

## LYNCHERS NAMED BY NEGRO VICTIM

## Allied Powers Restore Greek King

## Known Murderers At Large But Officials Do Not Act

### Hated Tyrant Gets Back Throne Through Hitler-Style Plebiscite

Allied military force reinstated the despotic Glucksberg dynasty in Greece last week-end. The farce was masked by a plebiscite to give the illusion the Greek people want this wretched puppet of Anglo-American imperialism. But long in advance of the "voting," the return of George II had been set for September 14.

Ousted once before and exiled

for 11 years, this hated despot was put back on the throne in 1935 through a similar rigged election. In plebiscites the regime rounds up the population and forces them into the voting booth. Whoever votes against the regime is a marked man. Dictators consider plebiscites one of the most cunning means of "proving" they represent the people. Hitler, for instance, periodically staged plebiscites.

After the 1935 plebiscite, George II put the bloody Metaxas dictatorship in power. Terror ruled Greece until the outbreak of the war. When the Nazis entered, George II fled.

#### KILLED HUNDREDS

The Greek people ended Nazi rule at the close of the war. But Stalin made a secret deal with Churchill; and the Stalinist-dominated EAM invited British troops into Greece. Civil war raged until the British were firmly entrenched. As a concession to popular hatred of George II, the British set up a regency.

The Greek Royalists, backed by London and Washington, have been mopping up for almost two years, paying the way for the king's return. They are reported to have killed hundreds of victims in the last weeks in preparation for the plebiscite.

Washington intervened in Greek politics on the side of the dirty, hated king. A fleet of seven American warships moved into Greek waters just before the plebiscite and a flight of American war planes over Athens was announced to follow up the rigged voting.

Thus the Greek quislings who collaborated with the Nazis during the war and who are now collaborating with London and Washington have been placed back in the saddle.

The world has been given another demonstration of the real meaning of the Atlantic Charter and its "Four Freedoms."

More on Greece on page 3.

### U. S. Imperialists Intensify Drive Toward New War

By Joseph Hansen

The index of Wall Street's preparations to plunge the United States into a Third World War reached a new high last week. The dispatch of a battleship to Turkey a short while ago was considered an ominous indication of the mounting war fever. But on August 27, a 45,000-ton aircraft carrier and six other warships were ordered to visit Greek ports in the first week of September in a bristling display of military power.

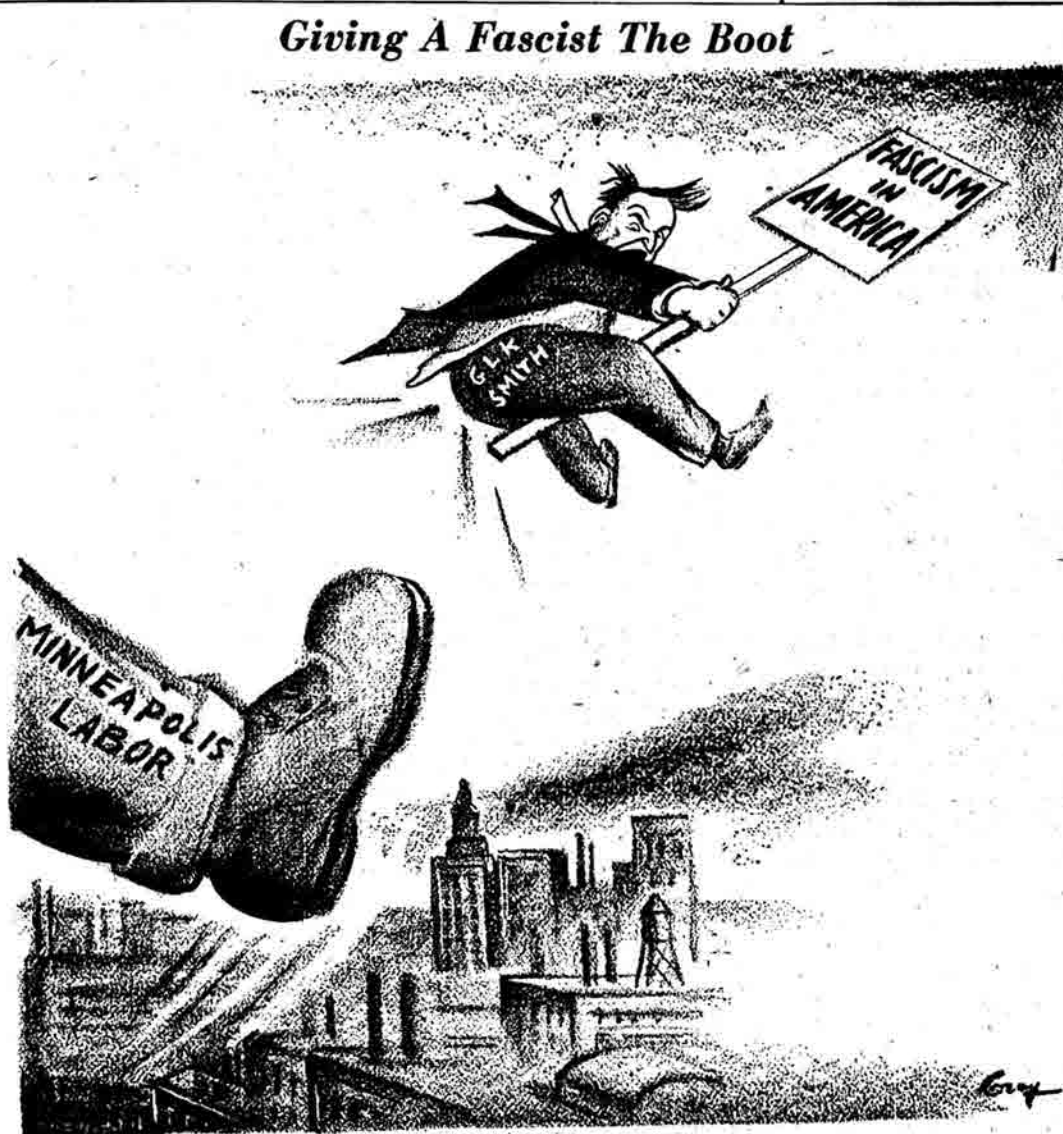
The new war crisis pivoted this time on Greece. Anglo-American imperialism is consolidating its grip on this unhappy land in preparation for eventual war on the Soviet Union.

Greece is a strategic area, controlling the entrance to the Black Sea and to the countries of Eastern Europe flanking the Danube river. Military control of Greece likewise constitutes an "anchor" for British sea lanes running through the Mediterranean. Control of Greece, moreover, reinforces the imperialist stranglehold on the oil-rich Middle East.

In World War III, Greece can constitute a jumping-off place for armies that will knife up into Eastern Europe. It can become an invaluable base for warships that will steam into the Black Sea; and for planes loaded with atomic bombs.

That is why Washington and London disregard public condemnation for packing up the foul, reactionary Glucksberg dynasty in a plebiscite modelled on the Nazi pattern. Where capitalism is at stake, these shouters about "democracy" do not hesitate.

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### MINNEAPOLIS LABOR POINTS THE WAY

Last week *The Militant* published an account of the effective Minneapolis labor demonstration against America's No. 1 fascist leader, G. L. K. Smith.

This successful anti-fascist action, in which the Minneapolis pickets repulsed Smith's gang and drove it to cover, provides an important lesson for labor and minority groups on how to fight the rising fascist movement.

G. L. K. Smith and his America Firsters, the Ku Klux Klan and similar groups are beginning to rear their heads more boldly. They are spewing their anti-labor, race-hating poison everywhere. They are organizing and inciting acts of violence against the Negro people and other minority groups. These are preparations for assaults tomorrow on the labor movement.

The fascists are organizing with the tacit or open support of public officials. They are getting finances from capitalists who seek to build the fascist movement in order to destroy organized labor.

The fascist movement will not bow to the "silent treatment" advocated by some union leaders, Stalinists and liberals. It must be fought by the united action of labor, the Negro people and all other minority groups.

That is what happened in Minneapolis. There a broad movement of AFL, CIO, Railroad Brotherhood unions, Negro, Jewish and veterans' groups, and working-class political parties like the Socialist Workers Party, united in a powerful protest demonstration when Smith tried to hold a fascist rally.

They formed a militant picket line. When the fascist hoodlums attacked them, the pickets defended themselves so successfully that Smith's gang was put to rout. Previously, in Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles, San Francisco and elsewhere, militant and united anti-fascist action dealt Smith discouraging blows.

The time to nip the fascist movement in the bud is now. Labor in Minneapolis is the latest to show the method

### White Attackers Of Negro Girls Get \$10 Fine

Three white hoodlums in Collins, Mississippi were let off with a \$10 fine last week after they pleaded guilty to attempt to assault two Negro girls at the point of a gun.

The girls were saved by their father, a Baptist minister, who returned from a preaching engagement just in time to hear his daughters scream. He fired his shotgun at the assailants. They returned the fire, then fled.

The girls were intimidated into withdrawing the original complaints so that charges of "creating a family disturbance" could be substituted. Then the white justice of the peace let the white hoodlums off with a light fine.

Two weeks ago in the same state, Mississippi state police led a pack of 300 race-hating whites in a savage armed man-hunt against 17 Negro men, women and children who fled for their lives into the swamps near Magee.

Several Negroes have recently been lynched in Mississippi. This is one of the Southern states where Negroes have repeatedly been lynched on false charges of "rape." They don't even get a "trial." Mere accusation by a white person is a death sentence.

### Price Ceilings On Meat To Hit New High

The Truman administration last week gave another terrific boost to price ceilings of meat and other foods.

Secretary of Agriculture Anderson, who has unrestricted power to fix meat price ceilings, granted new livestock prices that will raise beef 15 per cent and pork more than 8 per cent above the June 30 ceiling prices. The workers' food budget is evaporating while Washington throws ever fatter profits to the big meat packers and ranchers.

All fresh fruits and vegetables except oranges and bananas, were freed from price control by Anderson. Many canned and frozen fruits and vegetables also were decontrolled, together with many other items, including wool, hay, gum resin, peanuts and peanut oil products. These are heaped on top of thousands of items already decontrolled.

#### BLUNT STATEMENT

A blunt statement that price control over dairy products will not be restored was made by Roy L. Thompson, chairman of the Price Control Board. He contemptuously dismissed misleading contrary statements by OPA officials with the remark that all such decisions were within the Board's province. "Any statements from any other source whatsoever are merely suppositions or speculation and should be treated as such," he pronounced.

Equally fraudulent OPA claims that meat prices would be "rolled back" to "near" June 30 levels were dismissed by Anderson, who said: "Reports published from Washington to the effect there would be a rollback of prices to June 30 levels were premature. Price Administrator Paul Porter did not make such a statement, but publication of the report made it appear that there was a basis for disagreement between OPA and myself."

### IN THE NEWS

#### Uncanny, Isn't It?

"The Franklin D. Roosevelt, largest and most powerful plane carrier in the world, now accompanied by a sizable task force, is heading for Greece as a gesture of friendship on a routine training cruise. Officially it is pure coincidence that the Roosevelt will cast anchor at what happens to be the height of Yugoslav and Bulgarian pressure on Greece. But our ships do manage to get around to European trouble-spots." (N. Y. Times, Aug. 28.)

#### "Peace" In Pieces

"PARIS, Aug. 26 (AP). — Eighteen more words of the preamble of the proposed Italian peace treaty were accepted today by the Italian political and territorial commission of the Paris peace conference, thus bringing the total number of words approved to 153 in four weeks of deliberation. More than 55,000 words in five treaties remain to be considered."

#### How About Moscow Trials 'Confessions'?

"MOSCOW, Aug. 29 (UP). — Pravda today criticized two children's magazines for 'feeding children nonsensical fairy tales, which take the youthful reader out of the realm of reality.'"

#### Also?

"Brewery officials explained the rise in bottled beer output . . . resulted from a variety of causes . . . They also admitted that profits are greater in the sale of the bottled product." (N. Y. Times, Aug. 28.)

When a gang of white lynchers at Minden, Louisiana, murdered John C. Jones, 28-year-old Negro veteran, they also left for dead another victim, Albert Harris Jr., 17-year-old Negro youth. That was on August 8.

Last week, Albert Harris "returned from the dead" to name at least five of the killers who tortured Jones to death with whip, blow-torch and meat cleaver.

In New York City under the protection of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the youth who survived the lynch attempt told reporters the details of the torture-murder of Jones and of his own almost miraculous escape.

Names of 13 white men, including three deputy sheriffs, who participated in the race-hate killing have been turned over to the FBI by NAACP investigators.

Young Harris and Jones had been arrested on July 31 for allegedly going into the yard of a white woman to try to rape her. It was a cooked-up charge and the woman involved refused to file a complaint.

Harris was released and then re-arrested two days later, after Deputy Sheriff Charles Edwards first beat up the boy's father, Albert Harris Sr.

Nine days later, both Jones

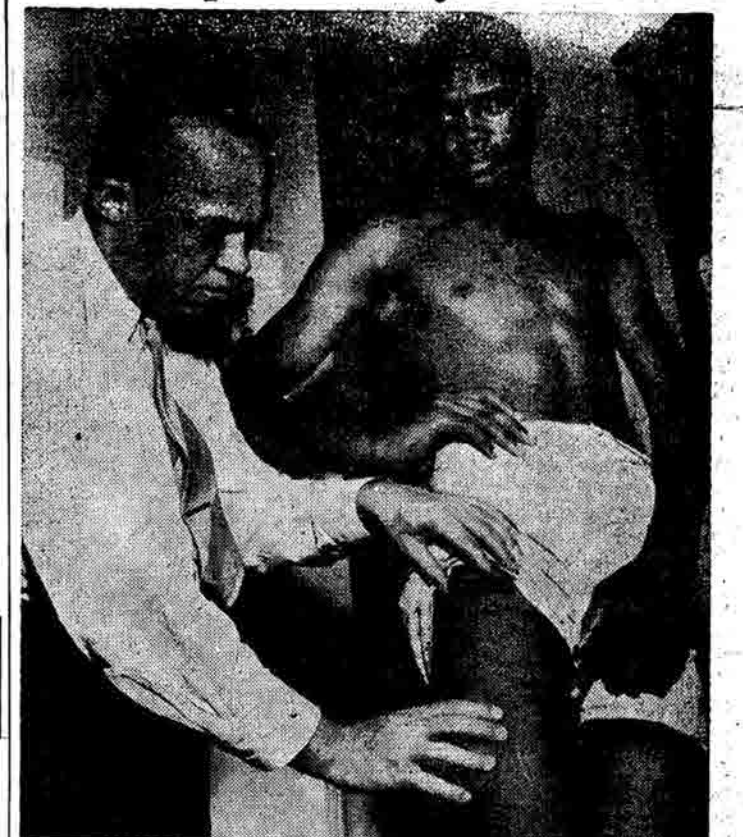
and Albert Jr. were released from jail. Outside the jail they were seized by the waiting lynch mob and driven into the swamps. Harris was beaten with whips for hours. Finally, a terrible blow from a gun knocked him unconscious. He was left for dead.

He came to in the morning and found Jones still alive, his face charred by a blow-torch, his hands chopped off. He died just after Albert gave him water. Albert made his way to relatives, who quickly and secretly sent him north. For a time his whereabouts were unknown. Some of the lynchers were reported trailing him to Texas.

Now, the question is: What is the government going to do about the known Minden lynchings? For weeks, the government has failed to act in the case of the two Negro couples lynched in Georgia last July. On July 29, the NAACP turned over names of several of the Georgia killers to the FBI and Georgia authorities. The killers are still walking the streets.

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### Escaped From Lynch Mob



Albert Harris, left for dead by a Louisiana lynch mob that murdered a Negro veteran, is examined by Dr. Robert Wilkerson. Harris and his father reached headquarters of NAACP in New York, and have identified 13 of the killers.

## Socialist Workers Party Files N. Y. State Election Petitions

By Carolyn Kerry

New York SWP Campaign Manager

ALBANY, N. Y., Sept. 2. — The independent nominating petitions of the Socialist Workers Party (Trotskyist) were filed here at 10 a.m. today as soon as the doors were opened in the State Capitol Building. This marks the first time in the history of the

Trotskyist movement that a ticket has been entered in the New York State elections. The ticket is headed by Farrell Dobbs for Governor, and includes Joseph Hansen for U. S. Senator, Milton Richardson for Lieutenant Governor, William Kirt for Comptroller and Sylvia Blecker for Attorney General.

The SWP filed with 23,727 signatures. This total was second only to the number presented by the Liberal Party, but exceeded the claimed total of the Socialist Party by almost 9,000 and the total of the Communist (Stalinist) Party by almost 4,000. These figures give a good indication of the vitality of the various parties. Only the Liberals, who are backed by the huge treasury of the ILGWU, were able to surpass our total.

The petitions presented by the Liberal Party made a mockery

of the word "independent." Mead and Lehman, the Democratic candidates, had top place on the Liberal Party petitions. The Liberal Party's haste to get its petitions in on the opening day was intended to deceive New York voters by implying that it nominated candidates before, and independent of, the Democratic Party.

From a slightly different angle the Stalinists were playing the same game. A week ago Robert Thompson, CP candidate for Governor, declared his party would probably withdraw in favor of the Democratic ALP slate to "forge a Democratic-labor-progressive coalition" against Dewey. The presentation of their petitions changes nothing but appearances. The CP slate will either be withdrawn directly or it will remain on the ballot to avoid embarrassing the Democrats with direct support.

## MacArthur Forbids Strikes In Japan; Threatens Force

The American imperialists, who are supposed to be "uprooting feudalism" and "bringing democracy" to Japan, revealed their true reactionary face when on August 29 an order was issued by Gen. MacArthur in Tokyo prohibiting "strikes, walkouts or other work stoppages which are inimical to the objectives of the military occupation."

In accordance with this "dictatorial decree, MacArthur directed the puppet Japanese authorities to break a three-day strike of seamen at Sasebo. This was coupled with a threat to use American occupation troops if Japanese authorities found "police force" necessary to man the five ships that were tied up. The order and the threat sufficed to smash the strike.

GETTING TOUGH

On August 28, MacArthur had issued another decree banning "noisy, disorderly demonstrations" and threatened to put them down with American troops if this were deemed "necessary."

The Japanese Government immediately got tough with unionized employees, threatening railway workers with "serious results" if they tried to demonstrate "the union's strength."

