a few of the provisions of this sweeping thought-control measure: It outlaws any act which can be designated as having the purpose of establishing a totalitarian dictatorship; the commission of such acts or the exercise of leadership to induce them is punishable by up to ten years imprisonment and \$10,000 fines. The leaders of organizations charged with being subversive would have to register annually with the Attorney General and file a list of their members. "Communist front organizations" would have to register annually too, and keep a list of their members ready for government inspection. Violation of registration requirements would be punishable by sentences of up to \$5,000 and five years in jail. Those convicted of any of these provisions would be subject to loss of citizenship, even if they had been

The sinister character of the bill is illustrated by some of the sections defining the alleged methods of subversives: "Disruption of trade and commerce. Inciting economic, social and racial strife and conflict, Dissemination of propaganda calculated to undermine established government and institu-

Consider what a weapon that would be in the hands of labor's enemies: Trade union struggles could be construed as "disrupting" trade and commerce. The struggle against Jim Crow and anti-Semitism could be attacked for "inciting. . . racial strife." (Significantly enough, Rep. Rankin, one of the country's most rabid inciters of anti-Negro prejudice, voted for this measure.) Exposures of reactionary government moves could be attacked as "propaganda calculated to undermine established government." The end result would be that every single progressive struggle or movement would be subject to prosecution.

The leaders of the labor movement have been criminally remiss in regard to the growing assaults on civil liberties, and at times have even stooped to collaborate in it with some red-baiting of their own. HR 5852 shows conclusively how suicidal is such a policy of passivity or submission to the witch hunters. Labor — on pain of destruction — must mobilize all its resources to smash the fascistic conspiracy in Congress.

### Who Decides CIO-PAC Policy?

The boom for Eisenhower being pushed in labor circles by CIO President Philip Murray gives the lie to Murray's claim that the members of the CIO have a voice in the determination of CIO political policy.

Murray has taken punitive action against a number of CIO officials and state and local industrial union councils on the ground that their opposition to the two-party system and/ or advocacy of the Wallace third party candidacy was counter to the will of the CIO membership. His office even sent a letter to CIO bodies warning them that they could not even table the communications or statements of top CIO leaders on political questions, or adopt any position other than the one handed down by them. Thus, elected members of these bodies were put in the position where they can be purged for voting in accord with their own dictates or those of the members who elected them.

Leave aside the fact that the members of the CIO never had an opportunity to express their views on the third party. Leave aside the fact that the CIO Political Action Committee denunciation of a third party in 1948 represented the opinion of only 11 men. Leave all this aside, and Murray still stands condemned of the most cynical disregard for the democratic procedure which he pretends to champion.

Who gave Murray the authority to dispatch his man Friday, CIO Secretary James Carey, to the recent gathering of the Amer-

icans for Democratic Action where he made a stump speech for Eisenhower? When did the CIO Political Action Committee ever authorize any such action?

Who gave Murray the authority to circulate so-called spontaneous Eisenhower-for-President resolutions in the locals of the United Steel Workers, in preparation for the coming national convention of that union? When did the CIO Political Action Committee ever authorize any such action?

Who gave Murray the authority to run PAC Director Jack Kroll as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention? When did the CIO Political Action Committee ever authorize any such action?

Why are members of local councils penalized and purged for taking political steps not authorized by the CIO Political Action Committee, while top bureaucrats go unpunished for doing the same and for even taking steps which commit the CIO as a whole to a suicidal political policy?

It is time to put a stop to unbridled bureaucratism, revolting hypocrisy and reactionary political maneuvers in the national CIO office. The members of the CIO have the right and the duty to make their wishes known and felt. The only effective way they can do that is by putting on the heat to secure the speedy convocation of a national PAC convention representing all sections of the CIO to democratically work out a political program for the 1948 elections.

### The Italian Elections

The article on the Italian elections in last week's Militant contained one incorrect figure which we copied from the daily press. It stated that the Italian Stalinists and Socialist parties, running separately in 1946, polled 31.7% of the vote. The facts are these: In 1946 the Stalinists received 18.9% of the popular vote; the Socialists received 20.7%. Thus their combined vote was 39.6%.

But the comparison with 1948 is complicated by the fact that a year ago, the right wing, under Saragat, split from the Socialist Party, formed an independent party and entered the de Gasperi cabinet. Running independently in the 1948 elections the Saragat party polled 7.1% of the vote. By assuming that this percentage is the same that the Saragat forces would have polled in 1946 and subtracting 7.1% from the 1946 combined Socialist-Communist vote of 39.6%, we get the figure of 32.5% — the adjusted vote of the Stalinists and their Socialist allies for 1946.

