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U. S. Dragged Down Road To War

War Dept. Demands Draft, Navy To Go Where It Pleases

By George Breitman

The Truman administration, backed by both capitalist parties, last week announced plans for dragging the country further down the road to militarism and war. While Truman and Byrnes repeated the usual speeches about wanting peace, their Secretaries of War and the Navy came out with proposals for militarizing the U.S. and extending its domination into all corners of the earth.

Permanent peacetime conscription will be demanded of the 80th Congress, the War Department declared on Oct. 2 as Secretary Patterson sought American Legion support for the plan in order to provide 5,000,000 men in "combat readiness."

The conscription plan is essentially the same one turned down by the 79th Congress, although a few trifling changes have been made to win greater public support.

HITS ALL YOUTH

Under this plan, all youth 18 to 20 years old would be conscripted; they would serve six months and then either enter the Army, the reserves or Army-controlled university courses or serve another six months. To make military rule more palatable, the brass hats promise the harsh Articles of War and Army regulations would not apply; the draftees would be ruled by a new "Code of Conduct" administered by "training tribunals" and would be tried by civil courts for serious offenses.

The draftees would receive no pay — only a monthly allowance for necessities. Their families would receive no allotments except in cases of hardship. Even

23 Negroes Win Acquittal In Tennessee Trial

A fighting defense by attorneys of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, backed by a nation-wide protest movement, on Oct. 4 won the acquittal of 23 of the 25 Negroes in the frame-up trial before an all-white Southern jury in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee.

The jury convicted Robert Gentry, 24, and John McKivens, 26, of "attempt to commit murder" against four policemen, one of whom was wounded by gunfire of unknown origin. McKivens and Gentry were sentenced to 21 years in the State Penitentiary.

Even the all-white Southern jury did not dare to bring in a mass guilty verdict. However, they attempted to placate the race-hating Judge and State Prosecution by handing over two victims to the legal lynchers. The only testimony against these two was later repudiated by the witness who gave it.

The 25 defendants were among more than 100 Negroes seized at random on February 25 in Columbia, Tennessee. Two of the arrested men were murdered by guards inside the jail.

The mass arrests climaxed a night of horror when 500 state troopers, aided by an armed lynch mob, invaded Columbia's segregated Negro community, beat up and shot scores, and ransacked homes and businesses. This pogrom followed reports that some of the Negroes were preparing to defend their homes and families with arms after a lynch mob threatened a Negro mother and son, who had been arrested for resisting assault by a white man.

THEIR "THEORY"

Backed by Judge Ingram, District Attorney General Bumpus played on the jury's race prejudice in an effort to convict all 25 victims. Acting on the theory "when you have no case, smear opposing counsel," Bumpus called the courageous defense attorneys "carpetbaggers, rabble-rousers and traitors" engaged in a "well organized scheme to uproot our government."

Testimony even of state witnesses proved that the defendants were threatened by a lynch mob. One of the four policemen admitted that none of the defendants could be identified as having fired the shots.

NAACP attorneys announced they will appeal the case of the two convicted men up to the highest court in the land.

Different Court, Same Judge To Hear N. Y. Ballot-Ban Case

ALBANY, N. Y., Oct. 7 — The second act of the judicial farce being staged to throw the Socialist Workers Party (Trotskyist), the Communist Party (Stalinist), the Socialist Party and Socialist Labor Party off the New York state ballot, opens here today in the State Supreme Court.

The proceedings were transferred from Troy to Albany, but by a slick sleight-of-hand operation the same biased judge will sit on the case here as in Troy.

The Appeals Court was petitioned for a change of venue because Judge Murray was notoriously prejudiced against minority parties and because the case properly belonged in Albany County where the independent nominating petitions were filed.

By a vote of four to one, the Appeals Court ordered the case transferred to the Albany court — but saw to it that the case was postponed one week at which time the same judge Murray, tool of the Democratic Party which initiated the suit, will be sitting on the bench in Albany!

With this judicial legerdemain the Republicans attempted to clear their skirts of involvement in the Democratic conspiracy. (Four of the five Appeals Court judges are Republicans.) By transferring the hearings, the Republicans tried to create the fiction that they are guarding democratic rights. By leaving the case in Murray's clutches, they put the onus of the conspiracy on the Democrats.

PROTESTS MOUNT

Meanwhile protests against the Democratic conspiracy are beginning to mount in the labor movement. Under this pressure Hyman Blumberg, State Chairman of the American Labor Party, was finally compelled to condemn the action of the Democrats. (The ALP, however, is still supporting the Democrats, including Spencer Young, candidate for Comptroller, who instituted the court action.)

On Sept. 21 the SWP address-

ed an open letter to the ALP demanding they speak out or be barred with "complicity in the conspiracy undertaken by Tammany Hall." The Liberal Party, likewise supporting the Democrats, continues to be silent.

Yesterday the CIO Council announced it was sending two prominent attorneys to the hearing as friends of the court. 34 union officials from 20 CIO unions and 29 AFL officials have protested the attempt of the Democrats to remove the minority parties from the ballot. As yet, however, none of the major CIO or AFL affiliates or central bodies have taken any official action.

New England Steelworkers Call For Sliding Wage Scale Clauses

(Special to The Militant)

BOSTON, Oct. 4 — The demand for an escalator clause in all CIO United Steelworkers contracts swept the Steelworkers District Convention here last week-end. Such a clause would provide automatically rising wages to meet rising living costs.

Rank and file delegates from five New England states voted 300 to 50 to instruct the District's four representatives on the National Wage Policy Committee to fight for adoption of this demand in forthcoming negotiations with steel and fabricating corporations. They also urged the Wage Policy Committee to adopt this proposal.

In adopting the escalator clause demand, the delegates overturned a majority report of the Resolutions Committee opposing the escalator clause.

Joseph Kelleher, of Worcester, speaking for the Resolutions Committee majority, had proposed to recommend that the Wage Policy Committee merely ask for a flat wage increase to cover living cost rises in the past year.

Reporting for the Resolutions Committee minority that had been defeated 12 to 3 in committee, Sidney Rosensweig, of Boston, declared that a wage in-

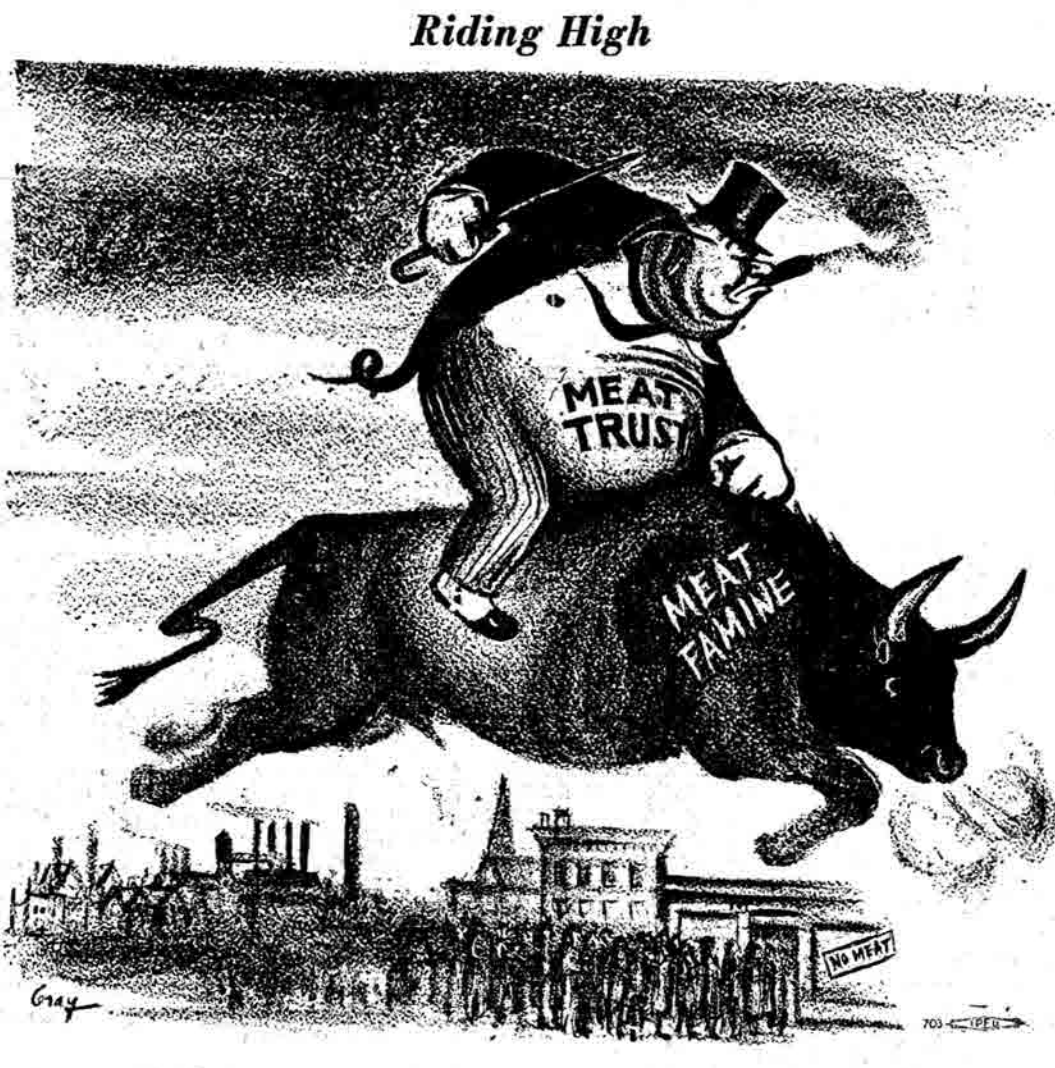
crease by itself would not answer the problem.

"The wage increase won in last January's struggle has been wiped out by price rises, and real wages, in terms of what our dollars can buy, have been reduced below the level that existed before we won our increase," Rosensweig pointed out.

"What is needed is the escalator clause or automatic increase clause which will protect our wage increase after it is won and protect us from wage cuts through price-gouging during the life of the contract."

Delegates from all sections rallied to defend the minority proposal. Even opposing factions in the Worcester delegation, from basic steel, united in its support.

The resolution adopted called for use of the CIO's own index to determine cost of living rises and that the escalator clause shall not be included as a substitute but in addition to other basic wage demands.



Allied Verdict In Nuremberg Trial Conceals War Guilt Of Capitalism

By Art Preis

The most significant aspect of the verdict by the Allied tribunal in the Nuremberg trial was not its conviction of 19 Nazis, but its acquittal of three.

These acquittals of Hjalmar Schacht, Franz von Papen and Hans Fritzsche were not determined by principles of abstract justice. They were a matter of calculated policy on the part of the American and British imperialists who dominated the prolonged juridical proceedings.

Schacht was the financial brains of the Nazi movement. As Hitler's Minister of Economics until 1937, Reichsbank president until 1939 and Minister without Portfolio in Hitler's cabinet until

1945, Schacht was the outstanding agent of German capitalism in the Nazi regime.

The freeing of Schacht was a demonstrative gesture. It was a down-payment on Secretary of State Byrnes's promises to the German capitalist class in his Stuttgart speech. That speech offered a junior partnership to the German capitalists in return for their support of Wall Street's offensive against the Soviet Union.

By acquitting Schacht, the Allied tribunal sought to acquit the German capitalist class which financed and raised the Nazis to power. A major function of the trial was to conceal the capitalist class nature of Nazism and protect German capitalism from the German people.

Von Papen's acquittal was unquestionably a gesture toward the Vatican, with which Allied imperialism is now in alliance to suppress workingclass revolutions in Europe and to propagandize for war against the Soviet Union.

Von Papen, a leader of the pre-Hitler Catholic political movement in Germany, headed the regime which paved the way for Hitler's assumption of the Chancellorship in January 1933, when Von Papen himself became Vice Chancellor.

COVER-UP

As Hitler's representative and Papal Chamberlain, Von Papen negotiated the Concordat with the Vatican in July 1933. This was the first formal international recognition of the Nazi regime. Like Schacht, Von Papen switched his loyalties late in the war when he believed Hitler would lose.

While using the Nuremberg trial to cover up the real roots of German fascism, the main aim of the Allied imperialists was to establish, through a pretended impartial juridical procedure, the exclusive "war guilt" of Germany. Thus, Allied imperialism hoped to conceal its equal complicity with German imperialism in unleashing the Second World War.

DETROIT LOCAL PRESIDENTS URGE UAW WAGE CONFERENCE

(Special to The Militant)

DETROIT — A proposal for the immediate calling of a Detroit regional wage conference by the CIO United Automobile Workers was adopted by the presidents and bargaining committee chairmen of 24 East Side Detroit UAW locals who met on Sept. 25 to discuss the wage needs of the auto workers. The East Side meeting was called by Thomas Cunningham, president of Chrysler Local 7.

A committee was elected to meet with the four Detroit area regional directors for the purpose of arranging an area-wide conference as soon as possible. This, in turn, is to be in preparation for the calling of a UAW national wage conference.

The committee to meet with the regional directors represents both the Reuther and Addes factions in the UAW and is composed of Tom Clappitt, president of Briggs Local 212; Mike Novack, president of Dodge Local 3; Tom Cunningham, president of Chrysler Local 7; and John Anderson, president of Amalgamated Local 155.

The East Side conference was significant as the first meeting

held in many months where local UAW leaders discussed the needs of the auto workers without the factional squabbling of the Reuther and Addes caucuses making it impossible to arrive at joint action.

Having gone through the long and costly General Motors strike, the auto workers seem to have come to the conclusion that the "one-at-a-time" strategy of last spring only divides the union ranks. Some UAW local unions are still negotiating and striking for the 18 1/2-cent increase gained in the GM strike.