United States censors are studiously bolstering the prestige of the Mikado and of the Japanese trusts that plunged the country into war. A film short, "The Tragedy of Japan," was banned on August 23. A few shots mildly criticized the Japanese militarists, leading political figures of the wartime dictatorship, and the giant

Zaibatsu family trusts. One sequence showed the Emperor fading from his traditional military uniform into civilian dress.

Even more revealing of Wall Street's policy in Japan is the banning of the film short, "A Year of Occupation."

SCENES OF OCCUPATION

Among the scenes MacArthur's censors ordered kept off the screen were the following:

The Zaibatsu offices, with comment that they are still riding the wave of inflation despite orders to dissolve.

The imperial forests, with comment that the Emperor is Japan's richest man.

Politicians conferring on selection of a new premier.

Yukio Ozaki addressing the parliament, with accompanying comment: "The new Diet is so conservative that 88-year-old Ozaki is said to be its most progressive member."

A line of jobless seeking work.

Labor demonstrations with statistics of union growth.

A sequence that tried to prove Japanese peasants were freely granted land, whereas the Russian peasants in 1917 had to overthrow Czarism for similar results.

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## N. Y. Truck Drivers Strike

NEW YORK, Sept. 3. — Big trucking fleet operators, arrogantly rejecting a compromise settlement sponsored by Mayor O'Dwyer and accepted by the AFL Teamsters union, have forced a paralyzing strike of some 11,000 truck drivers here in America's greatest commercial center.

The full effects of the strike, which began officially at midnight Saturday, are just beginning to be felt today, after the Labor Day week-end. Local 807, AFL International Brotherhood of Teamsters, whose members are on strike, is patrolling docks and other trucking areas to see that no struck trucks are moved.

Just before the strike deadline, operators of 1,500 trucks, including several of the big chain

(Special To The Militant) grocery concerns, capitulated to the union's final offer. They accepted the compromise settlement providing for an 18½-cent an hour increase, the 40-hour week instead of the previous 44, and improved vacation schedules.

Possibility that the strike may spread, unless quickly settled, was seen in the appeal for support from Local 807 to two other large New York teamsters locals, 816 and 282.

Although the union has agreed to move what are termed vital supplies, such as milk and medical goods, the operators have refused to cooperate in any such emergency arrangements.

Representatives of the Motor Carrier Association of New York and the New York State Motor

Truck Association, the two main employer groups, refused to attend a meeting with city and union officials to make such arrangements. They ordered their trucks kept in a garage even if the union authorizes drivers to transport emergency supplies.

O'Dwyer, who won a reputation for ruthless strikebreaking in the tugboat, Western Union and other strikes last winter and spring, is evidently trying to represent himself as a "friend of labor"—the November elections are coming on.

The Mayor called a special conference for eleven this morning to try to get a settlement before the strike breaks in full force and spreads. The recalcitrant operators have threatened to boycott the conference.

# Big Akron Locals To Advocate Sliding Wage Scale Program At CIO United Rubber Workers Convention

By Milton Alvin  
(Special to The Militant)

AKRON, O., Aug. 29—The eleventh annual convention of the CIO United Rubber Workers of America will convene in San Francisco on September 16. This will be the first convention of a large CIO union since the end of the great strike wave, the breaking of the railroad strike by Truman and the recent quickening pace of runaway prices. It will be the first opportunity for a CIO union convention to come to grips with the profound social problems that now face the American workers.

The major issue that will face the delegates will undoubtedly be wages and prices. The three powerful Akron locals and several of the other larger URWA locals have already served notice that they are in favor of reopening the Big Four Wage Agreement (Goodyear, Goodrich, Firestone and U. S. Rubber) in order to obtain a rising scale of wages escalator clause on an industry-wide basis. Akron Goodrich Local 5 has led the way in the fight for the escalator clause, followed by Akron Firestone Local 7. The majority of the Akron Goodyear Local 2 delegates are pledged to support them and Firestone Local 101 of Los Angeles has also adopted a resolution in support of the escalator clause.

## WAGE CONFERENCE

The pressure of these locals has compelled URWA President Buckmaster to call a wage conference to be held during the convention. Buckmaster has not committed himself to the reopening of the Big Four agreement, but he has not closed the door on it either. The Big Four agreement, entered into last spring with the Goodrich, Firestone, Goodyear and U. S. Rubber companies, provides that the wage question can be re-opened "any time economic conditions warrant."

A strong resolution supporting the formation of a labor party passed by Goodrich Local 5 will come before the convention. The economic gains won by the workers in bitter struggles over a period of many years are now in danger of being completely wiped out by government action. The policy of the PAC is to continue support of candidates of the Democratic and Republican parties, falsely labelling them "friends of labor." This is getting only meager support from the workers. What is needed is an independent labor party and a program designed to further the interests of the working people.

The six-hour day question will be heatedly debated at the convention. Despite the fact that the Grand Rapids convention last year adopted a resolution in favor of the 30-hour week and the six-hour day, the international officers have in some cases authorized contracts providing for an eight hour day. Progressive elements in the union are determined to push for an industry-wide master contract which will provide for the six-hour day throughout the entire industry.

## VETERANS' PROGRAM

A progressive program with regard to veterans will come before the convention. There has been very little friction between the veterans and the union up to now. Veterans have usually turned out to be the best unionists. The union has consistently fought for their rights. The six-hour day has helped many veterans to obtain jobs. What is needed now is a cost-of-living bonus to be paid to veterans on compensation, plus a sliding scale of compensation to keep up with the rise in the cost of living. These will be proposed to the convention.

Many locals are pushing for contractual provisions banning discrimination against Negro and other minorities. This pro-

posal will undoubtedly meet with a great deal of support in the convention. The rubber industry employs a large number of Negro workers. They are good unionists and in many cases leaders of their locals.

The Stalinist hatchet-man, Organizational Director H. N. Eagle, has continued his campaign of slander against the largest and most militant locals in the international. His strategy of trying to pit the small locals against the large ones proceeds unabated. Typical of this is the recent attempt of Eagle and Vice-President Lloyd to maneuver the Goodrich locals into a strike over second and third-rate questions in what is an obvious scheme to discredit the leadership of Local 5.

## FACTIONAL MANEUVER

Eagle and Lloyd are trying to line up the small Goodrich locals against Local 5 by pushing for a strike over such questions as an insurance system and a hair-splitting difference over the union shop. It is clear that these small-time politicians are trifling with the future of the union for narrow factional purposes.

They hope that if Local 5 refuses to go along with an ill-advised strike, they will be able to say to the small locals that they were "sold out." On the other hand, if the strike should take place, it would probably be of long duration and would leave the membership confused because of the unimportant nature of the issues and would thereby weaken the leadership of Local 5.

This flagrantly irresponsible maneuver underlines the need to clean out the Eagles and Loyds, and to give the international the kind of militant leadership which characterizes the Akron locals.

The more responsible leaders of the United Rubber Workers will not allow this kind of a shameful maneuver to be put across. If any strike should occur, it should be over the paramount question of protecting the workers' standard of living against the inflationary attack.

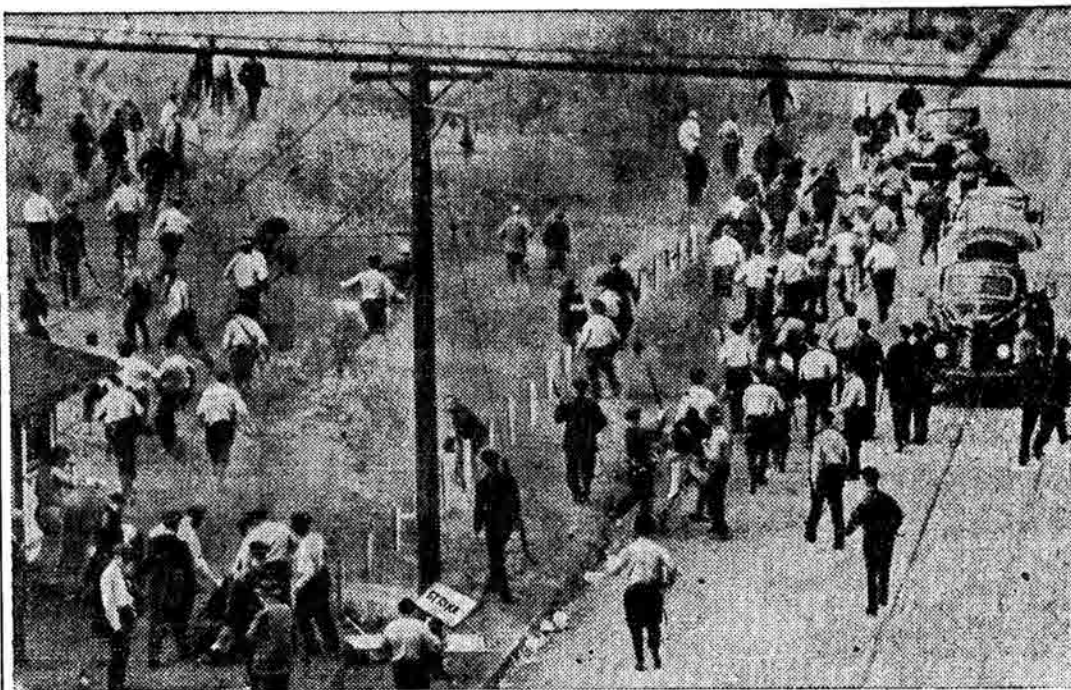
## PROGRAM NEEDED

This convention has the opportunity to give the lead to the entire CIO and to the other sections of the labor movement by adopting a program that really strikes at the heart of the great problems facing the workers today. That program should include the sliding scale of wages escalator clause and the formation of a labor party.

The present lull in the struggle between the workers and the profit-bloated corporations can be ascribed principally to the fact that the workers are not sure of how to solve the new problems. The rubber workers know that the corporations are busy piling up huge profits; operations for the first half of 1946 showed more than twice the profits made in the first six months of 1945 for Goodrich and Firestone.

The adoption of a militant program of struggle around the escalator clause and the labor party can mobilize the workers, inspire them with a fighting spirit and turn the tide of the corporation-government attack. The delegates have the opportunity to make this not only the best convention in the history of the rubber workers' union, but to make it a rallying point for the entire labor movement.

## Police Attack NMU Pickets



Twenty strikers were injured when strikebreaking police smashed into CIO National Maritime Union picket lines at the Mesabi & Iron Range railroad docks in Duluth, Minnesota during Great Lakes strike.

# AFL Seamen Fight Wage Ruling That Denies Increase They Won

(Special to The Militant)

NEW YORK, Sept. 4—Seamen affiliated with the AFL set Thursday, September 4 as the deadline for strike action on all coasts in protest against a decision of the National Wage Stabilization Board rejecting wage increases gained in direct negotiations with the ship operators. The unions contend that the NWSB decision is a gross violation of labor's right to "free collective bargaining."

Walter J. Mason, AFL member on the NWSB, scored the NWSB decision in a dissenting opinion which declared: "This action by the Public and Industry members of the board completely wipes out an agreement which had been reached by the parties after prolonged negotiations extending from May 1, 1946. It ditches collective bargaining in this industry and serves notice to the AFL unions and the employers that they can no longer bargain among themselves at a time when representatives of government and industry are busy extending lip service to the encouragement of free collective bargaining."

Upon the receipt of this decision the Sailors Union of the Pacific, having jurisdiction over AFL seamen on the Pacific Coast, instituted a strike ballot, setting September 4 as the date for the walkout. The Seafarers International Union, Atlantic and

compelled to back down. The same type of labor solidarity can force the National Wage Stabilization Board to reverse its anti-labor wage-freezing decision and restore the right of collective bargaining to the maritime industry.

## Illinois Cops Charged In Lynch-Assault

By Robert L. Birchman  
(Special to The Militant)

CHICAGO, Aug. 30—Lynch terror moved into down-state Illinois last week when three Madison County deputy sheriffs administered four blackjack beatings to their defenseless Negro prisoner and asked him to try to escape "so we can kill you."

The three deputy sheriffs were suspended by the sheriff. Later warrants were issued for their arrest on charges of assault with a deadly weapon. Protests against the deputies' actions were sent to Governor Green by the NAACP, the Chicago Area Council of the American Veterans Committee and the American Civil Liberties Union.

To date Governor Green has maintained silence on this case and the whole issue of anti-Negro terror and the reported resurgence of Ku Klux Klan activities in Illinois.

The area council of the AVC in a telegram challenged the governor to "speak out against this act. You cannot give sanction by silence to this despicable act which rivals the violence, hate and KKK activity now current in the South. The deputies... must be prosecuted for their cowardly and inhuman brutality."

The victim of the savage attack was Lucien J. Hopkins, 26, charged with burglary. The beatings took place while he was being transported from Alton to the county jail at Edwardsville. The deputies took four hours to make the 12-mile trip. They stopped at numerous taverns and roadhouses on the way and urged patrons to join them in beating Hopkins. Several men accepted the invitation.

Hopkins was hospitalized after his arrival at Edwardsville. He charged in the statement to State's Attorney C. W. Burton that he was left unattended and asked to escape "so we can kill you."

Hopkins, according to Alton police claims, signed a confession of assault with intent to rob an elderly Alton widow. Only after the torture trip between the two villages were additional "attempted rape" charges published by local papers. State's Attorney Burton has revealed that no such charge exists and that Hopkins made no such confession.

While the women's page of the local press paints glowing pictures of "housewives' utopias" to come—automatic dust collectors, elegant washing and clothes-drying machines, electric sinks, beautiful and efficient stoves and other kitchen equipment—the domestic worker knows that these things will not be bought to relieve the drudgery of her life.

## Negro-Haters Seek To Evict Detroit SWP

(Special to The Militant)

DETROIT, Aug. 28—The Detroit City Plan Commission held a hearing today on the petition submitted by property owners asking that the Socialist Workers Party be ousted from its headquarters at 6108 Linwood Avenue, on the grounds that Negroes attend party meetings.

Eugene Kidd, spokesman for property owners likewise complained that at a public meeting held by the Socialist Workers Party on August 21 at the above address, "two lookouts remained at the entrance during the entire meeting."

Arthur Burch, Detroit organizer of the Socialist Workers Party, who was present at the hearing, pointed out that "guards were posted to prevent a repetition of the arson attack made on us on July 25. Only those with sinister designs could possibly object to such a precaution."

Burch demanded that the petition as well as the entire testimony given at the hearing be turned over to the police department as a clue to the criminals who set fire to the Socialist Workers Party headquarters while a public meeting was in progress.

"This hearing," stated Burch, "bears out our contention that the notice from the Department of Buildings and Safety Engineering to vacate our headquarters is directly tied up with the arson attack to oust us by the use of terror. Mr. McGraw, Inspector for the Building Department, further confirmed this when he stated that the notice to vacate should never have been sent us under the terms of the present zoning law. "If the labor-haters and race-baiters succeed in ousting us, a precedent will be established which will either force all unions and workers' organizations to meet in the Black Ghetto or else bar Negroes from attending their meetings. The Socialist Workers Party condemns this violation of free speech and assembly, and the Equal Rights Laws of Michigan, and if necessary will carry this case to the Courts through the Civil Liberties Union."

# Red-Baiters Ban Communists In Phila. CIO Body

By H. Newell  
(Special to The Militant)

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 28—Top CIO officials in this area climaxed a series of reactionary red-baiting actions by adopting a resolution barring "Communists" from holding office in the local CIO Council. They side-stepped, however, another resolution of the most unrestrained red-baiters to "ferret out all Communists and sympathizers from the local unions affiliated with the Council." The resolution of the CIO Council Executive Board was made public yesterday.

While directed immediately against members of the Communist (Stalinist) Party, the resolution is also designed to victimize genuine union militants and all workers holding radical or minority political views. Red-baiting is an employers' device to divide and weaken the workers. The resolution contains a typical frame-up, linking communists with "Ku Kluxers."

## COWARDLY SILENCE

The Stalinists played a cowardly role in the face of this attack although they face victimization first. Not one of the several leading Stalinist trade union officials present at the CIO Council meeting, where the resolutions were originally introduced, rose to oppose the witch-hunt.

These witch-hunting resolutions were introduced at the August 22 regular monthly meeting of the Philadelphia CIO Council. The only opposition came from a delegate who gave a tame reading of Philip Murray's statement at the CIO Steelworkers convention where he said "the union is an economic organization concerned with bettering the economic positions of its members irrespective of creed, race or political beliefs."

When the resolution to bar communists was read, a motion was made to refer it to the executive committee. Not one "no" vote was heard. The resolution to "ferret out" communists was also referred, without discussion, to the executive committee.

## MEET SURRENDER

At this time, David Davis, business agent of CIO United Electrical Workers Local 155 and a member of the national committee of the Communist Party, rose on a "point of procedure." Disappointing those who expected him to blast the red-baiters, he merely inquired mildly: "Do these motions to refer, mean refer with power to act?" He was

politely told "Yes." Meekly, he resumed his seat.

Delegates who came to the Council with the intention of backing a fight against the red-baiters, but who were looking to the Stalinists to lead the struggle, were left disorganized by the cowardly surrender of the Stalinist union leaders. They were unable to rally opposition to the witch-hunting union-splitters.

Later it was learned that a deal had been made for the Stalinists not to resist the first resolution if the second one was dropped. On August 27, the CIO Council Executive Board adopted unanimously the resolution to bar communists from office, but took no action on the resolution to "ferret out" communists.

This local red-baiting drive is part of a national drive inside the CIO inspired by American imperialism's incitations against the Soviet Union in preparation for the third world war. At the same time, the conservative CIO leaders find it useful to divert the dissatisfaction of the workers with wages and conditions into a witch-hunt against "reds."

In this area, the chief spokesman for the reactionary elements is Harry Block, a vice president of the UE-CIO and president of UE District 1, Block, in alliance with James Carey, former UE president and now CIO national secretary and Murray's "right-hand man," held a national caucus meeting of their UE faction in Pittsburgh a few weeks ago. They issued a public statement declaring war on the Stalinist leadership of the UE. Their program is based mainly on red-baiting, and their support appears to come chiefly from reactionary and more backward elements.

The action of Block's group is preparation for the forthcoming UE national convention. It also involves a battle for the presidency of UE District 1, an office now held by Block. The logical contender for Block's district post appears to be James Price, business representative of UE Westinghouse Local 107, who has a long record as a militant and progressive union leader.

## REPERCUSSIONS

The action of Morris Muster, who recently resigned as president of the CIO United Furniture Workers with a bed-baiting blast against the Stalinists, also has had repercussions inside the Philadelphia CIO. George Bucher, former president of UFW Local 37 and CIO Council secretary, has been filling the local capitalist press with anti-communist attacks.