The Stalinist-Socialist vote in 1948 was 8,-025,000. In round figures this is an increase of 775,000 votes over 1946 (again adjusted for the Saragat vote). On a percentage basis, however, it represents 30.7% of the total vote, or a slight decrease of 1.8%. This is accounted for by the fact that over 3 million more people voted in the recent elections than in

The political conclusions of the article in the April 26 Militant are not affected by these more accurate figures. The outstanding facts remain that the Christian Democratic Party, representing the capitalist forces, was able to poll 48.7% of the popular vote in 1948 as against 35.2% in 1946. The capitalists have thus succeeded in rebuilding a solid political force. On the other hand, the Stalinists and their allies, because of their miserable policies, have been unable to register any gains despite two years of unprecedented social crisis and mass upheaval.

# Logical Conclusion of Randolph's Program to Resist Jim Crow Draft

By G. F. Eckstein

not claim to be making a demon- fiery crosses. on thousands upon thousands, out the South as quietly, in fact, has given its answer. pose, in other words, as far as in and an interminable list of Su- and landlords who squeeze the

of ex-Stalinists, ex-liberals, ex- cuits" O'Daniel, Rankin, to men- less? socialists, ex-radicals, socialists, tion only a few, convinced supiberties is their banner.

posals for civil disobedience of everybody's rights.

In the long-continued battle the United States is conducting adding their little squeak to the ism. for Negro rights, A. Philip Ran- in the current cold war is for authoritative voices of the worst completely deceived. A powerful within it the possibilities of raldolph and Grant Reynolds have so, "Surely no responsible Negro the Negro people that this coun- instinct, today stronger than ever lying a tremendous mass support. selected one vital issue, Jim Crow leader wishes to weaken the try has seen for generations. The before, drives them to see through To demand from the great massthe Army, the injustice of country at this time." Of course "liberal," "radical," "socialistic," the fabric of fraud and force as of the Negro people that, bewhich cries to heaven. They say, the Negroes are oppressed. But, democrats of the New Leader do which is driving them into war. fore they mobilize themselves for 'Right this shameful cr.ime says the New Leader, the ballot not by themselves amount to any- They resist, this section on this a struggle against Jim Crow, against the Negro people and the is a powerful instrument. Why, thing. But when they are travel- particular issue, the other section they must agree on the causes Negroes will be citizens as loyal, the very day that Reynolds ap-ar devoted, as patriotic as any peared in Washington, the Su- Forrestal, and the war-mongering democratic rights and against ism — that is not in any way other citizen." They do not raise preme Court reasserted its re- fascistic Negro-haters of the the privations which war imposes Marxist. But Randolph and Reythe question in any narrowminded jection of the white primary in South they can be very useful to upon them. Marxism, while speak- nolds, who summon the people to spirit. They claim that this humil- South Carolina. And on the very these. iation of Negroes is a stain on next day, yes sir, the very next Is the war that is being pre- not demand of the people, as a clare where they stand. The whole American civilization and the very day, 500 Negroes "were quietly pared to be fought for every- pre-condition for fighting with logic of their struggle on the concept of democracy. From this allowed to vote in Columbia." body's rights? Is it a just war, a them, that they completely accept ground that they have chosen, they draw a correct conclusion. Quietly. The police did not club war for democracy? Is it merely the full Marxist program. It is leads them inexorably to the in-They appeal to whites to stand them. The lynchers did not shoot by accident or through forgetful- ready to fight with them in every escapable questions. Why is it side by side with them. They do at them. The Klan did not burn ress, or inertia, or spite, that way that they resist. Marxism that American capitalism so reso-

Randolph and Reynolds. These in- Randolph will no doubt answer an organization of the most classsolent scoundrels inform Randolph them. These after all are not conscious, devoted, and determin-

in the current cold war is for authoritative voices of the worst The people, however, are not and call for action which has

the Jim Crow draft. They pro- about the Fourth Amendment same ruthless gang of capitalists against the war. It exposes the tem? Is the war being fought for them lies, to paralyze the func- preme Court decisions. But they life-blood out of the people at ment and the American social illegal, which stalks their lives activities abroad. First it was the of modern society and the cure questions. You have to take sides. and bursts out periodically to Kaiser, next it was Hitler, now The mere proposal of such a remind them they must keep their it is Stalin. Are we children to be tep opens a political perspective place. They now learn from the constantly herded into armies by with far-reaching implications, champions of civil liberties that bogeymen and driven to wars which are remorselessly appear- Truman, Forrestal, Eisenhower, which solve nothing, in the name ing day after day. Take the group Dewey, Ellender, "Pass-the-Bis- of liberties which grow constantly