This question is becoming important since the Chrysler negotiations for wage adjustments are getting under way. It is becoming increasingly apparent to the secondary leaders in the UAW that the wage fight must be conducted on a national scale.

Three days before the East Side presidents' meeting, a meeting of 700 members of Budd Local 306 unanimously passed a motion calling on the UAW top leaders to convene a national wage conference. Budd local has just concluded negotiations in which it fought for an escalator wage clause along with new wage adjustments.

Nationalize Meat Industry, Demand Unions, Housewives

Labor and housewives' organizations are beginning to take aggressive mass action to halt the meat famine imposed on the American people by the profiteering meat packers and big livestock speculators.

Reports from Chicago, Toledo, St. Paul and other cities tell of organized actions and demands for the government to take over the meat industry and release meat at reasonable prices to the meat-starved people.

Toledo housewives, organized in the Housewives' Emergency League, have advanced a particularly effective program in militant demonstrations at City Hall. They have demanded that the Mayor and City Council wire Truman urging the government to nationalize the meat industry to be operated under union control.

They have demanded the right to conduct a housewives' inspection of packing houses, refrigerated warehouses, frozen food lockers and all other places where meat is being hoarded to force up prices. They are demanding an equitable distribution to the working people of all meat hoards.

Both the Democratic and Republican politicians are trying to use the meat crisis for election campaign ammunition. Each blames the other for the meat famine. Neither puts forward any program for ending the meat famine — except to yield to the meat trust's price demands.

While the meat packers deliberately withhold meat, shut down packing plants and divert livestock to "feeder" lots, Truman does nothing to force the meat profiteers to release meat. He talks for the record about

keeping meat price ceilings — but meat itself stays out of sight. His colleague, House Democratic Majority Leader McCormack advocates eliminating meat ceilings. And the Democratic National Committee issues a platform that doesn't even mention the word meat.

The government could quickly put plenty of meat on the market if it took over the meat industry without compensation to the profiteers, nationalized the industry and operated it under the control of the workers.

But Wall Street's Democratic and Republican politicians in Washington are concerned primarily with protecting the profit interests and "property rights" of the meat monopolists. Although Truman did not hesitate to seize the packing plants last January in an attempt to break the packinghouse workers' strike, he does not lift a finger against the meat trust which has twice imposed a meat famine on the country.

HOARD UNCOVERED

OPA agents claim to have uncovered millions of pounds of meat being hoarded for price rises. But all they are doing is "watching" to see that it is not sold at illegal prices. This meat should be seized and distributed to the people.

Militant mass action of labor and housewives' organizations on a national scale is needed immediately to break the stranglehold of the meat trust on the nation's meat supply.

Toledo Housewives Put Heat On City Council, Demand Meat

By Harold Josephs
(Special to The Militant)

TOLEDO, O., Oct. 5 — Following up their action in storming the mayor's office last week, the militant Housewives Emergency Committee, headed by Mrs. Alice Patton, twice this week carried their demands for effective action to halt the meat famine before the City Council.

On Monday night seven leaders of the Housewives Emergency Committee (HEC), backed by an irate group of several score women and some men, confronted the City Council with the demand that it wire President Truman to seize the meat industry and operate it under union control.

They also demanded of the startled Councilmen that "you appoint an emergency commission of housewives with full authority to investigate every ounce of meat in the city of Toledo or coming into the city and to guarantee that this meat will be equitably distributed with the bulk of it going to those who need it most."

Reading the housewives' demands at the start of the Council session, Mrs. Patton stated: "This is the second meat famine engineered by the big packers in the last four months. It is high time this vital industry was operated in the interests of the American people rather than in the interests of a few profiteers."

The committee who took the floor to speak for the housewives included Marjorie Walker, Ethel White, Theda Hitts, Chris Sutton, Doris Johnson, Gladys Askins and Mrs. Patton.

Two councilmen, Thomas Burke, a leader of the local CIO auto workers, and J. B. Simmons, a Negro independent, both endorsed the demand of the housewives for nationalization of the meat industry.

A turmoil was created in the midst of the council discussion by a reactionary retired businessman, J. W. Cunningham, who rose in the gallery to attack the housewives. He was jeered when he said that "woman's place is in the home" and that housewives should "not disturb the decorum" of the Council.

When Mrs. Patton offered him an open can of foul-smelling "vegetable cutlets," a so-called



MALCOLM WALKER
Socialist Workers Party candidate for Governor of Ohio demands action on meat famine. See Page 6.

meat substitute, as evidence of the meat famine, Cunningham hurled the can in the direction of the women. Its contents were splattered over several councilmen as well as the council chambers.

"Throw him out!" the women cried, beginning to surge in his general direction. Order was restored after two policemen were summoned and Cunningham was forced to apologize.

In an effort to side-track real action on the housewives' demands, the Councilmen directed the City Health Commissioner, Doctor Warren Hull, to conduct an investigation of the meat supplies in Toledo and report back at another Council session Wednesday night, October 2. They refused, however, to permit representatives of the housewives to accompany the investigation.

Last night, the City Health Director reported to the Council that after an eight-hour investigation in this city of 300,000 population he found "no meat" in the Toledo packing plants. He admitted that there were meat supplies stocked away by hotels and restaurants in warehouses, but he refused to state how much or to investigate.

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Pittsburgh Power house Workers Stand Firm In Strike; Trolley Men And Coal Truck Drivers Show Solidarity

By Eloise Gordon
(Special to The Militant)

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 5 — The power workers, entering the third week of their strike against the Duquesne Light Co., are stubbornly withstanding the vicious attack of the Wall Street controlled corporation. The "kept" press, acting as the whip hand of the utilities interests, is lashing out with fury to stir up anti-strike demonstrations. Thus far these efforts have brought little results.

The labor movement here is still solidly behind the strikers. It rallied to the defense of the independent union in beating down an anti-strike injunction cooked up by a Democratic city administration and judge. Efforts of a few top AFL and CIO labor skates to assume the "defense of public interests" where the politicians and courts have muffed out, have been sharply rebuffed by the ranks. Street car operators and coal truck drivers have voted to remain on sympathy strike with the power workers until their demands are met.

After the power workers, inspired by the great injunction victory and the solidarity of labor, determined to continue their strike, some rabbit-hearted labor "leaders" joined the employer chorus demanding that the strikers yield to arbitration.

REBUFF LEADERS

One sharp rebuff was dealt the treacherous labor bureaucrats yesterday by the AFL trolley operators. Called for the second time to a mass meeting where they were harangued by international union officials, members of Division 85, Street Car Men's Union, voted two to one against returning to work. They rejected a proposal to deliver an ultimatum to the power strikers "to yield to arbitration or mediation by midnight" or face a resumption of street car traffic through their picket lines.

Municipal bus drivers, whose busses are serviced by an affiliate of the Duquesne Light Co., likewise rejected appeals of their officials to cross the Duquesne workers' picket lines.

Last week CIO United Electrical Workers Local 610, employed at Signal Switch Co., repudiated a declaration against the strikers made by Anthony J. Federoff, CIO district director. The membership of Local 610 issued a declaration supporting the strikers and dissociating themselves from Federoff's reactionary stand. A few days later UE-CIO District 6 added a statement of its support to the power workers.

WON'T CROSS LINE

Last Thursday, truck drivers of Local 249, coal haulers for the Allegheny Steam Heating Company which provides heat for Pittsburgh office buildings, refused to cross power picket lines in spite of the insistence of their union officials. Union officers manned the first truck through the lines in an effort to start a picket crashing movement. But they found themselves on the inside looking out at rank and file teamsters whose class solidarity was stronger than the threats of the bureaucrats.

The company's drive to break the strike has been given full voice in local press and radio. The boss mouthpieces have tried everything from calling names to begging for sponsors of back-to-work movements that are nowhere in sight.

The latest scheme of the anti-union forces has been the organization of a "dissident" group in the union. Headlined in the press as a rift of major proportions in the independent union, this group has already been exposed as a handful of old-time company stooges who were opposed to the strike from the start. Although last week they

petitioned the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board for immediate certification as representatives in the department where they are employed, this small group of company-minded men is already backing down, and has asked for a postponement of the hearing.

A survey of picket lines in Allegheny and Beaver counties made last night by the Militant reporter, exploded the myth of any dissension in the union.

Thus far, every company-inspired plot against the striking power workers has boomeranged. Thousands of Pittsburgh workers joined with the power workers to break the injunction and sent the court and Democratic allies of the utilities company into retreat. Rank and file AFL and CIO unionists are repudiating the treacherous statements of their officials. Attempts to split the striking union by slander campaigns in the press or by inside agents meet with little success.

Local radio stations demonstrated their "impartiality" by barring strike leader George L. Mueller from the microphone last night and giving 30 minutes of free radio time to one of the company tools trying to provoke a rift in the union.

The strikers, encouraged by the support of the organized workers, remain firm. Their determined stand is beginning to dent the arrogant resistance of the utilities interests. It is exposing how greedy these public utilities are in both the rates they charge the public and the wages they pay their workers.

When Pittsburgh Labor Killed Injunction



Thousands of workers thronged to Pittsburgh's City Hall on Sept. 26 to protest the injunction against the striking workers of the Duquesne Light and Power Company. On the picket line here is a contingent from District 18 of CIO United Steelworkers, giving its support to the struggle of the independent, powerhouse workers' union. Labor solidarity smashed the injunction. International News Photo

Strike Of Maritime Officers Continues Tie-up Of Shipping

(Special to The Militant)

NEW YORK, Oct. 6 — American sea ports remain paralyzed as the third maritime strike within one month enters its second week.

Engine officers belonging to the CIO Marine Engineers Beneficial Association, and deck officers belonging to the AFL Master, Mates and Pilots, walk the picket line together. They are demanding some measure of union security and wage raises comparable to those secured by unionized seamen in the earlier strikes.

The Atlantic and Gulf ship operators are reported to have come to agreement with the unions. However, the adamant opposition to union security of Pacific Coast operators is prolonging the strike. Union leaders place great hope in government intervention through the Maritime Commission directing the operators to abide by the unions' conditions on government-owned vessels. To this date the Maritime Commission has

refused to take this step.

An important achievement of the strike so far is the extension of union organization to wide sections of officers who previously had remained aloof to union organization. Many of these officers coming directly into the industry from various training services had little contact with union organization. They are now learning to respect the power of union organization. Walking a picket line is giving many of them a new understanding. Relations aboard ship between officers and men will be considerably improved through the solidarity that now exists on the picket line.

The MMP belongs to the AFL Maritime Trades Council and the MEBBA belongs to the CIO Committee for Maritime Unity. The CMU has its major strength on the west coast because of the affiliation of the longshoremen there, while its AFL counterpart is strongest on the east coast because of the affiliation of the east coast longshoremen.

Each of these two powerful maritime union groupings stands behind the officers unions. Although the rivalry between the two circles of these two sections of organized maritime labor is sharp and bitter, the picket lines of one are respected by the other. This corresponds to the feeling of solidarity existing between all seamen regardless of affiliation.

However, this solidarity is threatened by the mutually hostile statements from leaders of both camps. This jurisdictional preoccupation endangers the genuine rank-and-file solidarity that has come out of the general strikes of the past month. This solidarity must be preserved for the inevitable struggles ahead.

Roberts Scores Police Brutality In Studio Strike

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Oct. 3 — Steve Roberts, Socialist Workers Party write-in candidate for Governor, in a statement issued today protested against anti-labor attacks of police on strikers at both Hollywood's movie studios and the E. R. Squibb and Sons warehouse.

"These actions by the police are part of a consistent campaign against labor being conducted by the Merchants and Manufacturers Association with the city administration as a close accomplice. The police have acted in the role of hired thugs against both AFL and CIO recently. The only protection they have given to anybody has been for Gerald L. K. Smith, the fascist."

"Democratic and Republican politicians are united in their backing of this open-shop campaign. Labor must break from these politicians if it is to retain the fundamental right to strike. It must form its own party. I call upon all who wish to defend the right to strike to write-in the names of Mrs. Cynthia Rogalin for State Senator, Robert Chester for State Assemblyman from the 20th District, and myself for Governor this November."

DETROIT

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Flint Labor Unites For Joint Political Action

By Sol Dollinger

(Special to The Militant)

FLINT, Mich. — The central PAC committees of the CIO and AFL here have united for political action in this year's elections. This joint activity will continue as long as no major disagreements develop. At the first meeting of the United Labor Political Action Committee, the group went on record in opposition to blanket rent increases and delegated two representatives to appear before the city commission.

In the coming November election, Flint labor is once again confronted with the choice of only Democratic or Republican candidates. This is in spite of the fact that the four big General Motors locals of the CIO Auto Workers and the Greater Flint CIO Council are on record in favor of independent labor political action.

Several local wheelhorses of the Democratic machine are in the United Labor PAC. These ward-healers have used every means to forestall real independent labor action. The militants in the GM locals have fought against these treacherous elements of the Democratic Party.

It is clear that before PAC can become a really effective political instrument of the auto and construction workers, a new leadership must be elected to the various local PAC committees.

From all indications, voting in the elections will be very light. This reflects the workers' disgust with the boss politicians of the Democratic and Republican Parties. It again shows that only the building of a labor party will arouse the workers from their present apparent political apathy.

Washington CIO OK's Third Party -- But Not Now

(Special to The Militant)

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 4 — The Washington State CIO convention held here last week, declared that its long-range program would include the creation of a new political party "comprising all sections of the labor movement . . . working farmers, professional workers, consumers, members of minority, racial and religious groups, and all people advocating a progressive and liberal program."

For the present, however, the Stalinist-controlled convention declared that the CIO-PAC should "endorse and support liberal and progressive candidates of the existing parties."