As a result of the red-baiting policies of Muster, Bucher and their group, a section of the furniture workers, including 16 locals nationally, has been misled into splitting from the CIO and joining the AFL. In order to be in a position to continue his wrecking tactics, Bucher resigned as president of the UFW Local 37, while remaining business representative of the CIO Hotel and Restaurant Workers and Philadelphia CIO Council secretary.

## AIDED REACTION

The policies of the Stalinist leaders have aided the reactionaries. During the war, the Stalinists worked hand-in-glove with the reactionaries against the militants. The Stalinists were the leading red-baiters against the Trotskyists and other genuine defenders of the workers' interests. At the same time, the anti-democratic methods of the Stalinist union leaders have justly earned them the hatred of wide sections of the union rank and file. The red-baiters are trying to capitalize on this anti-Stalinist sentiment for their own reactionary ends.

The workers have legitimate grievances against the Stalinists, who must be opposed with a real program of militant union action and democratic policies. But despite these justified grievances, the workers must not permit themselves to be used by reactionary union officials whose final aim is to purge real militants and progressives from the CIO.

## American Sweatshop

Dinah Sanders

"American workers have the highest living standards of any workers in the world." How many times have I heard that statement offered as proof that the American workers have nothing to look about.

Before we conclude that American workers should be satisfied with their "high" standard of living, let's have a look into the lives and working conditions of one large section of the American working class: those working for "small" concerns, employing anywhere from 10 to a thousand workers. Small factories, whose workers' struggles don't receive the limelight of publicity.

I work in a metals shop in New York, punch presses. Roughly 500 workers in the place, mostly women operators; some male mechanics and machinists. The work is extremely dangerous, shown by missing fingers, burn scars, bandaged eyes, etc.

## MACHINES EXPLODE

Almost daily one or more of the machines "explode"; that is, the huge steel punch breaks explosively, showering pieces of hot steel around the shop. The thin celluloid "guards" are about as effective as tissue paper when the 1 1/2-inch shaft on number 15, for instance, "explodes" as it does more or less regularly. Underpaid, inexperienced mechanics don't seem to know what to do with the machines. It is a millionaire concern. By paying 45 cents an hour during the war, the owners grabbed enough profits to open up two other shops in the deep South. There they can get even cheaper labor to make more millions to open other sweat shops for workers to maim and kill themselves in.

As I punch in, I read on the bulletin board how New York State labor laws protect my health and welfare. For instance, it is against the law for a factory employing 10 or more female workers not to have an "adequate, sanitary locker room" with at least one window facing on the outside.

I walk past the pounding presses to the sagging door marked "Women" and cautiously push inward. The day shift girls brushed me aside.

are leaving and the swing shift is coming on. So about 40 girls have one 8'x8' room, dark and filthy with no outside window, in which to dress and undress. Of course, they can't all get in at one time. But the tiny, smelly room is packed with the sweaty day-shift girls getting out of damp work clothes and into their going-home clothes. They tangle with the night-shift girls getting out of their clean dresses and back into the damp, smelly clothes left in the dirty, unventilated lockers.

The State laws protect our health, too. "If evidence of contagious disease is found... must be labelled 'unclean until'... etc. I re-read that section the day Margaret was sent home with scarlet fever and the nurse told us only to "wash our hands" as a precaution.

No fumigation, no nothing. Maybe you're thinking the State Health or Labor Department didn't know about it? I called them, and after a nine-nickel runaround and back-passing, was told "Lady, I know how you feel, but honestly, I can't do anything. Even if I sent an investigator, nothing would be done. You may as well relax." Relax—with scarlet fever!

And, it also says, they must have a full-time nurse where 50 or more workers are employed. The swing-shift doesn't have a nurse. They have May, the inspector, who 18 years ago, took a two-day first-aid course from the telephone company she was working for.

The night Jimmy, the mechanic, got a hunk blown out of his good right arm when number 15 blew up, May saw the blood gushing out and ran running and screaming the other way. They took Jimmy to the hospital, and we haven't seen him since. He won't ever use his arm again. But before his blood was cleaned up from the floor, the bosses were clustered around number 15, plotting to cheat the kid out of compensation by building up a charge of "carelessness!" I started telling how it really happened, because I was running the machine. But they

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# Only Road For Arab-Jewish Masses

By The Editors

What is the real solution for the Arab-Jewish problem in Palestine?

The problem is essentially one of freeing that unhappy land from the cruel grip of British imperialism. British colonial rule is maintained in Palestine, as throughout the rest of the Empire, by the methods of force and violence.

During centuries of colonial conquest and domination, the British imperialists have acquired a diabolical skill in inciting bloody fratricidal war among their colonial slaves, thus dividing them and insuring their continued subjection.

They set Moslems against Hindus, Arabs against Jews, and then point hypocritically to the terrible consequences that ensue as justification for continued British rule. These colonial peoples, you see, are not fit for self-rule. They need the protection of British arms. They need the wisdom and the "guiding hand" of the benevolent British "arbiter" who impartially oppresses and exploits all the nationalities and religious groupings of the vast Empire.

The London conference called for September 9 to deal with the Palestine problem is the latest move of the British overlords to perpetuate their rule in Palestine. Those invited to the conference—the Arab League and the Jewish Agency for Palestine (Zionists)—are playing out their role like well-rehearsed actors in a somber tragedy.

The Arab League, which is the federal body of the British puppet governments in all the Arab states, declared that it will not sit in conference with the Zionists. It is prepared to meet with the imperialist oppressors of the Arab people, but not with the Zionists. The Arab leaders thus make it appear that the Zionists are the main enemy of the Arab people.

The Jewish Agency for Palestine has intimated that it will reject the British invitation to the London conference because of "British insistence on making a discussion of the Morrison plan for a federated Palestine the first item on the agenda." The Zionists are concerned above all else

with unrestricted Jewish immigration into Palestine, but try to achieve it by flouting the wishes of the Arab masses and by agreement with the imperialists. They continue the bankrupt policy of allying themselves with the imperialists against the Arab masses, in the illusory hope that they will be able by this means to establish Jewish sovereignty in Palestine.

Reporting directly from Palestine, the Trotskyist writer, T. Cliff, makes the following pointed observation on the role of Zionism:

"In the incitement of national hatred imperialism is fully assisted by the Zionist movement, despite the friction between them. Thus, for instance, in these very days, a picket of some scores of Zionists is posted at the entrance to the Arab market beside Tel Aviv to prevent Jews from buying Arab products. The beating of Arabs, throwing of petrol on the products of fellahs (peasants) who dare to offer their wares to Jewish customers and similar acts are everyday occurrences. The demand of the Zionists for a Jewish state is but fuel on the fire of imperialist provocation." (Fourth International, September 1946.)

The anti-Jewish chauvinism of the Arab League thus has its counterpart in the anti-Arab chauvinism of the Zionists. The British imperialists lord it over both and direct their violence alternately against the Arabs and the Jews. In 1936-39, for example, the British waged a major war against the Arabs. They killed thousands, imprisoned tens of thousands. "Every fifth or sixth adult spent some time behind bars in those days. Whole villages were wiped out entirely in bombardments," Cliff reports.

Today the British are waging war against the Jews. Today they are "protecting" the Arabs against Jewish infiltration into Palestine. Just as in India, they are fomenting communal conflicts as a cold-blooded tactic to preserve their own domination over both the Jewish and Arab peoples. Everything and everybody is fair game for the profit-hungry coupon clippers in London. Heedless of the number of victims, they hold to their bloody imperialist course.

Whether or not the London conference actually takes

place, and regardless of Arab or Jewish participation if it does, one thing is abundantly clear: There can be no solution to the Palestine problem so long as the country is ruled by the British overlords.

All sorts of politicians, from President Truman down, have shed crocodile tears over the bitter plight of the European Jews, just as the members of the present British "Labor" Government did before they took over the running of the British Empire. The plight of the Jewish people is indeed tragic. They suffered indescribably during the war. It is estimated that a total of six to eight million Jews were exterminated in Europe. The fascist scum who spread the propaganda that World War II was fought by the "democratic" imperialist powers in behalf of the Jews, now have the satisfaction of seeing the pitiful remnants of the Jewish people held in camps for "displaced persons" in Europe or dumped into British concentration camps on the island of Cyprus.

Anyone who offers Palestine as the solution for the plight of the Jews without recognizing that the first task in Palestine, and throughout the Near East, is to break the despotic grip of British imperialism, is offering no solution at all. What is needed — and nothing short of it will suffice — is an implacable struggle to oust the imperialist slave-drivers, a joint struggle of both the Arab and Jewish masses against a common enemy in a common cause.

The Jewish people and the Arabs have a common interest in expelling a common oppressor and this furnishes a basis for unity of their forces. The cry of the Zionists for free Jewish immigration into Palestine must be viewed in the light of this pressing need. Jewish immigration into Palestine by sanction of the British imperialists, and under their control, will only strengthen the hand of these violators and plunderers.

By addressing to the British Government the demand that Palestine be thrown open to Jewish immigration, the Zionists continue to recognize and endorse British imperialist rule over the country and demonstrate once more that they are willing to serve the British as tools in the imper-

ialist oppression of both the Arab and Jewish masses. By this action, too, they exacerbate Arab hatred of the Jews and render all the more difficult a solution in the interests of both.

The imperative need is to rally both Arabs and Jews around the slogans of "Self-determination for Palestine!" "Withdraw the British Troops!" "Let the Arab and Jewish Masses Decide Their Own Destiny!"

United, the Arab and Jewish masses can expel the imperialist violators. In this struggle an unbreakable unity would be forged, racial and national passions would be dissolved. Jewish immigration into a FREE PALESTINE would benefit both Jews and Arabs and could be peacefully arranged by mutual agreement.

That Arab-Jewish unity is possible has been demonstrated in the united strike struggles of Arab and Jewish workers and by the emergence in the Near East of a socialist, anti-imperialist workers' movement. Just as in this country the Negro people and the national minorities must look to the working class, and to the unity between them that is forged in the fire of the class struggle, as the solution to Jim Crow and racial discrimination, so in Palestine the solution lies in the unity of the Jewish and Arab workers and peasants — DIRECTED AGAINST BRITISH IMPERIALISM.

Since both the Zionist movement and the Arab League are the native bourgeois tools of British imperialism, the masses must break from these treacherous organizations and forge a new fighting instrument, a new revolutionary Marxist party that will unite them politically for a fight to the finish against all their class enemies.

To save the many thousands of Jews now forced to migrate, we repeat what we have said many times before in our editorial columns: OPEN THE DOORS OF AMERICA TO THE HOMELESS JEWS! This demand must be taken up and pressed by organized labor in America. Workers in other lands must likewise demand that these homeless people be admitted to their countries.

## Eyewitness Account From Greece Tells Crisis Leading To Plebiscite

By Jean Paul Martin  
(Special to The Militant)

ATHENS, Greece, Aug. 23—A totalitarian dictatorship is strangling Greece with the blessing of the British Labor Government. The defeat suffered in December 1944 by the popular masses in their struggle against Greek reaction and British imperialism has been followed by a counter-revolutionary offensive.

December 1944 gave the Greek capitalists a foretaste of the proletarian revolution. The popular masses, held out for more than six months against the British-backed forces of reaction.

The walls and houses of Athens and Piraeus still bear the bullet marks of that struggle.

The Greek capitalists fully understand the meaning of those heroic combats in the streets. When the Stalinist leaders of the EAM (National Liberation Movement) and the ELAS (armed forces of the EAM) capitulated unconditionally in January 1945 in accordance with the notorious Varkiza agreement and began giving up their arms, the reaction did not hesitate. Solidly backed by British imperialism, it aimed to disorganize the labor movement completely, force it underground, and establish a dictatorship. The facade of this dictatorship has been the several governments of Plastiras, Boulgaris, Sophoulis and Tsaldaris.

### INDUSTRY PARALYZED

Greek capitalism emerged from the war weakened and mangled. War damage to the Greek economy is estimated at five billion dollars—about 36 times all the 1938 income from exports, merchant marine services, tourists, interest on foreign investments, etc. Two thirds of the merchant marine was sunk. Some 1,721,000 buildings are estimated to have been damaged or destroyed. A crippled transportation system and lack of capital and raw materials paralyze the industrial revival.

Twenty-one months after the "liberation," industrial activity is not above 60 per cent of the low 1938 level.

Unemployment is universal. The Trade Union Confederation recently estimated that two-thirds of its 450,000 members are unemployed. The total proletariat is about 600,000.

Agriculture, on which 60 per cent of the population depends, is likewise ruined. Villages are heaps of rubble. Slaughtered cattle have not been replaced. Tools have deteriorated. There is no fertilizer.

Tobacco-growing, principal industry of the north, dropped to one-fourth of its pre-war level in 1945.

### WILD INFLATION

Attempts at "stabilization" of the economy have proved fruitless. The gap between wages and the cost of living is still very great. Although wages have risen 50 times, the cost of living has skyrocketed from 150 to 200 times the 1938 level.

The middle classes, especially the small functionaries in the towns, are even worse off than the workers. The fantastic inflation during the occupation evaporated the savings of these classes. They have been forced

to sell clothing, furniture, everything.

Tuberculosis rages among the starving masses. The tubercular rate is 14 times greater than that of England. In April 1946, UNRRA estimated 75 per cent of the children between 6 and 14 are stricken with this dread disease. The lack of hospital facilities places a virtual sentence of death on these unfortunate victims. Greece has only one nurse for every 5,000 people.

These facts disclose the extent of the economic crisis that has hit Greek capitalism. They reveal the forces that impel the toiling masses to struggle to save themselves from total destruction.

But the Greek capitalists cannot hope to restore their economic power without imposing still worse conditions upon the workers. The rulers of Greece consider a "strong" regime an absolute necessity. They cannot afford the "luxury" of concessions or reforms. They cannot permit strikes or demonstrations for better conditions.

### BRITISH FEARFUL

British imperialism claims great strategic interests in Greece. The growth of Russian influence in Albania and Bulgaria is considered by the British as endangering their control of the Mediterranean, particularly the eastern basin of the Middle East, Egypt and the route to India.

To counterbalance Russian influence in the Balkans and the Mediterranean, British imperialism clings tenaciously to Greek soil. It strongly supports all measures of the Greek capitalists aimed at crushing the labor movement. The Soviet bureaucracy and the British imperialists are competing in Greece, especially in the north. It is no exaggeration to call Greece the Iran of the Balkans.

In this small, terribly ravaged country, the Greek capitalists and the British imperialists collaborate with cold determination to consolidate their "order." The series of measures they have undertaken make the terror of the despotic Metaxas regime look pale. They can be paralleled perhaps only by the measures of Franco in fascist Spain.

### TERROR LEGALIZED

The Tsaldaris government, which came to power last March through rigged elections that were boycotted by all left-wing parties, on June 6 decreed a series of exceptional laws. These laws in effect legalized the white terror waged up until then in an extra-legal way by the police, army and fascist-like organizations.

These decrees call for the death sentence for any anti-imperialist propaganda or any act "against the security of the state or its citizens."

A severe prison sentence is the punishment for any attempt to

### Starving Family In Greece



A mother and her children, starving, barefoot and ragged, are typical of the suffering masses in Greece. They want bread and freedom. Imperialism gives them . . . silk-hatted King George.

hold meetings that could be characterized by the government as "illegal." Strikes in industries classified as of "vital interest for public prosperity and the reconstruction" face the same threat. The inalienability of the home has been abolished.

The Military Court rules immediately on all cases of "acts against public security." Death sentences are carried out within 24 hours. There is no appeal.

As under the Metaxas regime, "Security Committees" are in permanent session in each department. These committees are made up of the attorney, the prefect and the chief of police. They report all "dangerous" persons to penal islands in the Aegean Sea and South of Crete. There is no appeal.

### MONARCHISTS BUSY

Since June, dozens of victims have been ordered shot by the military courts. A typical instance is the case of the school teacher Irene Guini, who belonged to the Greek Communist Party. Another is the case of several soldiers of Kiklis who were found "guilty" of refusing to fire on peasants.

Besides the organized terror,

etc. have flocked to the banner of Colonel Grivas.

Various bands are operating in the countryside. Composed of former soldiers in the reactionary Greek army and white partisans, they plunder the peasants, terrorizing whole regions. They swoop down from the mountains, round the village population into the public square, torture selected victims, and often execute them before the eyes of their families.

In July, the Athens papers daily printed stories about the different chiefs of such bands, among them the notorious "Captain Vourlakis," rabid supporter of King George II.

### MANHUNT

The government itself is honeycombed with men once on the payroll of the quisling Rallis, of the Gestapo and the Ova. Holding down important positions in the police force, the army, and justice they participate in the relentless manhunt for combatants in the Greek "Resistance," members of the EAM and ELAS. This manhunt extends to all "democratic" and "anti-monarchist" elements. At the head of the police and the army are such hated names as the infamous Bourantais, chief of the "Security Battalions."

It is easy to understand the indignation and anger of the Greek people. Two years after



KING GEORGE

the "liberation," they are faced with a plebiscite aimed to "legalize" the return of a despotic monarch surrounded by all the axis-backed scoundrels and all the sadistic butchers who bled the Greek people during the war.

## Wall Street Steps Up War Drive

(Continued from Page 1)

tate a moment to copy fascist methods. That is why "Bull" Halsey, in command of the U. S. fleet sent into Grecian waters, snarled like a heel-clicking fascist admiral in response to criticism about such imperialist war policies: "It's nobody's damn business where we go; we will go anywhere we please."

The ominous tension over Greece is heightened by the rabid war propaganda fostered by Wall Street at home.

Herbert Hoover, speaking at Palo Alto, Calif., August 30 to naval officers, declared "there is more danger now than ever before in the history of the United States."

Armed members of this organization—murder militant workers, attack headquarters and meetings of labor organizations. The membership of "X" was largely recruited from the professional killers who collaborated with Hitler's Gestapo and Mussolini's Ova in the struggle against the Greek partisans during the Axis occupation. Members of the infamous "Security Battalions," the followers of Colonel Zervas,

On August 31, a Congress-approved treaty of 140 pages was released, comparing the prospective military power of the United States and the Soviet Union in 1970. The pamphlet, *Communism In Action*, declared, "The present military strength of the Soviet Union is not equal to that of U. S. . . . The potential military might of the Soviet Union is, however, very impressive."

The document calculates that "The Soviet Union's 32 million men in 1970 will almost equal the combined military-age manpower of the U. S., Britain, Germany, France, Italy, Japan, and the United States military bases in the Azores." (N. Y. Times, Aug. 28.)

