

Stalinist Gang Steps Up Red Baiting Campaign

Tobin Receives Stalinist Inspiration In His Drive Against the Minneapolis Prisoners

By Fred Robinson

Carrying their campaign into new territory, the Stalinists this week turned their barrage of calumny and lynch-incitation on lecture meetings of the Institute of International Relations (Quakers) which has been holding a summer session at Bryn Mawr College, Pennsylvania.

The week previously Stalinist gangs of hoodlums broke up two Institute lecture meetings held in Seattle, Washington, under the auspices of the American Friends (Quakers) Service Committee. At Bryn Mawr, however, the Stalinists succeeded only in planting a stooge at the lecture — Anna Pennypacker — who reported her experiences in the *Daily Worker*.

The Stalinist lady was terribly upset because those attending the sessions not only did not oppose but approved statements by lecturers that "all idealism is out of the war," "we are not fighting against fascism," "the Atlantic Charter has been abandoned," and references to the war as "the horrible slaughter."

"The tragic thing is that the people present apparently accepted these things, applauded them, and did not contradict them," Miss Pennypacker complains. Naturally she wants the lecturers suppressed because they are "dividing the people, spreading doubt and disunity, disbelief in our war government, distrust of our allies."

The Stalinists are attacking the Quaker lecture gatherings because the Quakers and their present associates are a defenseless, pacifist, sentimentally humanitarian group which cannot or will not defend itself adequately either against slanderous attack or gangster-thug forays. And they indiscriminately tack the label "Trotskyist" on these and all other opponents.

REAL TROTSKYISTS

It is for the real Trotskyists, however, that they reserve the main-stream of their venomous fire, because the Trotskyists are the only true opponents of the imperialist war, the true vanguard of the labor movement, the most consistent fighters for labor rights and independence. The Trotskyists have exposed the Stalinist traitors and their flunk role in the labor movement.

The Stalinist answer is a steady stream of calumny and falsehood and incitation to vigilante attacks on the Trotskyists and their movement, interspersed with frantic calls to Roosevelt's cops to throw them all in jail.

A recent sample of this type of hysterical ranting is contained in *The New World*, Stalinist organ published in Seattle, Washington, scene of the recent Stalinist

gang raids on the Quaker meetings. The June 29 issue of this gutter sheet quotes the Stalinist secretary of the Seattle CIO Council, Hilda Hanson, as calling for the arrest and imprisonment of the speakers at the Quaker meetings: "We urge the FBI to put these people in jail as they did the 18 Trotskyists in Minneapolis and are trying to do with the 29 seditionists now on trial in Washington, D. C."

In an attempt to cover up this reactionary attack on the elementary democratic right of free speech, Miss Hanson said: "Certainly we believe in free speech, but not for traitors and Trotskyists."

CALL FOR BLOOD

But mere jailing of the Trotskyists is not enough for the editors of *The New World*. In a boldly displayed editorial in the same issue they call for their blood: "This war is not an academic question to be debated. Our fighting men are shooting fascists — not indulging in drawing room debates with them. The same stern measures must be used on the home front."

And 3,000 miles across the country the New York *Daily Worker* steps up the drive of lynch incitation in a new article by George Morris (July 6) which praises Tobin, president of the Teamsters International, for "pulling no punches in his war on the Trotskyists." Especially gratifying to this Stalinist hack is the fact that Tobin "isn't swinging wild. He is punching specifically at them and at those who give them aid and comfort."

Tobin, it is revealed, derives much of the inspiration for his recent red-baiting attacks on the Trotskyists from the Stalinists themselves. His organ, the *Teamster*, as Morris recalls, "reprinted the bulk of a column we ran some weeks ago disclosing how the 'so-da-pop' stoppages in Detroit" were — of course! — due to Trotskyist machinations.

The Stalinists, said Morris,

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CANADIAN FASCIST MOVEMENT GETS BIG BUSINESS SUPPORT

MONTREAL — Frightened by the extensive growth of the trade union movement and labor's developing political consciousness and organization as reflected in the electoral victories of the Canadian Commonwealth Federation, Canada's big business interests are losing confidence in the ability of the conservative Liberal Party to act as an effective brake upon the working class. The ruling class is turning increasingly toward a more direct and brutal method of political domination — fascism.

Backed by important sectors of Canadian capital, clerico-fascism, corresponding to an extent to the Sinarquista movement in Mexico and aiming at a regime similar to that of Salazar's Portugal or Franco's Spain, has been making advances in Canada.

A startling confirmation of the extent of clerico-fascism was given in the sensational maiden speech of Liberal Senator T. D. Bouchard before the Canadian Upper House on June 21. He admitted with a Socialist-baiting Mackenzie King's Liberal Government has long known but concealed — that French Catholic-Fascists in Quebec Province, political and financial center of Canada, are already in control of the "patriotic" societies, Catholic School Boards, municipal councils, junior boards of trade, and the

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U. S.-British Capitalists Clash At Monetary Stabilization Parley

Over 10,500 Sign Pardon Petitions To Free the 18

Over 10,500 workers and progressive individuals have registered their protest against the unjust imprisonment of the 18 Minneapolis Truckdrivers Local 544-C I O and Socialist Workers Party leaders under the notorious Smith "Gag" Act, by signing petitions urging President Roosevelt to uphold the Bill of Rights by pardoning the eighteen.

Although this successfully concludes the national CRDC campaign to secure 10,000 signatures, the National Office of the CRDC announced that the Local Committees throughout the country will continue until the end of July to send in signed petitions.

At the end of July these thousands of signatures, together with hundreds of letters from individuals prominent in labor, Negro, civil liberties and fraternal circles, and resolutions and endorsements from trade unions, as well as scores of editorials and articles from the liberal and working class political press will be presented to President Roosevelt in Washington by a CRDC delegation urging immediate and unconditional pardon for the 18.

LABOR SUPPORT

Material as well as moral support continues to pour into the National CRDC office from labor and civil liberties organizations. Following the resolution adopted last month at the Boston Convention of the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union-AFL which condemned the imprisonments and urged immediate Presidential pardon, the Joint Board of the Dress and Waistmakers Union of Greater New York sent a donation of \$250 to the CRDC last week, to aid in the campaign to free the 18 and repeal the anti-labor Smith "Gag" Act.

The Executive Board of the Pittsburgh Branch of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom at their June meeting endorsed the Minneapolis Labor Case and voted a con-

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Denmark Strikers Force Concessions From Nazi Rulers

High courage and an unquenchable fighting spirit brought victory for striking Danish workers last week as the Nazi enslavers of Denmark, unable to cope with the insurrectionary mood of the masses, submitted to their demands.

More than 15,000 workers in Copenhagen, joined by other thousands in the lesser cities, were out in a general strike which lasted six days and virtually paralyzed the country. In street fighting with Nazi troops and police, 700 of the workers were reported killed and 1,000 wounded. Strikers' demands finally acceded to by the Nazis included removal from Copenhagen of the Danish-Nazi Schalburg Corps, lifting of the 9 p. m. to 5 a. m. curfew, closure of the Copenhagen city transit system at 9 p. m. nightly at the request of the street-car workers, a guarantee not to take reprisals against any of the strikers.

On July 6, the day following the calling-off of the general strike, the bakers of Copenhagen struck again to demand immediate fulfillment of the pledge to remove the Schalburg Corps. They were immediately joined by workers in the big Burmeister and Wain shipyard. Unable to stall any longer, the Nazi Commissioner, Dr. Werner Best, ordered instant removal of the Corps.

Threat of another general strike then developed because of the withholding of workers' wages for the strike period. To avert another stoppage, the Nazis ordered payment of wages in full, a Stockholm dispatch to the N. Y. Times reported.

The Allied Monetary Conference



Landlord-Capitalist Rule In Rumania Preserved By Stalin

By James Cavan

The role of the Kremlin in the affairs of the European continent is being revealed with complete clarity in the case of Rumania, where Stalin's henchmen have appeared on the scene as the saviors and supporters of the rotten system of capitalist-landlord exploitation and its political regime of oppression and reaction.

At the beginning of April, the Red Army, pursuing retreating German and Rumanian troops, crossed the river Pruth and entered Rumanian territory. This was its first incursion across the Soviet borders. The capitalist world was manifestly nervous and apprehensive.

Molotov, Stalin's foreign commissar, hastened to allay all suspicions and apprehensions with a statement: "The Soviet Government declares it does not pursue the aim of acquiring Rumanian territory or of altering the existing social structure of Rumania. The entry of Soviet troops into the boundaries of Rumania is dictated exclusively by military necessities and the continuing resistance of enemy troops."

Last week, foreign correspondents were taken to the northern corner of Rumania, where the Red Army has now been in occupation for three months, and permitted to cable out their findings. What did they discover? Associated Press correspondent Henry C. Cassidy says: "It was the unanimous opinion of American, British and Chinese observers that the Russians are not interfering in any way with the political, economic or social life of Rumania."

Which, of course, is confirmation of Molotov's assurance to the capitalist world that the Stalinist regime will help the Anglo-American imperialists preserve capitalist-landlord rule in the Balkans. It is, however, the details of the correspondents' findings which afford the most glaring confirmation of the reactionary role of the Stalinist government and reveal the abysmal depths of counter-revolutionary villainess to which it has descended. Wrote Cassidy: "The Russian occupation is administered by military commandants whose sole preoccupation is the maintenance of order. The local officials, including Mayors of the towns and prefects of regions, are left to carry on their usual functions."

CAPITALIST GENDARME

Thus all the old reactionary officials, notorious oppressors of the masses, have been confirmed in their offices and "order" is being maintained in the interests of the capitalists and landlords for whom they rule. Stalin seeks to give to the Red Army, the great liberating army of Socialism founded by Lenin and Trotsky, the ignominious role of gendarme of capitalist property. But this is not the worst of

4 Million Jobless

On July 11 the press carried an item that 900 workers were thrown out of work at Burchell Products, Inc., New York City, on three hours' notice.

Union officers tried to find out why the Navy contract had been cancelled, but all they got was the runaround.

The AFL research department just released a report stating that 4,000,000 workers will be unemployed by the end of this year if Congress does not enact legislation to protect workers from production "cutbacks."

Among recent "straws in the wind" are the overnight shutdown of operations at the Brewster Aeronautical plant in Long Island City, N. Y., the layoff of 9,000 workers at Budd Manufacturing Company in Philadelphia, a reduction of thousands in working force at Douglas Aircraft plants on the West Coast, and now, an announcement by the Navy that bombshell production at the Remington-Rand plant at Elmira, N. Y., will be discontinued by fall, affecting 3,600 workers. (See editorial on cutbacks, page 6).

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Conference Unable To Curb The Profit-Hungry Bankers

American Delegate Describes Conference As A "Struggle for Power" Between the Allies

By Ralph Graham

Alarmed by the prospect of post-war economic chaos which would strain the already weakened fabric of capitalist society to the breaking point, economic and financial experts of 45 Allied and Associated governments gathered in conference at Bretton Woods, N. H., on July 1 to discuss plans for currency stabilization and related problems.

The conference, which is continuing until July 19, ostensibly aims to curb cut-throat competition in international commerce through the establishment

of a Monetary Stabilization Fund to regulate the flow of trade. Another proposal envisages the setting up of a United Nations Bank for Reconstruction and Development to operate in the long-term credit field and to supplement and participate with private capital in investments connected with the rehabilitation of war-torn countries.

In reality, however, the representatives of American and British capitalism, who dominate the conference, are each seeking to impose on the rest of the world's capitalists, financial and economic arrangements intended to further their own exclusive interests.

Despite the efforts of the conference to maintain an atmosphere of amiability, and to present the conference to the world as an example of genuine effort at "international cooperation," the ugly reality of imperialist competition and rivalry breaks again and again through the brittle crust of polite speech-making.

INTENSE STRUGGLE

What is actually going on at Bretton Woods is an intense if muted struggle between the British and American capitalists for domination of the post-war world — with the British losing out to their powerful foes. One of the American delegates, who, understandably, chose to remain anonymous, blurted this out to a N. Y. Post correspondent when he said, without mincing any words: "This is a struggle for power on a gigantic scale."

At the center of the conference agenda is the proposal for creation of a Monetary Stabilization Fund of \$8 billion. The United States would hold first place in the fund with a quota subscription of \$2 to \$2½ billions. Britain would follow with about \$1½ billions and the USSR about \$1 billion. The remainder would be subscribed by the rest of the represented countries.

The intended purpose of the fund is to provide the means of financing international trade under conditions of economic ruin and breakdown caused by the imperialist war. Thus, for example, a country like Belgium which desired to import British or American goods, but which because of

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an unfavorable trade balance did not have pounds or dollars with which to finance the purchase, would be entitled to draw upon the fund for this purpose, but not beyond the extent of its own contribution to the fund unless those in control of the fund agreed.

It is not difficult to see that in such a situation the greater portion of the world would fall into economic vassalage to the big powers whose greater contributions to the fund assure them control of this contemplated source of international credit — Britain or the United States, or both.

The capitalists of both these leading countries are seeking to grab all they can of post-war international trade. Last week's conference sessions were marked by debate and wrangling over the fund quotas to be assigned to the major countries, each seeking to improve his position at the expense of the others.

GOLD STANDARD

But there is more involved than that. According to the Washington-sponsored plan, each country would be required to subscribe 25 per cent of its quota in gold, or 10 per cent of its holdings of gold and gold-convertible exchange, whichever is the smaller.

Since between 70 and 80 per cent of the entire world supply of monetary gold is held by the United States, the Washington plan, if adopted, would deliver control of the proposed stabilization fund into the hands of Wall Street. This is clearly seen in an appraisal of the conference which appears in the latest issue of the newsletter of the National City Bank of New York, one of the leading institutions of American Big Business.