The stress of the convention resolution was on the present bankrupt policy of continued support to Wall Street's Democratic Party. Two-thirds of the convention's time was taken up with speeches by prominent Democratic office holders.

SUPPORT LABOR PARTY

Opposing the Stalinist line of continued dependence on the "favors" of so-called progressive Democrats, two delegates spoke strongly in favor of a labor party based on the unions. A National Maritime Union delegate stressed the fact that it was necessary immediately to build an independent party of labor and end the policy of supporting candidates of the boss class parties. A longshoremen's delegate, declared that any new party must be a class party of labor.

The chief gain of the convention was the unifying of the CIO movement in this state. Numerous locals, comprising half of the CIO strength in the state, will enter the Washington CIO Council at a new unifying convention next month. These include the large locals of the International Woodworkers of America in the Columbia River area and locals of the United Steel Workers.

Pittsburgh Readers

The Pittsburgh branch of the Socialist Workers Party has moved to new headquarters at 1418 Fifth Ave., 2nd floor. Discussions on current topics held on 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month, 3:30 p.m. Militant readers and friends invited.

CIO Leaders Challenge Tobin On Brewers

By V. R. Dunne

ST. PAUL, Sept. 29 — Fullerton Fulton, CIO regional director, today hurled a vigorous challenge at Daniel J. Tobin, reactionary head of the AFL Teamsters Union. Speaking before a mass meeting of over a thousand CIO brewery workers in the St. Paul Auditorium, Fulton stated that the CIO will launch a national teamsters union unless Tobin backs down on his widely-publicized plan to force the brewery workers back into the AFL.

Accusing the teamsters officials of "Hitler tactics," Fulton declared that unless the drivers union retreats, Tobin is "in for the worst licking in the history of the labor movement." National

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Greenhal, international Brewery Workers representative; Otto Wagner and John Wyant, Minneapolis and St. Paul Brewery Workers representatives.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

Every proposal to fight Tobin was greeted with the greatest enthusiasm by the assembled brewery workers. They voted unanimously to resist all AFL encroachments upon their industrial union and to remain within the CIO.

The St. Paul Auditorium rally was organized in defiance of a mounting wave of threats and intimidations against brewery workers by Tobin's highly-paid and well-armed hirelings, Sidney Brennan, the Tobin-appointed head of Minneapolis drivers union, Local 544, has been placed in charge of this latest assault upon the Brewery Workers Union.

Not a new hand at the game of raiding industrial unions, Brennan is well known to Minnesota brewery workers for his disruptive activities in 1941. At that time, Tobin appointed Brennan as receiver over the Minneapolis General Drivers Union.

Brennan and the teamsters now have the promise of the full support of state AFL officials in their plot to take over the CIO Brewery Workers. In response to directives from the AFL Executive Council, state AFL leaders last month forced a motion through the Minnesota AFL convention to line up all unions in the state behind the drive of the teamsters.

In spite of this convention action, widespread support for the CIO Brewery Workers is being heard in the ranks of the teamsters, as well as in other AFL unions. One thing is certain, Minnesota's brewery workers are standing firm!

Uneasy Truce Marks Akron Central High Student Strike

(Special to The Militant)

AKRON, O., Oct. 4 — An uneasy truce prevails in the student strike situation at Central High School. The students have been back in school for a week after a protest strike against bad food and high prices in the school cafeteria, but many express the opinion that another strike may take place, if the grades

to be issued Monday show that reprisals are being taken.

There are many complaints of a harsh attitude on the part of some teachers.

George Chomalous, student leader of last week's strike, has been compelled to transfer to another school. Appeals to the Board of Education this week to reinstate him at Central fell on deaf ears.

At the board meeting, Lawrence Hockman, chairman of a parents' committee and a veteran, spoke in favor of reinstating Chomalous without reprisal. He compared the regime at Central to the brass hats in the army. Milton Gencin, Akron organizer of the Socialist Workers Party, demanded that the board return Chomalous to Central, that there be no reprisals against any students and that the board create a committee of board members and parents of students to investigate conditions at the school.

STORMY MEETING

Last Monday night over 500 persons, including members of the Board of Education and CIO leaders, attended a stormy meeting



ing called by the parents' committee to air the entire case. Student speakers defended their right to democratic participation in activities and demanded the right to express their opinions. An overwhelming majority of the parents supported them.

Faculty members spoke in defense of Principal Stine. Stine agreed to give his side of the case only if the students would leave the hall. This they finally consented to do in order to smoke him out.

VIOLENT ATTACK

Stine launched a violent personal attack on Chomalous. When Paul Fessenden, Executive Secretary of the CIO Council, protested, the teachers present got up and left the hall muttering that the "Reds" were here. The meeting ended in confusion with small groups arguing in all parts of the hall.

The Beacon Journal, only daily paper in Akron, has published an editorial raising the "red scare." This is designed to scare off supporters of the students and to forestall an investigation of conditions in the schools. However, the number of people interested in reforming the entire school system is constantly growing and these forces may yet be able to force an investigation on the city authorities.

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Stalin Frameups Bared In The Nuremberg Trial

While the 22 Nazi leaders sat in the dock at Nuremberg, there was another criminal also on trial—Stalin. He was being tried on a different charge before the court of world public opinion.

The cross-examination and testimony of the Nazis, the hundreds of tons of Nazi documents seized, provided the conclusive test of the truth or falsity of Stalin's charges in the notorious Moscow Trials against the Old Bolshevik leaders, especially Leon Trotsky.

In Stalin's purge trials between 1936 and 1938, the key charge against the leaders of the Russian Revolution was that they had conspired with the Nazis against the Soviet Union. The main link between Trotsky and the Nazis, it was alleged, was Rudolf Hess, Hitler's right-hand man before World War II. It was charged specifically that Trotsky was in direct contact with Hess.

This was the one concrete piece of testimony offered in the Moscow trials to bolster the allegation of conspiracy between Trotsky and the Nazis. If this allegation were proved false—the whole elaborate structure of charges against Trotsky and the Old Bolsheviks would collapse.

NO EVIDENCE

The Nuremberg trial is concluded. But with all the Nazi documents available, with Hess himself in the dock for cross-examination, with a battery of Russian prosecutors on hand to question and probe the top Nazi leaders—not an iota of evidence was brought out about the alleged complicity of Trotsky with the Nazis, and, above all, his direct contact with Rudolf Hess.

It is inconceivable that the Stalinist prosecutors would let slip any opportunity to confirm the charges against Trotsky. If there were one shred of evidence in the Nazi archives or if Hess had actually had contact with Trotsky, the Stalinist prosecutors in Nuremberg would have brought such evidence out. They

did not even mention it!

Because the charges in the Moscow Trials were inventions. They were concocted by Stalin's GPU and rammed into the mouths of the tortured trial defendants as "confessions."

The Stalinists outside of the Soviet Union confidently expected the Nuremberg Trial to confirm the evidence of the Moscow Trials. This was indicated last December in a leaflet issued by the Communist Party in St. Louis.

This leaflet, attempting to anticipate the testimony in Nuremberg, claimed that "documents discovered in Berlin and produced at the Nuremberg trial of high Nazi criminals" showed that the Trotskyists organized a "Nazi fifth column in the Soviet Union."

DAMNING SILENCE

After ten months, the Nuremberg Trial concluded last week without one document being produced in support of the Moscow Trial charges. Yet there was not a single obscure secret of the Nazis that was not uncovered in captured documents. Hess—the alleged direct link with Trotsky—sat in the dock for 10 months. He was not even questioned on this point! And for obvious reasons.

In short, the evidence that was not produced at the Nuremberg Trial was the most damning of all. This evidence of silence has proved the guilt of Stalin in the Moscow Trial of the Old Bolsheviks. It has confirmed what all enlightened world opinion has known for 10 years: The Moscow Trials were bloody frame-ups, a deadly blow at the world socialist revolutionary movement and a preparation, by smearing and silencing all opposition in advance, for Stalin's ill-fated pact with Hitler.

THE REVOLUTIONARY POSITION ON THE FRENCH REFERENDUM

In the referendum on the proposed constitution to take place on Oct. 13, the French Trotskyists are calling on the workers to place in the ballot-box a slip of paper inscribed with the slogan: "For a Workers' and Peasants Government."

The Trotskyists have taken this position because they reject the stand of the Popular Republican Movement, Communist Party and Socialist Party. These parties, which remain in a coalition, are urging the people to vote YES on the constitution, which perpetuates capitalist rule and colonial slavery.

The Trotskyists equally reject the position of de Gaulle, the Republican Liberty Party and other right-wing groups. These organizations advocate a NO vote because they want an even more reactionary constitution than the one being presented to the voters.

The referendum will be followed within a few weeks by a general election to elect a new parliament if the constitution is adopted on Oct. 13, or a new constituent assembly if it is rejected then.

Peasants Take Militant Action To Divide Mexican Estates

MEXICO, D. F., Sept. 29 — Armed farmers have invaded about 50 large estates and ranches in the state of Tlaxcala and demanded the land be turned over to them as "ejidos" or communal holdings. These estates are devoted mainly to raising choice bulls for the bull-rings of Mexico.

On Sept. 25, President Avila Camacho sent his special representatives, the chief of agrarian affairs, Silvano Barba Gonzalez, to investigate the situation and convince the peasants that they should abandon the seized lands. The government commission made no attempt to deny the peasants' critical need for land. It limited itself to opposing the "illegal" way the peasants resolved their problem.

Barba Gonzalez, in his report, admitted that stories of violence had been exaggerated and that the peasants were not armed. Nevertheless the military commander of the zone has instructions to disarm all peasants who do not belong to the local police. According to frantic reports published in the Mexico City daily press, the peasants are killing the cattle, but these are probably stories circulated by the owners to discredit the peasants. Barba Gonzalez reported he found no evidence of this destruction during his inspection.

By refusing to consider their demands until they withdrew, and through threats to employ federal troops in enforcing "order," the president's representative drew promises from the invading peasants to return the lands to the owners. However, latest reports indicate that as soon as the investigating party withdrew, the peasants returned to the estates and once more set about establishing themselves permanently.

After the Madero Revolution of 1910, many large haciendas were broken up and parceled out as ejidos to agricultural communities which farmed them on a collective basis. With government aid for the purchase of seed and equipment, the ejido plan was one of the most progressive projects of that revolution.

Thus when the peasants in Tlaxcala petitioned the government for the division of neighboring estates into ejidos, they were following an established precedent.

However the government decided that the estates in question were excluded from the law providing for division into ejidos. It promised to make land grants elsewhere in the country. Since no action had been taken to implement this promise, the peasants took matters into their own hands and simply invaded the estates.

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U. S. Aid Still Being Given To Chinese Dictator

The 79th Congress failed to adopt legislation to make a permanent body of the U.S. Military Advisory Group in China, but the Army and Navy personnel attached to this body are going ahead with their work just as though it had been authorized. Their work is to build up, train and modernize the military forces of the Chiang Kai-shek dictatorship for war against the rebellious Chinese masses.

In fact, "it is doubtful whether these (American) branches could be further along in their work even if the bill had already been passed," reports Henry R. Lieberman from Nanking (N. Y. Times, Sept. 30). "Although the Americans have stopped transporting (Chinese) government troops in ships or planes carrying United States insignia, the Chinese have been trained to transport their own troops in American lend-lease ships and planes," Lieberman reports.

CYNICAL

The cynical attitude of the U. S. military personnel is shown in the remark of an Air Force officer quoted by Lieberman:

"Our job is to advise the Chinese. When a joker comes up to you and asks what sort of bomb you use for a specific mission, you don't know whether he wants to increase his knowledge or use it against the Communists."

Navy personnel got formal permission to aid the Chinese government's training in the "Small Vessels Transfer Bill" which also authorized transfer of 271 craft to Chiang Kai-shek. Army personnel are supposed to be waiting for passage of a bill setting them up as a body of 750 Army officers and enlisted men assigned to China for five years—but actually they are not waiting for anything.

Poverty And Filth In Mexico Spell Early Death For Masses

By Betty Douglas

(Special to The Militant)

MEXICO, D. F., Sept. 28—The effect of imperialist exploitation deprives the average Mexican of 25 years of his life. A campesino (farmer) or worker in Mexico can expect to live less than 40 years; in the U. S. today the life expectancy is over 62 years.

Mexico has one of the highest death rates in the Western Hemisphere. In Mexico City it is nearly two and a half times as high as it is in New York.

It has been estimated that nearly 50 per cent of the population suffers from one of the many diseases rampant in this poverty-stricken country—tuberculosis, malaria, typhus, dysentery and others. Pollution of the water supply, totally inadequate facilities for water purification, and lack of drainage cause the spread of diseases such as malaria, dysentery and typhus.

The poor diet and miserable living conditions of the Mexican masses are directly responsible for the four million cases of child malnutrition and an infant mortality rate of 50 per cent among the Indian population.

Garbage litters the working class districts. The large public markets are infested with hungry dogs, rats, roaches and other pestilence-bearing vermin.