16-Inch Guns Sure Help Negotiations  
The visit to Portugal of U. S. fleet was credited by Portuguese officials and United States diplomats in Lisbon with helping along the negotiations between the United States and Portugal for United States military bases in the Azores.

tries, including Germany, into a bloc against the Soviet Union in the projected war.

A group of Congressmen in Tokyo, members of the Powerful House Military Affairs Committee, attacked the Soviet Union and declared there was "imminent danger of another Pearl Harbor."

John Sheridan, a Democrat of Pennsylvania, said, "After what I've heard I wouldn't give the Russians an index to the atomic bomb."

Sikes, another Democrat, declared, "Russia is maintaining about five times the number of occupation troops, mostly in Korea, that we have." Sikes concluded: "We must strengthen the forces we have in the Far East. They are inadequate now to defend themselves if the need arose." It was no secret that MacArthur issued the propaganda repeated by these Congressmen.

The influential U. S. News openly called for attack on the Soviet Union in its issue of August 30. "We know when we are threatened. We know what is needed now to assure our own defense. We must take those steps now . . . Let us prepare to finish the job if need be. . . . There can be no nobler cause for which to die than in defense of the ideal of world peace. Let us not shirk the task."

Add to these developments another significant item: The Mead Committee that has been ballyhooed as "exposing" wartime graft, on August 31 made an annual report, the gist of

which is a demand to build up militarism in America.

Meanwhile Hanson W. Baldwin, well-known spokesman of the military caste, has been writing a series of articles outlining the military policy of American imperialism. This policy aims at the biggest air force in the world, at a navy larger than the navies of the rest of the world combined, and a land force that can be expanded overnight into armies exceeding in size anything ever dreamed by the Axis. The purpose is war on the Soviet Union.

Both the "United Nations" and the Paris "Peace" Conference have been utilized as sounding boards for Wall Street's war preparations. All the tough talk, the shouting and fireworks are designed to poison the public mind in preparation for war. As N. Y. Times correspondent James Reston observed from Washington September 2, "A war psychology is developing before the peace treaties have been signed . . ."

The present crisis over Greece is only the latest and biggest of a long series. Wall Street is tightening an iron noose around the Soviet Union. This noose follows a vast perimeter, from China and Korea, up north around the Arctic, down and around Europe to Trieste and Greece, through Turkey and Iran.

As Wall Street tightens this iron noose, trouble flares. In Iran, for instance, Wall Street stiffened the resistance against

the Soviet Union. Iran is one of the most valuable oil areas in the world. Iran is likewise a gateway to the sea for landlocked Russia. A great crisis flared over this country and it became the occasion for diplomatic blows and pounding on the war drums.

The iron noose passes through Trieste and around Soviet-dominated Yugoslavia. When Wall Street tightened the line, Trieste soared into the headlines. The roll of the war drums grew louder. The bureaucratic Tito regime permitted itself to be provoked into shooting down two American planes that somehow were flying on the other side of the Adriatic. And the war propaganda in the capitalist press looked like the days of 1939 and 1940.

### COLD POLICY

Wall Street's policy is cold and calculated. No sooner is one crisis passed, than another is deliberately set off. The talk of springing a surprise attack on the Soviet Union grows ominously louder, corresponding to the mounting size of the stock of atomic bombs.

At bottom the conflict is between two irreconcilable economic systems—the nationalized economy of the Soviet Union and the rapacious imperialism of world capitalism in its death agony. Capitalism needs the Soviet Union as a market and field for investment.

To this end it must conquer the Soviet Union and restore capitalism in the former Czarist Empire.

## Two Faces Of Stalinism On Arab-Jewish Problem

"Let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth." This Biblical admonition is being applied with great zeal by the Kremlin. Thus the American Communist (Stalinist) Party and the Arab Communist (Stalinist) Party have diametrically opposite positions on a question of great importance to the Jews and Arabs.

In an article praising "The Grand Mufti," the Arab Stalinist weekly *Al-Ittihad*, declared in the June 23, 1946 issue: "Our struggling nation honors those who sacrifice themselves. The Arab nation in Palestine has shown vitality and faithfulness to its interests and those who work for them. Arab Palestine from end to end celebrated the good news (of the Mufti's arrival in Egypt) . . . Arab Palestine expressed its feelings in its celebrations and demonstrations for every man who it is sure served his country faithfully. In these expressions the nation provides us with a great lesson that it does not pay attention to words but honors deeds and glorifies and honors their doers. Our nation has proved that it has not forgotten nor will forget those who struggled, passed through trials and made sacrifices for their homeland."

The August 28, 1946, *Daily Worker* printed a cartoon of this same Grand Mufti signing the swastika as his signature accepting an "Invitation to London." An accompanying editorial demands: "Who is this Mufti? He's a notorious war criminal, who openly collaborated with Hitler. He was one of those Arab leaders who thought Hitler would win the war. The Mufti's aids served as liaison officers with the Nazi Army in Yugoslavia and the Soviet Caucasus. The Mufti's record was one of irreconcilable hostility to the Jewish people and the United Nations. Instead of clapping him into jail, the British rulers are now about to shake hands with him around the conference table! That tells volumes about the British leaders and their policies."

These two quotations also tell volumes about the Stalinist leaders and their policies.

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—Leon Trotsky

## Export Democracy

When MacArthur landed in Japan, Wall Street's spokesmen proclaimed his main job would be to "democratize" this imperialist power.

MacArthur was pictured as a knight in shining armor who would begin by unseating the Mikado as a relic of medieval times.

Next he was scheduled to destroy the economic and political power of the giant family trusts that spread through Japanese society like an enormous octopus.

On top of this, MacArthur was to renovate the feudal structure of Japan, removing the foul remnants of an outlived system that doomed the peasants to unbearable toil and poverty in the service of hereditary landlords.

To make the job complete, MacArthur was to bring democratic rights to the labor movement, giving the workers the right to organize and bargain collectively.

A lot of people were taken in by this rose-colored propaganda. It seemed to bear out the glowing promises of the Allied propaganda departments about the Second World War bringing the "Four Freedoms" to the oppressed of the entire earth.

Wall Street's real aims in Japan are now becoming apparent. They have the ugly look of reality—not promises.

MacArthur made concessions to the toiling masses of Japan only to delude them and sidetrack them from carrying out a social revolution on the pattern of the November 1917 revolution in Russia. Now he is coldly, carefully, and calculatingly strengthening the capitalist structure that plunged Japan into the Second World War.

The Mikado remains. Films that undermine the authority of the monarch are ruthlessly banned by United States censors.

The family trusts remain. The order for their dissolution proved to be so much hogwash.

The feudal vestiges remain. Wall Street did not have the least intention of removing them by surgical measures.

And the labor movement is now being hogtied by an order threatening the use of American troops if workers strike. A military decree like this is patterned after the decrees of Hitler and Mussolini!

Wall Street's aims in Japan are thus shown to be the same as those of the British in Greece. They are: bolster reaction, stamp out any tendencies leading to a major social change, cripple the labor movement, line up all the forces of reaction as an auxiliary force in the projected Third World War against the Soviet Union.

This is the reality!

The promises to "democratize" Japan were lies!

## Labor's Program

In their Labor Day statements, both CIO President Philip Murray and AFL President William Green were impelled to make bitter complaints against Congress for its aid to the price-gouging profiteers and its blows against organized labor.

But neither of these self-styled "labor statesmen" turned to the workers with a positive program of organized union action to defend the workers' standard of living and defeat capitalist political reaction.

While these top union leaders offer only plaintive appeals to the capitalist government, the union ranks are beginning to push forward their own program.

It is the program that will be introduced by leading Akron rubber union militants at the forthcoming CIO United Rubber Workers convention. If their program is adopted, it will be an historic step forward for American labor.

The two chief planks of the Akron rubber militants' program are:

For a sliding-scale escalator wage clause in all union contracts to provide automatic wage increases to meet every increase in the cost of living;

For the building of an independent labor party based on the trade unions.

These are the two slogans which embody the

only realistic and effective answers to the aggravated problems that face all labor today.

War-born inflation is daily slashing the real incomes of the workers. The capitalist government, controlled by Wall Street's Democratic and Republican parties, is spearheading the tremendous anti-labor drive of Big Business.

Against the bounding rise in the cost of living, the top union leaders offer only a policy of begging the profiteers' agents in government to "roll back" prices. The union militants, like the Akron rubber workers, propose an effective struggle on the wage front for a sliding scale of wages that will really protect living standards against price rises.

The top union leaders still propose to play ball with the capitalist parties and politicians. But the union militants want to build their own party and fight for labor's interests on the political arena in a truly independent fashion.

## Labor Day

For 364 days in the year, the employers and their political agents attack labor, pass anti-union laws, break strikes, try to slash wages and boost prices.

Then the capitalists and their government set aside one day in the year—called Labor Day—to mouth a few hypocritical phrases about the "nobility of honest toil," to tell how they "love" labor and to show why the workers should "get together" with those "swell fellows," the bosses. In 1894, the capitalist government made this day a legal holiday.

On Labor Day 1946 the pious phrases of the capitalist politicians were particularly nauseating. Their "praise" of labor came after a year of the most vicious labor-baiting, strike-breaking, and profiteering price-boosting; after passage of the Hobbs bill, near-passage of the Case bill, Truman's smashing of the railroad strike and his demand for a draft-strikers law. They followed a Congressional session that all labor leaders agree was the most reactionary in decades.

The bosses didn't establish Labor Day out of the bigness of their hearts. They had an ulterior motive. They wanted to substitute Labor Day, a day to glorify collaboration between exploited and exploiters, for the workers' real holiday, a day of class struggle and mobilization for battle against the exploiters—May Day.

May Day, born in 1886 out of the bloody struggles of American labor for the eight-hour day, was adopted in 1890 by the international socialist and labor movement as an international workers' holiday dedicated to the class war against the capitalists.

The capitalists in the 1890's and the conservative craft union leaders conspired to offer the workers another holiday, a day off for picnicking and boss politicians' speeches. They called it Labor Day—but it isn't Labor's Day.

Naturally, the workers don't mind having an extra day off to spend with their families. And on occasions, the workers have utilized Labor Day for parades and demonstrations in support of their demands. But, in its essence and its tradition, Labor Day remains what it was designed to be—a day when the bosses and their labor lieutenants preach the gospel of class collaboration.

The only real Labor Day the workers can have is a day they take for themselves, a day of dedication for struggle, a day for the strengthening of international working class solidarity. That day has been and will remain—May Day.

## Anti-Lynching Law

Dozens of known bestial murderers are today strutting the streets of American towns. They include white deputy sheriffs, rich plantation owners and other race-hating scum who are conducting a lynch war against the Negro people in the South.

These sadistic butchers, who try to hide behind the anonymity of a mob, have committed crimes of murder and torture as revolting as anything perpetrated by the Nazis. And every week their crimes are mounting in number.

But these cowardly killers of helpless Negro victims do not fear the "law." They themselves are the "law." Who will bear witness against them in their own communities? What local officials will arrest them? What court try them, what jury convict them? None!

For they are the "law enforcement" agents, the officialdom, the courts, the juries. They are the white ruling class that dominates the poor whites as well as Negroes in the South.

Their murderous violence has flared into greater savagery than ever in the postwar months because of the new spirit of independence of the Negro people.

Southern Negroes are demanding the right to vote. They are joining unions. And the returned Negro veterans aren't stepping off sidewalks for any drunken white who comes along.

The lynch war of the white ruling class minority is incited by Democratic politicians, like the Talmadges, Bilbos and Rankins, who spew their poisonous race-hate doctrines from high public office.

Even where the lynchers are known—as in Georgia and Louisiana—the federal administration fails to act. It makes a pretense of "lack of authority." But that pretense must be stripped from the federal government.

The American labor movement must demand that the federal government take full responsibility for putting a stop to the atrocities against the Negroes. Labor must launch, in cooperation with the Negro and civil liberties organizations, a vigorous, full-scale campaign for a federal anti-lynching law. Make the federal government responsible for halting the vile lynchers!



"I'm sorry, but we really couldn't contribute to inflation by making unnecessary purchases — and we don't need any pencils!"

## Workers' BOOKSHELF

**THADDEUS STEVENS**, by Thomas Frederick Woodley, The Telegraph Press, Harrisburg, Pa. 1934.

Few periods in American history have been written about so voluminously as the Civil War and the period following, commonly known as the "Reconstruction." The volumes that have already appeared, whether written by liberal or conservative historians, have one thing in common: perpetuation of capitalist myths and falsification of the real key personalities of the period.

The importance of Woodley's biography of Thaddeus, or as he was popularly called "Thad" Stevens, is that it rescues from historical oblivion the most uncompromising enemy of the southern slavocracy. In comparison with Thad Stevens, Abe Lincoln, "the Great Emancipator" becomes the "Great Compromiser." Virtually all the other figures around Lincoln, his Cabinet, his generals, his advisers, shrink in proportion as Stevens is restored to his rightful place in the history of the period.

### FOE OF SLAVERS

Stevens was a man cast in the mould of John Brown—an implacable foe of slavery and the slavers. The southern Bourbons of his time recognized in him a foe with whom no compromise was possible. He was their "public enemy number one," "the destroyer of southern civilization," "the leader of the carpetbaggers," the "Yankee Devil" who personified the grim determination that defeated them in the war and pushed for their complete extermination after Lee's surrender.

They took revenge in the spiteful manner that defeated reactionaries invariably take upon revolutionary foes, namely: by posthumously slandering and vilifying his memory. Upon re-

turning to governmental power, after Stevens' death, they stacked the history books against him. He is either passed over in silence or railled against as a bitter, fanatical, frustrated die-hard abolitionist who blocked the peaceful cementing of the relations between the "chivalrous boys in grey" and the "noble boys in blue."

Civil war is the highest form of class struggle. It breaks out because antagonistic social forces have reached a point where they can no longer be contained within the same social framework. The antagonistic forces resort to war, with all that war implies: armies, dead and wounded soldiers, devastated cities and towns, and rising passions and hatred.

Yet so bloody and basic a conflict as the American Civil War is presented by most historians as merely an unfortunate incident in American history. As they present the facts, the hot-heads on both sides stamped the nation into war. They blame the hot-heads of the north for the bitterness of the "Reconstruction." They picture Thad Stevens as the worst of the "hot-heads." Upon his head no calumny small or great is spared.

A great work awaits Marxist historians who will one day present a true history of the Civil War and a true picture of great individuals like Stevens. Woodley's biography is important because it presents the "Great Commoner," Congressman from Lancaster, Pa., in his true light—an unwavering foe of slavery, a revolutionist in the tradition of the French Jacobins.

Thad Stevens stood for freeing the slaves from the very beginning of the revolt of the southern states. He sponsored and finally won Lincoln over to the proposition of arming the slaves. He was the leading spirit in the House of Representatives for the

unqualified emancipation of the slaves.

It was mainly due to his labors that the 13th, 14th, and 15th amendments were incorporated into the Federal Constitution. As House chairman of the powerful Joint Congressional Committee of Fifteen for Reconstruction, he welded together the Radical-Republican bloc (not to be confused with present day Republicans) in opposition to Andrew Johnson's conciliation policies toward the old southern ruling class. He headed the fight to impeach Johnson for his conspiracies with the former slavers.

**UNCOMPROMISING**  
Sick in body, with the shadow of death over him, he carried on his unflinching struggle to destroy the old southern plantation masters and prevent their ever rising again as a menace to the Union. To this end he proposed the break-up of the plantations and distribution of the land to the freed slaves. Each family was to receive 40 acres and a mule. Had Stevens' plan gone through, the historical development of the south would have followed an entirely different pattern.

Thad Stevens died as he had lived: an uncompromising fighter against slavery, a champion of equal rights, a foe of prejudice and racial discrimination. Before his death he penned his own inscription for the modest stone that was to indicate his remains. On it was inscribed for passers-by to read:

"I repose in this quiet and secluded spot. Not for any natural preference. But finding other cemeteries limited by charter rules as to race, I have chosen this that I might illustrate in death the principles which I advocated through a long life. Equality of Man before his Creator."

Reviewed by  
Max Geldman

## "Educating" Japan's Crown Prince

By Art Preis

Suppose a foreign army does rule Japan? Suppose MacArthur did issue an edict last week forbidding Japanese workers to strike. Suppose U.S. occupation forces do keep Emperor Hirohito—a newly-renovated Emperor, of course—on his throne? That still doesn't mean the Japanese people are to be deprived of the "blessings of democracy."

U. S. imperialism naturally doesn't want to feed "too much democracy" to the Japanese people all at once. They're not used to such a rich diet, you see. So Wall Street's State Department has found a way to nurture Japan with a bit of "democratic" broth without taxing the people's digestive systems.

**HOW IT'S DONE**  
It will all be done through that ideally "democratic" institution, the monarchy. First, the 12-year-old Crown Prince of Japan, Akihito, is to learn all about "American democracy" from an American tutor, hand-picked by the U.S. Department of State.

Then the gracious Son of the Son of the Sun will one day, as Emperor, spread the "democratic" sunshine over the miserable, hungry, exploited people of Japan.

Did any conquered people ever look forward to such delightful

perspectives — "American democracy" dispensed by a "democratic" Emperor benevolently aided by American bayonets?

The honor of inculcating "democratic ideals" into the young Crown Prince has been bestowed by Washington on Mrs. Elizabeth Gray Vining, a Philadelphia writer of children's books. She is reported "filled with zeal" for her assignment. She says she is going to teach Akihito all about "Washington and Jefferson and Longfellow" — all about "American thoughts and ideals."

She didn't say anything about republicanism — after all, scarcely a suitable subject for one who is being groomed for Emperor, even a "democratic" one.

### NOT INCLUDED

There are some phases of American "democracy" which we presume will not be covered in the future Emperor's studies: Subjugation of racial minorities, like the Jim-Crowding and lynching of Negroes; government strikebreaking and anti-labor laws; discriminatory tax laws favoring the rich; etc. But, then, the Crown Prince represents the Japanese ruling class and he undoubtedly will secure sufficient schooling in this type of "democratic" practice from traditional

Japanese sources.

Educating the young Crown Prince in American "democratic ideals" has certain advantages not precisely related to democracy. These will be most greatly appreciated should the Japanese masses "abuse" democracy to the point of trying to kick out the present discredited Emperor. In that event, the U.S. State Department will have a nice new Emperor all ready for them — a Crown Prince just chock-full of American "democratic ideals."

It goes without saying that he will also be a puppet of U.S. imperialism who will do its bidding in urging submission on the Japanese people. At any rate, he'll do it "democratically."