It points out that "while the United States would be expected to put up \$2½ to \$2¾ billions as its 'quota,' or theoretically about a third of the initial fund of \$8 billions, actually our gold and dollars would constitute a much larger share — possibly as much as 60 per cent — of the really dependable purchasing power of the fund. This because of the fact that a large share of the contributions of other countries would be payable in their own

Planning For An Economy Of Scarcity Under The "Free Enterprise" System

By R. Bell

At the current rate of contract terminations and war production cutbacks it is predicted that millions of workers will be "disemployed" before the end of the year. There are over 1,000,000 fewer workers employed in the U. S. today than there were six months ago. If the expected military collapse of Germany materializes this year it is estimated that production will drop from 30 to 50 percent. The steady stream of "disemployment" will be converted into a raging torrent of mass unemployment. This prospect has stirred labor spokesmen into renewed activity in projecting "post-war" plans for reconversion of war plant facilities to civilian production, dismissal wages, unemployment compensation, public works and housing projects, etc. These measures, dealing with the human side of demobilization have

received scant attention from the Administration or Congress. Following a brief flurry of activity, stimulated by the dramatic sit-in of the Brewster Aircraft workers, Congress adjourned for the summer after adopting the George-Murray Contract Termination bill — the only demobilization legislation so far approved by Congress. While the bill provides generous cash payments for war contractors it makes no provision for the workers suddenly thrown out of work. All the reassuring promises made by Administration and Congressional spokesmen under pressure of the militant demonstration of the Brewster workers, that Congress would adopt legislation dealing with the human problems of demobilization before any extended adjournment, were quickly forgotten once the workers left the plant.

The real "post-war" plans of the government, as revealed thus far in ACTION indicate that the political deputies of Big Business intend to follow the pattern already established of providing "relief for the greedy and not for the needy." These plans contemplate such a gigantic steal of public wealth that they have to be kept hidden from the eyes of the people until AFTER the election campaign. Both major parties, dominated as they are by the profiteering monopolists of Wall Street, have entered into a tacit conspiracy to seize the most favorable opportunity to mulct the public treasury of wealth beyond the dreams of avarice.

STRATEGIC MATERIALS

Aluminum, magnesium, steel and rubber — who controls the production of these strategic materials so indispensable for modern industry possesses a stranglehold on the economic life of the nation. Control over these metals, rubber and allied products has been vested in tight monopolies. The monopolists will move heaven and earth to prevent the competitive operation of these modern plants, built by the government with public funds, which threaten

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TRADE UNION NOTES

By Joseph Keller

Roosevelt's War Labor Board in Washington last week upheld, with minor exceptions the directives of the West Coast Lumber Commission and reaffirmed its own previous order in denying a general wage increase to 130,000 workers of the AFL Lumber and Sawmill and CIO International Woodworkers Unions.

The previous decisions rejecting the wage raise, provoked last month a strike of over 50,000 lumber workers of both the AFL and CIO.

Hoping to get around the administration's general wage-freezing policy, the unions had argued that their cases were in the "rare and unusual" category because the rotten wages and conditions in the industry were creating a manpower shortage.

The labor minority on the Board registered a dissenting opinion, hoping to save face for themselves before the labor movement, but in no wise changing the effect of the anti-labor decision. In their dissenting statement, the labor members argued that the wage increases were required for the "retention of the present working force and prevention of turnover," as well as "recruiting new employees." This argument was considerably weakened by virtue of the job-freeze, as well as the Roosevelt-McNutt forced labor decree which went into effect July 1. This decree, which Philip Murray and William Green endorsed, is intended to compel jobless workers to take employment wherever the government sends them, regardless of wages and conditions.

The WLB labor representatives also complained because the body on which they sit and to which they lend their prestige "is being rendered impotent by its timidity" and is "obsessed with an all-pervading fear that the wage stabilization program is so fragile now that any vigorous action will shatter it before redemption."

It is these "labor statesmen" who are suffering from an "all-pervading fear." Their fear is that the anti-labor decisions of the WLB will arouse such resentment that the workers will "shatter beyond redemption" not only the wage-freezing "stabilization" program but the WLB itself. That is why they whine about the Board's decisions, urging it to some feeble concessions here and there.

As for the WLB being "rendered impotent by its timidity"—that's an ironic joke. It is the timidity—and treachery—of the union leaders, who curb the independent action of the unions and bolster the WLB, which has made the WLB tremendously potent in fulfilling its real purpose of enforcing the wage freeze.

The only time the WLB suffers from "timidity" and "impotence" is in the relatively few instances when it renders a decision favorable to a union and is then confronted by the defiance of an employer. The case of Sewell L. Avery is a notable, but not an exceptional instance.

Down in St. Louis there is the case of the Meyer Pants Company, which since 1942 has consistently refused to sign a union contract despite a WLB directive. In a letter to the regional WLB, Harold J. Gibbons, director of the St. Louis Joint Council of the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Employees, CIO, demanded WLB action in enforcing compliance of its directive. Gibbons pointed out the difference between the WLB's kid-glove handling of employers and "the determined efforts you and your agency have taken to enforce compliance of trade unions with your Board orders."

One of the peculiar angles of the Meyer Pants case is that the WLB directive was used as a precedent for other similar cases,

although it was never enforced against the company for which it was issued.

The General Executive Board of the CIO Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Employees union last week adopted a resolution endorsing the action of the union's president, Samuel Wolk, in sanctioning the Chicago Montgomery Ward strike. This is the first instance of any CIO international body formally approving a strike since Pearl Harbor.

The URWSE-CIO board also passed a formal resolution denouncing Harry Bridges, Stalinist head of the CIO Longshoremen's Union, as a "strikebreaker" for his scabby role in urging the members of his union in St. Paul to fill the orders of the struck Chicago mail-order plant.

The board's approval of the past Chicago strike is all very good—but what does it propose to do now that Avery still refuses to comply with the WLB directives and the WLB continues to flit with the issue, while the local union is being systematically cut to pieces since Roosevelt broke the strike with his plant seizure? Is the board going to organize a real union fight and, if necessary, sanction another strike, or does it propose to horse around with the WLB until the Chicago workers have no union left to fight for them?

As one of its last formal actions before voting to merge with the CIO Steel Workers, the recent convention of the CIO Aluminum Workers adopted a resolution by overwhelming vote demanding the removal of Harry Bridges as director for the California CIO region. The resolution charged finky Bridges with supporting "every reactionary movement by anti-labor forces in this country." The aluminum workers denounced Bridges for his "endorsement of labor conscription, support of Sewell Avery's stand in the Montgomery Ward case and other actions to the detriment of organized labor."

There is a growing movement in the CIO for the ouster of Bridges. The Toledo, Akron and St. Louis Industrial Union Councils have all passed strong resolutions demanding Bridges' removal from his CIO post.

John L. Lewis' iron-clad dictatorial rule over the United Mine Workers is facing the strongest and most determined opposition in many years.

A wide-spread revolt is spreading throughout the union against Lewis' system of control, in which he personally appoints the officers for 21 out of 31 districts of the union. Over 525,000 of the union's 650,000 members belong in so-called "provisional" districts where they do not elect their own district officers. The Lewis-appointed international board members control 287 votes against the 72 votes of the 10 elected members.

Outstanding leader in the fight to re-establish autonomy and democratic representation within the UMW is Ray Edmundson, himself a former appointee of Lewis and old time henchman of the Lewis machine, who recently resigned his post as president of the Illinois district and announced his candidacy for UMW president in opposition to Lewis.

Last week over 100 miners' delegates from 14 districts, met in Cincinnati and passed resolutions demanding autonomy and laying the basis for a fight on the issue at the forthcoming convention.

Lewis introduced his dictatorial system back in the late Twenties as a means of destroying the powerful left-wing opposition that arose under the leadership of John Brophy and Powers Hapgood.

'Militant' Subscription Campaign Surpasses Quota By 253 Percent

All 25c subscriptions obtained by the branches during the 3-month Militant Subscription Campaign, which terminated June 30, have now reached this office. The final scoreboard shows that a total of 7,614 NEW READERS are now receiving The Militant regularly every week. (See Editorial on Subscription campaign, p. 6.)

The branches are to be commended for their consistent work. The original quota of 3,000 NEW READERS was reached in the eighth week of the campaign. The original quota was more than doubled by the end of the campaign.

FROM OUR MAIL BAG

Newark: "Well, it was an exciting and spirited finish. Buffalo certainly set a fine pace for all the branches, which we worked hard to top, only to be nosed out the last day by Rochester. But we are well satisfied with our results and look forward to revisits and contact work. We extend heartiest congratulations to the Rochester comrades whose winning record in the sub campaign is, we are sure, a prelude to bigger things to come for this branch."

New York: "To keep up with the fast pace of the national campaign, the New York Local smashed a half-dozen of its own quotas. Branch totals are:

	Quota	Subs	Percent
Brooklyn	100	545	545
West Side	175	825	472
East Side	175	507	287
Queens	50	108	116
Miscellaneous		38	
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"Following the final city-wide mobilization, the New York Local held a social for Brooklyn, the winning branch. The New York Local is proud of the fact that the West Side Branch secured more subs than any other branch in the country."

"The individual high scorers for the campaign were Doris Hill with 89 subs, Justine Lang with 65, and Ruby Parker and Willy Cott with 62 each."

"The Militant Sub Campaign set a new record in membership participation. Old timers and new party members alike worked energetically and enthusiastically to make this campaign the most successful New York party project in recent years."

"We are confident that the call-back campaign will result in hundreds of new friends, sympathizers and a greater expansion of our movement in New York."

Toledo: "The Reading and Philadelphia Branches have the answer to their rash challenge. They did a good job but they don't bat in the same league with Toledo. I haven't consulted the other comrades about this, but I feel that in the next campaign Toledo can beat the combined Philadelphia and Reading Branches."

Cleveland is determined to make up for their lag at the beginning by continuing to obtain 3-month subs at campaign speed during the next month.

Los Angeles: "The two one-year subs to The Militant were obtained on the last Sunday mobilization by our local high scorer who at this time has 64 points to her credit. We also have three others with over 40 points. This only includes subs obtained during June."

Chicago: "We tried to hit 500 in the sub campaign and it looks as though we've done it."

Seattle: "Comrade Rhodes with 56 subs leads the field in the campaign here, and at the same time continued to lead her department in activity. She is doing a good job on literature. The national total on the drive sure was a terrific tonic to the '18 I'll bet — also to the rest of us."

Detroit: "The national score is something to be proud of. I sold quite a few subscriptions in the shop where I work. The subscribers tell me they are amazed at the paper. They await it anxiously each week and often speak to me about its contents. One woman worker told me the family fights over it."

San Francisco: "Nothing could have pointed out the change taking place in the consciousness of the American workers as the results of our sub drive."

Boston: "Even though the campaign is over, we are still going out with the sub cards and got 12 subs last week."

St. Paul: "We all have some special sub prospects and these will no doubt be coming in to you quite consistently in the next few months. This is an excellent way to introduce people to The Militant."

SCOREBOARD

	Quota	Subs	Percent
Rochester	15	105	700
Newark	80	526	657
Buffalo	50	308	616
New York	500	2041	408
Toledo	30	120	400
Milwaukee	15	58	387
Cleveland	50	160	320
Los Angeles	400	1116	279
Bayonne	50	131	262
Chicago	200	508	254
Seattle	150	378	252
Detroit	300	737	245
Reading	30	70	233
Youngstown	50	113	226
Texas	10	22	220
Philadelphia	30	63	210
St. Paul	50	105	210
Allentown	15	30	200
San Francisco	150	299	199
Boston	100	172	172
Akron	40	52	130
Minneapolis	200	253	126
San Diego	50	61	122
New Haven	25	28	112
Flint	15	9	60
St. Louis	20	9	45
Quakertown	10	4	40
Members-at-Large, Friends	355	134	37
Pittsburgh	10	2	20
TOTAL	3000	7614	253

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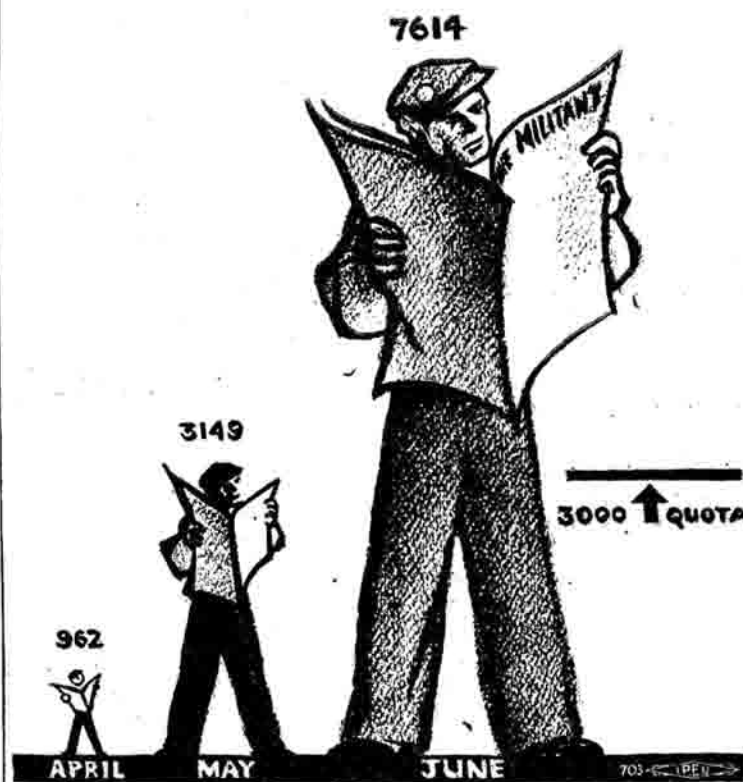
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"Our Reasons for a Revolution." This stated in part:

"It is pressing to form leaders... for a revolution that shall be ours, for the true interests of the French Canadian peoples. And the revolution that we want shall be practical, efficient, calm and good, because it calls for pure, fundamentally Catholic and French men. It is the revolution of the liberated Spain, of the organized Portugal, of France under Petain."