radicals - whatever they call porters of the war, are fighting imperialist war is a product of themselves - who write in the for the rights of everybody. The the capitalist system, a product New Leader. These people consid- Taft-Hartley Law, regulation of of an economic system based themselves, no doubt, fearless labor by injunction, the long per- upon the exploitation of the workchampions of Negro rights. Civil secution and cynical maneuvering ing class. The working class has with Negro rights by both polit- no interest in the war. The war On April 24 the New Leader ical parties - all this becomes is fought at its expense to insure writes an editorial on the pro- really preparation to fight for its continued exploitation. The Marxist party, which is merely and Reynolds and the Negro peo- reactionaries, God forbid. They ed representatives of the working class, strives to educate the great masses of the people by precept and example. It first of all counters and exposes the lies, the brazen dishonesty by which the capitalists fool the public into believing that the war is for the rights of everybody. Press, radio, pulpit, schools, the labor leader-

ple (not to mention the world at merely find themselves telling ship, all do this work of mental for them. large) that: "The struggle which the Negro people to keep quiet, and moral corruption for capital- What Randolph and Reynolds

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Marxism also has its answer. American imperialism, under the against the war. It exposes the tem? Is the war being fought for



Not a syllable is needed to describe what John Maranich and Moe Tulak, Pittsburgh members of United Mine Workers think of the fine levied against their union for contempt of court.

### Consequences of A New World War

– By John G. Wright –

Apart from the universal hor- during the war years. This time savage blows to the living stand- will therefore prove far worse. and of the American workers There are many other factors and the mass of the people as a that act to further aggravate the Is Overzealous

of modern capitalism.

This means that before the universal scarcities of foodstuffs lions throughout the world to fall will act inexorably to drag down

The internal drain on the country's economy will be much more severe than during the last war. Prices for everything have more thus feed the inflation.

NO CONTROLS

times to project a huge rearm- a growing national debt plus a ament program without first in- constant expansion of currency stituting controls (rations, price carries the threat of runaway inregulations, credit restrictions, flation. etc.). Such controls will have to be imposed sooner or later. But TO COMBAT INFLATION in the meantime speculation is From the standpoint of their gets underway.

as their entire experience in the a sliding scale of wages. ted and rose relatively slowly ravages of inflation.

rors and devastation it must all prices are highly inflated even bring in its wake, Wall Street's war program is bound to deal savage blows to the living stand-

situation. Last time American Editor: They will be compelled to bear economy disposed of several adthe main brunt of all the war vantages that no longer exist.

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last war testifies. Capitalist war- Organized labor passed through tempting to clinch an argument. time controls mean first and fore- the last war without this indis- It was MacArthur's place to lead MINNEAPOLIS-10 So. 4th St. most the freezing of wages while pensable safeguard and found it- his troops, he did not "appoint Main 7781. Daily except Sun prices of all necessities keep self later compelled to engage in himself" as Lavan insists. There steadily rising. Workers found a whole series of strikes merely is evidence enough against him cussion Group every Fri. 7:30 p.m. Mill-tant Labor Club. 165 Main St. (next to themselves badly squeezed during to maintain previous living lev- without pulling assumptions out World War II despite the fact els. Should labor enter the next of a hat to hurl also. that pre-war prices of food and period without this safeguard, it other necessities had been defla- will find itself helpless before the

### **Believes Lavan**

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as more and more of American the productive plant still lay dor- Pobert S. Allen in their book production is siphoned off into mant due to the preceding de- "More Merry-Go-Round," the rea- would have planned and carried task." pression, and a similar situation son for national troops being out the actual operation. For the lions throughout the world to fall existed in agriculture. At that called was that General Glass-below subsistence levels and this time, expansion took place both ford, Chief of District of Columbra to personally lead the operation. For the highest officer of the U. S. Army Arthur misjudged the effect of the personally lead the operation on public opinion. in industry and agriculture, and bia Police, had wrangled with the living standards in the Unities provided a cushfet to full gold. Wice President Curtis because he defense itself. the subsequent shift to full-scale (Curtis) had called out the Marines to oust the marchers. the North American Aircraft back (he rode a white horse) who This time just the contrary is The Marines were withdrawn, strike in 1941. true. Western Europe represents and Glassford was given responsthan doubled since pre-World not a cushion for, but a drain on ibility for the State of order in decided to command the eviction financiers and industrialists who War II days. Should government American economy. The full im- Washington. During an altercadeficits, as the war program un- pact of Wall Street's projected tion between some recalcitrant folds, pile up at the same rate as war must be borne from its very veterans who refused to obey their they did the last time, then the inception by this country. No sig- own leader (W.W. Waters) to public debt, along with the taxes, nificant peacetime expansion of evacuate abandoned buildings would pile up twice as fast, since either industry or agriculture is along Pennsylvania Avenue, brick two dollars and more must now possible. Peak production in both bats were thrown, and in the enbe spent where one dollar sufficed industry and agriculture has al- suing encounter a jittery policebefore. But the actual deficits ready been achieved. Every step man fired his pistol point blank, will be much greater, because the toward rearmament can be taken killing one man and wounding costs of the next war will be far only at the expense of mass con- another who later died. Glassford higher. Increasing amounts of sumer goods, the production of maintained his officer had lost his money will have to roll off the which must decline in proportion head, but the opening which government printing presses and as the production of armaments Hoover had been waiting for had presented itself. He called War Declining civilian production Secretary Hurley, who in turn will tend to push up all prices handed the order to his Chief of Furthermore, the United States still higher. This coupled with Staff, MacArthur. "It had all been and Allen, "except for one detail, Hurley's letter to MacArthur had been written in advance The s the first major power in modern deficit government spending plus carefully planned," state Pearson troops were awaiting marching orders. But MacArthur had forgotten his uniform. So he sent to Fort Myer for it and later in given free rein, assuring that immediate economic interests, the the afternoon was riding down