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## Wallace's Advice On The Elections

By Ruth Benson

Henry A. Wallace, walling over the defeat of some favorite "progressives" in the recent primaries, tells in the pages of The Nation, August 31, "How to Elect a Progressive Congress." His advice, boiled down, is: get the Republican Party "progressives" into the Democratic Party, and keep a Democratic Party majority in power.

"I have always contended," he says blandly, "and the votes in Congress prove, that on most issues involving the general welfare the majority of Democrats vote right and the majority of Republicans vote wrong."

Of course there's the question of what Wallace considers "voting right." Supporting Wall Street's profits and power naturally comes first — he considers a vote for universal compulsory military training a vote for "progress." On other issues he's not rigid.

For instance, among his Democratic Party "progressives" are Voorhis of California, who spoke for Truman's draft-labor bill, and Sparkman of Alabama who backed the Case and Hobbs Bills. Among the Republican "progressives" he wants to win over, are Bennett of New York who also voted for both the Case and Hobbs Bill—and Baldwin of New York, who proved his "liberalism" by repudiating the American Labor Party nomination in New York.

Although most workers would call this confusing, Wallace avers that "we are nearing the happy time when we can have some assurance that if we elect a candidate of one party we will have a vote in Congress for conservatism, and if we elect a candidate of the other we will just as surely have a vote in Congress for progressivism." That "happy time," we were formerly assured, had already arrived in '32, '34, '36, '38, '40, '42 and '44. The truth is that in either case we would be sure to have men who vote for Big Business.

Wallace wistfully asks the Republican Party "progressives" to come into his fold because "the Republican Party will only break the hearts of those who conscientiously seek to use it as a medium of progress." Perhaps, though, like Wallace — who gets kicked around considerably in his own party—the Republican "progressives" are not overly conscientious, and are gifted with shatterproof hearts. At any rate, they show no signs of grabbing Wallace's outstretched hand.

## More Than Side-Show

All of this might appear to be just an amusing side-show. But Wallace is serious. He's worried about how to corral labor's vote for the capitalist politicians in the November elections. "Our most immediate danger," he warns, "is a light vote"—which would show that workers want no part of either the Democratic or Republican parties, no matter how many fake "progressives" enter the race.

Wallace is not alone in his efforts. The CIO Political Action Committee, and the top leadership of the labor movement, are desperately trying to keep labor chained to the two capitalist parties. One of their methods is to build up Wallace, the "friend of the common man," and ballyhoo just such proposals as this one. They hope in this way to coax labor to stay off the path of real independent political action, the road to a genuine independent labor party.

But Wallace is no friend of "the common man." He is Wall Street's Secretary of Commerce. In private circles he frankly describes himself as "the representative of business in government." His "liberalism" is a mask to put on when he speaks to the "common man."

"Representatives of business in government" are no more help to labor in politics than are company stooges in trade unions. Labor needs its own men, to carry out its own program in the halls of Congress—and needs them now! Build the labor party!

## How Washington Coddles The Fascists

Twenty-six American fascists, indicted in 1944 in a mass "sedition" trial which petered out after eight months, are now about to go scot free, according to the August 27 P.M. A mistrial was called following the death of Judge Edward G. Elcher during their trial. These 26 notorious native fascists include the loud-mouthed, race-hating, anti-labor Joe McWilliams, Elizabeth (Liz) Dilling and Edward J. Smythe.

The 26 were not prosecuted because of their long and infamous labor-baiting and race-hating record, in which they tried to ape Hitler. They were premature in their aspirations to provide Wall Street with armed gangsters against the labor movement. They were indicted because the Wall Street imperialists were at the time conducting a war against the Nazi imperialists. The 26 embarrassed the Wall Street government in its efforts to deceive the American workers that they were fighting and dying in a war "against fascism" and "for democracy."

But while this fake "trial" was petering out, a very real trial, with all the fury that Wall Street can muster, was going on against 18 leaders and militant fighters for the working class. The 18 were members of the Socialist Workers Party (Trotskyist) and leaders in the CIO movement.

The charges leveled against the native fascists and the Trotskyist leaders were the same: "Conspiring to undermine morale and cause insubordination in the armed forces." These charges were only a legal pretext and deliberately designed to fool the workers about what was really involved.

What the Trotskyists were really imprisoned for was their revolutionary program. They were hated by Wall Street and its government for charging and proving that World War II was nothing but an imperialist war from which Wall Street would profit; from which the workers had nothing to gain. They were hated because of their long years of militant struggle in behalf of the working class. Many of them came from Minneapolis, scene of heroic struggles against the bosses in which the Trotskyists led the workers to great victories.

Wall Street's government, which is quietly ending the case of the 26 fascists after a fake trial, sent the 18 Trotskyists to prison. They hoped to silence the voice of working class truth. But in this they failed. Labor and progressive organizations representing almost six million workers came to the defense of the eighteen. They protested the imprisonments and demanded the release of the 18.

Today, two of the 18 who were imprisoned are running for public office in the fall elections; Farrell Dobbs as SWP candidate for Governor of New York and Grace Carlson, only woman among the 18, for Senator from Minnesota. Despite persecutions and imprisonments, the Trotskyists are still in the forefront of the struggle for the working class.

# WORKERS' FORUM

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

## Single 'Militant' Article Wins New One-Year Sub

Editor:

Enclosed is \$1 for a one-year subscription. While I was visiting Militant readers to invite them to the Detroit meeting protesting the burning of the Socialist Workers Party headquarters, I met the brother of one of our subscribers.

The young man, whose home is in Philadelphia, was reading an old issue of The Militant when I came in. I asked him how he liked it.

"I have only read this one article on the lynching of four Negroes in Georgia. It's a fine paper and I like it very much," he replied.

He immediately took out a year's subscription.

E. Brent  
Detroit, Mich.

## Urges Votes For SWP In Anti-fascist Fight

Editor:

Fascism and its influence are rapidly spreading over the country. As always, fascism strikes at the weakest minority, and if let alone spreads out against the labor movement. Today Negroes are feeling its effects. Tomorrow the Jews, Catholics, and the poor white workers will also suffer, unless we unite and fight. The time to fight fascism is when it first raises its head—don't wait until it has grown powerful.

We cannot expect the government, its Wall Street bosses, or its police forces, to crush this enemy of the workers. We must organize ourselves to crush this outgrowth of capitalist decay.

The unions have seen Truman break their strikes in the interest of the boss class. We have seen his indifference toward the murders in the south. He has proved with whom he stands.

Bilbo admits being a member of the KKK, yet he is allowed to sit in the halls of Congress and spread his race hatred and hatred of the entire working class. Do the Democratic or Republican Parties impeach him? Of course not, because he represents their innermost thoughts.

Not only have the fascists raised their heads in the south, but right here in New York. Remember the Freeport Case and the present wave of police terror against the Negro people.

The unions, clubs, minority and church organizations should all get active in fighting against all forces that oppress any section or group of the labor movement. Black and white, Jew and Catholic, must stand together, united to fight the common enemy—the Wall Street bosses and their agents, the Democratic and Republican Parties. We must stop supporting these parties which are out to divide and rule the workers. We must show the bosses we are 100 per cent against their agents.

This year in November every New York worker will have an opportunity to vote for people from their own class. I heartily urge all workers to support the Trotskyist candidates. As Trotskyists, we are against the race-haters, the strikebreakers; we stand for equality and the dignity of the toiling masses.

Cast your vote for the only revolutionary candidates, the Trotskyists.

Victor Howell  
New York, N. Y.

## West Coast Camp Set For Week-End Session

Dear Militant Reader:

This year's West Coast Vacation Camp promises to be our biggest event of the year.

For several weeks our food committee has been out buying the best cuts of meat, choice vegetables, fruit and all the other foods which go to make up a real camp menu. In case your mouth hasn't started watering yet, I can tell you we will also have wieners and punch for a big wieners roast.

The social committee has arranged for chess, checkers, ping-pong, and other indoor games as well as big social events. It is now organizing a three or four piece band to replace the old "canned" music.

The sports and recreation committee announces that a big field which last year was just a mass of weeds has been cleared away and turned into a baseball field. Other games available are badminton, tennis, basketball, and volleyball—not

## Trinidad Worker Describes Conditions In Colonies

Editor:

We, the Negro Welfare Cultural and Social Association of Port of Spain, Trinidad, are composed of horny-handed workers. We have no intellectuals or privileged workers. We are from the docks, workshops, fields and sugar cane factories. In fact, we are the proletarians of the proletariat.

If there ever was a time the workers needed organization, it is now—and along no other lines but the Marxist lines. We, of the Negro Welfare Cultural and Social Association have decided to organize a women's trade union because lack of food, shortage of homes and the rising cost of living are awakening them to action.

Conditions out here in the colonies are very bad and growing worse: the safeguarding of British trade and reduction of our currency value are creating extreme hardship. Wartime control is still maintained.

To understanding our plight you must understand how these colonies are run. We export sugar, cocoa, oil, rum, grapefruit

and asphalt, but the owners of all these industries are absentee Englishmen, some of whom never see these islands. The major part of our foodstuff comes from outside, as do our clothes, boots, hats and machinery, so we import more than we export. Yet we, whose dollar is valued at 80 cents in America, are not allowed to purchase from America.

The scale of wages for a laborer ranges from 96 cents to \$1.20 per day for eight hours work; and for a skilled worker, \$1.44 to \$2 for eight hours work. Domestic servants (women workers) receive from \$4 PER MONTH to \$12.50 per month. Store clerks receive from \$5 per week to \$12 per week.

This will give you a bird's eye view of the plight of the Trinidad workers under the whip of British imperialism. Nothing will stop us. We will fight until socialism is victorious.

Rupert Hannibal, Secy.  
Negro Welfare Cultural and Social Assn.  
Port-of-Spain,  
Trinidad, B. W. I.

## A Letter And A Reply On Production Under Capitalism

Editor:

In Warren Creel's article of August 17, in his series on Wages, Prices and Profits, an error has crept in, of the sort that too often spoils attempts to popularize Marxist economics. Although the previous article quite well described capitalist anarchy of production, this one sums it up clumsily and then crystallizes the error in the third paragraph. It states:

"So the amount of production of any type of goods is controlled by the price. When the price goes low, production in that line goes down, when the price goes up, the result is an increase in the amount of production." Then follows a correct explanation of prices.

But this paragraph is false, as I will show, both in fact and in its dangerous emphasis on price, to the exclusion of the profit motive, which is the basic controlling factor in capitalism.

Classic refutation of this paragraph is the case of the automobile industry, which only began to reach mass production when prices had reached bottom with the Model T and the Chevrolet. The lowering of prices resulted from improved production techniques (rising labor productivity). And the lower prices actually boosted profits, so the industry expanded rapidly.

Since Creel's articles have not yet dealt with monopoly, it may be a little out of place here to add that no appreciable price reduction occurred in the automobile industry during the depression. The monopolists merely cut production to fit demand. And General Motors even raised prices \$3 a car at the bottom of the depression, as a token gesture to give the impression a boom was just around the corner.

So, in fact, if a lower price does not cut profits, but even increases profits, the profits (and not the price) stimulate production. When profit falls, production falls, when profit rises, production rises. Right now

we see tax rebates supplying "profits" even without production, but that is monopoly control through the government.

Under capitalism, production is only for profits. Let us not imply capitalism produces for prices.

Jeff Thorne,  
New York

### REPLY

The column in question described how the labor-values of commodities control their prices, and illustrated the process with an example from the stage of simple commodity production. There are two ways to look at profit as a factor in economics.

On the one hand, profit is the one basic motive of the capitalists. So profit-seeking underlies all their actions: when they increase production, or limit production, or stop production, or do anything else. This is in line with Jeff Thorne's contention.

On the other hand, they do their profit-seeking in a system which has certain economic laws, such as the law of value. Their profit motive doesn't put profit into all the laws. For instance, the prices (or exchange-values) of commodities were controlled basically by the amounts of labor in the commodities even in the stage of simple commodity production, before profit or capitalism existed. Engels, the editor of Marx's Capital, wrote an interesting historical account of how labor-value controlled exchange-value even when: "Production was . . . in the hands of workers owning their own means of production, whose work therefore yielded no surplus value to any capital." (Engels on Capital, page 110.)

It is certainly true that after the capitalists have taken over ownership of the means of production they will not allow production in their factories except for a profit, regardless of mankind's need for goods. And when you have said that you have said enough to condemn capitalism utterly.

As Jeff Thorne points out, the columns have not yet reached such modifying forces as those covering the auto prices in his description. I suggest that readers clip it out and keep it to refer to when the series reaches that point.

While production is linked with profit, we will not find such an unvarying law as: "When profit falls, production falls; when profit rises, production rises." An outstanding exception is the typical pattern of monopoly. A monopoly limits production to increase profit; it holds down production to create enough scarcity to raise prices to the most profitable point.

Warren Creel

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## Tobacco Workers Strike



For over a month, the workers of Piedmont Leaf Tobacco and Winston Leaf Tobacco plants in North Carolina have been striking to increase their miserable wage of \$15 a week. They are members of Local 22, CIO Food, Tobacco, Agricultural and Allied Workers. Pickets, determined to win, sing union songs as they march.

Federated Pictures

## Working Mother Writes Of Day In N. Y. Court

By Mille Fredreci

Several dozen colored working men and an equal number of whites were brought up before the presiding Magistrate in separate groups charged with lying on newspapers in Central Park and falling asleep on benches. Evidently they had abandoned their over-heated, vermin-ridden "rooms" for the company of crickets and a bed of green grass with the stars for a roof.

None of them was represented by counsel, but when asked if they had anything to say in their own defense, several spoke up indignantly against their detention. The Magistrate listened in bored silence.

"Have they been finger-printed?"

"Yes, your honor." Metaculously keeping a Jim Crow pattern, his Honor lectured each group separately and suspended sentence.

I watched my landlord take a seat up front as he impatiently dabbed his forehead with a handkerchief. He is medium height with heavy jowls, a double chin and two stomachs. This is not due to a glandular condition but to greediness.

The court attendant called my case, a complaint against the landlord for refusing to repair my roof. I walked promptly to the bar in the hope of getting some of the justice and democracy and four freedoms we heard about. To my great anger, it was all over in a few seconds. The landlord and his attorney had the case fixed up in advance. Like the fox with his jackal they assured the Magistrate that although the roof had been in disrepair, they hadn't had time to fix it; but at that very moment the roofers were working on the leak. Furthermore, the complaint was improperly drawn up because section so and so, of the penal code did not apply to this case at all, etc., etc., etc.

I opened my mouth to tell my story. "The complaint is dismissed," said the landlord judge banging his gavel for emphasis. The court attendant called the next case. I returned home that evening from work and learned that the roof had not been there.

I phoned the Tenement House Department to inquire why they hadn't come to investigate, as they promised. They were waiting for it to rain so they could actually see the rain pouring in. "It has rained three or four times since I made my complaint," I said.

"We'll be there when it rains the next time." Maybe they're waiting for the flood.



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## Reader Tells Why He Joined SWP

Editor:

It was about two years ago I came into the Socialist Workers Party. I had to travel the long way around on avenues of socialism and communism, that seemed not to have anything but chaos for a background. There is no sense in making bad conditions worse by exchanging capitalism for something worse than capitalism or chaos. Trotskyists have a better plan for world security than capitalism ever dreamed of.

The Socialist Workers Party teaches how to change national and world conditions of economic, social and political divisions. And how to have a balanced plan for production and distribution of the comforts of life: so that in time we can do away with poverty, war and racial hatreds.

The world will be a better place when the workers of the world produce for use instead of for profit; and parasites become producers on the very short work-week. (From the material comforts many of the intellectual comforts come.) Workers have different feelings when they have plenty and security than they do in poverty and uncertainty.

The two things that made the most confusion for me were (1) Trying to find the difference between the Lenin and Trotsky regime and Stalinism. (2) Learning the differences in the many kinds of "socialism" and "communism" that appear to have come from Marxism.

It appears to me that the SWP should get some circulars, tracts or small booklets, easy to understand, in small common words (leaving out proletarian, bourgeoisie, etc., and use owners and workers). After explaining the above, then add "OUR PROGRAM."

I believe large volumes on Marx-Lenin-Trotsky are nearly useless for organizing; they are too long for the average person to read, they are hard to understand, they are too expensive.

Jarvis Dusenbery  
Perry, N. Y.

## German Workers Enslaved In Britain By Labor Government

Editor:

I wish to remind you of how the farmers of Britain qualify as allies of the workers in a "Workers and Farmers Government," and incidentally, under that new British government which you so recently hailed as a "Great Workers' Victory!"

"British moralists and leaders," says Sydney Gruson, in a special to the N. Y. Times, Aug. 18, "are becoming alarmed over Britain's retention of 388,000 German prisoners of war more than a year after war's end."

What! Proletarians enslaved to farmers under a "workers' government," and in one of the boasted "Western democracies"? "But the government," says Gruson (the workers' government, mind you!) "mindful that without these prisoners Britain's sorely needed crops cannot be harvested, shows no signs of repatriating them, despite spreading criticism of its policy." There is, of course, no word about the nasty fact that these British farmers are reaping fat returns out of the sweating hides of the German slaves held under guard for them by the British Workers' Government!

What reaction can the British ORGANIZED workers expect from the German brothers, when they cry across the channel—as they surely will cry—for help in their future struggle against their masters, by way of international solidarity?

So long, said Abraham Lincoln, as a single black man remains in chains, no white man is free.

Let me add that so long as the workers of Britain or America, or their leaders of Bolshevik tendencies, are willing to stand by in smug complacency while their own bourgeois sweat the life out of the German or Italian enslaved, so long, in short, as they refuse to FIGHT for the freedom of such enslaved, just so long will they find themselves confronted with the impassable wall of nationalism in the heads of their international brothers. For they are, by their refusal to see this shameful slavery, exemplifying the rottenest possible expression of nationalism.

As for the farmer, he is a capitalist, (or a bankrupt) by any Marxist criterion they may wish to cite who call for a "Workers and Farmers government."

We see him in this case enriching himself by a means which swings civilization back to the social level of the arrogant Romans, or worse; we see him, but only with one eye. We are stone blind when it comes to seeing the British "Workers' government" protecting him in this horrible profit sweating business. And we understand that on election day, they sang THE INTERNATIONAL.

Sincerely,  
Dad.  
R. S. Amans  
Portland, Ore.

A. C. Booth  
Branscomb, Calif.

## THE MILITANT ARMY

### Flint SWP Tops List For Week's Sub Getting



This week the honors go to Flint Branch of the Socialist Workers Party. These comrades sold more subscriptions to The Militant during the week than any other branch. R. Gardner, literature agent, sent in 33 subs. Good work, comrades!