CATHOLIC HIERARCHY

Thus, the Catholic hierarchy in Canada, chief bulwark for the rich and propertied classes, envisages nothing less than a regime on the order of that maintained by Butcher Franco or Hitler's puppet military-police dictatorship in France.

Bouchard pointed out that in 1937 no less a personage than one of the Pope's delegates to Canada, Msgr. Mozzoni, was officially recorded as saying: "What we want and what we shall work to attain by all our means, is a state completely Catholic... because a Catholic people has the right and duty to organize itself socially and politically according to the tenets of its faith."

The secessionist aim of the Jacques Cartier Order, directed at the establishment of a fascist state within the heart of Canada, were further revealed by Bouchard who quoted from a 1937 issue of the Order's secret paper, L'Emancipation, to the effect that: "Let us note the interlinking of our groups which threaten to shut in the center of Ontario, and in consequence to choke those who dread, and rightly, our 'French domination' in a more or less near future. Our French mass of the north, especially, shall end up by weighing so heavily on the population of the center and the south of old Upper Canada (Southern Ontario) that on each side, we shall perhaps think of a secession to the end of creating a new province, French by a great majority."

Bouchard cautioned, "Do not

This is how union-smashing, labor-hating Mackenzie King's Liberal government of Canada "fights" fascism. The cells of Kingston Penitentiary are open at all hours for socialists and militant unionists—but the fascists roam at will. It is this government which is supported and bolstered by the Stalinists through their Labor-Progressive party, which is neither progressive nor representative of labor.



Now that vacation time is here, our agents will appreciate knowing how two of our Newark agents utilized their vacation: "Enclosed are the last 4 subs of the 21 obtained while on vacation in Asbury Park. We could have gotten more, but we ran out of papers. Credit these to Newark since we are of the Newark Branch. There's a large workers' area here and we thought it worthwhile getting our best organizer, The Militant, into that area."

The contention of all our agents that The Militant sells itself is re-emphasized by the following letters:

New Haven: "While sitting in the green in New Haven, I picked up a copy of The Militant. I became interested in it. To whom shall I go in this city to subscribe to your paper?"

Bellport, L. I.: "Thank you for sending me the June 17 issue of your paper. Enclosed is \$1 for a 6-month subscription."

A reader in New York, after commenting about the general

belief this dream is an isolated one." He emphasized that there are "quite a large number" whose desire it is "to create not only a new French province in Ontario but an independent Catholic and French State."

ANTI-SEMITISM Bouchard further pointed out that "our secessionists have called to their help all the forces that would appeal best to the popular masses—religion, race and creed. Anti-Semitism was called to the rescue to promote the recruiting of members."

He showed that this movement was working underground even in the schools, promoting hatred between the French and English pupils and making it difficult for French children to obtain English-language instruction. The Order, just three weeks before his speech, had influenced officials of the University of Montreal to consecrate and raise to the mast of their new building the royal blue and white crossed flag with fleur-de-lis of the non-existent French Canadian Catholic State, "the old flag of Louis XV."

BOUCHARD FIRED

The revelations of Bouchard stirred the Liberal government to alarm—against Bouchard! Both the Ottawa and Quebec governments demonstratively disassociated themselves from Bouchard's charges. Under pressure of the reactionary elements, Liberal Premier A. E. A. Godbout, head of the Quebec government, removed Bouchard from his post as chairman of the publicly-owned Quebec Hydro-Electric Commission!

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Capitalist Powers Clash On Fund Quotas, Gold Standard

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currencies, not freely convertible into gold and hence unreliable for international usage."

The attempt to tie international currency to a sort of modified gold standard, implied in the plan now being discussed, is a manifest reflection of Roosevelt's "great design" to subject all the world to the economic domination of American capital. The American-held gold hoard is the vehicle of this attempt in the sphere of international currency and trade. It is precisely in this that the basic antagonism between American and British capitalism is being revealed at the conference.

DIVERGENT VIEWS

"Here it must be recognized," says the newsletter, "that there are very sharply divergent points of view. People in this country (read bankers and industrialists) are much more 'orthodox' than the British in their view on gold. They favor a currency fixed in stable relation to gold and do not take lightly to changes, though willing to accept them on rare occasions of severe disequilibrium."

"The British, on the other hand, with their memories of unemployment and trade difficulties in the inter-war period which, rightly or wrongly, they attribute to the 'straitjacket' of the gold standard, are reluctant to tie closely to gold or the dollar. This feeling is heightened by the uncertainties that lie ahead in the post-war period and the need for rectifying their balance of payments position, thrown heavily out of line by reduction in overseas investments and other losses."

This "difference" between the capitalists and bankers on the two sides of the Atlantic goes to the very roots of their international trade rivalry and underlines in sharpest fashion the declining world position of British imperialism. Washington's stubborn efforts to force the world back on the gold standard (of which Britain was once the most ardent defender) is one of the surest indications of the pre-eminent world position of American imperialism. And Wall Street, of course, holds the bulk of the world's gold.

TERRIBLE DILEMMA

Today, the terrible dilemma of British capitalism, expressed in the problem of maintaining exports at a level high enough to pay for enormous imports of food and raw materials, is acquiring new emphasis and threatens to develop into a catastrophe when the war ends.

In the past, Britain relied upon her considerable "invisible exports"—profits on overseas investments—plus income from the carrying trade of her great merchant marine, to lighten the adverse balance of her international trade. But even before the present war these sources of income had begun to shrink. Britain's gold flowed across the Atlantic into the vaults of American banks and investments were liquidated outright to make good the trade deficit.

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London which quoted Labor Minister Ernest Bevin as saying, "It is no use to beat about the bush. We have spent everything in this struggle." Lord Woolton, Minister of Reconstruction, seconded Bevin with this statement: "For half a century or more we spent our savings overseas. Now we have sold all we have and have incurred overseas debts double the amount of our previous overseas investments."

British capitalism's only hope, not of recovery but just of survival, is to force up exports by all means possible. But British capitalism has lost its world leadership. It cannot compete successfully with its powerful American rival. That is why, at Bretton Woods, they favor a "flexible" international currency arrangement, so that, when hard pressed in competition, they can resort, as they did before, to currency devaluation in order to cheapen export prices.

American capitalism, on the other hand, possessed of great food and raw material resources, an unrivaled industrial plant, the last word in production technique, vast accumulated financial wealth, has no need for such devices. Its supremacy is undisputed. Hence its insistence upon a "hard money" (gold) basis of international exchange.

THE CONFERENCE

The Bretton Woods conference is an attempt by the imperialist governments of Britain and America to regulate in some measure the hungry appetites of their respective gangs of capitalists. Roosevelt and Churchill, representing the American and British Big Business classes, are fearful that an unrestrained all-out fight for markets and spheres of influence between England and America may endanger the very structure of world capitalism.

This explains the summoning of the conference, despite the fact that bankers and capitalists on both sides of the Atlantic had previously expressed, and still maintain, hostility to any stabilization plan which would in any way tend to bridle "free competition."

This first important international gathering of the "United Nations" designed to charter the coming "brave new world" and the "blueprint for peace" has already fully revealed that rapacity, greed, hunger for profits and imperialist loot, are the "war aims" of the Allied powers and their respective governments. These are the "high purposes" that motivate their actions. These are the things for which they are waging the second world war. Samuel Grafton, the liberal columnist of the N. Y. Post who makes a profession of weeping and gnashing his teeth over the inequities of the decomposing capitalist system, emits an anguished cry from the heart at this initial frustration of his imaginary "brave new world."

"But what happens to our beautiful, beautiful dreams about a world organization, if we can't even agree on a world bank?" he wails. "Bretton Woods is where we pay off on our fine talk."

Mr. Grafton, it seems, and those like him, will never learn that "beautiful, beautiful dreams about a world organization" can never be realized as long as capitalism and imperialism, the law of the jungle in the affairs of nations and between nations, continue to survive.

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Class Division Of Society And The Need For Building An Independent Labor Party

By C. Thomas

One of the most favored arguments against independent labor political action was recently advanced by R. J. Thomas, president of the UAW-CIO, in disclaiming a "rumor" that he had endorsed the Michigan Commonwealth Federation. Speaking at a nominating conference of the Wayne County CIO Political Action Committee, Thomas assailed the very idea of labor's independent political action when he ranted at the delegates: "You have got to get it out of your mind that we can win alone. We've got to learn to work with other people and to cooperate with them to elect candidates who will represent all the people of the community." And where are such "impartial" candidates to be found? By his stated opposition to any and all "third party" movements Thomas limits the selection of such candidates to the two major parties. But do the Republican and Democratic parties "represent all the people of the community?" Such a contention is arrant nonsense.

The "community" is composed of diverse elements with conflicting interests. Standing at polar opposites are the two major contending forces in present day society. At one extreme are the owners of the means of production, distribution and exchange, that is, the corporation executives, bankers, landlords, etc., who comprise the capitalist class. At the other are the wage-slaves, that is, those who sell their labor power to the owners of the means of production at so much an hour, day, week, etc., who make up the working class. Between master and wage-slave there is a fundamental and irreconcilable conflict of interest. There is no political candidate or party on the face of the earth who can serve the mutually exclusive interests of these two major social classes.

TWO EXTREMES

Between these two extremes in the "community" stand the middle class, that is, farmers, professionals, technicians, small business men, etc. The upper levels of the middle class merge with the capitalist class, its lower levels with the working class. Because of its social composition, lack of cohesion, instability, as well as the fact that it plays no independent role in production, the middle class is incapable of playing a truly independent role in

politics. It is an historical fact that the middle class is capable only of following the political leadership of either the capitalist class or working class: the two main social classes in modern society.

How are the interests of a class formulated? The interests of the class cannot be formulated otherwise than in the shape of a program. The program cannot be advanced otherwise than by creating the instrument necessary to carry the program into action—the political party. Do R. J. Thomas and his cohorts dare to contend that the program of either the Republican or Democratic parties represents the interests of the working class—or even of the overwhelming majority of the middle class? Today, more than ever before, it is crystal clear that the two major parties stand together on all major political questions. More than ever before do they resemble those famous twins, Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum, between whom there is no marked distinction. Both serve the interests of the same master—the capitalist ruling class.

POLITICS

Politics is generalized economics. If it were true that there is an identity of interest among "all the people" in the "community" what need would there be for the existence of that strictly class organization of the workers, the trade union? By its very existence the trade union gives eloquent testimony to the conflict between those who own the means of production and those who sell their labor power for wages. As pointed out in an editorial in the July 1 issue of *The Militant*: "The essential function of the trade union is to strive to gain for the workers a more equitable share of the national income. That is, to raise wage rates, to shorten the working day, to improve the standard of living of the working class. Such interests run counter to the interests of the employers who use their economic and political power to appropriate for themselves the great bulk of the wealth produced by labor."

When a trade union draws up a list of "demands" and presents them to a particular employer in a particular industry they are commonly known as "economic" demands and the trade union uses its "economic" power to compel the employer to come to terms. But when such demands become generalized and are addressed not to a particular employer or group of employers but to the employing class as a whole they become

Election Scene in Georgia



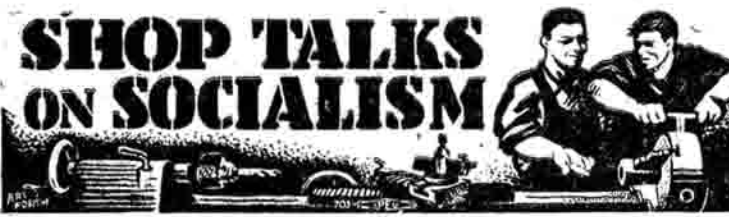
Atlanta, Georgia election official returns ballot to Attorney A. T. Walden of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People who tried to vote in the Democratic primaries. The bourgeois of Georgia ignored the recent Supreme Court ruling and would not permit Negroes to vote. The NAACP announced that it is going to seek a further court test of the state's "lily-white" primaries.

political demands. For example, the demand for the revision or abolition of the wage freezing Little Steel formula, is a generalized demand of a political nature. Such examples can be multiplied. Under present conditions when even the most elementary "economic" demands bring the unions into head-on conflict with the government—functioning as the executive committee of the employing class as a whole—the line line of demarcation between "economic" and "political" demands tends to be obliterated.

Under the circumstances the narrow trade union struggle for "economic" demands has proved ineffective. Frozen wages in the face of a constantly rising cost of living has lowered the standard of living of the workers while profits have soared to ever higher levels. This means that the capitalist class has been using its political power to increase its already disproportionate share of the national income at the expense of labor and of the lower middle class. To defend its economic interests against the political power of the capitalist class ruling by virtue of its control over the Democratic and Repub-

lican parties, labor must counterpose the organized political might of its many millioned adherents. Does this mean, as Thomas and Company contend, that labor will have to fight alone? Not at all!

The capitalist class, whose interests the Republican and Democratic parties defend, constitute an insignificant minority of the "community." The overwhelming majority of the people are victimized by the scourge of capitalist misrule. Led into a blind alley by their traditional leaders they see no way out. Only the labor movement is capable of offering a solution to their problems and an alternative leadership based upon a program that will meet their needs. Labor will not lack allies if the interests of the majority of the "community" are formulated in the shape of a program; if the program is embodied as the platform of an Independent Labor Party; if Labor places itself at the head of the movement for a political solution of the needs of the people instead of at its tail; then indeed will Labor NOT fight alone but will command the eager and enthusiastic support of a decisive section of the "community."



SHOP TALKS ON SOCIALISM

By V. Grey

"They tell me," says Scissorbill Sam, (The bosses' man) with his usual sneer, "They tell me that under Socialism the workers' government is gonna run production. No socialist big shot is gonna tell me where to work! No sir! I work where I please—Rugged Individualist, that's me."

If the bosses' man weren't so dumb, we'd think he was joking. He's an individualist all right. He has the proud record of sitting on the boss' lap ever since he's been in the shop. Even if the rest of us hankered after that doubtful glory (which we don't) there wouldn't be much room for us. Fanny-kissing isn't a popular job. Those who like it may well be called "Rugged Individualist."