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Norman Johnstone Westville, N.J.

### Lavan Replies

**WORKERS FORUM** 

to personally lead the operation

that parade as "biographies" of U. S.

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You are no doubt surprised to hear this. But it is a demonstrable fact which you will readily accept once certain information is brought to your attention.

We know that leading figures in the labor movement have repeatedly assured us that the bill is designed to "aid the hungry" and so alleviate their suffering as to deprive "communism" of any allure. We have not waded through the huge text of the ERP bill, but we presume it is effectively studded with similar expressions of humanitarian purposes and aims.

But now we have it on sound authority, no less a person than Dwight P. Griswold, head of the American Mission in Greece, that one of the primary purposes of ERP has not even been mentioned in the text of the bill itself, let alone in all the glorification of the bill from radio, press and pulpit.

Your local paper very likely did not carry this vital and illuminating statement by Griswold. It appeared in a special dispatch, datelined Athens, April 13, in the New York Times. We quote: "Dwight P. Griswold, head of the United States

The Negro Struggle —

mission to Greece, warned a group of Greek industrialists and labor unionists today that wage increases now would create an inflationary spiral that would 'bring in communism'. . . He made it clear that such demands contravened the purpose of the European Recovery Program."

There you have it. Many things are promised by the ERP, but one thing it doesn't propose is to raise European workers' wages. That would be carrying "aid to the hungry" too far. Indeed, paying starving Greek workers a little more in inflated currency "contravenes" the very purpose

By a strange coincidence, the American workers are being confronted by a similar program, only it's not labled ERP. It is frankly the program of the American corporations. They are telling the steel, auto, electrical, meat packing, maritime and other workers here that wage increases would be bad, "inflationary" and no doubt lead to "communism" as well.

Now Philip Murray and other top CIO leaders are wailing to high heaven because the corpora-tions have not acted in "good faith" and are refusing to raise wages in the face of the high

Philip Murray is an expert in "good faith." Like when he and his lieutenants "forgot" to tell the American, Greek, Italian, French and other workers that the ERP bill is not only designed to "contain" communism, but to "contain" the hungry workers from getting higher wages.

### After Randolph's "Bomb"

By Albert Parker

The civil disobedience proposal of A. Philip Randolph and Grant Reynolds has already had some noteworthy results. For one thing, it has



stirred up the thinking of millions of people over the problem of the next steps to be taken in the fight against Jim Crow. For another, it is separating the sheep from the goats among those who pretend to be

friends of the Negro people. For a third, it is putting real pressure on the Negro leaders, forcing them to take a stronger stand than ever

Everyone knows now how Eisenhower was provoked by Randolph's testimony into blurting out his own Jim Crow position on segregation in the army - which was all to the good because it cleared up many illusions that were being spread about this militarist. Not so well known, but just as significant, has been the behavior of the liberal Republican, Senator Wayne Morse.

Morse is the man who threatened Randolph with prosecution for treason. He is also a member (like Randolph) of the national board of directors of the NAACP. He threatened to resign from the board if the NAACP did not dissociate itself from Randolph's proposal. Secretary Walter White assured him that the NAACP had not endorsed Randolph's position, but reminded him that the Negro people are fed up with the way they are being treated, and thoroughly disgusted with the way both parties in Congress are playing politics with the civil rights program. White complained, for example, about the Republican Party's decision to bury anti-poll tax and FEPC bills.