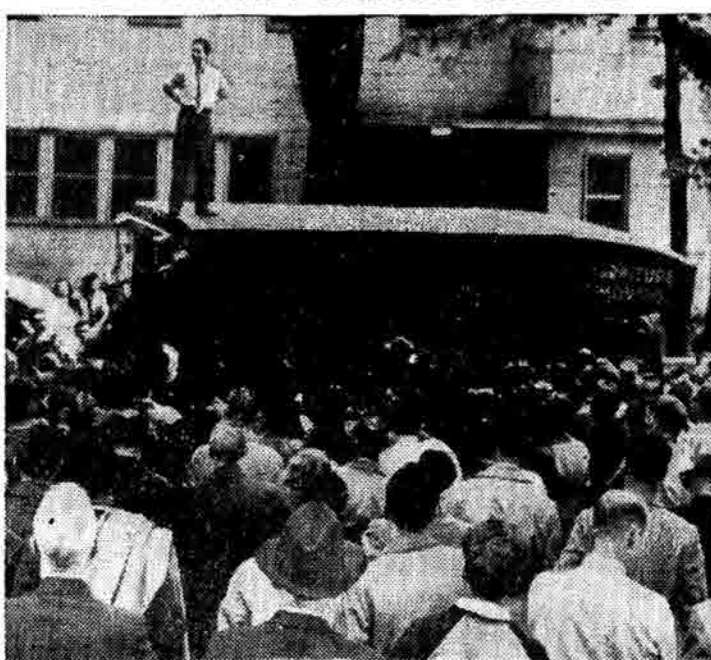
IMPURE MILK

Impure milk is an important source of infection. None of it is pasteurized. It is often diluted with water and thickened with cornstarch. In many cases dangerous chemicals are added as preservatives. When one of the companies is prosecuted for these malpractices, its exorbitant profits easily cover the small fine imposed.

For the masses of Mexico who are ill, the cure is almost as unobtainable as the measures for prevention. Always high in price, medicines have recently risen to a point where their purchase is nearly impossible on a worker's wage. Medicine for dysentery, for example, costs five pesos—the equivalent of a day's wage—for a small bottle of 20 pills. Even according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture, quinine—used in the treatment of malaria—is "now out of reach of the poorer classes of this hemisphere."

Hospital facilities are deplorably inadequate. In the larger cities of Mexico there are not more than four hospital beds per thousand of the population, and the majority of the rural com-

Canadian Families Move In



Taking a lesson from the "squatters" in London who moved into vacant homes and defied eviction, these Canadian families solved their housing problem. They took over government buildings as temporary homes. The former air force officer standing on the van, was later arrested on charges of "forcibly entering government property." But he is continuing to fight for the right to live there.

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Rising Unrest In Italy Marked By Strikes And Land Seizures

(Special to The Militant)

ITALY, Sept. 26—The impatience of the Italian masses, tried beyond all human endurance, continues to explode in scattered but violent action. The strike of government employees in Northern Italy began as an isolated action on Sept. 6. But it spread rapidly through the whole Po province and produced related actions of extremely radical forms.

In Venice, 3,000 demonstrators attacked the police. In Mestre, near Venice, demonstrators blocked all traffic, while hundreds of strikers and unemployed smashed into provocative black-market shops, until armored cars were called. In Milan, so widespread was the indignation that even the personnel of the law

courts, including the frightened judges, went on strike.

The industrial workers are demanding wage increases of 100 per cent, because of the galloping inflation. Thousands of unemployed are demonstrating too, CGT leader Giuseppe di Vittorio pleaded with the government, lest strikes "spread all over Italy." The Italian capitalists are trying to offset with clamorous territorial claims abroad, the increasingly obvious ruin and collapse of the economic structure at home.

SEIZE LAND

Significantly, the poor peasants have not been far behind the workers. In the Roman campaign, landless peasants seized some 50,000 hectares, posted them as "occupied land," and set up strong picket forces to hold off police and carabinieri rushed in from the capital.

Even in the more backward South, the same process is going on. In the area of Anzio, the entire population of Genzano swooped down on 1,750 acres belonging to two rich landowners. Even the village priest and the Stalinist mayor were swept along in the movement. The names of 1,000 Genzano families who wanted to render the land fertile and productive were nailed up.

The carabinieri of Genzano, a town of 12,000, where 1,500 are permanently unemployed and more than 30 per cent of the children admittedly tubercular through undernourishment, dared not even try to stop the movement, but "went along to watch."

Everywhere in Italy the revolt of the landless peasants is smoldering. At Bracciano, north of Rome, the prince-proprietor declared some 1,500 acres under cultivation. Actually, as an American journalist, Barrett McGurn, put it: "The only thing raised on it was the rumpus caused by galloping foxhunters."

COWS IN WHEAT

Landless peasants planted wheat on the idle land. The prince sent cows to graze in the growing grain. The peasants drove off the cows with pitchforks. Such incidents point up the situation which is that only 150,000 of at least 2,000,000 acres of unused productive land held by the latifundists have been declared divisible.

As yet, the struggles of both workers and peasants in Italy have not been generalized and coordinated. But continued failures to stabilize the tottering economy will surely fuse the present scattered and uncoordinated actions into an Italy-wide revolt.

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Tan Malakka In Danger Of Being Killed

(Special to The Militant)

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 27 — "Tan Malakka, Soebardjo and 20 others, who are not Communists but so-called Trotskyists, and who are acting with the political aim of maintaining chaos, will be prosecuted within a short time. It is probable that a number of them will be sentenced to death."

The above was a statement made at a press conference here by Frans Goedhard, former Stalinist and present Partij van de Arbeid (Labor Party) member of Parliament, on his return from a recent trip to Indonesia. It is feared here that the Sjahrir government of Indonesia will not hesitate to murder Tan Malakka and other working class leaders if that would facilitate a rotten compromise with Dutch imperialism.

BEHIND SCENES

Recent reports, including an AP dispatch from Batavia on Sept. 25, assert that the Dutch imperialists are working behind the scenes to arrange recognition of the Sjahrir group as a "de facto" government.

The stubborn refusal of the Dutch to do just that in the past lends weight to the fears here that a deal is being worked out which may include the suppression by both the Dutch and the Sjahrir government of all working class revolutionary elements in Indonesia.

The labor movement of the world should rally to the defense of Tan Malakka and his comrades, the best and most valiant fighters for Indonesian independence, just as it should rally to the fight for Indonesian independence itself.

German Prisoners Held By U.S. Stage Sitdown Strike In Italy

"We want to go home. Our wives and children are starving. Who is feeding our families? We are not slave labor." With these as their slogans, thousands of German prisoners of war held by the U. S. Army in Italy staged a sitdown strike in the Leghorn-Pisa area last week.

Threatened with severe punishment and promised repatriation as soon as possible, "most of them persisted in the strike," according to an AP dispatch on Sept. 30. Heavily armed guards were seen transporting the striking PWs into detention pounds, which is another name for concentration camps.

The U. S. commander in the Mediterranean area, Lt. Gen. John C. H. Lee, issued a statement the next day denying that the situation was serious. Dissatisfaction was "due principally to the Germans' desire for more freedom in Italy and for some means of aiding their families in Germany," he said. This was an obvious lie, for it evaded the PWs' chief demand—which is to go home.

SLAVE LABOR

Despite the promises about repatriation "as soon as possible" and despite the PWs' declaration that they are not slave labor, the fact remains that they are slave laborers to all intents and purposes and that it is not seriously intended to repatriate them for many years to come.

"Soldiers defeated in war are being used by their victors as a cheap labor force," the magazine World Report declares in explaining why PWs are not being sent home. The French and British governments even hire out the German prisoners to private employers and make a substantial profit on their labor.

All in all, it is estimated that about seven million Germans and Japanese are still held prisoners and that it may take five years before they are repatriated.

The U. S. holds 200,000 Germans; Britain 500,000; France 700,000; and it is believed that the Soviet Union has four million.

Britain has 100,000 Japanese PWs; China 400,000; and the estimate for the Soviet Union is about one million.

The German bankers and industrialists go free and the Japanese emperor is not even molested. Yet the German and Japanese workers and farmers who had to be conscripted for the

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 27—Widespread indignation against the Dutch government's suppression of the Indonesian struggle for independence led last week to organized protest movements of soldiers culminating in mass demonstrations last Saturday and a general strike in this city which began on Monday and lasted until Tuesday night.

During the second week in September, the soldiers at the Harderwijk camp near Amsterdam were informed that they were to embark for Indonesia. According to the Dutch constitution, only volunteers may be shipped overseas for military duty. The soldiers, protesting the government order, which was issued under a wartime emergency decree, bluntly refused to go.

FORM COMMITTEE

They formed a committee, representing 150 men at the beginning, and went to the Communist (Stalinist) Party headquarters to get aid in protecting their constitutional rights, particularly since some of them were members of the CP. The Stalinist leaders—whose only program of action to aid the Indonesian struggle has been a campaign of writing letters to Parliament—refused all help. The soldiers' committee thereupon turned to the other workers' organizations.

Last week the soldiers' committee issued two leaflets—one addressed to their fellow soldiers and the other to the workers of Amsterdam.

The first leaflet called on the soldiers for action against shipment to Indonesia, but urged them to refrain from individual actions of resistance to government orders, explaining that it was the duty of class-conscious worker-soldiers to stay with their comrades and persuade the majority of their views.

This leaflet also urged the soldiers, if they were sent to Indonesia, to fraternize with the workers and peasants of that country fighting justly for independence.

The second leaflet called on

the dock-workers in particular and the unions in general to support the cause of the soldiers and to demonstrate their disapproval of the imperialist aims of the government by striking against embarkation orders.

TREMENDOUS IMPRESSION

Both leaflets created a tremendous impression in the city, particularly when they were distributed by rank-and-file soldiers and placarded on the walls of the city.

Street meetings were held throughout the city under the auspices of the soldiers' committee. Soldiers and workers responded with a mass sentiment of sympathy. In the course of demonstrations Saturday night, one soldier was killed in clashes with the military police.

The soldiers' committee grew constantly. Indignation spread with the brutal police attacks on the demonstrators. On Monday morning the tramwaymen of Amsterdam went on strike. Tuesday morning they were followed by the municipal workers, dock-workers and printing trades workers. By Tuesday afternoon the strike was general.

At the height of the action the Stalinists were forced to recognize and to join in the general demands. At a mass meeting called under their auspices in Amsterdam, the demand for the cessation of hostilities in Indonesia and the halting of troop shipments was strongly raised.

The Stalinists promised to bring up the issue in Parliament and on the basis of that promise the workers and soldiers agreed to call off their strike for the present. But strike workers and soldiers are on guard against possible victimization by the Dutch capitalists and their government.

RCP SUPPORT

The Revolutionary Communist Party, Dutch section of the Fourth International, was the first workers' organization and the only one among the political parties to openly proclaim its sympathy with the views of the soldiers and for fraternization between them and the workers.

Greek Stalinists Forced To Debate Trotskyists

(Special to The Militant)

The leaders of the Greek Communist (Stalinist) Party have been compelled to agree to the organization of public discussion in Athens between the CP and the Trotskyists (Internationalist Communist Party), according to a recent issue of the Trotskyist paper, Ergatikí Palli.

For many months the general secretary of the CP has filled columns with arguments about the correctness of the Stalinist policy in comparison with the policy of the Fourth International. But these articles did little to convince the members of his own party.

That fact, and the growing influence of Trotskyist ideas among the members of the Stalinist Party, and the well-known valiant record of the Trotskyists in the fight against capitalism, compelled the Stalinist leaders to agree to the open and organized discussions.

In August the Central Committee of the CP accepted the proposal, and representatives of the two parties met formally. The Trotskyists proposed:

1. That the text of the discussions be published in the newspapers of the two parties—Ergatikí Palli and Rizospastis and Ergatikí Palli. 2. That the meetings be open to all workers. 3. That the Archimedes (a centrist party) be permitted to participate in the discussions.

AGREEMENT SIGNED

The above propositions were rejected by the CP representatives, but on Sept. 11 an agreement was nevertheless signed along the following lines:

The first subject of the discussion will be "The internal situation of Greece and the position



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"Today it is no longer a question, as was the case in the nineteenth century, of simply assuring a more rapid and more healthy development of economic life: today it is a question of saving mankind from suicide."

—Leon Trotsky

War Guilt

The long, elaborate trial staged at Nuremberg by the Allied powers had one main aim: To throw the whole blame for World War II on the German Nazis and to conceal the guilt of the Allied imperialists.

It was a foregone conclusion that the conquering powers, acting as judges, prosecutors and jury, would find their war rivals to be alone responsible for the war.

But was World War II caused merely by the ambition and lust for power of the Nazis? Did this carnage on a world scale result only from the wickedness and evil designs of the leaders of the Nazi regime?

The Nazi regime has been crushed. The power of the German nation to make war has been destroyed. Yet the threat of world war remains. American imperialism in particular is engaged in a diplomatic offensive and military preparations for war against the Soviet Union.

The coming war, if it is not prevented by the revolutionary action of the world working class, will have the same basic cause as the last war. Its roots, like the first two world wars, are buried in the soil of world capitalism.

The capitalist system is in a stage of advanced decay. It is torn by insoluble economic contradictions and social crises. Its productive capacity has long since outgrown the market permitted by private profit. To find outlets for goods and capital, to bolster up their profits, the capitalists of every country are forced to seek foreign markets, colonies, expanded spheres of influence.

It is the bitter competition for these foreign markets, colonies and spheres of influence that causes modern war. Monopoly capitalism caused World Wars I and II, and is paving the way for World War III.

American monopoly capitalism is the main-spring of world capitalism. Despite its victory in the last war, American capitalism is being driven, by incapacity to solve its economic problems, into a still more horrible war adventure.

The Allied imperialists have tried to show that the last war was the personal responsibility of a gang of ambitious maniacs. At the same time, they absolve the capitalist system and the capitalists as such.

But the truth remains: ALL the capitalist powers were equally guilty for World War II. ALL of them will be equally guilty for the next imperialist world war.

Warning To Labor

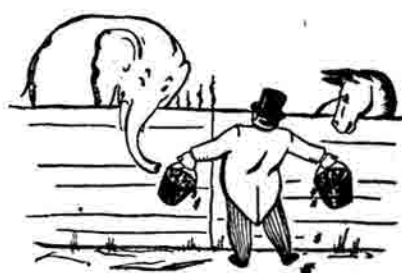
After the first World War and the postwar upsurge of labor, the Department of Justice spearheaded a savage drive to suppress civil liberties, terrorize organized labor and silence any who dared oppose the policies of Big Business and the government.