The comrades of Philadelphia Branch likewise made an excellent record on subs during the week. Pauline Ryder mailed us 24 subs obtained by the comrades.

St. Paul Branch is utilizing additional copies of The Militant carrying the story of their anti-Smith demonstration. "We want to order 100 extra copies of the issue which will have the story of our demonstration against Gerald L. K. Smith," writes Paul Chelstrom, literature agent. "We are going to mail them to some of our contacts." In this same letter, he enclosed 10 subscriptions.

Fred Martin, Militant Manager for Milwaukee, writes: "The Milwaukee Branch held a street corner sales mobilization for the NAACP (question and answer) issue of The Militant in the Negro district. We sold about 60-70 papers and some pamphlets right near the CP branch office. We are planning more sales like this in busy shopping districts. Enclosed are 13 subs. I believe this brings our quota up to 25 for August so far. We will try our best to make our quota of 36."

Los Angeles Local has ordered an increase of 15 copies a week on their Militant bundle. Mary Manning says, "I am sorry I am not able to send a payment to The Militant this week but will do so in a few days. We are preparing for an 'all out' mobilization to sell our literature on Labor Day, and thus expect not only to reach many new workers but to be able to make a substantial payment on our literature bills."

Minneapolis Branch is going after renewals, according to A. Field, and for a starter sends in 15 subs. She writes: "We are planning on doing more work on call-backs next week and we hope to have more subs by next week."

Connecticut State Branch cleaned up their Militant bundle account and sent in five subs. "The reason we are able to pay up our debt as soon as this," reports Pearl Morris, "is because we had a highly successful Trotsky Memorial Meeting. Thirty

## Youth Group Activities

CHICAGO, — Youth Group meets Wednesdays, 8 p.m. at 777 W. Adams St.

NEW YORK, — For information on the Trotskyist Youth Group send name and address to 116 University Place, N. Y. 3, N. Y.

Open Forum: Every Friday, 8 p.m., at 116 University Place. Dancing, refreshments follow.

Queens — Open forums every Wednesday at Odd Fellows Temple, 160th St. and 90th Ave., 8 p.m.

PHILADELPHIA, — Youth Forums held every Saturday, 8 p.m. 1303-05 W. Girard, 2nd floor.

LOS ANGELES, — Socialist Youth Club meets every Thursday, 8 p.m., at SWP headquarters, 316½ W. Pico Blvd. Educationals by Youth and SWP speakers.

Watch this column for further announcements of youth activities.

people were present. The collection was \$45.07. It was a worker audience and they gave like 'troopers.'"

Leon Forth of Chicago Branch sent in 18 subs last week and seven so far this week. The comrades in Chicago are doing a good job.

Subscriptions have come in without comment from San Pedro, Allentown, Rochester, St. Louis and New York. There are undoubtedly many incidents and experiences that go with these subs. How about letting us in on them, comrades?

Three more subscribers who like the paper and want their friends to read it have joined the ranks of The Militant Army.

Herman Courts of Cincinnati sent in subs for three of his friends with this comment: "I must congratulate you comrades for the splendid copy you get out."

Mrs. E. L. Batcheller of Modesto, S. D., sent in a one-year subscription for herself and one for a friend. She requests: "If you have two copies of the August 18 issue, start from there. I saw that paper while in St. Paul at my brother's home. Sure glad that you are right out with the truth. I could interest many people here and will do so."

Mrs. Helen Cameron of Santa Monica, Calif., writes: "Enclosed please find \$1.50 for The Militant. I wish to renew my subscription for one year and the other six-month subscription is for my friend. 'I enjoy your paper more and more.'"

## Pioneer Notes

Branches of the Socialist Workers Party are disclosing their methods for building up libraries and selling quantities of literature at meetings.

Frances Kirby, Philadelphia Branch librarian, reports some feature is conducted at every branch meeting to raise a library fund. Also, those comrades who are able to pay are charged a 10-cent weekly rental on books and 5 cents on pamphlets they borrow from the library. In this way new books are added regularly. There is steady demand to borrow books, especially the newer ones or those classics which either cannot be bought at all or are too expensive for everyone to own his own copies.

A good literature display with plenty of space around it, is one secret of Detroit Branch's consistently large sales of literature. At two recent meetings, 30 pamphlets were sold, reports E. Brent, literature agent. Half of these were Veterans and Labor, by Charles Carsten (10c).

The way it works, discussions with visitors at meetings are generally concentrated around the literature display. Questions are often best answered by reference to some book or pamphlet to be found there.

At the Detroit rally to protest against the fascist attempt to burn down the branch headquarters, a Stalinist attended, out of curiosity. He bought a subscription to The Militant and some recent pamphlets. E. Brent reports one comrade alone has bought, and sold, 30 copies of Veterans and Labor.

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# RICH PLANTER HOLDS FIVE IN SLAVERY

By Evelyn Atwood

Roswell Pierce Biggers, wealthy Georgia planter and horse and mule trader, was arrested on August 27, by the FBI charged with holding five Negroes in peonage. This arrest has thrown light on how the cheap, swindling "white supremacy" scam carry on a racket for getting Negroes to slave on their farms without pay.

Biggers, who was released on \$4,000 bail, was specifically charged with "unlawfully causing Booker T. Johnson to be arrested and returned to a condition of peonage" about May 30. The Justice Department in Washington admitted that four other Negroes were involved in this one case.

First, this wealthy white chiseler had his victims arrested on trumped-up charges of "obtaining money under false pretense." They were thrown into the Rockdale County Jail at Conyers, Georgia. Then they were turned over to Biggers to "work out their fines" by slaving without pay on his 1,000-acre corn and cotton farm, 20 miles from Atlanta.

## FAST RECORD

Biggers' record in this infamous slave traffic goes back to 1916, when he was indicted on similar charges. At that time, his hearing resulted in a "mistrial" and he was freed.

In recent years he has stepped up this profitable racket. Justice of Peace J. H. Pirkle, who could not remember how many of Biggers' "hands" were involved, recalled several cases from time to time over a year's period. He said Biggers had "several" Negro families on his farm. He said Biggers seldom left his victims in jail longer than a day. Then they were returned to his farm in peonage.

This same Justice of Peace declared that this racket is not at all unusual "in this part of the country." Many wealthy farm owners do the same thing.

The trumped-up charges used by Biggers, that the Negroes obtained money under false pretenses, derives from a 1903 Georgia "cheat and swindle" statute. This law holds that "any person who shall contract to perform services of any kind with intent to procure money and not to perform the services contracted for, shall be deemed a common cheat and swindler and punished as for a misdemeanor." The U. S. Supreme Court over four years ago declared this law a violation of the anti-slavery clause of the Constitution and declared it unconstitutional.

## VILE RACKETS

But the real cheats and swindlers, the wealthy white scum of Georgia, still use this statute to enslave the Negro farm hands. Of course they try to cover it up. Reporters at

## WDL Intensifies Pardon Campaign For Tee Davis

An intensified nation-wide campaign is being conducted to secure a pardon for Tee Davis, Negro tenant farmer of Edmondson, Arkansas, who was framed up and railroaded to prison for ten years, it was announced last week by the Workers Defense League. Davis, an active member of the Southern Tenant Farmers Union, was framed on a charge of assault with intent to kill. The real facts are as follows:

In March 1943, three white marauders attempted one night to break into Davis' house. Finding the door locked, one of them began kicking it, shouting: "Open up, you God-damned black son-of-a-bitch!"

Davis, in an attempt to frighten off the unknown assailants and protect his family, fired a shot through the lower part of his door. Arkansas law upholds the right of a citizen to defend his home. The white man fired back. No one was injured. The white man turned out to be a sheriff, and although he had no warrant, arrested Tee Davis. The wealthy plantation owners saw to it that Davis got a ten-year sentence.

All opponents of Jim-Crow "justice" and defenders of civil rights are urged to write or wire Governor Ben Laney, Little Rock, Arkansas, and demand that Tee Davis be immediately pardoned.

Militant readers are also urged to sign and circulate the petitions of the Workers Defense League to be sent to Governor Laney. Petition blanks can be obtained from the Workers Defense League, 112 East 19th St., New York City.

## SWP Candidate Speaks At Memorial Meeting In Buffalo



William Kitt, Socialist Workers Party candidate for comptroller in the New York state elections, shown as he delivered the main address at the Trotsky Memorial Meeting in Buffalo.

## Leon Trotsky's Heroic Life Told At Buffalo SWP Memorial Meeting

BUFFALO, N. Y.—Over 80 persons were present at the Trotsky Memorial Meeting held by the Buffalo-Lackawanna branch of the Socialist Workers Party on Tuesday August 27 at the Militant Forum, 629 Main St.

An inspiring address on "Leon Trotsky—his contribution to the fight for socialism" was given by William Kitt, Western New York organizer for the Socialist Workers Party and candidate for N. Y. state comptroller on the SWP ticket.

Comrade Kitt told of the life of Leon Trotsky, of his brilliant leadership in the Russian revolutionary movement, and his unswerving devotion to the socialist emancipation of mankind. Kitt pointed out that the greatest achievement of Trotsky was the establishment of the Fourth International, founded despite the opposition of world capitalism and murderous persecution by the Stalinist bureaucracy.

Trotsky's Fourth International, built upon the tested program of Marx, Engels and Lenin, emerged from the terrible ordeal

of World War II, stronger than ever in program, numbers and in leadership. With supreme confidence it faces the great tasks of this revolutionary epoch, the speaker declared.

The program, including workers' songs, and a showing of the film "Thunder Over Mexico," concluded with a stirring rendition of The Internationale.

An outstanding feature of the meeting was a huge painting by a talented woman comrade which covered the entire wall behind the speakers' platform. It depicted the toilers and oppressed of the world following the banner of the Fourth International, smashing the barrier of capitalism as the giants of the revolutionary movement, Marx, Engels, Lenin and Trotsky, point the road to socialism.



LEON TROTSKY

## Meeting Held In Bay Area

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 26—Many friends of the Socialist Workers Party attended the impressive Bay Area Trotsky Memorial Meeting. A large banner proclaimed the essence of Leon Trotsky's lifetime struggle in the interest of working class freedom. Upon it were his last words, "I Am Sure of the Victory of the Fourth International—Go Forward."

Ed Davis, SWP organizer in the East Bay area recalled the sorrow of Mexican workers and peasants at the time of Trotsky's assassination. He told how thousands from all over Mexico made their way to the bier of Leon Trotsky.

Davis then vividly sketched the struggle carried on by Trotsky and his co-workers to hammer out the program of the Fourth International. "That program," said Davis, "was a recognition that the Russian Revolution was only the first conquest of power by the world working class; that it must be defended as such. It declares that workers everywhere are brothers; that the bosses are their common op-

pressor; and they must fight the boss class unrelentingly to achieve a common socialist future."

Gordon Bailey paid tribute to our fallen martyrs throughout the world. Tribute was paid also to Antoine Konikow by Beverly Wise, a friend and co-worker.

The meeting closed with the recording of Trotsky's 1938 address on the founding of the Fourth International.

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Under alert defense questioning, Pace testified he had rushed 33 miles to Columbia on February 26, where he expected to be supplied with firearms to take part in the anti-Negro pogrom. He further boasted that he started trouble with Negroes while he was in the Army and said he was put out of a USO center in a northern city when he protested against a Negro GI dancing with a white girl.

## FINED FOR TRUTH

Last week Judge Ingram also fined one man \$50 for contempt of court, because he truthfully replied he would not be able to serve on the jury because of his prejudice against Negroes.

Judge Ingram also forced one very sick defendant, Clarence Brown, to sit in jail until \$10,000 for a new bond was raised for him. On August 22 Brown failed to appear in Court because he had been ordered to bed by a doctor. Judge Ingram ruled that his \$5,000 bond was forfeited and that he must raise a new bond of \$10,000.

Since the judge refused to permit U. S. war bonds as security, or accept bond from two other defendants, the \$10,000 in cash was raised with difficulty. Half was provided locally, and the other half by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

## Memorial Held For Trotsky In Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 26—The North Hall of Embassy Auditorium here was filled last night. The audience had come, in the words of Rose Karsner, "not to weep over the death of Leon Trotsky deep though our sorrow may be, but rather to honor the memory of this great man."

Comrade Karsner, a member of the National Committee of the American Committee for European Workers Relief, gave an inspiring account of Trotsky's life. So strongly did Trotsky regard his ideas that his last conscious thought must have been, Comrade Karsner said, "They have murdered me but they cannot kill me."

Comrade Rita Victor, organizer of the Socialist Youth Club, youth section of the Socialist Workers Party, voiced youth's opposition to the Third World War now being prepared by the capitalists. She discussed the meaning of Trotskyism to the youth.

The main speaker, Murry Weiss, spoke on "Trotsky and the American Socialist Revolution." He pointed to the swift and dynamic development of the American working class in the last decade, and the rapid growth of the CIO into one of the most powerful labor organizations in the world. The labor movement's present drive into the citadel of reaction, the South, he said, is a continuation of the first American Revolution and the Civil War. The organization of the South is a basic prerequisite for the American Socialist Revolution. This action brings the labor movement a step closer to the Trotskyist goal of socialism.

He urged the audience to join the Socialist Workers Party and to support its work. Two people signed applications for membership, and more than a dozen turned in interest cards. \$130 was donated to help the party in its work, and a large amount of literature sold.

## Trotsky Memorial Held In New Haven

By Pearl Spangler  
NEW HAVEN, Conn.—The growing interest of workers in finding the correct answers to their problems, was evident in the size and enthusiasm of the Trotsky Memorial meeting held by the Connecticut branch of the Socialist Workers Party on Sunday, August 25.

The main speaker, L. Morris, described Trotsky as "world defender of labor and the oppressed." A recording of Trotsky's 10th Anniversary Address to the American party was played. Workers and youth, men and women, Negro and white, joined in paying tribute to Leon Trotsky and dug deep into their pockets to give \$45.07 to extend the work of the branch. Several indicated their eagerness to learn more about the SWP.

## American Imperialists Push Scheme For Military Grip On Latin America

By Charles Carsten  
(Special to The Militant)

MEXICO, D. F., Aug. 21—With many sanctimonious phrases about "democracy" and "non-intervention," Washington is pressing for the creation of a Hemispheric Army—an Army obedient to the U. S. High command.

This ambitious imperialist scheme, advanced under the misleading title of "Hemispheric Defense," provides for standardization throughout the Western Hemisphere of military equipment, doctrine and training all according to specifications used by the U. S. armed forces.

In this way American militarists expect to create a gigantic and well integrated military unit extending from the northern reaches of Canada to the southern tip of Argentina, a military unit whose magnitude and striking power would be by far the most formidable in the world.

WALL STREET OUTPOSTS

In return for the privilege of buying war machinery made in the U. S. and for training under the auspices of American officers, the Latin American countries are to give the U. S. new air, naval and military bases. From these bases the U. S. imperialists will be able to police the entire hemisphere, and most important of all, launch an attack on any country or combination of countries that stands in the way of their drive toward world domination.

The plan, sponsored by Truman, was divulged last May during the early stages of Washington's intensified propaganda and diplomatic offensive against

## Wages, Prices And Profits

## Production And Income

By Warren Creel

We continue with the flow chart of commodities and money in a capitalist system. Last week's installment explained the various parts of the flow chart, Figure 3, which is repeated here:

The charted commodity, the coat, is finally sold for \$8. The eight lines trace the money from it, back through the process, until it all ends up as income in the hands of workers or owners.

The total income in the hands of workers and owners is \$8. That's the same as the final sales price of the coat. It has to be, because it came from the sale of the coat. It also is exactly enough to buy the coat.

Considering the coat as the total output of all commodities, this means that all the buyers, owners and workers taken together, have exactly enough income to take to the market and buy all the goods there. There is no surplus or shortage of money; there is no surplus or shortage of goods. "Production equals income," because income comes from production. No matter how complex we made the diagram, that would always hold true.

We can picture certain economic events with this chart. We'll begin with the employers' claim that high wages are the cause of high prices and shortages of goods. They say high wages have given the workers too much money, so they have bought up all the goods, leading to shortages and high prices. Even some labor leaders have been willing to echo this, and thus to discourage a fight for higher wages. Is there any truth in it?

In Figure 3, suppose the workers in the Factory got a raise, so their wages went up to \$1.50, leaving only 50 cents instead of a dollar for the owners. The total buying

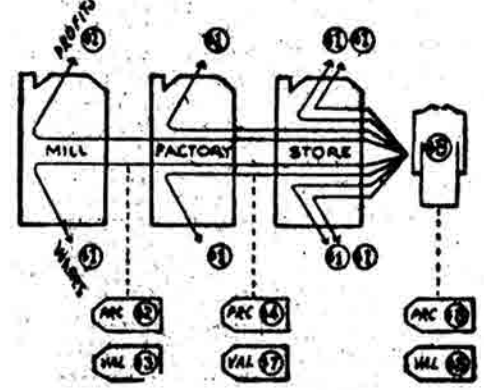


Figure 3

power in the system would not be changed; it would still be \$8. The factory could not take advantage of a scarcity to raise prices, and thus pass the wage raise on to the consumer, for there would be no scarcity of goods, and no surplus of money.

Karl Marx summed up in Value, Price and Profit the result of an increase in wages of workers. He pointed out "... that an increase of their purchasing power must exactly correspond to the decrease of the purchasing power of the capitalists. The aggregate demand for commodities, would therefore, not increase, but the constituent parts of that demand would change. The increasing demand on the one side would be counterbalanced by the decreasing demand on the other."

Marx described how sales and production would follow the shift in demand. Increased demand from the workers' side would cause more production of things the workers buy, more food, more low-priced clothing, more low-priced housing, etc. At the same time the decreasing demand from the profit side would cause less production of things the owners buy. The shrinking market for high priced items and luxuries would tend to discourage production in those lines.

Today we see evidence in every retail store that the real situation is just the opposite. Producers and sellers are making every effort to offer only high priced items and luxuries, and are shifting away from the working class market. This shift is proof that the high demand comes from the profit side of the market, and not from the wage side.

Thus the evidence shows the opposite of the employers' charge that high wages have caused high prices. Fabulous profits are boosting prices, not high wages.

This does not cover the present demand situation in full, because there is another feature we must lay over until we take up the topic of inflation.

Next week: Productive and Unproductive Labor.