In reply, Morse rushed to the defense of the Republican Party, saying that everything had been going well with the civil rights program in Congress "until the proposal for a civil disobedience program was dropped into our midst as a bomb." To show what a ridiculous alibi this is, we need only point out that the Republicans had control of Congress for 15 months before Randolph's proposal. What stopped them from passing the bills during that time? In other words, Morse is a stooge for the capitalist parties, and we have Randolph's proposal to thank for exposing how foolish it is to place any hope at all in such people, even when they disguise themselves as liberals.

And last week we witnessed still another effect resulting from Randolph's "bomb." Fifteen conservative Negro leaders had been summoned to Washington by Secretary of Defense Forrestal, who expected to persuade them to again act as "front men" for continued Jim Crow practices, as most of them had done in the past. But the whole thing blew up in Forrestal's face, because even these conservative Negro leaders feel the pressure of the Negro masses so sharply that they had to make an about-face and issue the following statement after the conference: "The group agreed that no one wanted to continue in an advisory capacity on the basis of continued segregation in the armed services."

All these are heartening developments, signifying that the struggle against Jim Crow is rising to a new and higher level of militancy.

### Cancer-the No. 2 Killer

By Grace Carlson —

Every three minutes someone in the United States dies of cancer. In the past 25 years, cancer has moved from the seventh to second cause of death in this country. Exceed-

ed only by heart disease, cancer took over 175,000 American lives last year.

It is true that the increasing number of deaths from cancer is due to the increasing average age of the population. Still half of all cancer deaths occur below the age of 65. But cancer is curable in a large percentage of cases if it is diag-

nosed early and treated adequately. Physicians estimate that one-third to one-half of those who now die of cancer could be saved on the basis of present medical knowledge.

Cancer is not a disease caused by a germ or infection coming from outside the body. It is a disease, which, for some reason, as yet unknown, develops within the body as a result of uncontrolled cell growth. When a group of "outlaw" cells in the body begin to multiply abnormally, push aside neighboring tissues, rob them of their food and cause their death, the result is called cancer.

The present campaign of the American Cancer Society aims to acquaint people with cancer's early danger signals. Any individual with one or more of the following symptoms is urged to see a doc

1. Any sore that does not heal, particularly had intimated it might grant MEATPACKING: sponsored meeting between the about the tongue, mouth or lips.

2. A painless lump or thickening, especially in the day after U.S. Steel's move 100,000 CIO packinghouse work- was abruptly recessed on April the breast, lip or tongue.

3. Progressive change in the color or size of a wart, mole or birthmark.

4. Persistent indigestion.

difficulty in swallowing.

5. Persistent hoarseness, unexplained cough or

6. Bloody discharge from the nipple or irregular bleeding from one of the natural body open-

7. Any change in the normal bowel habits.

Discovered in time, cancer cells can be destroyed by the action of X-ray and radium or they can be removed surgically. If cancer appears in another part of the body after an operation or irradiation treatment, it means that the cancer cells had already begun to develop in that territory before the treatment.

New weapons against the deadly cancer are now being forged in the country's medical research laboratories. But the money alloted to cancer research is pitifully small. For every death from cancer last year, only three dollars was spent for research. What a contrast to the billions of dollars spent on Atom Bomb research!

### **Notes from the News**

COURT FIGHT - The U. S. Supreme Court will review on April 26 the decision of the U. S. District Court in Washington which held that the section of the Taft-Hartley Act



which bans union spending in connection with federal primaries or elections is unconstitutional.

CIO FACTION SCORE -

Michael Quill, president of the CIO Transport Workers, resigned from the Amerfcan Labor Party following his recent resignation as president of the N. Y. CIO Council. At the same time, CIO-PAC Director Jack Kroll stripped the N. Y. CIO of its authority in the political field, after taking the same action against the Los Angeles CIO.

FREEDOM OF PRESS - Frontpage, the N. Y. CIO Newspaper Guild Paper, reports the following teletype order was sent by William Randolph Hearst to his chain of newspapers: "Chief instructs all his editors to print page one daily until further notice a photo of General MacArthur in association with important news display." Note that the editors are free to print MacArthur's picture ANY PLACE they want to - so long as it's on page one.

VULTURES MOVE IN - The CIO Farm

Equipment Union, Stalinist-dominated and a nonsigner of the Taft-Hartley affidavits, has called the government, science, educa- antry to dominate the proceeda strike at the big Caterpillar Tractor plant in tion and industry. Peoria, Ill., for higher wages and union recognition. Four unions moved in claiming jurisdiction: the International Association of Machinists, the AFL Boilermakers, the CIO auto union, and the AFL auto union. Here is a sample of the UAW-AFL "union" propaganda: "The Russians | Especially is the State Depart- were to be passed," this section the plan would not "begin ment dominated by the military. of the report concludes, "under war but with the approach of the plan would not be plan would not cinate their stooges in our plants then these people can turn loose these deadly germs among the workers, thereby paralyzing our industry. . ."