Last week J. Edgar Hoover, anti-labor head of the FBI, gave sinister warning that the persecutions and violations of civil rights during the Palmer "red-raid" days are about to be repeated.

In a speech before the American Legion convention, Hoover delivered an attack on "reds" and "communists" that had ominous implications for all labor. "Let us no longer be misled by their sly propaganda and false pretexts on civil liberties," said Hoover of the "reds."

Democratic rights and civil liberties, Hoover makes clear, will be the first victims of the government's anti-red drive. And by "reds" he also meant "their satellites, their fellow-travellers and their so-called progressive and phony liberal allies." In short, any one or any group the reactionaries choose to label "communist."

The Truman administration, acting for Wall



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Street, is turning to repression and witch-hunts as a means of dividing and curbing labor. Unable to break the labor movement by direct assault, the American capitalists are seeking to weaken and undermine it by legal persecutions of its most militant elements.

At the same time, American imperialism is planning to silence all progressive opposition to its schemes to plunge this country into another world war.

Some union leaders, both CIO and AFL, are giving aid and comfort to Wall Street's drive to crush civil liberties and suppress opposition. These narrow-minded union leaders are conducting their own red-baiting drives against those of radical views inside the unions.

Such red-baiting must be vigorously condemned and fought. It is playing right into the hands of the Big Business reactionaries who plan to destroy all democratic rights and smash the unions.

Forewarned is forearmed! The American labor movement must mobilize all its forces and prepare to lead a real fight to preserve its democratic rights and liberties.

Aid To Reaction

Stalinist-led goons last Monday morning physically assaulted two young workers distributing *The Militant* to seamen entering the CIO National Maritime Union hall on 17th Street in New York City.

One of the distributors was struck on the head by a weapon and knocked unconscious. More than 500 copies of *The Militant* were stolen from the distributors and torn up in a typical Stalinist imitation of the Hitlerite book-burnings.

The issue of *The Militant* that the Stalinist hoodlums tried to prevent the NMU members from reading featured an account of the Democratic Party's conspiracy to throw the Communist (Stalinist) Party's candidates, as well as the Socialist Workers Party ticket, off the New York ballot. Prominently displayed on the front page was an editorial calling for a united fight of all labor and liberal forces against the plot of the Wall Street politicians to deprive the minority parties of their rights.

Another editorial attacked the red-baiting drive of reactionary elements inside the CIO—a drive aimed in the first instance against the Stalinists themselves.

The Communist Party, together with all working-class organizations, faces a fearful attack from the reactionary red-baiters, as J. Edgar Hoover, FBI head, revealed last week. Stalinist leaders who inspire hoodlum attacks on *Militant* distributors are simply encouraging the fascists and reactionaries to attack the Communist Party members. The Stalinists are setting the example for the red-baiters and fascist hoodlums.

As we point out in another editorial, the drive which the government is preparing to launch against "communists" is designed to terrorize the whole labor movement and destroy the workers' democratic rights. When the Stalinists try to prevent other working-class organizations from distributing their literature, they are lending support to anti-democratic attacks on the whole labor movement.

The members of the NMU have the right to read whatever they please. The Stalinists use gangster methods in an attempt to deprive them of that right. It is up to the genuine defenders of democracy in the NMU to put a halt to the actions of the Stalinists which are discrediting their union.

Road To War

The danger of war arises not because "any responsible official of any government wants war," but because "nations may pursue policies or courses of action which lead to war," said Secretary of State Byrnes in Paris last week. This was a reference to the Soviet Union, an inference that Stalin's policies will lead to war no matter what Stalin says in his public statements about wanting peace.

But how about the United States government—what kind of "policies or courses of action" is it following?

What does permanent peacetime conscription lead to?

What is the meaning of the Navy Secretary's declaration last week that in effect the Navy will go where it pleases, including the Mediterranean, even though it isn't "invited"? What would happen if some other nation announced such a policy about the waters around the U. S.?

Why does the government want a super-espionage service for "foreign activities never before provided and not countenanced in existing law"?

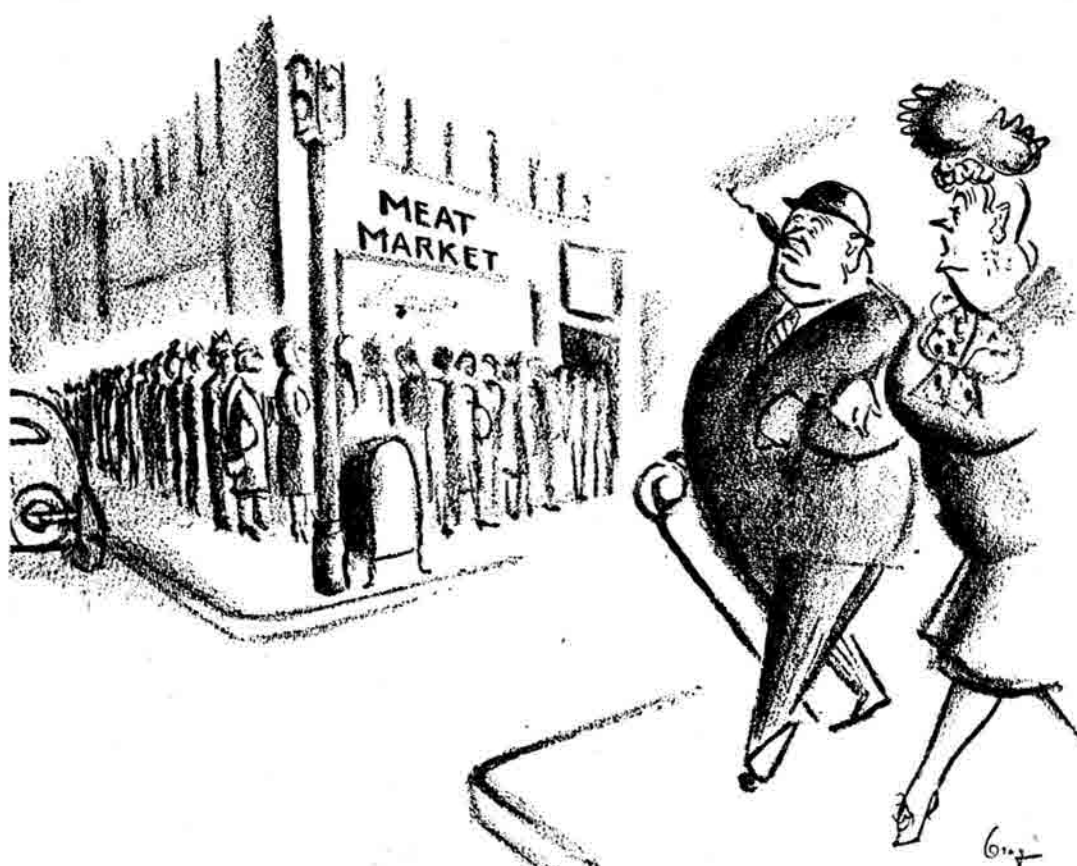
What is behind the frenzied activity to build up military bases in every part of the world? Why are they still producing atomic bombs every minute of the day?

Why does more than 50 cents of every dollar spent by the government go to the military budget?

Why does the government violate its promises to withdraw the troops from China and other "non-enemy" countries?

All these and many other "policies or courses of action" not only "lead to war" but show that the present government is preparing for a war that may destroy civilization. And yet the people who have to do the fighting and suffering in such wars have no voice in deciding whether or not they should be waged. The decisions are made by a small group in Washington acting on the basis of the often-mentioned "bipartisan foreign policy"—a fancy name for agreement by the two parties of Wall Street not to interfere with Wall Street's program for world domination.

Before it is too late, the people must make their opposition to war known and felt. They must take the war-making powers away from Wall Street's political agents. They must demand that the Congress elected on Nov. 5 adopt legislation providing for a referendum by the people on the most crucial question of all—war or peace.



"Why don't they just phone?"

Workers BOOKSHELF

THE LAST FRONTIER by
Howard Fast, World Publishing Co., 1946, 301 pp., \$1.

In this historical novel, Fast strikes another blow against the myth of the "peaceful" development of American capitalism. This book is a history of one of the many heroic, though defeated, revolts of the American Indians against the brutality of the reservation system—an equivalent to present day concentration camps.

It was not necessary for Fast to draw the obvious parallel between Nazi methods in Poland and the methods by which Yankee capitalism stole a continent from its original inhabitants. To secure this "lebensraum," the Yankees destroyed a culture and almost exterminated an entire people.

The narrative begins in the arid wastes of Oklahoma, which in 1878 were called "Indian territory." Into this desert the survivors of many once-great Indian tribes had been driven, to live under the prison-camp authority of the Federal Agent.

Among the tribes driven into this dusty tract were the Cheyennes, who were forced out of their ancestral homes in the green valleys of Wyoming. The lands in Wyoming had been guaranteed to them in perpetuity by a solemnly executed treaty with the U.S. government. This treaty became a scrap of paper when it

stood in the way of Yankee aggrandizement.

Faced with starvation, this small tribe, numbering only 300, mostly women and children, sought permission of the Federal Agent to return to Wyoming. When this was refused, they began a migration back to their native areas, hundreds of miles distant. A force totaling 12,000 seasoned U.S. troops were dispatched against them. The natives fought 10 pitched battles against overwhelming odds. Half the original 300 reached their destination.

The author brings to light in this book, a long-concealed bloody page of American capitalism's rise to power.

Reviewed by
Phil Clark

THE ADVENTURES OF WESLEY JACKSON by William Saroyan, Harcourt, Brace and Co., 1946, 285 pages, \$2.75.

Love, love, love—soft and squishy, it covers the world (or should) and it's the only thing that counts. In approximately these terms Mr. Dooley described William Jennings Bryan's pacifist philosophy during the first world war. They also seem to fit the philosophy of William Saroyan, especially in this novel which numerous critics have handled rather sharply.

Saroyan as a writer is not a realist, and no one holds that against him. But in telling of

the adventures in the Army of a young man trying to discover the meaning of life, he is compelled to deal with some very real things, as Saroyan himself had to when he was in the Army.

And try though they did, Wesley Jackson and Saroyan had a hard time trying to reconcile their philosophy of love with Army life. The result is an often annihilating picture of what the Army was to its enlisted men—a picture of privileged rank, hypocrisy, red tape and confusion. But it is an honest picture, even if it isn't very broad or deep.

Another thing that stands out in this novel is that neither the author nor the characters he is most interested in display a single sign of patriotism. That is left for the speechmakers, the writers who prepare training films, the officers who sit in comfortable offices. Wesley Jackson and his friends will have no part of it—and they have no hatred toward the Germans they are told to kill.

For these reasons the critics have panned the book. They dislike it for its best qualities. It is easy for them to make fun of Saroyan's pacifism in a world torn by war; anyone can do that. But it is not easy for them to challenge the fact that many other soldiers besides Wesley Jackson came to consider the Army their main enemy. Or to explain it.

Reviewed by
George Breitman

'Progressives' Block The Road

By Ruth Benson

At a conference of "Progressives" in Chicago on Sept. 28-29, more than 300 delegates were present from labor and liberal groups to discuss the course to follow in the 1946 elections. Among the speakers were CIO President Philip Murray; CIO Political Action Committee Director Jack Kroll; Walter White, Executive Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; former Interior Secretary Ickes, and former Treasury Secretary Morgenthau.

They issued searing blasts against the 79th Congress, 90 of whose "liberal" and "progressive" members were elected with PAC support. Murray charged that "repeated forays" were made in Congress against the labor movement, "at the insistence of a well-organized and financed conspiracy." He pointed out that "organized employers" are "depressing real wages and diluting workers' real earnings through price increases."

The conference charged that Congress had "betrayed the people by sabotaging every measure that would have brought security and freedom," including price-control, the Wagner-Elender-Taft Housing Bill, and FEPC. On the international front, the conference "deplored" U. S. expenditures of 13 billions a year for war preparations—but hastily urged that "spheres of special influence of the great powers" be "respected."

Ickes, to underline this support of Wall Street, proclaimed that "the time has come for liberals to cease assuming the burden of defending Russian foreign policy and appraise the situation from a realistic, pro-American viewpoint."

REAL WORRIES

"Everything that Franklin D. Roosevelt fought for and accomplished at home and abroad stands in danger of being scrap-

ped," Morgenthau moaned, in summing up the situation.

The "progressives," however, had bigger worries than opposing the reactionary policies of Congress. They were alarmed about the workers' desire for a labor party. And they did their best to try to head it off.

In his keynote address, Walter White stressed that he "did not think a third party was the answer either in 1946 or 1948."

Why not? Because "Not long before he died, Wendell Wilkie told me that . . . it would take a minimum of six years to get a third party listed on the ballot of all the states."

And so, it's better to shove the task aside until 1960 or 2000 A.D., when it will still take six years to accomplish, perhaps, but these self-styled progressives won't have to take part in the job.

Morgenthau agreed with White, and added, "If we are to be effective, we must continue to work largely within the ranks of the Democratic Party. . . . Any talk of a third party at this particular moment in America's political history is in my opinion impractical and visionary and can well serve the purposes of reaction instead of progress."