## 5 White Jurors Picked In Tennessee Negro Trial

After three weeks, only five jurors—all-white—have been selected for the trial at Lawrenceburg, Tennessee of 25 Negroes from Columbia arrested on a frame-up charge of "attempted murder." 246 prospective jurors were examined.

Defense attorneys are desperately fighting the state's determination to pick a "hanging jury" in this mass frame-up trial. They have already used up 30 of their 200 peremptory challenges in blocking the choice of race-hating venemen.

The trial grew out of the wholesale atrocity perpetrated last February by Tennessee's white ruling class against the segregated Negro section of Columbia. Some 500 state troops and hundreds of armed white hoodlums invaded the Negro community, poured machine-gun fire into houses, wrecked the

## FACE 20-YEAR TERM

The 25 Negro victims on "trial," face 20 years in prison if convicted on the cooked-up charge of "attempted murder."

Trial Judge Joe M. Ingram has upheld the "legality" of an all-white jury. No Negro has served on a Lawrenceburg jury in more than 50 years.

Judge Ingram continues to scold and harass defense attorneys. He claims they are using more time than necessary in selecting a jury and are "going

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# How Stalin's Secret Police Expose Their Hand In Latest Propaganda

By Joseph Hansen

Joseph E. Davies, wealthy capitalist assigned by the Roosevelt administration as ambassador to Moscow, lauds *The Great Conspiracy* as a "very valuable" book. He endorses it as "exhaustive, authentic and fully documented."

This is the technique used by capitalist advertising agencies in peddling a product: "Chew Barnyard Plug Tobacco. Exhaustive, authentic and fully a mouth-load!" Get a public figure to vouch that he knows from personal experience it's really true. The advertising agency operates on the theory that no matter what junk went into the product you can sell it to a gullible public if you just use the right slogan and get the right endorsement.

## HAILED FRAME-UPS

The worth of Davies' endorsement can be judged from the fact that his own book, *Mission to Moscow*, hailed Stalin's frame-up trials and applauded the murder of Lenin's general staff of the socialist revolution. When *Mission to Moscow* was made into a film, a group of liberals headed by the venerable philosopher and educator, John Dewey, protested its lies. The Stalinists tried to brazen it out by defending these lies on the grounds of the "license" generally permitted artists!

The *Great Conspiracy* was composed with the same type of "license." Last week we cited a number of instances where the Kremlin lie machine repeated long-ago exploded lies, the "documentary" source being nothing but the unsupported "confessions" wrung from the victims of the GPU in the Moscow frame-up trials.

The lie machine likewise exposed its hand by conveniently overlooking any exposures of the GPU murder machine. Thus this "exhaustive" work does not tell how the GPU machine-gunned one of its operators, Ignace Reiss, on September 4, 1937. Nor does it tell how he was led into a trap by another GPU agent, Gertrud Schildbach. It does not mention that his "crime" was breaking from the Stalinist regime, denouncing the Moscow frame-up trials, and calling on all genuine defenders of the Soviet Union to "save socialism" from the butcher in the Kremlin.

## MORE SILENCE.

This "exhaustive" work does not recount the kidnapping of Rudolf Klement, secretary of the Fourth International, in 1938. It does not tell how letters forged with Klement's signature were sent to Trotsky—letters modeled on the pattern of the "confessions" in the Moscow frame-up trials. Nor does it tell how Klement's body was found floating in the Seine river, head missing. The GPU does not care for too much publicity on jobs like that.

Likewise strangely missing from this book that pretends to be "exhaustive" is the May 24, 1940, assault on Leon Trotsky and his wife, Natalia. The reason is only too obvious. The machine-gun artists were apprehended by the Mexican police. They proved to be members or sympathizers of the Mexican Communist (Stalinist) Party. The gang of murderers was headed by David Alfaro Siqueiros, who recently applied for admission to the Mexican CP. Siqueiros confessed the assault.

Also missing are the facts about the murder of Robert Sheldon Harte. The Siqueiros gang kidnapped this young American Trotskyist, on guard the night of the 24 assault, took him up into the mountains, shot him in the head and through the temple and buried him in a shallow grave packed with lime.

## QUOTE JACSON

The *Great Conspiracy* "overlooks" this job of the GPU, where Stalin's hand was exposed to the light of day, because the authors, Sayers and Kahn, have a "line" on Trotsky's assassination. To talk about the May 24 assault would contradict this "line." The version they present of the murder of Trotsky is the version of the GPU assassin, Jacson.

They quote Jacson with sympathy. They present him in a favorable light. They document their story of Trotsky's assassination with judiciously selected quotations from the murderer.

This is a typical instance of the way Sayers and Kahn set "the record straight."

The *Great Conspiracy* is not a unique book. It falls into the oldest type of propaganda known—the propaganda of a counter-revolution that sets out to dirty the names of the great leaders in the preceding revolution. In the counter-revolution that followed the French revolution, for instance, the Jacobins were slandered as "agents" of the enemies of France. The principal task of *The Great Conspiracy* is to dirty the name of Leon Trotsky and to smear his followers as "fascists."

In the second chapter of this book, brief mention is made of the campaign carried on by "American newspapers" against Lenin and "his associates." The "Soviet leaders," says the book, "were being universally denounced . . . as 'paid agents' of the Germans. 'Butchers,' 'assassins' and madmen, 'blood-intoxicated criminals,' and 'human scum.'" This campaign was waged against Lenin and Trotsky, a fact not mentioned by Sayers and Kahn.

## OLD TRICK

But this was not the first campaign of this type. In the summer of 1917, the Kerensky government accused Lenin and Trotsky of being "German agents." Trotsky was even thrown in prison by Kerensky on this lying charge. Kerensky cooked up "documents" to "prove" the charge in order to make the frame-up stick. Only the rise of the revolutionary workers

James P. Cannon



"The Great Conspiracy" attacks James P. Cannon, National Secretary of the Socialist Workers Party. Comrade Cannon was one of the leading figures in the famous Minneapolis case. Together with 17 other members of the Socialist Workers Party, he was railroaded to prison for opposing imperialist war and advocating socialism as the only way out of capitalist ruin, misery and slaughter. "The Great Conspiracy" pictures this uncompromising stand as "evidence" of a link with Hitler!

saved the Bolsheviks.

It turned out that Kerensky was a rank amateur in this foul business of slandering the Bolsheviks, however. Stalin utilized the same technique on a far greater scale, slandering Trotsky as an agent of British capitalism, French capitalism, Wall Street, or Hitler, depending on the needs of his foreign policy.

Vyshinsky, the Kremlin prosecutor, slandered Lenin's comrades in language that makes the 1918 American newspaper campaign sound like a Sunday School Teacher at work. The *Great Conspiracy* is simply the latest product of this lie machine. Its central theme is the same as that of the American newspapers in 1918, and Kerensky in 1917—that Trotsky was an agent of German imperialism.

In the attempt to link Trotskyism with "fascism," the authors go to extraordinary lengths. "Even after Trotsky's death," they say, "the Fourth International continued to carry on its Fifth Column activities." What "Fifth Column" activities?

"In Great Britain, in April 1944," answer the authors, "Scotland Yard and police officials raided the Trotskyite headquarters in London, Glasgow, Wallend and Nottingham, after discovering that Trotskyites were fomenting strikes throughout the country in an attempt to disrupt the British war effort."

## SUPPORTED WORKERS

The facts are different. The British Trotskyites were not "fomenting" strikes, as the red-baiters claimed when strikes swept Britain, although they supported all workers' struggles.

The British Trotskyists opposed the war and advocated socialism. That is why the Churchill regime arrested them and threw them in prison. The British Stalinists meanwhile loyally supported the Churchill regime and opposed strikes.

"In the United States, on December 1, 1941," continue Sayers and Kahn, "eighteen leading American Trotskyites were found guilty in a Federal District Court in Minneapolis of conspiring to undermine the loyalty and discipline of American soldiers and sailors."

"Convicted along with Trotsky's lawyer, Albert Goldman, were James P. Cannon, national secretary of the Socialist Workers Party (the name under which the Trotsky movement operated in the United States); Felix Morrow, the editor of the Trotskyite newspaper, the *Militant*; Jake Cooper, one of Trotsky's former bodyguards in Mexico, and fourteen other leading members of the American Trotskyite movement. They received prison sentences ranging from a year and a day to sixteen months."

These declarations are sandwiched into a whole mass of material about fascists, Adolf Hitler, Martin Dies, the Gestapo, postwar Fifth Column, and such items as: "This formation of groups of red terrorists is Hitler's most recent policy, aimed at creating a fourth international, amply contaminated by Nazi germs."

## MINNEAPOLIS CASE

The true story is quite different from the impression Sayers and Kahn seek to create. The leaders and members of the Socialist Workers Party were railroaded to prison for opposing imperialist war and for advocating socialism. They were accused among other things of seeking to emulate "the Russian Revolution of 1917." Included in the evidence were books by Marx, Engels, Lenin and Trotsky—and the Communist Manifesto of 1848 which was burned by Hitler's regime and banned by Mussolini and the Mikado.

The American Civil Liberties Union, The Nation, PM were among the liberal organizations and newspapers that denounced the prosecution. The trade union movement from coast to coast considered it the outstanding labor case of the war. Organizations representing more than 5,000,000 members came to the defense of the Minneapolis prisoners.

The Stalinists under Earl Browder joined reaction in gloating over the imprisonment of the Trotskyites. The Stalinists were busy making the no-strike pledge, breaking strikes where they could, and backing Wall Street. But Earl Browder's line on the Minneapolis case was not peculiar to him. That line originated in the Kremlin. The fact that Browder's wartime slander of the Minneapolis defendants is repeated by Sayers and Kahn is proof enough of that.

The *Militant* likewise gets a heavy forkful of filth thrown in its direction by *The Great Conspiracy*. During the war, the Roosevelt Administration tried to bar The *Militant* from the mails for its uncompromising opposition to imperialist war and its advocacy of socialism. Sayers and Kahn present this persecution of *The Militant* as part

of the "documentary" evidence. The *Great Conspiracy* repeats one of the dirtiest charges of the Moscow frame-up trials against Trotsky. "It was Alfred Rosenberg," says Sayers and Kahn, "the one-time Czarist emigre from Reval, who first established secret official Nazi relations with Leon Trotsky. It was Rudolph Hess, Hitler's deputy, who cemented them . . ."

The *Great Conspiracy* claims all its charges are based on "carefully documented evidence." If this is so, why has the Allied prosecution been silent about this "evidence" throughout the ten months of the Nuremberg trial? Hess was in the dock. Rudenko, the Stalinist prosecutor, faced him. Yet not one of the charges leveled in the Moscow frame-up trials and repeated by Sayers and Kahn was brought up at Nuremberg!

Natalia Trotsky, the widow of Leon Trotsky, demanded that her attorney be permitted to question Hess and the other Nazi prisoners about these slanderous charges. No response was made to her demand.

A wide group of liberal and labor figures in England, America and other countries likewise demanded the Moscow trials be brought up at Nuremberg. Among those making this demand were H. G. Wells and Norman Thomas. This demand likewise was ignored.

Does it take much intelligence to conclude that *The Great Conspiracy* was intended to cover up the Kremlin's inability to drag the Moscow frame-up charges into the court at Nuremberg?

(This ends the series on the Moscow Trials and their significance.)

## Roxas Regime Launches War On "Huk" Guerrilla Fighters

By Larissa Reed

A full-scale military campaign to crush peasant insurgency in the Philippines was launched on September 1 by the government headed by President Manuel A. Roxas, puppet of American imperialism. This action followed the August 24 ultimatum that Filipino guerrillas give up their arms. The action is mainly directed against the Hukbalahaps in Central Luzon.

The government struck with the "implacable force" that Roxas threatened he would use. Military police and civil guards had orders to kill. They began using artillery against the Huks in several large-scale actions in Nueva Ecija and Bulacan provinces.

Eleven Huk leaders in Manila and its suburbs, including a nephew of Luis Taruc, chieftain of Luzon's Huks, were arrested. Taruc himself was ordered arrested on an old "murder" charge. Alejandro Simpaoco, member of the Philippine Congress and a leader in the Democratic Alliance, was arrested at Tarlac, north of Manila.

## MADE 'OUTLAWS'

Military police stated that all leaders of the Alliance (a Huk federation), the National Peasants Union and the Committee for Labor Organization (a Philippine version of the CIO) would be treated as outlaws. The situation is extremely tense. Manila newspapers banner stories that the Republic is in "the throes of civil war."

The Huks, who fought against the Japanese occupation armies, declare they will not surrender their arms without resistance. They are bitterly opposed to the return of the landlords who exploited them unmercifully before the war.

They fear the Roxas government aims to restore prewar conditions when, in Central Luzon alone, under American rule, one per cent of the population held 99 per cent of the land. In some cases as many as 30,000 tenants farmed the land of one owner.

Roxas attempted to allay these fears and suspicions by appointing a commission to "investigate land tenure." This commission recommended a "fundamental alteration of the crop-share distribution between landlords and tenants, changing it from 50-50 to 70-30 in favor of the tenants and adjustable on both sides according to soil conditions and other factors." This legislation, now before the Philippine Congress, has "a high probability of passing." Whether this "concession" will appease the armed Filipino share-croppers remains to be seen.

Perhaps one reason why the Huks refuse to surrender their arms, writes the July London *Economist*, is "because they fear that the official memory for promises may be defective unless refreshed from time to time with the admonition of machine guns." The threats of open warfare

against the Huks followed attempts of the Roxas government to use "persuasion" to get the arms. "This plan did not work out," admits the *N. Y. Times*.

## HEROIC FIGHTERS

The Hukbalahaps, a peasant guerrilla movement, were organized in 1942. They proved to be heroic fighters. They not only made it hot for the Japanese imperialists, but drove away the landlords in many sections.

No sooner was the war over than General MacArthur set out to suppress the movement. The Huks found warm support among the masses of exploited peasants because their avowed program was to divide up the big estates of the landed aristocracy among the peasants. They represent a threat to the U. S. imperialist rulers as well as their native agents.

As early as July 1945, the U. S. Army used tank destroyers to break up Huk meetings. When "independence" was granted the Philippines on July 4, the U. S. imperialists presented Roxas with a "gift" of \$50,000,000 worth of military equipment.

According to the Far Eastern Survey, "military operations to crush the Hukbalahaps and the organized peasant movement in Central Luzon have been undertaken by the Philippine Army as a first major policy of the newly-inaugurated Philippine Republic."

## The NEGRO STRUGGLE

"Labor with a white skin cannot emancipate itself where labor with a black skin is branded."  
—KARL MARX

By William Bohannon

## The Negroes Need A Labor Party

In past columns I have written that the union movement must exert powerful pressure on Washington to act against the lynch wave. I have also tried to explain why we can have no confidence that the capitalist politicians will take the slightest step in the interests of the workers or Negro people.

The series of steps which we have proposed for the labor movement to advance against the lynchers would represent practical actions against Jim Crow. They are designed to create a fighting alliance between the Negro people and the powerful labor movement. In the forging of this alliance, an independent labor party is of paramount importance.

The top lynch-inciters do not sit on cracker barrels in country stores, but spread their poison from high government office. The Rankins, Bibbos and Eastlands are shouting from the halls of Congress. Talmadge and his ilk utilize gubernatorial office for their vile purposes. It is outstanding capitalist politicians who are the leading inciters to lynch-murder.

## THE RECORD

Moreover, if we look at the record of the entire Congress and Truman administration, its scuttling of the FEPC, its vicious anti-labor record, its failure to lift a finger against discrimination—it becomes crystal clear that the continuation in office of Democratic and Republican spokesmen of capitalism will only see a worsening of the attacks against the Negroes. Both parties are the tools of Big Business and its precisely Big Business which has most to gain from the incitement to anti-Negro terror. Capitalist politics means more lynchings, more terror.

For eight years now we have advocated the need for labor to build its own party, an independent labor party based upon the trade unions. Certainly the present wave of lynch-terror emphasizes the need for the Negro workers to support and participate in the building of a labor party.

Every Negro worker who has had the bitter experience of lower wages and discrimination in an open shop without union protection, and who has then participated in the building of a CIO union, can readily understand what economic organization means, both as a worker and as a Negro.

The same thing must now be done on the political field. Labor must break with "open shop" and "company union" politics and embark on independent political action. Just as the union fights the boss and insists upon equal pay for equal work, elimination of discrimination on the job, so the independent labor party could carry the fight



WILLIAM BOHANNON

against Jim Crow into the political arena.

Labor party candidates would write genuine anti-discrimination laws calling for broader government agencies fully empowered not only to ferret out but to deal effectively with all discrimination. They would fight for passage of a Federal anti-lynch law. They would demand the impeachment and indictment of the Rankins and Bibbos, and drive them from public office.

Likewise the labor party could mobilize the full support of the 60 million American Workers, Negro and white, to fight and vanquish Jim Crow.

At the present time, the cowardly policy of the Murray-Stalinist CIO officials ties the workers to the rotten policy of supporting capitalist "friends of labor."

## JOB TO DO

Every Negro union member has a job to do within his union to change the rotten CIO-PAC policies and work for the building of an independent labor party. In the meantime, so far as the 1946 elections are concerned, there is only one effective way to cast a vote against Jim Crow, for a fighting policy against Jim Crow, and for an independent labor party. It is to support and vote for the candidates of the Socialist Workers Party.

In the five states of New York, New Jersey, Ohio, Minnesota, and Washington, the SWP candidates have entered the election lists against the Republicans and Democrats and are waging a determined struggle for the Trotskyist program, including the building of a labor party. As a part of the much-needed defense against lynch terror, we say: Make your vote count! Vote against Jim Crow! Vote SWP in the November elections!

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## Victims Of British Terror In Calcutta



These corpses are part of the 4,000 Hindus and Moslems mowed down by British gunfire in the four-day street battle which began on August 16. The British, taking advantage of communal disturbances between Hindus and Moslems, subjected both to a terrible blood-bath.

## Rail Strike Called In India

Transportation on a large segment of India's railways was paralyzed on August 25, when 21,000 railway workers in Southern Madras walked off their jobs. Among the strikers were 1,600 stationmasters. Only a few "pilot" trains ran under police guard.

The strike began only one week after the bloody four-day street battle in Calcutta, (reported in last week's *Militant*) which took a toll of 4,000 lives when British troops and police fought Hindu and Moslem "rioters."

The governor of Madras, Sir Archibald Nye, threatened to use strikebreakers, declaring in a broadcast that "the Government would provide alternative means of transport." Armed police were posted every few yards along the railway tracks as the authorities tried to run a "skeleton service."

Tension mounted when British Indian police on August 26 used tear gas against women demonstrating in sympathy with the striking railway workers.