TELEPHONE DRIVE - The CIO Telephone Workers Organizing Committee announced that cral Marshall as Secretary and his and education which the brass 18 organizers will arrive in Detroit to push the campaign to bring Michigan telephone workers into the CIO fold.

UNION RADIO STATION - The Federal Communications Commission is holding hearings in Detroit on the application of the CIO auto union to operate a 50,000-watt day and night station.

FREE MURDERER - A lily-white grand jury in Mobile, Alabama, refused to indict a white man who beat to death a Negro when he started talking to him about the President's Civil Rights

# THE MILITANT

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# CIO Packinghouse Workers Resist Meat Trust Strikebreaking Moves

Klan Flogs War Veteran



Victim of a savage flogging by the Ku Klux Klan, ex-GI Joseph Berry (1) was found bent against a tree, bleeding severely from a mass of welts across his back. Three admitted members of the Ku Klux Klan have been arrested by Georgia police and charged with the brutal assault. Police Chief Neal Ellis examines the 2-foot leather strap used for the beating. Federated Pictures

time" policy, this time centered profits in this year's first quarter

Officials of the CIO United posed no program of action.

the industry, General Electric and policies, they are obviously try-

equipment.

By Barbara Bruce

April 27 -- Throughout the country, the meat barons are resorting to violence in an attempt to open strike-bound packing plants. Despite all reports of increasing meat production,

packing houses are still not operating. Failing in their efforts week, by police violence. But the strike remains solid.

Friday. Murray called for a federal inestigation of the beatings. Ralph M. Baker, district CIO director, condemned the attack as a "most senseless, unreasoning and vicious exhibition of common brutality." BEAT THEM ALL"

Brazenly defending the assault by the Kansas City police force, Detective Captain Eli Dahlin dethe head if necessary."
Ralph Helstein, UPW presi-

Kansas City. Helstein stated the carrying concealed weapons.

fraction of a per cent of its total | tinuing their bitter six week | federal government aid they can

They are resisting a head-on

attempt of the companies to

smash their strike by violence

ernment in the form of a "fact-

finding" report supporting the

companies' miserable offer of a 9-

cent increase. The union demand-

A flock of local injunctions have

been issued by compliant judges

in the various packing centers

against the union. Behind this

legal cover, police and company the union hiring hall. Basing

smash picket lines with armed Act, the companies demand that

Efforts of the government to hall be abandoned and that the ntervene and effect a settlement discriminatory hiring practices

through mediation appear headed which prevailed in the days be-

on the rocks. A government- fore unionism be restored.

Big Steel Leads Attack on Wages

months of 1948 were over 25 and a flank attack by the gov-

ed 29 cents.

violence.

free to exercise their economic sales. General Electric also an strike for cost-of-living wage in break the strike.

nounced a 5% price cut on a creases.

small category of electrical power

GE profits in the first three

million dollars-a 42% increase

over the same quarter in 1947.

Westinghouse's 14 million dollar

are 27% higher than last year's.

of Murray, have announced no

specific wage demands and pro-

Although the Stalinist leaders of

UE are in bitter conflict with the

Murray machine over political

ing to take their cue from Mur-

price-cut of \$3,125,000 a year-a son, Swift and Cudahy, are con- position that with local and Association.

the lead of the steel union.

UE leaders, following the policy

In Chicago, a funeral procession | Faribault, Minnesota, were arto get workers back in the struck plants by threats and promises, body of Santos Cicardo, killed the released on \$500 bail.

At West Fargo, N. the packers are trying to break last week on an Armour picket junction was granted to Armour, the CIO strike, now in its seventh line. Representatives of all CIO which drastically limited picket-Forty five strikers in Kansas test police violence in the strike roned temporarily but may be City, Kansas, were beaten by and demand the ouster of a police called "at a later date." Stock club-swinging police in a bloody attack on UPW members last over the death of Santos who was crushed under the wheels of a a wage increase. Today C10 president Philip truck entering the struck Armour truck driver to drive through the picket line.

Chicago ministers, protesting violence against the packinghouse strike, joined the picket pany's attempt to bring in four lines at the Armour plant.