"PRACTICAL" IDEA

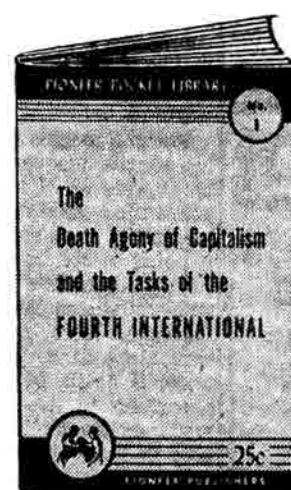
In the opinion of the "Progressives," it is only "practical" to support the Democrats, who are hand-in-glove with the Republicans in every anti-labor, anti-Negro, anti-Soviet drive. It will be hard to interest the workers in electing these notorious reactionaries, of course, but the National Citizens Political Action Committee, a participant in the conference, has the methods worked out.

Its program of action calls for a full-fledged schedule of hard work, activating 500,000 workers into volunteers' staffs. They'll have to set up committees in

every precinct and ward, send out speakers to address clubs, forums, veterans' groups, etc., and ring doorbells in neighborhoods throughout the country, in an effort to get out some 50,000,000 votes.

This program means using the same energies that would be needed to set a labor party into being. But a labor party for which workers would gladly struggle, is "visionary." The hard-headed "realists" would rather try to persuade, half a million men and women to squander their time and energy "purifying" the rotten Democratic Party.

The "Progressives," who mouth liberal phrases, have again revealed their real purpose: to put obstacles in the path of the working people who need and want an independent labor party.



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Democrats Seek Votes On A Program Of Lies

The election program presented by the Democratic Party's National Committee on Sept. 26 is nothing but the same old smelly package of lies and promises made by this Wall Street party before every election.

The resolution endorses the domestic policies of the Democratic Party over the past years, and promises to continue these policies in the coming period. It hypocritically pats labor on the head and promises to advance and protect gains made by labor.

On this score, the workers can ask some embarrassing questions, particularly about the strike-breaking actions of Democratic politicians in federal, state and local office—from President Truman down to city mayors like O'Dwyer in New York and Lawrence in Pittsburgh.

With homes desperately needed by 4,000,000 veterans and their families alone, the resolution cynically declares that the Democratic Administration has made substantial progress toward providing adequate housing.

With a dollar that today buys only about half what it used to, and a staggering national debt, the resolution declares that the fiscal policy of the Democratic Party has left the country in a financially stable condition. While the cost of living keeps mounting, the Democratic Party assures the victims of high prices that it is holding down the cost of living.

The very hot question of the meat shortage, however, was not mentioned at the very brief public meeting. It was "fully and completely" debated only at a private luncheon given by Robert E. Hannegan, Chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

The most impudent lie in the resolution was the statement that the Democratic Party was securing equal rights for all races, colors and creeds—this, in the face of a wave of lynch terror sweeping the whole country, not only the Democratic South.

Although on the domestic front, the election program is nothing but a pack of lies, it does tell the truth on one point—foreign policy. Here the Democratic Party voices its real program. It promises to "back to the limit" the American delegation now laying down U.S. imperialist law to the world at the Paris "peace" conference.

Thus the Democratic Party which, under Roosevelt, dragged the country into World War II, now supports Truman's policy of getting tough with the Soviet Union in the drive toward World War III.

Profiteers Steal Millions On Soaring Dairy Prices

Two of the nation's basic food commodities, butter and milk, hit new high price levels last week, right in the midst of the Democratic Party's bid for re-election on the lie that it was interested in holding down the cost of living.

Butter went up to \$1 a pound, climaxing a rise of 7½ cents a pound in less than two weeks. Milk went up to 22 cents a quart and higher, after five price hikes since last May. And the people were warned that milk will continue to rise at the rate of a cent a month in the coming period.

Roy Thompson, Chairman of the Price Control Board which removed all price ceilings from dairy products, promised that prices of dairy products would not go above the old ceilings, plus the amount of government subsidies.

But the former government subsidy amounted to 1.7 cents per quart, while milk prices have gone up from 3 to 6 cents a quart, or two to four times the amount of the subsidy. Butter under ceilings was 56 cents per pound. The subsidy was 18 cents a pound. But today butter has jumped to \$1 a pound—a rise of not 18 cents, but 44 cents.

National Dairy Products, one of the big monopolists, robbed the people of \$11,802,554 in profits after taxes for the six months ending July 30. This was almost double the \$6,977,276 in profits for the same period in 1945. But just doubling profits isn't enough. With the aid of the Democratic and Republican politicians they aim to do lots better.

No Meat Is Hot Potato For Democratic Party

Meat-starved millions in New York City got the good news last week that they can now buy buffalo steaks at one shop for \$2.50 a pound. New York's Health Commissioner Israel Weinstein also touts the value of horsemeat and urges dealers in horsemeat to open up shop. Meanwhile Roy Thompson of the price control board advocates two meatless days a week for the country, although we already have seven.

The reason for the scandalous meat famine is not in the lack of livestock. There is more meat on the hoof than ever before in the history of the country. But it's just not being processed until the meat profiteers can extort sky-is-the-limit prices.

Figures released by the Agriculture Department on the quantity of meat now being produced under Federal inspection, show that for the week ending Sept. 28, 80 million pounds were produced, which is 73 per cent below the 292 million pounds processed during the corresponding week last year. In addition, there are millions of pounds of processed meat concealed in cold storage throughout the country, which won't be brought out of hiding until prices and profits go up. Inspection last week uncovered tens of millions of pounds hidden in New York, Boston and several other cities.

Range cattle, arriving in vast numbers in the stockyards, are going back on feeding lots for "fattening," say the meat profiteers. What they mean is that the cattle are going back to fatten up future profits for the meat barons as soon as they have demolished all price ceilings.

President Truman, advising the people to have "patience," backed up the profiteering meat barons in their fake excuses on Sept. 27: "To the extent that livestock . . . is being fed to higher grades and better weights, the result will be a greater quantity and quality in the near future." But some of the livestock are likely to burst from overfeeding before that "future" becomes the present.

Democratic politicians with their eyes on the coming elections, are concerned about the meat situation only because it is becoming a political hot potato. The Democratic National Committee didn't dare to mention it last week in their phony 9-point election program.

They discussed it only in secret at a private luncheon given by Democratic Party Chairman Hannegan. The committee came up with the brilliant suggestion that he talk it over with the Decontrol Board and other agencies of the Wall Street government.

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.

Open The Gates To The Jews

Editor:
We are not in harmony with your ideas or program, but we are very grateful to you for your editorial in the issue of August 24, 1946 "Open The Gates To The Jews."

They are brave words. They are good words. The armies of the so-called Allied nations pride themselves on victory over the Nazi hordes, but they bought their victory with the lives of millions of Jewish babies, women and now—for those who did save themselves—they keep them out.

May we hope that you will do much more than the editorial—that you will use radio time, your campaign speeches, and your street meetings, on this cry for justice: OPEN THE GATES TO THE JEWISH REFUGEES! David Berklingoff
United Socialist Movement

Workers Want To Join Us

Editor:
Recently I heard a new member of the Socialist Workers Party protest against the use of the word "recruit" in our activities.

"We're not recruiting," he said. "It's that the people we talk to want to join us!"

The same thing is true in selling subscriptions to The Militant. The workers are anxious to read and hear what we have to say. They accept the paper so eagerly that it's as though they were expecting us.

Last Sunday a woman answered the door when I was selling Militant subscriptions. There was a crowd of little children around her—and almost nothing else in the room except a linoleum rug. I told her about our paper. She didn't hesitate. She needed us, our party was her only answer to her terrible poverty. She took the subscription.

E. Landi
New York, N. Y.

He's Satisfied

Editor:
I listened to Farrell Dobbs' campaign speech on Why Truman Fired Wallace, last Thursday evening.

Of all the nonsensical, unethical political drivel, yours takes the crown. Capitalism, capitalism, capitalism! You talk as if it were a crime to have money, or be a financier and know how to handle money.

Your poor stupid; where would the workers be if there were not "capitalists" willing to invest money in industry, or rather, still having the courage to do so?

How far do you think you would get in Russia, if you felt like indulging in tirades against the government?

You take advantage of the ignorant, uneducated classes of factory workers mainly because everybody else would refuse to even listen to you. There is no

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place in the world where workers enjoy such a high standard of living! And you are trying to undermine our way of living and our form of government.

Do you know the saying: "Ignorance is the greatest evil in the world?"

God forbid that we should ever have anybody in power like you! Let America wake up and use its common sense to clean out the ranks of labor and government of radicals and rabble rousers and traitors to our country and institutions like you.

From the ranks of defense workers,
O. K. Wilson
Hempstead, N. Y.

P. S. Perhaps you have the courage to print this letter.

Wants Action On Meat Famine

Editor:
Over the radio last night, an announcer made a big fuss about a "break" in the meat famine for this week-end. It seems 3,000 families in Brooklyn—which has a population of about three MILLION—got meat for their Sunday dinners!

I think it's about time we followed the lead of the women in Toledo who told the Mayor and City Council that they wanted the packing industry nationalized and operated under the unions' control. How much longer will we put up with a situation where it's news when one family in a thousand gets meat?

Angry Housewife
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Nuremberg Verdict

Editor:
I see that the Nuremberg court decided Schacht was "not guilty" of the Nazi crimes. After all, how could they convict the leading capitalist and financier? It would be an admission that capitalists all over the world are responsible for the wars that wipe out millions of working people.

A. G.
New York City

Take Over Homes In Empty Resorts

Editor:
There are countless thousands of empty apartments and homes that could be used to give shelter to the homeless veterans and

workers and their families: apartments and houses in summer resorts, that are used for nothing at all in the winter. Even the houses that haven't any central heating plants, are certainly more comfortable than a park bench! Gas stoves, coal stoves, electric heaters, etc., could be installed in a few hours.

But there they stand, all these empty buildings. Their owners won't rent them out—because there's more money to be made by keeping them strictly for "summer occupancy." There's no OPA limit to what the landlords can charge for the summer, provided they don't rent the places on a year-round basis.

Why not demand that the government confiscate all empty houses and put them to use? That would go for the millionaires' empty mansions.

E. J.
New York City

Workers Are Wise To The Incompetents

Editor:
"A bunch of incompetents struggling to hold their jobs" was the best description of the world ruling class after the First Munitions Makers' War got going. Today the incompetents are filled up and running over with confusion. Their words are seasoned with paranoiac fear.

The most glorious bunch on earth shout across seas of misunderstanding while the leaders of the two parties, election near, pretend as always to pet the workers. Sly, caressing hands seek the weak spots in the armor of the workers, preparing the usual stab in the back at the correct moment.

But the workers are wise to all the tricks of the incompetents as they were never before. Private ownership and so-called competition will walk the plank eventually—why not now?

Joseph McNamee
New York City

Learned About SWP From YCL, Joins Us

Editor:
The other day one of our street meetings in Brooklyn, a young man came over to me and said: "I want to join your party, how do I go about it?"

I began to explain to him what our party stood for, thinking that perhaps he didn't know what kind of a party he was joining. But he interrupted me with a very positive gesture.

"You don't have to explain," he said, "I know all about your party. I know all about it because I'm from the YCL. That's why I want to join."

The following day he came down to the Brooklyn headquarters and joined the party he was so anxious to get into.

M. J.
New York

United Action Against Wall St. Conspiracy

Editor:
If the Democrats are trying to throw four minority parties off the ballot in New York, why don't the four parties get together to fight against it?

R. Taylor
New York City

Editor's Note: The Socialist Workers Party and The Militant have publicly called on the parties concerned to present a united defense to the attack on their democratic rights. But none of the other parties has answered this appeal. We have also called on the labor movement as a whole to oppose the Wall Street conspiracy against democratic rights.

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Huge Layoffs In Detroit Area

Editor:
These past weeks have seen tremendous layoffs in the Detroit area. Estimates of recently unemployed here are close to 100,000.

Curiously, the local press has not followed its usual practice of blaming unions for these layoffs. Shortages of parts and steel is now the official excuse for the cutback. Each of these extended layoffs has repercussions among the workers.

The other day a few of us in the shop were talking about prices, wages, and one thing and another. Before long we were all agreeing that the situation today is hardly better than a depression.

As one of the boys put it, "You work and work and still have nothing. At least in a depression, you know you've got nothing and don't think you've got something!"

We're lucky if we work full weeks. But even if we bring home full pay-checks, we find it's barely enough to buy the necessities.

Veterans are probably the hardest hit. The companies are down on them because "they're unstable—too particular." Sure, and why not! The bosses hire us for one job, say spotwelding, and



when we go to work we sweep floors and wash dishes. Our compensation is refused at the drop of a hat. This is what I overheard in the front office of our plant:

Employment Manager (to veteran just quitting): "You guys expect everything—ought to be glad you got a job!"

Veteran: "Just give me my slip."

Employment Manager: "The government made the biggest mistake giving you guys \$20 a week."

Veteran: "What do you mean?"

Employment Manager: "Oh, it's making a bunch of bums out of you."

Veteran: "Just give me my slip!"

I met four vets from my department outside the plant. They had worked three days in the past two weeks, and had pounded the bricks in vain looking for work. Disgust was sharp in the lines of their faces—no work, no compensation, nothing. Their talk was running along these lines.

"What in hell's name did we fight for? I've got less now than I had before."

"You ought to see what they'll give you for your stars and ribbons."

"I guess we're lucky to be alive. But what's the use of being alive if you can't live?"

So it goes. This is just a rehearsal for the real show—the big depression they're talking about. Each time the layoffs get larger, each time the men get more bitter. Idle men in the streets, idle machines in the factory. They say:

"This time we'll do better than in '36 and '37, this time we'll run the machines, not just sit next to them!"

Jack Gaynor
Detroit, Mich.

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(My commission expires March 30, 1948.)