But say we were all like the bosses' man, spent our time polishing apples, fishing with the foreman, and all that, then could we work where we liked? Not by a jugful!

In the first place, according to the latest rulings cooked up by the War Manpower Commission and other agencies of the capitalist government, when a man wants to change jobs he has to get a release from the company where he works at the time. And then he must go to the U. S. Employment Service which will assign him to a job—whatever job they wish to assign him to as low a pay as they can get him to work. Many ignorant or misinformed people call that socialist. Nothing could be further from the truth. This practice is merely the program of decaying capitalism coming out a little more into the open.

"VACATIONS" IN WINTER

In the second place, a man who works for wages never could work when he pleased. Depressions, panics, never machinery, are constantly throwing him out of work, making him take "vacations" in the winter; work his sweating head off in July. Of course today, at the moment, things are apparently better, due to enormous government war orders. But nearly everybody knows that when this stops, a lot of other things are going to stop too.

But suppose this were "normal times" and a fellow did have what they call the "choice" of where to work. The minute the factory door closes on him, he has surrendered the right of "choice," the right he never really had. Suppose he has an ambition to be an engineer, but he starts in the shop at about 14 or 15 years old to help the family out for a while. After a couple of years, when his family are a little way over the rough spot, he goes to night school. This costs him more than money. It costs him the precious rest his body needs after the hard day's work. After he goes to school a while, he finds that his fingers have grown too clumsy from handling hammer, wrench and bar—that his mind has become much slower at figures from lack of all practice except counting the slow hours until quitting time. Thus he can't work where he wants to. He works his whole life where he doesn't want to.

And what about this fellow's kids? He makes damned sure they go to high school to get the things he missed—the "better" things. He works extra hours. In good times, long backbreaking hours of overtime so the kids won't have to work as hard as he does, when they grow older. He gives them allowances and dresses them up. He feels their future is a sure thing. Surely they will work where they want to. Well, they graduate, with speeches, diplomas, new clothes—and what happens? Why the bottom drops out of everything. Along comes the 1929 or 1937 depression. The small savings melt away. The kids hang around a year or two, then land jobs in some office for \$8.50 per week. Things go on like that for a few years. The boy is just about ready to marry when a war comes along and he has to go out and die in the jungle for Standard Oil and fifty bucks a month.

FACTORY LIFE

When you come right down to cases, who does work where he wants to—at any time? Any good feeling a guy has about his job is soon lost when they start giving him the works with the speed-up-and-wear-you-down. The factory takes a man and pares him down to his bare muscles and bone, and grinds the humanness right out of him. The worst thing this system does to a man's love of making things is not to kill it,

but uglify it by stretching the hours, speeding up the process and finally robbing him of even the energy to imagine himself at a better job. The workers speak often of other jobs, other shops, higher pay. They speak often, but vaguely.

For it is no small step to change your job when you have three or four mouths to feed. It is no small loss to worry about—even a week looking for work—because it can put you in the hole for six months or more. And if you do take the chance you probably get panicky when you see the bills coming in, so you jump into some job that might even be worse than the one you left. Under even the best conditions of capitalism you don't have much time or opportunity to choose what boss you're going to work for, and once you've chosen him, he does all the choosing for you, for a long, long time.

When we, the workers, take over all the shops under a workers' government, we're going to change all that. We're going to give a man a real choice of jobs. Man will have the first real freedom he's ever had. People will be encouraged to do the things they want to do, because nine times out of ten, the things they want to do are the things they do best. And not only that, we'll create wants and ambitions in people by showing them jobs they never heard of before.

For instance, movies can be made showing the interiors of the furnaces, the inner structure of the steel, the secrets of all the processes before and after you work on the product. This will make the old job more interesting as well as suggest new jobs.

SOME TRUTH

But there is some truth in the assertion that socialism will assign workers to specific jobs. When three or four flour mills in this country can produce enough flour for the whole nation (as they can now if their capacity is fully used) the workers will decide that the people in other flour mills are wasting their time, and advise them to do some other kind of work, thus avoiding over-production in the flour industry and the resulting waste of flour. (At present the result would also be unemployment.) And the workers thus freed could go into another industry, a new project, or perhaps into mechanical research to lighten the work in the old industries.

But there would be no sense in doing these things bureaucratically; that is, stupidly. If there is a pipeline to be built in the desert, or a pontoon landing field on the ocean, volunteers will be asked for. And not all will volunteer for the same things. The adventurous souls will seek one thing; the quiet, scientific type, another. There will be sacrifices to be made, too. And there will be heroes to make them.

Perhaps the volunteers and the jobs won't come out even? Perhaps not. Well, our workers' government will do the best it can to put the round pegs in round holes and square pegs where they belong. We'll hire vocational experts to advise the decision in such cases, so the working man or woman will get the best possible break.

WELL-BEING

We'll do this, because it's to our interest to do it. By so doing, we'll get the maximum production; (and the maximum happiness for human beings, which is why we want socialism) and thus insure a lasting well-being for ourselves.

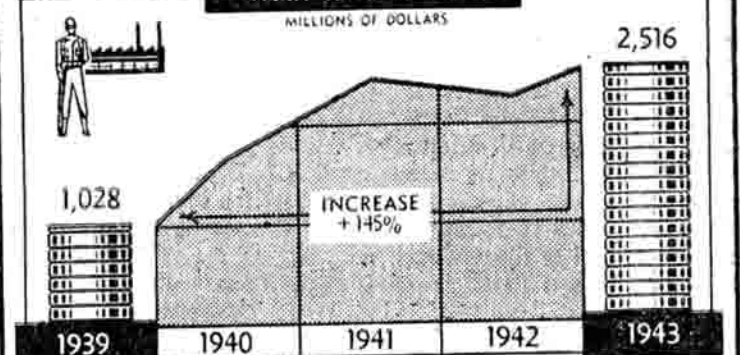
We don't pretend that socialism is some sort of scissorbill's paradise where the lazy people, the scum and the dregs from the top and bottom of present society will just be around all day and reach up to pull a banana or a mint julep off a near-by tree. Not at all. People will do what they want to do, but not aimlessly. We will plan things and agree to carry them out together, so our kids will be sure of a far higher life than ours. We will set goals, strive for them, attain them, and go on from there. Of course, we will assign many people to jobs under such a program. Perhaps the "better" jobs will have to be rotated. There will be many legitimate beefs. The workers' councils will listen to these and decide them according to their merits and in the interest of the individual worker and the workers as a whole.

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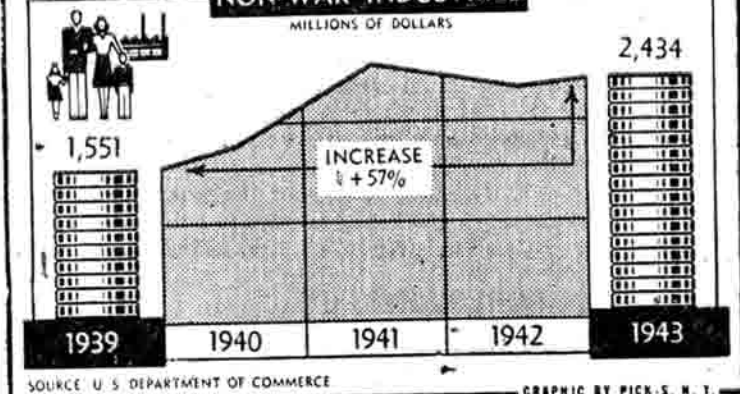
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Toledo Union Official Ducks Pertinent Issue

By Harvey Brown

In the June 23 issue of the *Toledo Union Journal*, published by local 12 UAW-CIO, Edward Duck, the Educational Director of Local 12, CIO, takes us to task for an article which appeared in the June 10 issue of *The Militant*. The article summed up the experience over the past period of the workers in the Auto-Lite unit of Local 12. It criticized the leadership of the union for its failure to settle grievances, to eliminate the piecework speedup system, to abolish discrimination against Negroes and, above all, for its bureaucratic disdain of the rights and interests of the workers. In addition the article presented a five-point minimum program urging the Auto-Lite workers to insist that the provisions of this program be included in the new contract being negotiated with the company. That, in essence, was the substance of the article which appeared in *The Militant*.

It is necessary to establish these facts to begin with in order to penetrate the thick smoke screen with which the Educational Director of Local 12 envelops the issues involved. To begin with, he neglects to mention *The Militant* as the source of the article against which he directs his tirade but refers to it anonymously as a "liberal" weekly newspaper. The same anonymity cloaks the Auto-Lite unit which is referred to as "one of our more prominent Local 12 shops." The importance of the anonymous "liberal" weekly newspaper is dismissed by a sneering reference to "all twelve of the sheet's Toledo subscribers." Having thus obliterated the trail and disarmed his readers the Educational Director embarks on a lengthy sermon devoting a full column of type to laying the Marxist dragon.

MUMBO-JUMBO

All of which may be very interesting and elevating, no doubt, but has little or nothing to do with the article in question. "The article," he says "was purely disruptive and grossly untruthful, its objective was the promotion of Marxian atheism, and the usage of a pen-name required no courage." He concludes on the same note by reiterating that: "Local 12 isn't very fertile ground for Marxian atheism." We do not and did not question the fact that the Educational Director of Local 12 is a God-fearing man whose pious devotion to the leadership of the Local is unquestioned. But what has all this mumbo-jumbo about "Marxian atheism" to do with the article in *The Militant* which confined itself to matters concerning the trade union inter-

ests of the workers and not at all with their eternal souls?

If we were to hazard a guess we would say that the Auto-Lite workers in their overwhelming majority are not in the slightest concerned with the spiritual guidance offered by the union leadership but are directly and immediately concerned with the question of trade union policy and program as translated into terms of wages, hours and working conditions. Workers, as a general rule, look upon the union as an instrument for bettering their standard of living, gaining some degree of job security and a measure of protection against the exploitation of the boss. When they seek protection against "atheism" they join the church whose particular function it is to preach salvation in heaven for the ills suffered here on earth.

CLAP-TRAP

Of a piece with this clap-trap about "Marxian atheism" are other psychological and philosophical flights of fancy which, we presume, fall within the province of an Educational Director but which have nothing to do with the case. It is apparent that the article in the June 10 *Militant* has struck home. The workers in the Auto-Lite plant have read it and found that it corresponds to their own experience and needs. That is the only reasonable explanation for the devious attack upon the author of the article by an apologist for the union administration who devotes a full column in the union's paper to erecting straw men and then demolishing them with a barrage of print-ers ink.

After skirting around or ignoring every one of the issues raised in the article the Educational Director concludes by promising: "Very shortly, I will take this little article apart piece-by-piece, before the workers of that shop who are interested in hearing both the article and the answer." That is a very magnanimous promise for a person who began by sneering at "all twelve" of our subscribers in Toledo. We anxiously await the fulfillment of that promise. For the sake of the workers "of that shop" otherwise known as the Auto-Lite plant, who we know are very much interested, we include in this article the program set forth in the June 10 issue of *The Militant* for inclusion in the new Auto-Lite contract:

- (1)—Abolition of the piecework-speedup system.
- (2)—Equal pay for equal work for women.
- (3)—No discrimination in upgrading to any job because of race, color or nationality.
- (4)—Two weeks vacation with pay for every worker employed 6 months or over.
- (5)—The escalator clause—the rising scale of wages to meet the rising cost of living.

Sinarquism: An Experiment In Fascism; Its Reactionary Role And Aims Defined

By A. Roland

Sinarquism, financed by American imperialists and supported by the upper classes in Mexico, draws its following from among the most backward peasant sections. This is the familiar technique of all fascist movements. The big landowners and the wealthy capitalists are too small a national minority to cope alone with the radical working class. Hence they turn to the middle class and the peasants to achieve their reactionary aims. Sinarquism is thus a wedge used by the extreme right wing of the exploiting class to separate the peasants from the workers. Catholicism is the handle of the hammer used to drive home this wedge.

THE PEONS

The Sinarquist movement makes its appeal to Indian peons whose great dream of rising out of the depths of poverty and wretchedness through the agrarian revolution has all but vanished. The urgent and forceful

demand of the Mexican peasants for land reached its climax in a decade of armed revolt under the leadership of Zapata and Villa. The death of these famous agraristas did not end the movement but blunted its edge. The capitalists were forced to grant wide reforms in order to dam up the revolutionary current. But the real substance of social transformation eluded the grasp of the peons. So long as the capitalist class retained the power and carried out the land reforms, the real benefits accrued to them. Cardenas started out by handing back a small portion of the village lands stolen from the Indians. This land was to be used collectively (in the ejidos). But these collectives were undermined from within and from without.

The Indian peons toiled with the handicaps of inadequate tools and technical knowledge, as well as lack of funds, only to see the fruits of their hard labor go into the pockets of the bureaucratic "politicos." Then again the capitalists aimed subtle blows to bankrupt the communal farms. Thus when the government set a fairly high price for cotton to encour-

age its growth in the ejidos, the textile barons paid this high price, only to private farmers. They boycotted the collectives. The result was an agricultural crisis with a drop in production of foods and raw materials that necessitated their import in great quantities than previously. At the end Cardenas reversed himself and agreed to the division of what small percentages of land were seized from the big estates, among the individual owners.

COST OF LIVING

Reforms supposedly made to bring about a social transformation in favor of the workers and peasants, turned out to be mere tokens rather than realities. Agriculture, mining, oil production, the railways, all declined and an acute economic crisis threatened under Cardenas. The national economy suffered from falling exports and rising imports. The people were squeezed between rising living costs and wages that did not keep pace. By the summer of 1939 the cost of living index had gone up from 100 (in 1934) to 160. But this was only a beginning. Mexico entered the war in May 1942. Even before this Mexico had begun to experience all the fevers of war economy. Prices have gone up catastrophically. Inflation became so serious that wage increases were ordered by presidential decree. How serious the situation had become may be judged from the fact that the lowest categories were granted a 50% wage increase. But amidst the rise of new millionaire war profiteers, the price index continues to climb at a steep rate.