Two strike breakers who admitted carrying guns in an atclared, "We'll beat them all on tempt to force their way through a picket line at the strike-bound Armour plant in Omaha, Nebrasent, protested to U.S. Attorney ka, were sentenced to two years General Clark the "brutal and each in the state penitentiary. wanton" beating of pickets in They pleaded guilty to charges of

action "deprives residents of their A woman picket, Mrs. Marie civil rights" and called on Clark Browder, mother of an 11-yearfor immediate action. Workers at old boy, was hospitalized in Ateight packing plants, previously lanta, Georgia, after she was maffected by the national strike, struck down by a truck attempthave been called out in the Kan- ing to enter the Armour plant. Nine members of Local 37 in

**MARITIME:** 

Representatives of the chief

Atlantic and Gulf Coast shipping

lines have countered CIO Na-

for wage increases and improved

conditions with their own com-

plete revision of the present con-

This revision provides no wage

increases and would destroy the

of 5,000 packinghouse workers rested on contempt charges and

At West Fargo, N. D., an inunions met with Police Commis- ing. A strike of union stockyard sioner John Prendergast to pro- workers at West Fargo was postover the death of Santos who was with the stockyards company for

For the first time since the plant. Union leaders accused the packinghouse strike began, pickpolice captain of instructing the ets turned back 150 office and supervisory workers at the Swift plant in Sioux City, Iowa. Union representatives said the action was a reprisal against the comcars of cattle.

Local 50 in Milwaukee reached an agreement with police officials to limit police to only four or five on picket lines at Plankington and Armour meat packing plants. Union officials will be responsible for maintaining order.

In Willmar, Minnesota, Einar Kuivinen, president of the Minnesota Farmers Union, charged the "arrogant refusal of the Big Four packers" to arbitrate differences with the packinghouse workers has cost the farmers "tremendous losses." The Union has offered repeatedly to settle the strike by arbitration, but has been turned down cold by the packers on every occasion.

Strikers in the South St. Paul area have been marking time as injunctive hearings on restraining orders issued to Armour and Swift companies came to a conclusion in Dakota county district court this week. A decision will be handed down on or before May 4. Hearings on a restraining order granted to Cudahy have been tional Maritime Union demands

postponed to June 1. CIO international representatives and full time officials of ClO locals met this afternoon in South St. Paul to mobilize 60,000 CIO members in Minnesota behind the packinghouse strikers. A campaign to raise \$100,000 was foundation of the union's security, launched and funds were contributed to help finance the daily strikebreakers are trying to themselves on the Taft-Hartley broadcast, "On the Picket Line,"

sponsored by UPW locals in South hiring through the union hiring St. Paul. MILWAUKEE

> MAY DAY CELEBRATION Movie: "Czar to Lenin"

The employers have offered union and Armour representatives similar loaded contracts to enthat it would give no pay iners, employed by the "Big Four" 27, when Armour refused to yield gineers and radio officers of the 608 SO. FIFTH STREET creases. Its pretext is a claimed of the meat trust, Armour, Wil- an inch. The packers take the CIO Marine Engineers Beneficial Sat., May 8 8 p. m.

# he Growing Militarization of

By Paul Schapiro

(Continued from page 1)

strength if management's short-

sightedness and stubbornness

However, the UAW officials

have advanced no unified strategy

of action for a serious wage

fight. They still seem to be con-

templating a suicidal "one-at-a-

Electrical Workers "indefinitely

recessed" wage negotiations with

the two largest corporations in

Westinghouse, which previously

some slight increases, announced

ELECTRICAL:

force them to do so."

on Chrysler.

William J. Millor, S. J., Arthur tary purposes. Morgan, Ray Lyman Wilbur and Fifteen Others, National Coun- not only for professors and equip-1948, 32pp., 10c.

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Science too, as a result of the ing research in universities, is to- to year in the same state of semi- port's basic weakness. During the armaments program. The key man revolutionary working class.

THE MILITARIZATION OF of the scientists are now under AMERICA, A Report Issued by contract to work on projects Albert Einstein, Dorothy Can- under military sponsorship, and field Fisher, Reuben Gustavson, the general direction of most Munitions Board and other mili- they were said to be servants of war under the aegis of Forrestal scientific research is toward mili-Army and Navy money pays

cil Against Conscription, 1013 ment but for the training of 18th St., Washington 6, D. C., thousands of students, who are obligated to accept military commissions. The amount of money This report was presented re-cently by a group of distinguish-the universities of course insures that the universities will think twice ed educators, scientists, minis- about refusing any of their reers and assorted liberals, who quests. The educational instituwere alarmed by the increasing tions work closely with the milicontrol of the military over Amer- tary in propagandizing students ican life. Amply documented, it to join the Reserve Officer Traingives an excellent picture of how ing Corps units on the campuses the Brass Hats are militarizing and permit ROTC military pageings at graduation exercises. In all sections of the govern- | Present plans of the Army call ment, the report shows, military for the expansion of the already men have stepped into important swollen college ROTC enrollment positions, and scores of junior to five times its present size. And brass hats have got lesser posts. "if compulsory military training This was acknowledged by the the proposed plan almost every Army and Navy Bulletin of college would be forced to accept January 18, 1947, which stated: ROTC, thus making complete the "Today the Army has virtual con- Army's penetration of the college