Food Costs Nearly Double 1939

Aug. 13 1946	Aug. 14 1945	May 18 1943	Jan. 14 1941	Aug. 15 1939	Aug. 13 1946	Aug. 14 1945	May 18 1943	Jan. 14 1941	Aug. 15 1939
									
ALL FOODS					MEAT				
171.2	140.9	143.0	97.8	93.5	186.6	131.8	138.3	101.1	95.7
									
EGGS					FRUITS & VEGETABLES				
173.6	171.4	142.1	97.4	90.7	178.3	183.5	190.8	93.3	92.4

Basic source of 100 derived from period 1925-1929

Basic figure of 100 derived from period 1935-1939

These figures are from the Department of Labor, notorious for understating the real increase in living costs. Scarcities of basic foods and black market charges actually make it even more expensive to buy adequate food.

Federated Pictures.

Working Mother Hunts For Her Family's Food

By Mille Fredreci

I pulled a "wish bone" with my little boy today, and when I asked him what he wished for, I was surprised when he said: "I wish for food." Judging by the way it's disappearing, he wished for it the right thing.

On Saturday, my day off, I started out early in the morning in Harlem to find some meat. But all I found was beef kidneys at 49 cents a pound. I couldn't even find a meat skin to boil a bean with.

The crowds of shoppers are cross because they cannot find food to buy. Even if I were a quarterback on the football team, I'd still have to move along with the crowds, waiting and waiting, pushing and jamming.

Attention: Congressman Rankin of Mississippi. Please send out an investigator to learn why Cudahy, Swift and Armour, and other subversive elements like the big cattle raiser, Secretary of Agriculture Anderson, are withholding meat from the market.

I cannot understand why workers are forced to sell their labor at low wages while the meat packers and big cattle dealers are free to withhold their over-fat cattle from slaughtering for the meat market. The consumers are "free" to go meat-hungry. Is this what's meant by "free enterprise?"

When I arrived at the fish market this morning, they were washing up the fish stalls. Porgies, fleshy fish with big heads, plenty of scales, and full of intestines and waste parts, were selling for 30 cents a pound; mackerel and flounder at 35 cents a pound. All three formerly sold for three pounds for 10 cents, and porgies were sometimes given away before the war.

There is no sugar and no margarine for sale in my neighborhood. Let them eat butter, say the dairy companies, at \$1 a pound!

Today I bought two fricassee chickens at 59 cents a pound. But the scales were weighted, so I really paid about \$1 a pound. Total cost \$4.87. It'll do for about two meals for my little boy, husband and me.

I bought two pounds of rice for 60 cents, formerly selling for 12½ cents a pound. A dozen tiny pul-

Youth Group Activities

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

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

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

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PHILADELPHIA. — For information call ST. 4-5820, from noon to 6 p.m.

Announcements of youth activities will appear in this column weekly.

Suffering Anti-Fascists Need Aid Now, Says ACEWR

The American Committee for European Workers Relief announced this week that it has just completed a very large shipment of food to Europe. Stating that the European workers face another winter of hunger and cold, an appeal was made by G. L. Weissman, Executive Secretary, for increased donations of food, clothing and especially money.

All over Europe, the common people are suffering unheard of deprivations, but there are some sections where the degree of misery is even worse. It is necessary to send food parcels immediately to Greece, Austria and the French zone of Germany if anti-fascist workers and their families there are not to perish.

The ACEWR sends food, clothing and medicine to Greece, Italy, Holland, Belgium, Austria and the American, British and French zones of Germany, plus all sectors of Berlin (there is no way as yet to send aid to the Russian zone).

The ACEWR relief supplies are distributed to French workers and Spanish Republican refugees by Solidarite Internationale Ouvriere (Workers International Solidarity).

All workers are urged to express their solidarity with the anti-fascist workers of Europe by sending donations to the American Committee for European



Workers Relief, 197 Second Avenue, New York 3, N. Y. Remember that \$10 will send 29 pounds of food to a hungry family and 29 pounds of food means a normal diet for a family of four for two or three weeks.

If you have relatives in Europe, write to the ACEWR for information on the best items to send and the postal and shipping regulations.

THE MILITANT ARMY

25 Subs In 1½ Hours Is Connecticut Record



Militant boosters in the Connecticut State Branch of the Socialist Workers Party set a new record for themselves in getting subscriptions to The Militant through a mobilization. "Four of us mobilized Sunday," writes L. Morris, Organizer, "and went to Waterbury where we had previously sold 44 subs during the brass strike (Waterbury is the world center of the brass machine industry). We had only 1½ hours. We had to visit 44 homes. We completed everything on schedule and got 25 subs!"

How members of The Militant Army even try to make use of adversity is vividly shown by the following report from Pauline Lerner, Literature Agent for Westside Branch, Los Angeles:

"These four subs were given to me without any comment. Mary Miller obtained them. She was in an automobile accident about three weeks ago and has been in bed for a few weeks. As a result of her leisure she called up a few of her friends—or perhaps saw them—and got them to subscribe to The Militant."

Milt Genecl, Organizer of Akron Branch, reports: "The last batch of subs was the result of a Sunday mobilization. We are holding mobilizations every other Sunday in an effort to build up our readers' list. As soon as we get settled in our new headquarters we ought to be able to get down to the business of sub-getting more consistently."

Sunday mobilizations to sell subscriptions are producing good sales in other branches.

Philadelphia sent in 29 subs. Pauline Ryder writes: "We had a mobilization on Sunday and are encouraging comrades to go out in small groups on other Sundays on their own initiative."

S. Brooks, Literature Agent for Boston Branch, reports: "Last Sunday's mobilization produced 47 new subscribers in our door-to-door work in the working-class suburbs. As you know our class is 250 new subscribers in an eight-week campaign. In only two real mobilizations we have 110 subscriptions. In short, we've almost reached half our goal with five more mobilizations to come."

"Competition is keen for the prize that goes to the one with the most subs. Annie Anders leads the pack with 15 to her credit; yours truly and Josie Hall are tied for second with 14 apiece, and some new young comrades are hot on our heels. It looks like a hot, close race right down to the finish line."

H. of St. Louis Branch describes how they get subs to The Militant. "Our method in the main is by hitting the doors of workers. For the last five weeks

Dick and I have been concentrating on a neighborhood that was a Stalinist stronghold—mind you, I said 'was.'"

"At the very first house I approached, two men were talking. I hardly got a word out when some other man walked over to us from across the street. He asked, 'Is that The Militant?' He then told me that 'This is a Daily Worker neighborhood.' Anyway I sold a sub to the man at this first house, although he told me he had been reading the Daily Worker."

"And by this time you know that this is now a Militant neighborhood, the way subs have been pouring in."

M. Jones tells us that the eight subs sent in for Youngstown Branch "were obtained by several comrades who went house-to-house and by one comrade in the mill."

Sam Stone of Buffalo reports plans for a sub campaign: "In the very near future we will have some sort of campaign to get more new readers and to get results from the old readers. . . . The three subs enclosed were gotten by the boys in the plant."

A Militant booster never misses an opportunity to get a sub to the paper. E. Brent of Detroit illustrates this point: "Several weeks ago a subscriber complained that his paper wasn't coming after he renewed his subscription, so I stopped in to see him. A lady was talking to him and The Militant was at her elbow. I asked if she had seen the paper before and if she had read it. 'I come here every week and take the paper home to read it. It is a very nice paper.' So we discussed some of the events that have been reported in The Militant. And then I asked her if she would subscribe. She did. I never miss a chance of talking to any visitor when I go to see a subscriber. This is another way to get a new sub."

Members of The Militant Army are doing good work in boosting the paper.

H. M. Sherwin, Solway, Minn. sent in a six-month sub for "a neighbor."

John Enestvedt of Renville, Minn. sent in a one-year sub for his friend, plus a \$1 contribution to The Militant.

Robert Durant of Louisville, Ky. renewed his own sub and sent along a sub for a friend.

H. P. Mayfield of East St. Louis, Ill. tells how he appreciates The Militant: "I am always glad to get hold of The Militant. I always pass it on to my neighbors after I have read it. I think it is a wonderful paper."

PIONEER NOTES

The publishers of the Canadian weekly labor paper, Labor Challenge, make the following interesting report to Pioneer Publishers:

"We have had the good fortune to have contacted a fellow in the past month or so who takes Marxist books into his shop like any average person would take Militants or Labor Challenges. He has cleaned us out of a few items. He has sold to shopmates: four copies of Revolution Betrayed, three Fascism & Big Business, and numerous smaller items. So please replenish our stock."

Newark Branch of the Socialist Workers Party "has sold 55 copies of Build a Labor Party Now (10c) by George Clarke and 66 copies of Veterans & Labor (10c) by Charles Carsten," reported Organizer Alan Kohlman.

"The bulk of the latter were sold at two veterans' meetings in the past week. We are using both pamphlets widely in our election campaign and should sell many hundreds in the next six weeks."

Detroit SWP branch, at the Labor Day parade, sold 70 Build

a Labor Party Now and 50 Veterans & Labor.

Seattle branch writes: "Please send us 200 more Build a Labor Party Now. We have already sold out our original order of 200. In one week we sold 20 to the Warehousemen, 28 to the Longshoremen, 20 to the Marine Cooks & Stewards and 18 to the Shipbuilders. We found it was hardly necessary to say any more than announce the title of the pamphlet and the workers were ready to buy it. Even in the Stalinist-dominated unions the workers had not been misled by their propaganda of supporting the Democratic Party in this state."

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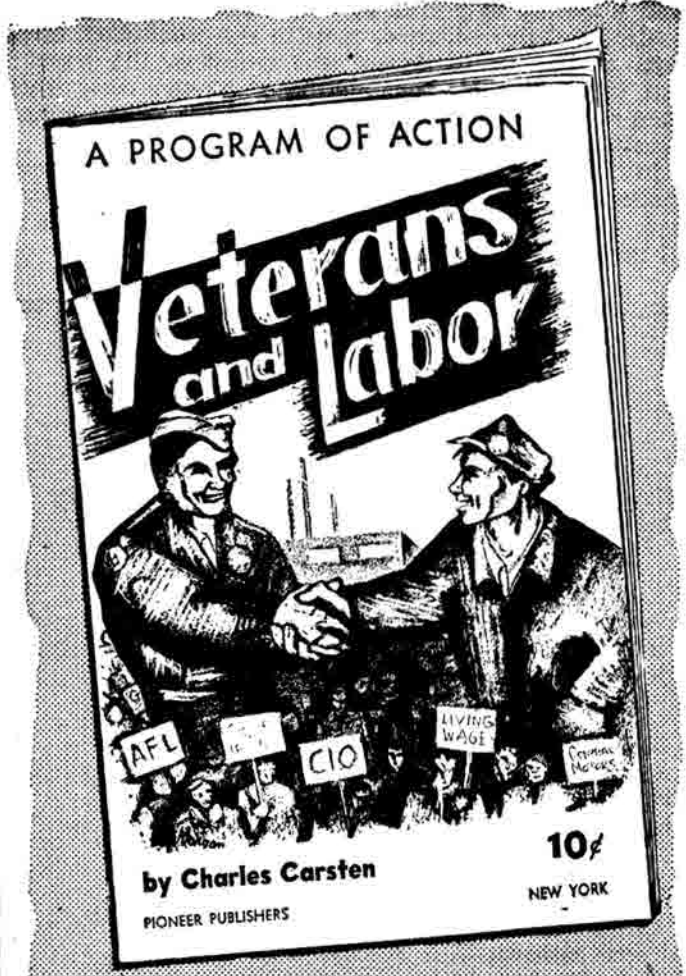
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Jim Crow Record Of Republican And Democratic Parties Is Exposed By Alan Kohlman At NAACP Convention

Text of the address by Alan Kohlman, Socialist Workers Party candidate for Governor of New Jersey, before the State Convention of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in Trenton, N. J., Sept. 26, 1946.

Today, when the list of lynchings grows longer and longer, every man—not just office seekers, but every man—must take a stand. I take my stand, and our Party takes its stand, squarely on the side of the Negro people. We say: death to the lynchings! Full and complete economic, political and social equality for the Negro people!

I come here today to make no election promises, nor to engage in airy and high-sounding abstractions about "justice." As your President, Reverend Hargreaves, has correctly remarked, you must be careful of election promises. I feel under no compulsion to make any, because the record is clear, because actions speak louder than words. I'm going to talk about the record, the record of actions of the Socialist Workers Party, as contrasted to the record of the Republicans and Democrats.

All four representatives of the Republicans and Democrats who have spoken to you have said they oppose lynching. I ask you to remember that it is not a question of what individuals say, but of what their parties say and do. Let me give you some examples.

Some months ago, out in Fontana, California, under the Republican regime of Governor Warren, a Negro named O'Day Short moved into a white neighborhood. Somebody sneaked up in the dead of night and set fire to that house. O'Day Short, his wife and two small children were burned to death. The Republican administration did nothing.

Our Party threw its entire resources into the fight to bring the murderers to justice, and to organize united action against this crime. Our Los Angeles organizer, Myra Tanner Weiss, took a leading part in investigating this crime. She toured up and down the West Coast from Seattle, Washington to San Diego, California speaking and mobilizing against this Jim Crow terror. Here is a copy of the widely distributed pamphlet she wrote, *Vigilante Terror in California*.

But the Republican administration did nothing. Example number two: In Chicago, Illinois under the Democratic regime of Mayor Kelly, some one threw a fire bomb through the window of Mrs. Grace Hardy, seriously burning her and the house. Our Chicago organizer, Mike Bartell, began an investigation. The police just listed it as a fire. But our Party discovered it was an arson bomb. And more than that, when we checked into the records, our Chicago organizer discovered that there were 59 such bombings and beatings within the past two years! I repeat: 59 such crimes against the Negro people — and the Democratic administration did not make a single arrest or conviction. It did nothing!