SINARQUIST APPEAL

Mexican fascism is using the impasse created both historically and in the immediate situation to win over the peasants. It pretends a great interest in peasant welfare. It sets up credit unions (how handy are the imperialist dollars!) and establishes demonstration farm colonies. Such col-

onies have been established in Sonora, Lower California, and Tamaulipas. President Camacho played right into the hands of Sinarquists by making the grants of land in these states not directly to the peons but to the Sinarquist organization. Self-interest thus ties these peons to the reactionary movement. Similarly Camacho tried to placate this organization by yielding to its pressure in the matter of the reestablishment of Catholic schools.

Imperialist funds come in handy too in the organization of the "military order." When large demonstrations to encourage membership and show strength in the big towns are arranged, the poor peons are paid ten pesos and all travelling expenses to appear at the rallies.

It is at these meetings that the Sinarquists strive to turn the peons against the working class. The peasants are told that it is the workers who have usurped all the benefits of the Revolution. They have done this through their trade unions. They receive high wages while the peons starve! The peasants must destroy the workers' unions. On another tack these demagogues advocate unions without leaders—a method of attacking the corrupt trade union bosses. The Revolution that was turned against the peasants must be stopped and a corporative state established that will do full justice to the downtrodden peon! Naturally the Sinarquists promise land to the dispossessed, through division of the big estates. The peasant, these fascists hope, will not notice that the movement at the same time calls itself the protector of private property and has the full support of the hacendados or big estate owners.

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CRDC Report Embraces 3 Years Of Struggle

[The Civil Rights Defense Committee issued a mid-year report of its activities and accomplishments on July 15, the date which marks its third anniversary. The Civil Rights Defense Committee is the authorized representative of the 18 Minneapolis labor case prisoners and of Kelly Postal, who has recently been paroled as a result of the committee's efforts.]

We are reprinting a section of the CRDC report.]

July 15 marks the third anniversary of the Civil Rights Defense Committee. The main activity of our Committee in the past six months has been the national campaign to free the 18 CIO and Socialist Workers Party prisoners in the Minneapolis Labor Case.

NATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO FREE THE 18

Immediately following the refusal of the Supreme Court last December to review the convictions in the Minneapolis Labor Case, the CRDC initiated a national campaign to free the 18 and repeal the Smith "Gag" Act under which they were the first to be sentenced.

In New York a huge mass meeting was held in Manhattan Center on December 16, 1943, at which prominent civil liberties figures denounced the imprisonments and urged labor and liberal support for the campaign to free the 18.

Over 30 Local Committees throughout the country were mobilized behind the campaign and began at once to publicize the issues in the case and to raise funds for relief, legal and other expenses.

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S TOUR

The outstanding event of the first six months of the campaign was the coast-to-coast tour by George Novack, National CRDC Secretary.

Public meetings were held in over 30 cities, and inspiring demonstrations of labor-liberal support were given. Mr. Novack addressed scores of audiences, representing the most progressive sections of American life — trade unions, Negro organizations, farm audiences, university and civil liberties groups. He talked personally with numerous trade union officials and with Negro leaders, clergymen, lawyers, civil liberties leaders and progressive individuals. He was invited to speak before trade union meetings attended by hundreds of workers.

MOUNTING LABOR SUPPORT

In the vanguard of all this support for the CRDC is the trade union movement. Almost 250 labor bodies representing a million and a half workers have officially backed the campaign to free the 18.

Four Internationals have gone on record supporting this case: The Textile Workers Union of America-CIO; United Retail, Wholesale & Department Store Employees-CIO; United Transport Ser-



The two photographs above were taken at the Minneapolis headquarters of the Socialist Workers Party, on the eve of the imprisonment of the 18 Minneapolis Labor Case prisoners. In the top photograph are shown Vincent R. Dunne and Grace Carlson, sole woman among the prisoners, who is serving a sixteen-month term at Alderson, West Virginia. Below, Emil Hansen, Edward Palmquist, and Clarence Hamel, all organizers of Minneapolis Teamsters Local 544-CIO, now imprisoned at Sandstone Penitentiary, Minnesota.

vice Employees-CIO and International Ladies' Garment Workers Union-AFL.

Among the local unions supporting the case are 50 UAW-CIO, 20 Steelworkers, a dozen ILGWU-AFL locals as well as numerous Councils and Joint Boards.

In the past six months trade union support has more than doubled the same for the preceding 2½ years. There are three main reasons for this mounting labor support:

1. Progressive labor sees in this prosecution one of the spearheads of reaction against the whole labor movement. They know that if this case is unchallenged, more and greater repressions will follow.
2. The 18 are in prison. Previously many people thought the case would be thrown out by the Supreme Court even if it were upheld through the lower courts.
3. The energetic work of the CRDC, its members, friends and collaborators. A large share of the credit belongs to the members of the Local Committees for their tireless efforts and work in this case.

In recent months, four prominent labor figures have joined the National Committee of the CRDC: George Baldanzi, Executive Vice-President of the Textile Workers Union of America-CIO; Thomas De Lorenzo, President and Gabriel De Angelis, Financial Secretary of Brewster Local 365 UAW-CIO, and Bernard Rifkin, Associate Editor of Aero-Notes, Brewster official publication.

NEGRO SUPPORT

Most of the leading Negro organizations have endorsed the work of the CRDC, among them the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the March on Washington Movement, the Negro Labor Committee, the Future Outlook League, the Mass Movement League, the San Francisco Committee Against Segregation and Discrimination, etc. Many prominent Negro leaders, clergymen and educators have endorsed the case.

FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION SUPPORT

The two largest labor fraternal organizations, the Workmen's Circle and the Workmen's Benefit Fund, have not only endorsed the



A scene at the New York City mass meeting held on June 8 at the Hotel Diplomat, under the auspices of the Civil Rights Defense Committee. The chairman of the meeting was George Baldanzi, Executive Vice-President of the CIO Textile Workers Union, who is shown at the rostrum. Speakers were George Novack, National Secretary of the CRDC; Thomas DeLorenzo, President of Brewster Local 365, UAW-CIO; Henry Fruchter, National Educational Director, CIO United Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Employees; Roger Baldwin, National Director of American Civil Liberties Union; Norman Thomas, Socialist Party leader; Daniel Bell, Editor of the "New Leader"; and Albert Gates, Editor of "Labor Action".

case, but have sent mailings to their branches appealing to them to contribute to the CRDC.

CRDC PUBLICATIONS

Three times as much literature has been sold and distributed in the past six months as in the preceding 2½ years.

The first printing of the pamphlet "Who Are the 18 Prisoners in the Minneapolis Labor Case" in February was 30,000. These were exhausted by the end of June and a new printing of 20,000 went to press. The following tabulation does not include the literature printed for the Kelly Postal case:

Previous 2½ years:	
"Witch-Hunt in Minnesota"	15,000
"Workers on Trial"	15,000
"Bill of Rights in Danger"	10,000
Total	40,000

Past Six Months:

"Who Are the 18"	50,000
"Free the 18" leaflets	50,000
James T. Farrell's speech	30,000
Total	130,000

In addition, in the past three years we have reprinted and distributed hundreds of thousands of editorials, articles and endorsements on the case.

PUBLICITY IN THE CASE

In the past six months, the CRDC has utilized three additional avenues for publicizing the case: articles in the press, radio broadcasts and paid advertisements.

Although the liberal and working class political press has carried stories about the case from the beginning — such as the Nation, the New Republic, the New Leader, the Call, the Progressive — in the past six months the trade union press has begun to take its rightful place in this publicity. The following trade union organs have carried stories on the case:

- THE ADVANCE — official organ of Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America-CIO, N. Y.
- AERO-NOTES — organ of Brewster Local 365 UAW-CIO, N. Y.
- LOCAL 104 REPORTER — organ of Boilermakers Local 104, Seattle, Washington.
- JUSTICE — official organ of the ILGWU-AFL.
- KNITGOODS WORKERS VOICE — organ of ILGWU Local 155, New York.
- UNION VOICE — organ of Playthings, Jewelry & Novelty Workers-CIO.
- AMERICAN LABOR NEWS — official eastern UAW-CIO shop paper.
- GIUSTIZIA — Local 89 ILGWU-AFL paper.

Two radio broadcasts were given: on April 15 by James T. Farrell over Station WEVD, and on June 1st by Gabriel De Angelis, over WEVD.

Two full pages were purchased in The Nation and The New Republic, week of June 1st.

PETITION CAMPAIGN TO FREE THE 18

The campaign quota of 10,000 signatures will go well over the top by the time the campaign closes at the end of July. The following Local Committees have been most prominent in securing these signatures on petitions:

Bayonne	150
Boston	250
Buffalo	1,000
Chicago	1,300
Cleveland	100
Detroit	950
Flint	100
Los Angeles	800
Milwaukee	120
Newark	750
New York	2,500
Rochester	65
San Francisco	500
Seattle	800
Twin-Cities	750

Total to date 10,135

AID TO THE PRISONERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

The largest single expense for the CRDC is the monthly relief for the 18 prisoners and their families. The CRDC sends \$10 a month to each of the 18 prisoners. This is all they are permitted to receive. In addition we have provided them with dozens of books of all kinds which they have requested.

The families of the prisoners are provided for in accordance with the size and needs of each family. Every month we receive letters from various members of these families expressing the gratitude of the prisoners and themselves for the aid we are able to give them. Without this aid they say they would suffer great hardships.



KELLY POSTAL

The CRDC obtained the release on parole of Kelly Postal, May 30, 1944, after he had served over 10 months at Stillwater Penitentiary, Minnesota. He was framed-up by Tobin and the labor-hating Minneapolis courts, on a charge of "embezzlement" for transferring Local 544 funds from the AFL to the CIO.



Socialist Workers Party leaders jailed in the Minneapolis Labor Case included (Photograph above) James P. Cannon, National Secretary; Felix Morrow, Editor of "Fourth International", and Albert Goldman, SWP attorney, himself one of the prisoners; Below, Jake Cooper, Minneapolis truckdriver; Oscar Coover, Minneapolis organizer, SWP; Harry DeBoer, Local 544-CIO organizer; and Max Geldman, former organizer Federal Workers Section, 544.

During his tour the National Secretary visited the 14 prisoners in Sandstone and before the end of July he will have visited the three in Danbury and Grace Carlson in Alderson.

OTHER CRDC CASES

KELLY POSTAL PAROLED: On May 30, 1944 Kelly Postal was released on parole to the State of Oregon from Stillwater State Penitentiary in Minnesota. He had been imprisoned on June 18, 1943.

This victory is primarily the result of the vigorous CRDC campaign waged in Postal's behalf. The Parole officials admitted that they released him because they did not want "another Mooney-Billings case" on their hands.

The CRDC will continue to provide relief for Kelly Postal and his sick wife until he has secured a job and can provide for himself.

MILITANT MAILING RIGHTS RESTORED: On March 17, 1944 the second-class mailing rights were restored to the Militant by order of the Postmaster General's office. These rights had been cancelled on March 3, 1943 after a number of issues had previously been confiscated and destroyed by Postoffice officials.

The CRDC collaborated with the American Civil Liberties Union and the Socialist Workers Party in fighting this violation of freedom of the press.

CARL SKOGLUND: The deportation charges against Carl Skoglund are still pending and will have to be fought upon his release from Sandstone. The CRDC is prepared to proceed with the next steps in this case when that becomes necessary.

CONCLUSION

Today the Minneapolis Labor Case has become nationally and even internationally known as the most important case involving civil liberties and labor's rights in the Second World War. It has become one of the great labor defense struggles of our time, comparable with the Mooney-Billings and the Eugene V. Debs cases during the First World War.

We have forged ahead despite a conspiracy of silence in the official press and against powerful opposition. The growing support accorded our work is the greatest tribute to the devotion of each and every member of the national and local CRDC. Because of these achievements, the CRDC has established itself as an authoritative and respected organization defending the democratic rights of the labor movement and the American people.

The National Office takes this opportunity to thank all the members of the Local Committees for their faithful and loyal collaboration. The achievements noted in this report should be a source of pride and gratification for those who have participated in our work.

Our fight to free the 18 goes on. With your help we will carry it through to the end.

Minneapolis Prisoners' Last Speeches

From the speeches of the Minneapolis Labor prisoners, delivered just before going to jail:

"We were obliged to tell the truth. We saw the abomination of the imperialist war and we were under compulsion to tell the people the truth about it. We saw the vision of a socialist society and were under compulsion to fight for it at all costs and despite all hazards. We have done our duty."—JAMES P. CANNON.

"In a few months we shall be back with you again to take our places beside you to carry forward in the struggle for the victory of socialism. We have absolute confidence because we know that the future is ours."—FARRELL DOBBS.

"To struggle for our pardon, for the repeal of the Smith 'Gag' Act and for the nullification of the decision of the Circuit Court of Appeals and of the Supreme Court is essentially a struggle for the democratic rights of the masses.

"We have done our bit in the cause of working-class emancipation. We go to prison confident that the struggle for our ideals and for the democratic rights of the American masses will continue."—ALBERT GOLDMAN.

"American imperialism fears that the future belongs to us. American imperialism fears that revolutionary future and it strikes out viciously against us. That is the fundamental class meaning of the Supreme Court decision. That is the truth which could not be faced by those ex-radicals at the CIO convention who assured themselves that we were not going to prison."—FELIX MORROW.

"The great movement of the working class in conflict with the bosses has already started, and our great party, with deep roots in that working class, prepares itself now for its historic mission of leading the American proletariat. . . With this confidence in our party and understanding of our tasks, the time spent in prison won't be very long. We shall come back as stronger individuals to a bigger and better party, ready once again to take our place on the firing line."—OSCAR SHOENFELD.

"The spirit in which we Trotskyists have lived and worked is one of absolute conviction that one day in the not too distant future, the workers of the world, many of whom have been in prison, and have died for revolutionary ideas, will replace this rotten system which breeds war and fascism, with an international society of free and equal."—GRACE CARLSON.