The militarization of science Assistant Secretary of State (for hats have effected and which they occupied areas) Maj. Gen. John plan to extend is only the prelude H. Hilldring, who directs the to their plan to militarize the military commanders controlling lives of the workers in the facour foreign policy in occupied tories with the aid and coopera-Europe and Asia." Since then, tion of the bosses. "The New General Hilldring has resigned- | York Times of May 29, 1947, in reporting speeches by General Saltzman, Vice - President and Brehon Somervell and General Secretary of the New York Stock Leslie Groves at a dinner of the National Industrial Conference Board, stated that Somervell with Germany and pre-war Japan now crals are allied with the ex- is a struggle against Wall Street, huge amount of money the Army Groves' full backing had said, exists in large measure in the ecutives of heavy industry in and it can be brought to a vicand Navy are spending on financ- 'Industry must be kept from year

giving reserve officers and "in-

WORKERS CONSCRIPTION

The first part of the plan is already being put into effect with the organization of companysponsored military units among THERE IS NO PEACE workers in railroads, trucking companies, hospitals, chemical concerns and aircraft and automotive industries, which, when activated, will receive standard military training under the command of a regular reserve officer, could call on those organizations for men who could be put into the field as functioning units without long training." The next part of war but with the approach of an chain labor down even more than was done in the last war. Workers would be conscripted for military service or for factory of this process by the authors of whether we like it or not." labor, without being allowed to the report which causes them to choose the industry or geogra- omit an important item in their phical area they would work in. description of the militarization Wages would be controlled and a Brass Hats and Big Business.

day almost completely under the | mobilization as our armed forces.' | war we were told that we had | in this alliance is Secretary of thumb of the military. The bulk He urged business and industrial to crush German and Japanese Defense Forrestal, former presileaders to nominate their best militarism. Once we had done dent of the great Wall Street men to advisory committees to this, we would have perpetual banking firm Dillon - Read. The work with the Army and Navy peace. As for our own generals, alliance was formed during the tary councils." Army instructors the people, who just wanted to and his opposite number in the are now touring the country, get the war over with and were War Department, Under-Secredustrial leaders, .. courses in vital power. Now, a few short years | Wall Street man. In the very aspects of industrial mobiliza- after the war, many of the same midst of the war, Charles E. Wila word of explanation.

The truth is that capitalism has entered a period of permanent militarization. "There is no peace," proclaimed the Militant 19, 1944, he said: "The experience on V-J Day in the midst of the of two years has shown conhosannahs for peace. Events have clusively that industry, cooperatdemonstrated the correctness of ing with the Army and Navy if possible from the business this assertion. United States im- makes for a very effective comitself. "In case of war the Army perialism, the citadel of world bination, a combination that capitalism surrounded by work- should be extended into the posting-class and colonial unrest, war period to the end that we must arm to the teeth to sup- might maintain at all times press revolution and to crack open | leadership in the technical and the Soviet Union for the world operations superiority of the immarket in order to maintain plements of war. . . The burden emergency." It would, however, itself. Arming for war, it must is on all of us to integrate our enlarge the power of those who respective activities - political, run the war machine.

that the same pattern of militar- representatives of big business

not concerned about their own tary of War Patterson, another liberals who were its best propa- son, President of General Electric gandists are frightened by these and Vice-Chairman of Roosevelt's same generals, who are muscling War Production Board, looking in everywhere. How did this come ahead, advocated a permanent to be? The report does not give war economy in the post-war period for the United States domination of the world, with the brass hats and the silk hats working together.

At a meeting of the Army Ordnance Association on January military, and industrial, because It is the lack of understanding we are in world politics to stay,

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"We are in world politics to All strikes would be prohibited. of America: the ties between the stay, whether we like it or not"this is Wilson's way of saying drastic rationing system, reduc- The members of the military that American finance capital ing the "requirements of the caste have, of course, always must seek to dominate the world. domestic civilian economy to a been faithful servitors of capital- To do so, it must, as he makes minimum," would be instituted. sim, but the war caused them to clear, "integrate" its "political, The report concludes by stating work more closely with the military and industrial" forces, The struggle against the miliism which characterized Nazi than ever before. Today the gen- tarization of America, therefore,

United States. Here lies the re- carrying through their huge torious conclusion only by a