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## Diary Of A Steel Worker

## Sunset Over The Steel Town

By Theodore Kovalesky



In the winter time the dusk comes early, and the haze that always lurks over the steel plant darkens as the muddy sky fills up with night. It is bleak in the steel town, with the dirty, rutted snow and the dim glow of the saloon windows.

In the summer time it takes a little longer. The afternoon shift is well on the way toward quitting hour. Sweaty men look up through the slits and cracks in the casthouse roofs at the deepening blue of the sky and know that soon they will be on their way home.

But the steel town is bleak in the summer as well as in the winter. Stretching along the dusty road, huddled along the shore of the lake, are the vast, rusted sheds of the mills and open hearths, looming into shadowed monsters against the light of the sunset; the tangle of wires and pipes, the veins that run through the entire length and breadth of the plant, carrying its life juices of gas, electricity, steam and air; the stoves and blast furnaces, silhouetted into thick turrets. Over it all hangs a heavy pall of smoke and dust, glowing here and there from the flashes of the coke-oven fires and the beams of hot metal, as though a battle were being fought beneath it.

Across the 'pike, that stretches like a long thin line on a map dividing the steel plant from the land and homes of those people who labor in it, are linked together in a dreary chain the saloons with their windows glowing dimly in the half light. It might seem that this row of taverns between the steel plant and the houses formed a sort of barrier, a buffer between the one and the other, that the two might exist side by side in some kind of peace.

There are places, you know, where everything

is part of everything else; where there are trees and fields and streams, and all are related, all parts of life. Sunsets in such places are very beautiful. In such places, the sunsets blend into the picture and become a part of it. Where there are broad green lawns and children at play, strong-built, clean-fashioned houses, and old people at ease — there, too, the sunsets are part of the one single picture.

But here it is different. Instead of mellowing and softening the harsh outlines of the streets and clustered houses, the twilight makes them grotesque and a little ominous.

I guess this is nothing new. You've seen all of it thousands of times. You've seen the bar-room windows begin to show up in the murk, and the lights go on in the shabby houses, and the puddles in the cracked sidewalks turn slowly from brown to black. You've seen the twilight grow into dusk and then deepen into night, when the lights in the houses begin to flick off, early though it is, because the steelworkers have to get up before dawn to go to work.

Well, it's nothing new. It's the same old story, that long gray, weary and depressed story of the life of the people who make the steel and the other products of society. . . . and the profits of the few who own the factories. It's just one more picture of the life of the producers, and just one more contrast between that life and the life of the owners.

A sunset, you know, is a sort of universal symbol of beauty, and the twilight hours of the early evening, a synonym for peace and gentle contentment. But even such widely accepted symbols as these will not fit one class where they fit another. Because EVERYTHING is different between them and us. There is no middle ground of approach. And while they continue to own the factories and mines where we work, not even the beauty of the sunset can belong to us.

## People Can Change

By Grace Carlson

"But you can't change human nature!" Every one who has argued for Socialism has heard this chestnut, which is supposed to be an annihilating answer to "impractical" radicals.



But people do change. The human being is a much more flexible creature than our capitalist-minded friends would have us think. It would be possible to list thousands of facts from history, anthropology, sociology and psychology to prove that human beings have changed their habits of thinking and acting over the years. Let's examine only one more or less entertaining set of facts — the revolution in fashions.

Frederick Allen has collected some interesting facts about the changes in women's clothes in his Only Yesterday which he calls "An Informal History of the Nineteen-Twenties." Only 26 years ago a fashion writer reported in the N. Y. Times that "the American woman has lifted her skirts far beyond any modest limitation." This meant that skirts were then nine inches above the ground!

Dress reform committees sprung up all over the country in an attempt to deal with this

dangerous situation. A bill was introduced into the Utah legislature in 1921 providing fines and imprisonment for those who wore on the streets "skirts higher than three inches above the ankle." At the same time, a bill was pending in Ohio which aimed to prevent the sale of any "garment which unduly displays or accentuates the lines of the female figure" and to prohibit any "female over fourteen years of age" from wearing "a skirt which does not reach to that part of the foot known as the instep."

President Murphree of the University of Florida was tremendously agitated about the whole situation. "The low-cut gowns, the rolled hose and short skirts are born of the Devil and his angels and are carrying the present and future generations to chaos and destruction," he boomed.

Part of President Murphree's predictions were correct. The generation born in the Nineteen-Twenties did grow up "to chaos and destruction," but hardly anybody thinks that short skirts had anything to do with it. Most people believe that the atomic bomb and the other imperialist war weapons were more effective.

And the generation that saw the revolution in fashions and the revolution in warfare may see the Socialist Revolution. Because people do change!

## Lords And Rhinoceros-Hide Whips

By Joseph Hansen

Are you worried about the atomic bomb? Afraid you might be one of those fated to sizzle away like a drop of water on a hot stove when Wall Street's surprise packages start dropping on your city in World War III?



Just to relieve your mind for a while, consider a real worry. A worry that is facing the House of Lords in Great Britain. They can't decide whether or not to do away with the rhinoceros-hide whips they've been using for generations to put the fear of the British lion in the hearts of the colonial people.

It seems these rhinoceros-hide whips inflict such cruel lacerations that even professional nurses turn sick at the stomach when they look at the moaning victims.

The story is told in the July 1946 New African, published monthly in London. "The House of Lords," says the New African, "was told yesterday of nurses in the colonies who had asked to be moved to other wards because they could not bear to nurse victims flogged with rhinoceros-hide whips."

It was Lord Farington who brought up the question. He thought there had been an "excessive use" of flogging, especially in the Sudan.

He said that the statistics on flogging were higher for the Sudan Defense Force than in the rest of the Empire. Apparently the Sudan Defense Force proved more reluctant than some of the others in fighting for the "Four Freedoms" and they had to be braced up a bit.

"If any of your lordships were found punishing a dog with such a whip," said the Lord indignantly, "he would justly be prosecuted by the RSPCA." It was not reported what kind of whip the Lord advocated or whether he thought flogging should be done away with entirely.

Viscount Addison, Dominions Secretary, was able to report progress on the question. He said that "approaches" had been made to the despots stationed in the colonies and they had been "urged" to consider "alternative" punishments.

However, there may be considerable resistance on the part of conservative members of the British ruling class to doing away with flogging with rhinoceros-hide whips. After all, isn't it one of the burdens of capitalism to bring "civilization" with all its benefits to the backward colonial peoples? How else can super-profits be wrung from the colonies?

And what instrument in the whole arsenal of imperialism is better or cheaper in carrying out this lofty aim than a good, tough, searing rhinoceros-hide whip?

## Veterans' Problems

## "Army Justice"

By Alvin Royce

After scanning the glowing descriptions of the army in the recruiting ads, many veterans may scratch their heads and say the army isn't so bad after all. The latest decision of the court-martial in the Lichfield case is a sharp reminder, however, that the Army Brass have no intention of relinquishing their caste privileges.



Col. James A. Killian, after being found guilty of permitting "harsh, cruel and unusual" punishment of GI prisoners, was fined \$500, not even a full month's pay for a Colonel overseas. The other day Maj. Lu-Buono, former Provost Marshal at Lichfield, was found guilty of "permitting guards to . . . strike prisoners with hands and fists, forcing them to double-time for protracted periods and . . . stand with nose and toes against a wall for extended periods." He was fined \$200!

These criminals who formulated and ordered the policy of torture "to make the prisoners want to go up front" were let off with light fines. But the enlisted men who were forced to carry out these orders were not let off quite so easy. Sgt. Judson Smith, for instance, was sentenced to three years at hard labor and dishonorable discharge. S/Sgt. James M. Jones was sentenced to six months at hard labor.

If any combat veteran thinks back over his army experiences he will notice a glaring con-

tradiction. For instance, when we landed in France we had to do all our fighting in "hedge-country." Thousands of lives were lost in those battles because not one soldier participating had ever received any training or instruction in that type of fighting. Yet, you can be quite sure they had received enough training in respecting privileges of the Brass.

Combat veterans will also remember how quickly those privileges were forgotten under enemy fire. There were no special foxholes, K-rations or bullets for officers, because efficient fighting would be impossible under such conditions. The caste system is maintained not to win wars but to keep control of the army in the hands of Wall Street.

Maj. Gen. Manton S. Eddy, commanding general of the 2nd Army let the cat out of the bag when he spoke at the Pennsylvania state convention of the American Legion. Comparing the army and the capitalist society as a whole he pointed out that "presidents and officers of large corporation do not necessarily have to sit down with the office boys or other employees or share their washrooms."

The General then demanded: "Is it any more of a crime for the officers of the army to have their own messes, their own clubs, paid for by their own money, any more than it is for a civilian to have his own luncheon club?"

In short, the Army is a capitalist army. It maintains the same system of privileges, the same class distinctions, same injustices that are to be found generally under capitalism.

## Prominent Toledo Labor Figures Denounce Election Board Ruling On SWP Candidates

By Harold Josephs

(Special to The Militant)

TOLEDO, August 30. — Several scores of labor, Negro and civic leaders this week signed a petition protesting discrimination by the Toledo Board of Elections against the independent labor candidates of the Socialist Workers Party. Among the signers of the petition were two city councilmen, two CIO regional directors, the president of the local NAACP and prominent local leaders of the CIO, AFL, Railroad Brotherhoods and MESA.

The petition protests the action of the Lucas County election board which ruled off the ballot two Socialist Workers Party candidates: Malcolm Walker for Congress and Paul Wylie for State Assembly. The Election Board, controlled by the two major capitalist parties, demonstrated their fear of any genuine working-class representatives appearing on the ballot. They enforced an obscure regulation for the first time since its passage in 1929 in order to declare Malcolm Walker and Paul Wylie ineligible.

## MANY SIGNERS

Among the signers of the petition are City Councilman James B. Simmons, elected as a Negro independent with SWP support; City Councilman Thomas Burke, vice-president of CIO United Auto Workers Local 12; Rev. Clyde Adams, president of the Toledo branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; and Welton Barnett, publisher of the Toledo Script, only Negro paper in Toledo.

CIO leaders who signed the petition include: UAW Regional Director Richard Gosser; Clyde Shamblen, vice-president of the Toledo CIO Council; Lawrence Steinberg, Ohio Director of the CIO Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Employees; Marlvene Kerchman, Woman's Director, UAW Local 12; Hugh Sharpe, Textile Workers local secretary; Oliver Peck, editor of Toledo Union Journal; Clayton Rusch, Lucas County PAC chairman; Ted Stephens, vice president of the Veterans Labor Committee; Emmet Wheaton Jr., Negro unionist now leading a rent strike in federal housing projects.

AFL signers include Ray P. Myers, business agent of the Meatcutters union; Harry Hausner, Sheet Metal Workers business agent; H. Schneider, Machinists business agent; C. C. Brooks, business agent of the Laborers union; S. Green, Steamfitters and Plumbers business agent; and W. A. Morgan, Streetcar and Bus Drivers business agent.

Among railroad union leaders who signed are: Timothy J. McCormick, president of the Toledo Area Council of Railroad Workers; and Harry Richardson, secretary; Roy Griffith, Railroad Conductors local chairman; and Tom Griffith, Railroad Trainmen local chairman. Mechanics Educational Society (MESA) officials who signed are William Weisenborn and William McCoy.

The protest petition signed by union and civic officials stated: "IN VIEW OF THE FOLLOWING FACTS:

"That Socialist Workers Party candidates, Malcolm Walker and Paul Wylie, running as independents for Representative to Congress and General Assembly respectively, filed a sufficient number of signatures to qualify as candidates before the deadline on Wednesday, August 7, and

"That these independent labor candidates have stated in the press that Lehr Fess, Chief Clerk of the Board of Elections, had informed them it was proper to file supplementary petitions, and Mr. Fess, attorney and ex-judge has not denied this statement, and

"That the election laws have been interpreted by the Election Board for the last 17 years to allow Republican and Democratic candidates to file supplementary petitions, and

"That the Election Board had

## MEET THE SWP CANDIDATES

Dorothy Schultz  
Candidate for U. S. Congress  
4th District, Minnesota

The wife of a railroad brakeman and daughter of a railroad shopman, Dorothy Holmes Schultz has had a life-long acquaintance with the problems of the working class. Born in St. Paul, Minnesota, on December 5, 1909, she is the younger sister of Grace Carlson, the Socialist Workers Party senatorial candidate.

Educated at St. Catherine's College and the University of Minnesota, Dorothy Schultz earned her BA and MA degrees in Economics and Political Science. From 1935-37, she was a teacher of Economics and History in the Labor College run by the St. Paul Trades and Labor Assembly.

During the Thirties, Dorothy Schultz was active in organizing the unemployed. At one time, she served as the Secretary of the Citizens Protective Union, an organization of the unemployed, which was sponsored by the Trades and Labor Assembly.

Active in workers' defense and civil liberties organizations, Dorothy Schultz was the Secretary of the Twin Cities branch of the Workers Defense League for several years. She is now serving her third term as an Executive Board member of the St. Paul Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Since 1940, Dorothy Schultz

has been the organizer of the St. Paul Branch of the SWP. In 1941, she was one of the 29 leaders of the SWP and Minneapolis Truckdrivers' local 544-CIO, indicted in the Minneapolis Labor Case. After her acquittal, she made a speaking tour under the auspices of the Civil Rights Defense Committee in behalf of the remaining defendants.

The mother of four children—an eight-year-old daughter, four-year-old son, and four-month-old twin boys—Dorothy Schultz has an intimate understanding of the working class housewife's problem. She knows what it means to struggle to feed and clothe a family in this period of skyrocketing prices.

William Kitt  
Candidate for Comptroller  
New York State

William Kitt, Socialist Workers Party candidate for comptroller in the New York state elections, is a veteran of World War II who has been active in the working class movement for twenty-two years.

Now 41 years old, Comrade Kitt was born in London in 1905. He has been a participant and leader in workers' struggles in the United States ever since he first joined the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) in 1924.

William Kitt was a delegate from an Alteration Painters Union in 1932, to the Hunger March on Washington which demanded government aid to the suffering unemployed. He was a member of organizations of unemployed workers in Minnesota and Ohio. In Minneapolis, in 1934, he was a member of the Executive Committee of the Unemployed Organization, and took part in the historic strikes of the Minneapolis teamsters which changed that city from an open shop to a union town.

In Toledo, in 1935, he put to good use the lessons of the Minneapolis strike, when he participated in the GM Chevrolet strike. That strike remains a milestone in the tradition of the militant auto workers. He was also a member of the Ohio Unemployment League which was outstanding in its defense of the workers' interests.

For many years Comrade Kitt was an active member of the AFL painters in New York City, leading the progressive forces of that union. He has also been a member of the CIO United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers Union.

Since joining the Trotskyist movement in 1931, William Kitt has been organizer of several branches of the Socialist Workers Party. For some time prior to his 1942-43 service in the

## Only Solution Is Labor's Own Men In Office

## Words Alone Won't Halt Anti-Labor Drive

(Socialist Workers Party Candidate for Governor of New York.)

In their Labor Day messages, William Green and Philip Murray denounced the anti-labor record of the 79th Congress.



"Congress failed us," said Green, speaking about labor's hope for broadening the Social Security system. "Congress fell down on the job," he repeated, on

"enactment of a long-range housing program which would permit the construction of badly needed new homes . . ."

Green pointed out how Congress had made a series of hostile moves "which would have undermined the freedom of American workers and handcuffed the trade union movement."

## SHARP WORDS

Murray spoke even more sharply. He scored the "derelictions of Congress." He hammered on the fact Congress had helped the "profiteers" by granting "unjustified price increases to swell already spectacular earnings."

These bitter denunciations from the heads of the American trade union movement show how thoroughly they understand that Congress is the tool of Big Business — a handpicked body of professional labor-haters.

What are the conclusions drawn by Green and Murray? They propose to "educate the public on vital issues" and publicize the "voting records" of the Congressmen. This is good, so far as it goes. But what then?

The correct conclusion demands labor's own political representatives be put in office. To carry out that job successfully requires organizing independent political action.

Green and Murray, however, reject this solution! Instead of fighting to put labor's own representatives in office, they propose to back the Big Business candidates of the Republican and Democratic parties! What is this but strikebreaking on the political front?

With a political policy like that, what will prevent the 80th Congress from being just as anti-labor as the 79th?

## CORRECT CONCLUSION

Starting from facts such as those outlined by Murray and Green in their condemnation of Congress, labor must draw the correct political conclusion. That conclusion is, oppose the Democratic and Republican political machines. Break from these anti-labor outfits and put labor's own independent candidates in office!

In New York this means vote for the Socialist Workers Party!

## Attention Toledo Readers

The Toledo Branch of the Socialist Workers Party has been evicted from its headquarters at 213 Michigan St. Temporary headquarters will be located at 370 West Bancroft, Tel. ADAMS 2304.

Watch THE MILITANT for announcement of permanent headquarters.

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## Our Program:

- Defend labor's standard of living!**  
A sliding scale of wages—an escalator wage clause in all union contracts to provide automatic wage increases to meet the rising cost of living!  
Organize mass consumers committees for independent action against profiteering and price-gouging!  
Expropriate the food trusts! Operate them under workers' control!
- Full employment and job security for all workers and veterans!**  
For the 6-hour day, 30-hour week! A sliding scale of hours—reduce the hours of work with no reduction in pay to prevent layoffs and unemployment!  
Government operation of all idle plants under workers' control!  
Unemployment insurance equal to trade union wages for workers and veterans during the entire period of unemployment!
- Against all anti-labor laws and government strikebreaking!**  
No restrictions on the right to strike and picket!  
No injunctions! No compulsory arbitration!
- Build an independent labor party!**
- Tax the rich, not the poor!**  
Repeal the payroll tax! No sales taxes!  
No taxes on incomes under \$5,000 a year!
- An 18 billion dollar appropriation for government low-rent housing!**
- Full equality for Negroes and national minorities!**  
End Jim-Crow! End Anti-Semitism!
- For a veterans' organization sponsored by the trade unions!**
- A working class answer to capitalist militarism and war.**  
Take the war-making powers away from Congress! Let the people vote on the question of war or peace!  
Against capitalist conscription!  
Abolish the officer caste system!  
Full democratic rights in the armed forces!  
Trade union wages for the armed forces!  
Military training of workers, financed by the government, but under control of the trade unions!
- Solidarity with the revolutionary struggles of the workers in all lands!**  
For the complete independence of the colonial peoples!  
Withdraw all American troops from foreign soil!
- For a Workers' and Farmers' Government!**