Vincent R. Dunne, Labor Secretary of the Socialist Workers Party, speaking at the farewell banquet held in Minneapolis in honor of the Minneapolis Prisoners just before they began their prison terms. Dunne is serving 16 months at Sandstone Penitentiary, Minnesota. At left is his brother, Miles Dunne, who acted as toastmaster at the banquet; at right, Oscar Coover, one of the 18 prisoners and Minneapolis organizer for the SWP.

Over 10,500 Sign Pardon Petitions To Free the 18

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tribution to aid the CRDC campaign. The Saturday Lunch Club of Minneapolis at a regular meeting adopted a resolution condemning the convictions and urging Presidential pardon. A similar resolution was adopted by the Wood, Wire and Metal Lathers Union, local 190, Minneapolis. Among the recent Workmen's Benefit Fund contributors are Branches 380, New Kensington, Pa.; 25, N. Y. C.; 233 Seattle, Washington.

CIVIL LIBERTIES REPORT

Listing as its "Number One Demand," the action of the U. S. Supreme Court in refusing to review the convictions of the 18 Minneapolis Truckdrivers Local 544-CIO and Socialist Workers Party leaders, the American Civil Liberties Union in its June 1944 report on civil liberties in the U. S. in the third year of the war, stated:

"Quite the most notable and exceptional federal prosecution for mere speech and publication in recent years, that was brought in 1941 against leaders of the Socialist Workers Party (Trotskyists) and of a CIO teamsters union in Minneapolis, was concluded by the refusal of the U. S. Supreme Court to review, despite three persistent appeals made by the defendants, supported in briefs filed by the Union. It appears inexplicable that the Supreme Court declined to review a conviction clearly involving the constitutionality of the first peace time sedition act passed since 1798 particularly since the case



ALFRED RUSSEL

Alfred Russel, one of the Minneapolis case prisoners, former officer of Omaha Teamsters Local 554-AFL, is now serving a 12-month sentence at Danbury, Connecticut, along with Karl Kuehn and Oscar Shoenfeld.

involved only speeches and publications. Moreover, it involved a refusal of the lower courts to apply the "clear and present danger" test, holding that the statute on its fact specifies doctrines which in themselves constitute a clear and present danger.

"The local conflict in Minneapolis between the CIO and AFL teamsters unions out of which the case arose, produced another casualty when the treasurer of the CIO local union, Kelly Postal, was convicted for alleged misappropriation of funds for taking the AFL local's treasury with him when its members voted to join the CIO. His conviction was sustained by the Minneapolis Supreme Court. The Civil Liberties Union aided in the effort to secure his parole — recently granted."

The Negro Struggle

By Charles Jackson

Answering A Liberal

"Dear Mr. Jackson:

"I am fully in accord with your impatience with the fifty percent liberal.

"As a member of the N.A.A.C.P., I've listened to many leaders of the organization and have found them to be alert, intelligent ladies and gentlemen. They are well aware of the force being enacted by some white influential leaders attempting to obtain first class citizenship for the Negro.

"Their acknowledgement of this 'anti-fascist' was merely lip-service.

"In the meantime, they are succeeding in organizing the Negro population, awakening them, teaching them the importance of acting as a unified group along with other minorities.

"However, despite my recognition of the value of the N.A.A.C.P., it, in my opinion, is ineffectual because it does not attempt to uproot the causes of the evils of anti-racism.

"But — what would be the minorities plight were full-fledged fascism to exist in America? Don't you believe the Nazi regime would have succeeded in establishing themselves were we not to fight them militarily? Do you think, were we not to fight Germany you could express your views and criticize issues in a newspaper and I write this letter?

"At least now we still have a straw on which to clutch. When a person is drowning a straw is something on which to grasp.

"And who else is there to vote for? Roosevelt is the least of two evils we have as choice. We accomplish nothing by voting for Dewey or not voting at all.

"Roosevelt has thrown us a bone. While subsisting on this bone, we can work and fight for a true democracy, a classless society.

"I shall welcome a reply.

Respectfully,

M. H.
Newark, N. J.

Miss H.:

I greatly appreciate your interesting letter to this column and I assure you it gives me much pleasure to send you this frank reply.

"I am glad you agree with our 'impatience' with the liberals. They will, as you correctly infer, only take us half way towards the solution of our problems. Apparently, though, you 'can't see for lookin'' because your point of view, as expressed in the rest of your letter, reveals you to be — a liberal.

SERVE RULERS

In the first place, there are no white (or Negro) 'influential leaders' who are really attempting to obtain first class citizenship for the Negro. The leaders who are permitted to exercise civic influence under capitalism are only allowed to carry on because they serve the ends of the ruling class by leading the Negro masses up every other road but the right

one — revolutionary socialism. Many of these leaders even consciously understand that a complete change of society is the only prospect for complete liberation of the Negro people. Still, you never hear them advocating Socialism, much less fighting for it. It is a fact, however, isn't it, that the 18 Minneapolis labor leaders and Trotskyists who fought for Negro equality by going to the root of the evil, who fought for a Socialist society, are today in the capitalist jails.

I agree that if fascism existed here the plight of the Negro would be bad — probably to the extent of extermination and exportation similar to what the Jew experienced in Nazi Germany. If fascism comes to America, however, it will not be imported but home-grown. It will come, as in Italy and Germany, as a capitalist-backed, middle-class movement; a reaction to the failure of the working class to take power when they had the chance.

I am opposed to the German capitalists who control, support and profit from Nazism. I am in solidarity with the German working class which is a victim of fascist reaction and is determined to wipe it out. In the end, it will be the German masses who will destroy Nazism.

SAME TASKS

The revolutionary communists, (not Stalinists) in the various countries in Europe are faced with the same task that we are faced with here. They are 'expressing their views and criticizing issues' in their underground newspapers although the penalty may mean the concentration camp, or more often, death. Yet they carry on. By the fruits of their efforts, and only by the fruits of their efforts, will fascism be destroyed and peace be restored to Europe. Military victory over the Axis has nothing to do with the destruction of fascism or reaction. No less an authority than Churchill informed us that this war has nothing to do with 'ideologies.' The only real war 'against fascism' is the class war to destroy its breeder — capitalism. Nationalist, chauvinist emotions and wars between capitalist countries are like racial prejudices and race riots — they only serve to divide the working class majority and permit the rulers to remain in the saddle a little longer.

STEP UP AND EAT
As I stated last week, the political course of the U. S. will be the same regardless of whether Dewey, Roosevelt or any other capitalist politician is elected. The non-productive parasites will scarcely permit the masses to vote them out of power. (You don't give up a good thing without a fight.) The liberal tells the masses to 'exist on a bone' and wait to be thrown the meat. The revolutionary socialist tells them: 'It's your hog and you cooked him. Since you have the strength, step up to the table and eat.'

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CHARLES JACKSON

Pioneer Paragraphs

ONLY THE WORKING CLASS OF EUROPE WILL END HITLERISM

France, which after the last war and the peace of Versailles was the master of Europe, is today a dismembered and oppressed nation. Hitler has conquered all of Europe and transformed it into a horrible concentration camp under Nazi domination. He has proclaimed a new order of permanent oppression and denigration of the peoples of Europe. Some see in these stupendous military victories of Hitler and his military conquest of the continent of Europe only cause for despair. They think that perhaps Hitler's victories are definitive, that Europe is thrown back for decades, or even for centuries, and they envisage Europe beginning again on all fours to crawl forward along the historic path through the medium of national wars. Others, despairing of the force of the people, of the proletariat of Europe, despairing of the one idea, the one program that will spell Hitler's doom, look to the Anglo-American imperialist bandits to liberate Europe from Hitler and transform it into a colony of Anglo-American imperialism.

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Both of these perspectives, in our opinion, are utterly fantastic, utterly removed from the reality of things. And unfortunately the first tendency, the tendency to bow down before Hitler's conquest of Europe and regard it as definitive, merges all too easily with the second one of turning to the Anglo-American democratic bandits for relief from Hitler. That is the great danger of exaggerating Hitler's successes and Hitler's power and forgetting the power of the proletariat and the revolutionary program. You can be very sure that Hitler himself and his whole gang do not value their conquest of Europe half so highly as some despairing and disoriented people who are opposed to Nazism do. There is no doubt whatever that Hitler would gladly settle for half of his conquest if he could keep the other half undisturbed for the next period. What is the meaning of the speech he made the other day? It is an indirect way of saying: Let us have half of what we conquered and you can have the rest until we start the next round of the war.

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Stalinists Continue Anti-Trotskyist Drive

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Browder's Diet

Scientific minds have long been investigating the digestive capacity of the human organism. Most recently new data has been supplied by the Stalinists. Mike Gold, Daily Worker columnist, was the first to offer himself as a human guinea pig last January when he described the former Communist Party's espousal of capitalism as "a pill fit only for a horse" and speculated, "where is the human who can swallow it?" Gold and the other Stalinists then showed it could be done.

Now, in a letter to The Nation, (June 24), Earl Browder, the head-man of the ex-Communist ex-Party, describes what he can swallow.

"I find it just as easy to stomach a Badoglio who operates under British-American occupation troops and with a six-party Cabinet as to stomach the pro-fascist Lord Rennell of Rodd as head of the AMG—and to be fully frank, I find it even quite a bit easier."

Rumania Reaction Upheld by Kremlin

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there is a rigid "ban on public meetings" and that a curfew has been imposed which forbids people to be on the streets between 9 p. m. and 5 a. m. These harsh measures are clearly directed against the revolutionary-minded masses.

Naturally they are very much to the liking of the Rumanian capitalists and landlords, and their political representatives. Capitalists organized in the Chamber of Commerce at Botosani, reports Cassidy, expressed delighted appreciation of Stalin's "respect for our laws."

The correspondent does not indicate by as much as a word what the poverty-stricken, war-weary masses of Rumania, the workers and peasants, think of this sink of political iniquity. Evidently they don't count. The important thing is that capitalist property and capitalist privilege, the right to rob and oppress the masses, are being preserved.

Nevertheless, the masses have feelings and ideas. For long years they have struggled to rid themselves of capitalist-landlord rule. Stalin's alliance with their class enemy will open their eyes to the counter-revolutionary character of the ruling bureaucratic clique in the Soviet Union, but it will not swerve them from the struggle for their socialist future.

In espousing the cause of reaction in Rumania and other nearby countries, in throwing the weight of the Soviet Union to the side of the capitalists and landlords, Stalin is pursuing a two-fold purpose. On the one hand, he seeks to hold back the mounting tide of socialist revolution. Such a revolution anywhere, but especially one in a neighboring country, would threaten destruction to the Stalin regime by inspiring the Soviet workers to struggle against it. On the other hand, Stalin hopes that capitalist states like Rumania will become "friendly" to the Soviet Union because of the support given by his regime to their ruling classes. In this way he expects to build up a counter-weight to the great Anglo-American imperialist coalition, which, when Germany has been defeated, will be in a position to exercise enormous pressure on the Soviet Union.

This plan is both utopian and reactionary. It is utopian because it ignores the fundamental antagonism between the Soviet Union and the entire capitalist world, which springs from continuing social ownership of all property in the Soviet Union and will prevail as long as that socialized property remains. It is reactionary because it damages the prestige of the Soviet Union with the exploited masses abroad, sabotages the socialist revolution, and therewith tends to destroy the only sure and dependable support upon which the Soviet Union can rely in a hostile capitalist encirclement.

The hostility of the capitalists for the Soviet Union cannot be bought off, nor their friendship secured, by anything Stalin does or does not do. They are not hostile to Stalin and his clique, with whose policies and methods they have very much in common, but to the socialist foundations of the Soviet state, the planned, nationalized economy, which, having demonstrated its immeasurable superiority over capitalist anarchy, inspires the toilers everywhere to embark on the revolutionary road to socialism. World capitalism, moreover, needs free access to the former Czarist Empire as a market and field for investment in order to mitigate the chronic crisis of its own economy. There can be no such free access so long as Soviet industry remains nationalized and Soviet

"have been giving so much attention to exposing the Trotskyists not only because of their menacing activities, but even more important, because those who shelter them should be unmasked."

In this connection he rails especially against the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union, which at its Boston convention unanimously passed a resolution calling for the freeing of the 18 Trotskyists railroaded to prison under the infamous Smith "Gag" Act in the famous Minneapolis labor case.

NEW ATTACK

This new attack on the part of Morris is part of the deliberate Stalinist campaign of hounding, vilifying and inciting violence against any and every organization, every trade union officer, every worker, every liberal who utters a word in defense of the Minneapolis prisoners, who fights or defends labor's rights, who refuses to go along with the Stalinists in their abject surrender to Wall Street.

Having allied themselves with Roosevelt and the Wall Street capitalists, the Stalinists now make common cause with the worst reactionary bureaucrats in the trade union movement. They traduce every militant worker or labor leader who refuses to go along with them in their treachery. They pounce upon every free, independent and progressive expression of opinion.

The Stalinists have manifestly become the spear-head and advance guard of every form of reaction and working-class betrayal inside the labor movement. Stalinism, as Trotsky once wrote, is the "syphilis of the labor movement." This cancerous disease must be burned out of the ranks of the working-class.

trade continues to be a state monopoly in a planned and controlled economic system.

The capitalists may and do accept Stalinist aid in curbing the revolutionary tendencies of the masses. But this does not and cannot in any way lessen their basic hostility towards the Soviet Union. The capitalist world and the new socialist world whose beginnings are represented by the Soviet nationalized economy will remain in irreconcilable antagonism to one another. This antagonism can be resolved only by the restoration of capitalist private property in the Soviet Union — or by the defeat and liquidation of world capitalism.

Meanwhile, Stalin betrays both the Soviet Union and the world working-class by his reactionary policies. What the Kremlin is now doing in Rumania is of a piece with Stalinist policy in Italy, where a capitalist-monarchist dictatorship backed by Allied bayonets receives Stalin's unstinting support. A like policy is being unfolded with respect to Yugoslavia and Greece. It is the Stalinist pattern for all of Europe.

The defense of the Soviet Union, the fight for a socialist Europe and a socialist world, demands an unrelenting, unrelenting posture and struggle against the poisonous, counter-revolutionary machinations of Stalin and his rotten gang.

What Capitalism Means To Toil-Worn Workers

By Theodore Kovalesky

Dying capitalism may appear most abhorrent in its more obvious disfigurements such as wars and depressions, but scattered through the daily existence of the worker is a shoddy wealth of examples that also indict the system.

For instance, look at the steelworker in the summer, panting, weak from the intense heat, drenched with perspiration, leaving his work to attempt to eat his lunch.

He tears open the paper bag, pulls out a couple of sandwiches, and begins to chew them . . . but in his heat-dried mouth they turn into a thick, heavy paste. With a grimace, he washes them down with water, or with coffee if he can get a thermos bottle these days. Yesterday he carried sandwiches. Last year he carried them. Ten years ago . . . he's always carried them in his lunch. The man is tired of them, has been for a long time, but what can he do? The restaurant in the plant with all its filth and lack of ventilation, its greasy plates and grimy cups, etched with the dirt of many mouths which have carried graphite from the furnaces, ore from the stockhouses, dust from the open hearths, and all kinds of dark smudges from other departments. . . even this entirely uninviting place is not accessible to many workers. Often when a man gets a chance to leave his job to eat, the restaurant is closed. Frequently the worker

their monopoly control and their monopoly profits. The campaign to swindle the American people of these riches is in full swing under the slogan of maintaining the "free private enterprise" system.

The working of the "free private enterprise" system has been a marvel to behold! The government built the plants with public funds, furnished the operating capital and equipment, turned them over to private corporations, provided a ready market for the entire product and guaranteed a handsome profit. This situation has been summarized in the following comment by Lewis Corey, lecturer in economics at Antioch College:

"Most of the government plants are being operated by monopoly corporations, which gives them a stake in future decisions on disposal. Three-fourths of the government's steel facilities are now operated by five big corporations, 40 percent of them under United States Steel operation. A handful of aircraft and automobile corporations operate the new aircraft plants. The synthetic rubber program revolves around the Standard Oil group, the Dow Chemical interests (four plants), the Du Pont and Mellon interests, and the big chemical and rubber corporations. The Dow interests (Dow Chemical and Dow Magnesium) operate seven of the new magnesium plants and five corporations operate most of the balance. Alcoa was highly favored; it gets

Stalinist Goons



Planning For Scarcity Under A "Free Enterprise" System

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almost one-half of the new aluminum capacity (83 out of 76 plants)."

Capable of feeding, clothing and housing millions of our population, the government-owned production facilities are a key to the future. The George-Murray Contract Termination Bill, based on the Baruch-Hancock report, is the first of a series of measures designed to reward the "private enterprise" tycoons with a liberal helping of public funds. In addition, the Baruch-Hancock plan, sponsored by the Administration, endorsed by Roosevelt and administered by Wall Street bankers and stockjobbers, provides for the disposal of government-owned plants and equipment at a fraction of their value.

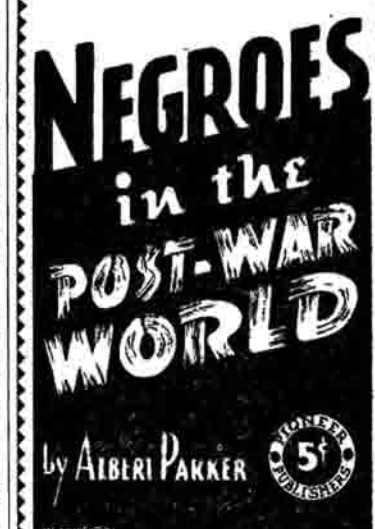
Only the independent action of the working class can prevent the mass unemployment, insecurity and want, in the midst of potential abundance, that is characteristic of the "free enterprise" system in its monopoly stage. The spectre of unemployment is raised by the current estimates that 15 to 20 million workers will be unable to find jobs unless the present high level of production is maintained in the "post-war" period. The labor movement is becoming alarmed at the symptoms already discernible in the growing "disemployment" due to cutbacks and contract terminations, as well as the obvious decision of the political agents of Wall Street not to utilize the government-owned production facilities for the benefit of the people. This concern, as we pointed out at the beginning of this article, is stirring the labor "statesmen" into authorizing a new batch of "plans" for the "post-war" world.

LABOR PLANS

A year ago, in the July 15 issue of the United Automobile Worker, the International Executive Board of the UAW-CIO, published an elaborate program of "full employment, security and lasting peace" for the "post-war" world. Covering the whole range

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Stalinists Approve NY City Sales Tax

NEW YORK CITY, June 23—The Stalinists belong to the species of political invertebrates, crawling organisms lacking any spine whatsoever.

Additional evidence of their spineless state appeared in last Thursday's Daily Worker which featured the abject public "explanation" and apology offered by Stalinist City Councilmen Benjamin J. Davis and Peter V. Cacchione because by recording themselves as "not voting" on the first roll-call for La Guardia's city sales tax they had created an "issue" disrupting the customary amity of the New York City Council.

The Democratic majority howled that the Stalinists were thus trying to escape the onus of supporting the sales tax and were throwing the responsibility for it on the other councilmen. They refused to pass the bill unless the Stalinists came along, blaming them for holding up the budget. On the second roll-call, Davis and Cacchione stretched their arms to the ceiling voting "yes" for the sales tax.

The slobbering Daily Worker apology, signed by Davis, was not intended as appeasement of the workers who are the victims of sales taxes, but was a fawning appeal to the other capitalist ward-heeders.

In ashes and sackcloth, Davis and Cacchione wail that the incident was "most unfortunate and if not properly understood and explained could become serious." With tongues hanging out a foot lapping the boots of their Councilmanic colleagues, the cringing Stalinists whine "it was not our intention to create a demonstration or to embarrass the city administration." They wouldn't for the world want "anyone" (meaning the boys in the back room at City Hall) to get the "erroneous impression" that "we were trying to pass the buck to the Democratic majority . . . seeking partisan gain or . . . trying to avoid our responsibilities for the financial welfare of our city." Their purpose in "not voting" originally, they plead, was "to fasten responsibility for the sales tax upon Governor Dewey."

It is transparently clear, however, that the Stalinists were playing a dirty little game. By "not voting" they hoped to escape responsibility before the workers of supporting the sales tax, which has been fought and condemned by every labor organization. At the same time they thought they might avoid antagonizing the rest of the capitalist politicians by not voting against the sales tax.

The "most unfortunate" circumstance to which the Stalinists refer was the refusal of the Tammany majority to be suckers for such crude maneuvering. When their Councilmanic pals began to snarl, Davis and Cacchione, with tails between their legs, were quick to vote "right."

10 Years Ago In The Militant

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NEW YORK—"The Communist League of America (Trotskyist) stands on the threshold of great events," said The Militant, announcing an organization-and-press-fund campaign to enable the League to extend its work in the mass movement. The second wave of "NRA Strikes" had started; advanced sections of the labor movement prepared to force from the bosses the fulfillment of contracts signed during the first strike wave in the beginning of 1934. In Toledo, Minneapolis, San Francisco and other sections, the workers had, during the first months of the year, won union recognition. The bosses now stalled on wage-negotiations, striving to undermine and destroy the new organizations. The teamsters of Minneapolis, the maritime workers of the west coast called new strikes to secure the initial union victories.

SAN FRANCISCO—Nearly 4,000 teamsters in San Francisco and Oakland walked off the job, in a sympathy strike supporting the striking waterfront workers. Longshoremen had contemptuously turned down a sell-out proposed by Joseph P. Ryan, president of the AFL Longshoremen's Union. Ryan had signed a contract with the ship companies, by which the Longshoremen's strike would have been called off in return for joint union-company control of hiring halls, leaving unsettled the demands of ten other unions representing the waterfront workers. Workers in all trades stood firm, preserving complete solidarity. The Oakland Labor Council, including eighty locals, voted to submit to the membership the question of general strike. Simultaneously, representatives of eighty Portland locals met to discuss a call for the general strike.

MINNEAPOLIS—The strike call of Local 574, General Drivers Union, reprinted in The Militant, was a stirring demand for labor solidarity. "Every attempt of the Union to negotiate and secure satisfaction for the just demands of its members has been met with evasions, tricks and subterfuges," the statement charged. "We rely on the sympathy and solidarity of other unions and labor organizations. . . We appeal for the support also of farmers . . . of the unemployed workers . . . of all who are cheated and oppressed by the financial tyrants. . ." The call concluded with the announcement: "All members of Local 574 will go on strike for the enforcement of union demands on Monday, July 16, at 12 o'clock midnight."

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8. A Workers' and Farmers' Government.
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Cutbacks

The AFL research department has just issued a sensational report that there will be an army of 4,000,000 unemployed by the end of the year unless Congress soon enacts legislation to protect workers from the ravages of wholesale production cutbacks.

"Cutbacks" are already being ordered at the rate of about 20 a week. . . In the next few months the rate is due to climb, and instead of a "labor shortage" the country will have a serious "labor surplus," states the AFL report.

What a commentary on capitalism and its program for humanity! In the very midst of war, while the masses are making unheard-of sacrifices and face unheard-of hardships they are already receiving advance notice that at the end of the trail lies unemployment, insecurity, poverty, a welfare relief handout.

For ten years prior to the war, the U. S., the richest country in the world, proved incapable, under its capitalist rulers, of operating fully the economy of the country and of even providing jobs for the people. For ten years, 10 to 20 million workers roamed the streets, unable to find employment.

The bankers and industrialists who comprise what Woodrow Wilson once called the "invisible government"—that is, the real government—of the U. S., faced with the unsolvable crisis of capitalism, finally thrust the American people into the holocaust and the slaughter of the Second World War. And now after all the sacrifice and misery and the casualty lists (and the end is not in sight), the masses are informed that they must prepare for a new, more terrible, more devastating economic crisis. Why? What necessity is there for this? Only that the wealth of this nation has been grabbed up by a small clique of billionaires, who are determined, that even though millions must go hungry or die, the special privileges and the ill-gotten wealth of the plutocracy must be preserved.

Everybody is talking about "post-war planning," "planning for full employment," etc., etc.—but this is only demagoguery, this is only dust that is being thrown into the eyes of the masses.

The Wall Street plutocrats, in all their rapacity, greed and cold-blooded callousness, are organizing not for full employment and security for the masses—that is impossible to achieve under capitalism

—but for greater profits and power. They are right now scheming how to rob the people of the 20-25 billions of dollars of publicly owned plants and equipment, how to strengthen their monopoly stranglehold on the country's economy.

The *United States News*, one of the business men's "dope" magazines, blandly informs its Big Business clientele that "Unemployment will reach serious proportions as industry shifts to peace." And then cynically adds: "By 1946, housemaids should be plentiful again, also carpenters, painters, paperhangers, etc." We are further informed that "In the period of postwar recovery, in 1947 and the period following. . . Unemployment will remain rather large; will be a major problem."

The "labor statesmen," William Green, Philip Murray, and their like, knowing the facts, keep on spouting about "full employment for everybody," but they neither have the courage nor the will nor the integrity to really fight for such a program. How can they? They are so hopelessly, so completely tied to Roosevelt's coattails, they even went along with him in approving the Baruch report, which proposes to turn over all of the nation's vast plants and equipment, which amount to one-fourth of the nation's total wealth, to the Wall Street monopolists.

To really fight off the scourge of unemployment one must have a bold, radical program that will not fear to challenge the capitalist status-quo or the capitalist powers-that-be. For this, labor must find a new leadership which is not concerned with preserving the capitalist system but only with achieving a program that will guarantee jobs and security for the workers. Labor must build a leadership that is not interested in the plaudits and approval of "respectable society" but only with the approval of its working class constituency. As a first step in the achievement of such a program labor must take up the demand to operate all of the government-owned plants under workers' control as the initial move toward a program of nationalization of all industry.

7,614 New Readers

In this issue we publish the final tally on the subscription campaign initiated on April 1 and terminated on June 30. The quota established was 3000 new readers of *The Militant* for the three month period—or 1000 new readers per month. The final figure, as of the June 30 deadline, is 7,614 new subscribers or 253 percent above the established quota. Instead of the anticipated 1000 new readers per month the average monthly figure was 2,538 or more than two-and-one-half times the monthly quota. Needless to say the final results exceeded our most optimistic expectations. We thought we were setting our sights pretty high when we aimed at the original quota of 3000—but the results achieved indicate that we failed to set them high enough.

In a certain sense this means that we underestimated the receptivity of the workers to our political ideas and program. Through the medium of our press, fresh and important strata of the working class are coming into contact, for the first time, with the ideas of revolutionary Marxism; that is, of the program of Trotskyism. Instead of addressing ourselves to a narrow circle of politically advanced and class conscious workers, we now have the obligation of adapting our propaganda to the ever widening circle of new readers touched for the first time by advanced political ideas.

For the fulfillment of this task, we must depend in large measure, on the opinions and experiences of our new and enlarged audience. We urge all of our new readers to write to us, tell us how you like *The Militant*, write us of your own experiences in shop, factory or ship. That is the only way the form, character and content of our paper can really be improved. By such participation *The Militant* can become a sharper weapon and a more powerful force in the life of the American working class. To the extent that our new readers become new contributors will our paper be more and more transformed from a paper FOR the working class to a paper OF the working class.

The successful completion of our three month campaign does not mean the termination of our efforts to expand the list of new subscribers. The work of extending our regular circle of readers will continue. In this work, also, our new readers can play an important role. We have already received a number of subs from workers who have but recently become regular readers of *The Militant*. Our plan for such participation will soon be mailed to all our new subscribers. From the response we have already received we feel confident that one of the main sources of reader expansion will come from the workers who are themselves recent subscribers to *The Militant*.

The magnificent response to our subscription campaigning is eloquent testimony to the force of our ideas and program. The acid test of every working class political program is: Does it correspond to the experience of the workers? Life itself puts every political program to this supreme test. Our program is finding acceptance among ever larger sections of the workers because it meets that test. The trade union leaders, the demagogues and time-servers of the major political parties, have failed, utterly and completely, to provide a solution for the most elementary needs of the working masses. The program of Trotskyism does provide a solution for the great political problems of the day. Only our program corresponds to the needs and interests of the workers—that is why it is so eagerly grasped by increasing numbers of workers groping their way toward a radical solution.

We extend our congratulations to the branches and members of the Socialist Workers Party, to our friends and sympathizers, and above all to our new readers for the magnificent job of raising the circulation of *The Militant* to its present high level.

WORKERS' FORUM

The columns are open to the opinions of the readers of *The Militant*. Letters are welcome on any subject of interest to the workers, but keep them short and include your name and address. Indicate if you do not want your name printed. — Editor.

Massachusetts CIO Convention

Editor:

You will be interested in what happened at the Massachusetts State CIO Convention held in Boston, July 8 and 9. Most of the time was spent in listening to speeches from everybody running for office in the primaries next Tuesday, and listening to addresses by CIO officials, so that finally every speech was met with complete apathy by the delegates. The convention delegates defeated however the Stalinists' attempt to put through their new line of post-war strikebreaking. The Stalinist delegates, who in previous years controlled convention policies, suffered their first major defeat when they tried unsuccessfully to have the wartime no-strike resolution rewritten so as to include a pledge giving up the strike weapon permanently. Apparently this was the first attempt by the Stalinist-dominated unions to obtain official CIO endorsement for the new 'Teheran' program for shackling American labor — recently announced by Harry Bridges, president of the Longshoremen's Union.

The fight came up when the Resolutions Committee brought in a resolution proposing to give up the strike weapon for the duration of the war only. Tormey of Local 271 United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, took the floor and urged the convention to instruct the committee to revise the resolution to include a program for governmental arbitration and pledging labor not to strike at any time. He was immediately followed by another United Electrical delegate, Simonds of Local 253, who added to the previous speech by saying that labor must invite progressive employers to deal with them, and labor should show their good intentions by giving up the strike weapon for all time.

The Stalinists had their speakers all lined up to steamroller their motion through the convention. But before any more of them could get the floor, a militant steel-worker, Al Zabolous, Local 1885, of Worcester, strode up to the platform and denounced both the proposed amendment and the original no-strike pledge motion. He described how the corporations were using the no-strike pledge to break the unions and how a one-week strike at the American Steel and Wire Co. brought this subsidiary of U. S. Steel into line.

The convention was thrown into an uproar. More delegates for

the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers and United Office Workers took the floor and tried to dress up their latest betrayal in fancy words, describing the happy post-war world in which the corporation lions would become pro-labor lambs. One Stalinist faker went so far as to blame the trade unions for the corporations' attack on labor.

The Stalinists were answered by Sam Sandberg, Regional Director of the Toy and Novelty Workers. "Labor will commit suicide," he declared, "if they record themselves against strikes after the war. If the convention passes such a resolution, it will be trumpeted in the press and will be a signal to the corporations and bosses that labor intends to lie down and die." Sandberg concluded: "Any member who says to adopt a no-strike pledge after the war should be investigated to see if he should be a member of the CIO."

President Salerno, of the Massachusetts State CIO, who runs interference for the Stalinists, tried to cover them up with a parliamentary ruling, but was hooted down. The United Electrical workers and Office Workers delegates were the only ones to vote for the Stalinist recommendations. All the other delegates voted overwhelmingly against it.

M. L. Boston

Allies and India

Editor:

Enclosed is a clipping which shows how Roosevelt is shipping supplies to India to keep down revolts. [Drew Pearson in his June 15th column, writing on Roosevelt and DeGaulle, stated: "He (Roosevelt) y i e l d e d to Churchill on many things, such as shipping tremendous quantities of U. S. supplies to India, where they are used not for war but for putting down potential revolts."]

Also the entire left press seems to have overlooked the fact that over 500,000 French soldiers fully equipped at the expense of the taxpayers of "Our Great America" are not permitted to take any part in the "liberation" of France.

Also when Hitler attacked Russia Mr. Churchill said an invasion of the French coast was impossible, because, he said, Hitler had heavily mined the entire coast, yet I noticed that not a single invasion boat was sunk by a mine. So what did Hitler do—pull in those mines so the great "liberators" Roosevelt, Churchill and Co. could enter?

Keep up the good work—I think

The Militant is the best paper in the country.

V. M. New York

MCF Convention

Editor:

There is so little being done in the Michigan Commonwealth Federation that the actions of the state board, and the proposals of the various people, are hardly worth discussing, because nothing at this stage will lead to spectacular action. There is one thing of interest that I can relate. Tucker P. Smith headed the committee which drew up the convention call. One of the clauses on representation in that call, states that regardless of the actual representation at the convention, the combined voting strength of the bloc affiliates (unions, etc.) can not be more than 45 percent of the total voting strength at the convention, thus making it impossible for the union delegations to gain a majority at the convention on their own strength.

The way it looks right now, this coming MCF convention will be a small one. The most optimistic figure I can gather at present is that there may be 60 delegates.

A. B. Detroit

A Correction

Editor:

In the second paragraph of my article, "China's 7-Year Fight for Liberty," which appeared in last week's *Militant*, Loyang is identified, through a typographical error, as the capital of Hunan province, whereas it is the capital of Honan province. Since Hunan and its capital, Changsha, were mentioned in the same paragraph, Hunan got two capitals and the reader probably got a headache. So please pass on this aspirin. Honan is in north China, while Hunan is central-south.

Li Fu-jen

Negro Struggle

Editor:

Although you have probably noticed it I thought of making sure by calling your attention to the fact that Charles Jackson's column in *The Militant* has received mention in the Afro-American of July 1 and his column of June 10 has been printed in full by the *Michigan Chronicle* of July 8.

A. S. Detroit

Doctored Statistics Used To Justify Wage Freeze

One of the shoddiest deals of the Roosevelt administration has been its use of the phony U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics cost-of-living figures to justify its wage freeze. It seems the government maintains a "selective service" not only for the military forces but also for statistics. Roosevelt and his agencies "select" those figures, no matter how false and misleading, which are most suited for denying the workers their rights.

The recent thorough CIO report on the rise in living costs since January, 1941, which proves the increase to be 45.3 per cent, in contradiction to the BLS report of 23.4 per cent, also reveals some of the dirty work involved.

No other government agency, outside of the War Labor Board, uses the BLS index. An economic subcommittee of the Department of Agriculture, for instance, has issued its own findings which establish the cost-of-living rise in farm areas at 43 per cent, almost the same as the figures of the CIO. The War Food Administration uses the Department of Agriculture figures.

According to the CIO report, the Social Security Board does not accept the BLS figures but "makes its own higher estimates of price increases." Likewise, the War Production Board. The big business organs "have often repudiated the BLS index and publish their own studies showing larger increases in particular fields."

Then, of course, there is the recent report of the special committee appointed by WLB Chairman Davis which admitted that "the widespread opinion that the BLS Index grossly understates the rise in the cost of living is justified, if the cost of living is taken to mean the amount of money a family spends for the commodities and services it buys."

There is no lack of evidence that the BLS figures are fake. But, what's a "little" fakery to Roosevelt where the object is to shrink the workers' wages and ensure bigger and better war profits for the bosses?

Negroes Denied Ballots In Georgia Primaries

Last April the United States Supreme Court ruled that Negroes could not be barred from voting in the Texas Democratic "lily-white" primaries. This decision of the highest court in the land was widely hailed by liberals, including important sections of the Negro leadership, as marking a "new day" for the oppressed Negro masses of the South.

That "new day" came and went last week in the State of Georgia. There they celebrated a combined "Independence" and "Primary Day" on July 5, with the good people of Georgia—including several hundred courageous and hopeful Negro citizens—going to the polls to vote, or attempt to vote, in the Democratic Party primaries.

The liberal press reports "progress." It seems no Negro was lynched. Only the Negroes didn't get to vote. They got politeness, some smiles—but no ballots. One Negro would-be voter was even addressed as "sir," a fact noted with gratification by a prominent liberal commentator. Of course, the "sir" was preceded by a "No" to a request for a ballot.

A reporter for PM, liberal New York daily, described how the Georgia ruling class Bourbons evaded the Supreme Court decision. A Negro World War II veteran, wearing a service pin showing he has fought in two major South Pacific battles, enters an Atlanta polling place.

"Election official: What's your name, please? Answer: Charles Milton.

"Election official: Are you registered? A.: Yes, sir. Here is my registration card.

"Election official: But this card is for Precinct B, and this is Precinct E. A.: Yes, sir. But the polling place at Precinct B has been closed up by the election officials, and this is the nearest precinct to my home.

"Election official: (Business of going through some fat black books on the desk in which the names of registered voters appear.) Well, your name doesn't appear here.

"Milton: Is there anything I can do about that? Election official: You might try at the Court House.

"Milton: (wanting an official and decisive statement): You mean I can't vote? Election official: No, sir."

Very simple! The polling places were closed in the Negro districts. White voters were notified. Negro voters were not. Unfortunately, there was some sort of "mix-up." The names of Negro registrants could never be found.

Commenting on the Supreme Court's "white" primary decision, the April 29 *Militant* stated: "While some liberals have hailed the decision as nothing less than a 'Second Emancipation Proclamation,' the Southern Bourbons of today have seized upon this issue to leave no doubt that they are no less intent on maintaining their power and privileges than were the slave-holders of yesterday." The *Militant* predicted that it would take a great deal more than a mere Supreme Court verdict before the Negroes of the South were granted their political rights.

That there was no open expression of the traditional lynch violence against the Negroes was due only to the fact that but a few hundred "token" voters sought to exercise the franchise. Negro leaders discouraged mass voting after wide-spread threats of violence. Now they propose to go to the Supreme Court once more.

Maybe, in due time, the Supreme Court will rule favorably once more. But it will mean nothing. The capitalist government will not enforce any ruling. Today, the Southern and Northern capitalists are combined to keep the Southern masses, white and Negro, in bondage. Only the united mass power of the white and Negro workers, North and South, will smash the economic and political chains of that enslavement.

FREE THE 18!

INTERNATIONAL NOTES

POLAND

First of the countries to be overrun by the war machine of German imperialism, Poland has an underground labor movement which, according to the best information on the subject, is class-conscious to the highest degree. This movement represents the only real anti-Nazi force in the country, for in Poland as in other European countries the capitalists and landlords are in active collaboration with the foreign invaders and oppressors.

A description of the movement is given in a pamphlet issued by the Polish Labor Group in New York on behalf of the Polish Socialist Party and the Polish Trade Union Council. The workers not only strike and engage in acts of sabotage and obstruction against the Nazis through their "People's Guards," but are imbued with socialist ideas and are preparing for the socialist transformation of their country.

The underground workers' paper, *Guardia Ludowa*, according to the pamphlet, has projected a program for seizure of the factories by workers' fighting detachments and commanders of these units are instructed to "inculcate in members the consciousness that they fight not for another's privately-owned means of production, but their own socially-owned factory; they must conquer the factories for themselves."

Into this program of revolutionary seizure, the Polish social-democrats have managed to insert a proviso which is typical of these traitors to socialism. When a factory has been seized by the workers' detachments, their commander is to "appoint a factory labor committee entrusted with the social and economic management of the factory, until it is turned over

to the proper authorities, duly and legally constituted." In other words, the factories are to be turned back to the Polish capitalists. The program of seizure, very clearly, has been adopted by the social-democratic betrayers merely as a concession to the revolutionary sentiments of the workers.

But the Polish workers will surely not fight to get possession of the factories just in order to turn them over to the Polish exploiters—neither those in Poland who are collaborating with the Nazis, nor the emigre section which has attached itself to the reactionary Polish government-in-exile. Poland's underground labor movement has been greatly inspired by the military victories of the Red armies of the Soviet Union, because they associate the Soviet Union with the great October Revolution which expropriated the Russian capitalists and landlords. They are anti-Stalinist but pro-Soviet. In their own coming revolution they will lift Poland to the great heights of the Russian October and inspire the Soviet workers to active struggle against the counter-revolutionary Stalinist ruling clique.

GREECE

Efforts to create a fake "coalition" government of the Badoglio type around the rotten Greek monarchy and the reactionary Greek government-in-exile, have run into a snag. The Greek masses, while struggling against the Nazi despoilers of their country, have all along refused to countenance the return of King George and his reactionary ministers, who set themselves up in business in Cairo as the "legitimate" government of Greece when the Nazis overran that country.

Mass rejection of the monarchist-capitalist clique was highlighted by the recent Greek naval mutiny in the Mediterranean, which this clique, with the aid of British warships, bloodily suppressed. Some of the mutineers have been condemned to death by a Cairo court-martial, and the Greek guerrillas back home have been aroused to fresh fury against the monarchy. They are demanding an amnesty.

George Papandreou, King George's premier—he is, incidentally, a social-democrat—threatens to outlaw their organizations, the EAM and its military arm, the ELAS. All of which is very embarrassing to the Stalinist leaders of the EAM, who, on Moscow's orders, have been trying hard to form a "coalition" with the Papandreou clique in order to hoodwink the Greek masses and deflect them from the path of revolutionary struggle.

CHINA

According to a Chinese News Service dispatch from Chungking, Chiang Kai-shek's Ministry of Social Affairs is seeking passage of a law to prohibit the employment of children under 12 years of age and to establish a six-hour working day for children between the ages of 12 and 14. It also wants "child prostitution" prohibited and a law against "public display for profit of deformed children, as freaks of nature."

This is "Free China" after 17 years of Kuomintang rule! Laws will not end these abominations, nourished in the soil of backwardness, poverty and exploitation which Chiang Kai-shek and his class do everything to preserve and perpetuate and from which they profit.