Took the Lead

Our Party took the lead in organizing a broad united front with the NAACP and unions on the Grace Hardy case. To raise funds to pay the mortgage and repair the house, to pay Mrs. Hardy's hospital bills, and most of all: to organize against Jim Crow terror and the do-nothing Democrats.

More evidence: right in the next state, in Freeport, N. Y., under a Republican local and state administration, all of you know of the vile murder of the Ferguson brothers by a policeman this past February. Senator Smith has spoken to you of the Ives-Quinn bill as an example of Republican legislation. But I say to you that Republican Governor Dewey white-washed the murderer and the crime.

Our party in New York threw its full resources into this fight, and submitted to the Ives-Quinn committee petitions signed by tens of thousands demanding a full investigation. Governor Dewey's

administration ignored these petitions and gave an official white-wash to the murderer. We organized large protest meetings in New York, and here in New Jersey too.

I have here a copy of a leaflet announcing a protest meeting that was held in Newark on March 18; we held one in Jersey City too. Here is more evidence: a copy of my letter, as Newark Organizer of the SWP, sent out to all unions, Negro and workingclass organizations on February 18. This was the first action on the Ferguson murders in New Jersey.

I spoke at this meeting together with representatives of the CIO, Rev. Charles Jackson, a former NAACP official, and Mr. Fred Martin, who is sitting out here as a member of your State Executive Board.

What Happens In The South

Is it necessary to give further evidence against the Democrats? All of you know what is happening in the South where under Democratic regimes they gouge out the eyes of Isaac Woodward, chop off the hands of John Jones, shoot, beat and lynch one Negro after another. And the Bilbos and the Rankins use public office to incite these monstrous crimes! All my opponents on the platform here, including the two Democratic candidates, have spoken against Bilbo. But individuals' statements are not enough. These two candidates remain in the same party with Bilbo and run for office for this party.

We say: impeach and prosecute the Bilbos and Rankins and drive them out of Congress! And there is a world of difference when the SWP says this, because we have a record of actions in this struggle, the record that I have cited here.

It is a question of party against party. The record shows that the SWP stands in the forefront of the fight against Jim Crow terror. The record equally shows that the Democrats and Republicans are to be condemned! (Prolonged applause.)

Now let us take up the important matter of legislation. You have correctly submitted a list of bills to the Republicans and Democrats and asked them to answer in writing where they stand. I listened to my four opponents here and each one of them has answered "yes" to every single question you have asked. It is good that you have their answers in writing. Our party didn't just send a single reply for your files. We published your questions and our answers. I have here a copy of the August 10 issue of *The Militant* which contains the answers of our nine Congressional candidates in five states. So you see how we printed and publicized the questions of the NAACP, and our replies.

Among our candidates is George Breitman, for U. S. Senator, well-known to thousands of New Jersey Negroes as an organizer of the unemployed Workers Alliance during the depression years. And in the 11th Congressional District, our party is running a Negro worker for Congress, William E. Bohannon. He is sitting out there in the audience and I shall ask him to stand up so that you will know him. (Bohannon rises and is greeted with applause.) And in the 13th District, Arlene Phillips is our candidate for Congress. As an active member of the Bayonne branch of the NAACP, she has already spoken today during your business session of the Mike Chase case.

Now I am not going to read our answers to all these questions because copies of the August 10 *Militant* (and other literature) will be available to you after this meeting. We too have answered "yes" to every question and I think you know that we mean what we say.

These four individual candidates, my opponents here, have answered "yes." I shall not question their sincerity here, but let us look at the record of their parties, because the Democrats and Republicans run Congress, and they have a record, a bad record. All of you have seen the August-September issue of your national organ, the NAACP Bulletin. You know that this contains the roll-call record of all the congressmen on 11 important bills, such as the poll tax, FEPC, price control, anti-lynching, etc. Now

what does this record compiled by the NAACP show?

The record shows that less than one-tenth of the Republican and Democratic congressmen voted as the NAACP wanted them to! Nine-tenths voted against!

"By the record so shall ye be judged." (Applause.) And by the record the Republicans and Democrats stand condemned! (Prolonged applause.)

You see it is not a question of individual candidates but of party against party, because the party machines control the individuals. So I must say to these four individual candidates here who promise "yes" when nine-tenths of both their parties vote "no": "I congratulate you, gentlemen, upon being among the liberal one-tenth of your respective parties." (Laughter and applause.) Again I say, individual promises are not enough. By the record both the Republicans and Democrats stand convicted of opposing the interests of the Negro people and workers. (Applause.)

Now, since all four opponents spoke about their personal record and told you how many Negro friends they had, I shall also say a few words about my personal record.

I would not presume to repeat what they said about "some of my best friends being Negroes." But I have dug ditches with Negroes and helped to organize Negro and white WPA workers. As far back as my 16th year, I helped organize the Workers Alliance, one of the first inter-racial organizations of workers in the Southern city of Louisville, Ky.

And having told you that I was born and grew up in the South, I must make a bit of a confession. They raised me to be a "cracker." Yes, you are looking at a made-over "cracker." (Laughter.)

Toledo Housewives Storm Mayor's Office



Led by Mrs. Alice Patton (at far right), Chairman of the Housewives Emergency Committee, angry women invade Mayor's office in Toledo O., to demand action on the meat famine. They demanded that the city administration wire Truman to nationalize the meat industry and operate it under union control.

Toledo Housewives Storm City Council, Demand Meat

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gated the 3,000 private lockers in this city.

The HEC spokesmen announced their dissatisfaction with Hall's report and dismissed it as incomplete.

However, the local chairman of the Communist (Stalinist) Party, Nat Cohen, defended the white-wash report and tried to blame the meat crisis solely on the Republican Party which he claimed engineered the meat famine to make campaign propaganda against the Democrats.

Otto Brach, secretary of the AFL Central Labor Union, told the Council he favored government confiscation of the meat industry, if necessary. Council-

Walker Demands Ohio Governor Act On Meat

TOLEDO, O., Oct. 3—Malcolm Walker, Socialist Workers Party candidate for Governor, sent a telegram today to Governor Lausche demanding that he use his powers to solve the meat crisis. The telegram said:

"In the name of the Socialist Workers Party, I wish to vigorously protest your continued inaction in the present meat crisis. It is within your power to declare an emergency and take action to put the entire state apparatus to work to end meat hoarding and refusal to produce by the profiteering meat packing industry."

In a statement to the press, Walker stated that if he were Governor he would not hesitate to use all the authority of the Governor's office against the meat packing industry which he is convinced is deliberately creating a shortage of meat in order to end price ceilings.

"And if, as Governor, I did not have enough power, I would call the State Legislature together in special session and ask for the necessary authority."

He added, "The people of this state and nation are hungry today because the public officials are only tools of entrenched monopoly demanding a sharp slash in the living standards of the people as the price of producing meat."

"Governor Lausche was elected in 1944 with the support of the labor movement. Before he was even elected he stated that he thought that labor had too much power. Since he has been in office he has had such a consistent anti-labor record that PAC could not endorse him this year."

"The only way the workers will get action in this crisis or in any other of the problems that they face is to elect labor men on a labor program."

Inspired By SWP Street Meeting

By Murray Jackson

NEW YORK, Oct. 5.—One of the most inspiring events I have ever seen took place during the Socialist Workers Party election street-meeting held last week at Fulton and Franklin Streets in Brooklyn.

The crowd was large and responsive. Our 150 Militants sold out in half an hour and subscriptions came thick and fast. Pamphlets were bought rapidly. Faster still came the interest blanks with names and addresses of those who expressed a keen desire to learn more about our party.

But this is just the background! As the final speaker, George Clarke, New York SWP organizer, took the platform, a newcomer joined the audience. In a rather loud voice the newcomer began to heckle. He walked around the platform, ignoring requests to stop disturbing the meeting.

Suddenly his face became transformed. Understanding and appreciation replaced his antagonism. He leaned up against a parked car to listen. Then with eyes shining, he asked permission to hold one of our placards. Proudly he held it aloft, higher than anyone else, as if to atone for his previous behavior. A new comrade was born! The program of the SWP had won him completely.

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Toledo Union Plans Search For Hidden Hoards Of Meat

(Special to The Militant)

TOLEDO, O., Oct. 3.—Lawrence Steinberg, Ohio State Director of the United Retail, Wholesale, Department Store Employees of America, CIO, revealed today to

Richardson At Boston Forum

BOSTON, Sept. 28.—An inspiring address by Milton Richardson, Socialist Workers Party candidate for Lt.-Governor of New York, opened the fall series of Boston Militant Forums last Sunday afternoon.

Comrade Richardson spoke on "The Meaning of the Present Wave of Terror Against the Negro People." The audience listened intently as he described the horror unleashed against the Negro people. From personal experience, Richardson also told of discrimination in the armed forces.

He pointed out that the Negro people can gain nothing from the promises of the ruling class, which attempts to prevent the unity of the Negro and white workers. He concluded by saying that socialism is the only answer to the problems of the minorities, and that the struggle for socialism is carried on today by only one party in this country—the Socialist Workers Party.

Future Sunday afternoon forums here will present the Trotskyist answer to the recurrent problems facing the workers; Steinberg stated.

a Militant reporter that the URWDSEA is planning a union inspection of meat now being hoarded in the city of Toledo.

Packing plants, food lockers, freezing units and railroad freight cars will be opened and thoroughly investigated by the union membership in an effort to determine what meat coming into the city and stored within the city is being withheld from the market by local profiteers.

Full facts and statistics unearthed by the union will be published. Steinberg said he was certain that huge quantities of meat are at present being hoarded by A & P, Krogers and other chain stores and by the big hotels and restaurants.

The URWDSEA workers not only have the apparatus to conduct such an investigation, but are thoroughly familiar with the conditions existing in the meat industry in Toledo. "It is only necessary for the workers to take the initiative," stated Steinberg. "We never got anywhere without doing it ourselves. In this case, we intend to conduct a real investigation."



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New York SWP Organizer
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Wages, Prices and Profits Capitalist Waste And Profits Keep Living Standards Down

By Warren Creel

The employers have said that even modern industry is not able to produce enough to give a good standard of living for all the workers. Now history has answered this old excuse for low wages.

Marxists have proved in theory that industry could produce abundance for all right now. Then, as we saw in the last installment of this series, American war production proved that the Marxist theory was correct. American industry turned out goods at the rate of 200 billion dollars worth a year. It didn't provide a high standard of living because half the nation's output was taken for the war, to be burned up or sunk. But the same labor and machinery could produce the same amount for peace.

That level of production, 200 billion dollars worth of goods a year, is the proven capacity of American factories and farms. If production goes below that, the reason must be that the profit system is holding production down. It isn't because American labor and equipment can't produce.

It is true that part of the total war production is counted at high war prices, so the statistics are not quite the same as peacetime prices. But offsetting that is the fact that the war output was reached while a fourth of the labor force was drafted into the armed forces. Twelve million workers going back to industry and agriculture from the Army and Navy ought to raise the nation's capacity to produce to a far higher level than it reached when their labor was withdrawn. It would under a rational economic system. But we'll leave out that increase, and see what would happen to wages if capitalism could even allow industry to produce in peacetime at the level that it actually reached under the handicaps of war.

There are about 135 million people in the nation. So 200 billion dollars of production is enough to pay an income of \$7,500 a year to every worker who is the head of a family of five. Or, counting the same thing another way, it means \$1,500 a year for every man, woman and child in the United States. Such an income, \$7,500 a year per family, is a moderate luxury income at a business and professional level. It is far beyond what even skilled workers are paid under capitalism. Yet that level of income for everyone is the actual output of American industry. That's not what the output could become, but what it is.

The government figures on employment show that industry reached this high production during the war by shifting only a small part of the working force from unproductive labor to productive labor. A sensible control of industry could raise the output of goods even higher, and give even better than this "business and professional level of income" for everyone, and at the same time shorten hours and increase leisure. That's what will happen under socialism, when industry is controlled by mankind, instead of being controlled by capitalist anarchy.

Exorbitant Profits

There are two costs that make capitalism expensive, that cause low wages and high prices. These two, in the words of *The Death Agony of Capitalism*, are: "the exorbitant profits of the capitalists and the overhead expenses of capitalist anarchy." Or, briefly, the two costs are profit and waste.

The most important cost is capitalist profit, because it controls the capitalists. They do the wasting to get their profit. But the larger cost, although not controlling, is the waste, the overhead expense of capitalist anarchy.

We can compare these two costs at the level of production reached during the war. On the average through the years about one-fourth of the national output each year goes to the capitalist class as income from ownership. That's the total of all rent, profit and interest.

Suppose we took incomes at the 200 billion dollar level of production and we merely cut them down by paying a fourth of all production as profit to the capitalist class. Paying that enormous profit would lower every worker's income a fourth. Instead of \$7,500 a year it would go down to only \$5,600 a year for each working class family. Yet that still would be in the luxury level.

The mere cost of profit is a small part of the cost of the profit system. The fact is that capitalism never allows peacetime production to reach such levels. The average income for working class families has been kept below the health and decency level, averaging about \$1,500 a year per family. The heaviest cut in the standard of living comes from capitalism's low level of production, caused by capitalist waste of human labor.

Labor Squandered

Yet it would be wrong to look at these as two separate costs, one the cost of profits and the other the cost of competitive waste. The capitalists are compelled to do the wasting in collecting their profits. Rather it is true that every dollar collected in profits by the capitalists costs society an additional five dollars or more in lost production. In the words of *The Death Agony of Capitalism*, the waste is "that unconscionable squandering of human labor which is the result of capitalist anarchy and the naked pursuit of profits." (Emphasis added.)

In the world scene today this process takes place under conditions of monopoly. Capitalism now is in the monopoly stage. As the next step in analyzing wages and prices we will take up the nature of monopoly.

Next week: Competition Makes Monopoly.

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Steve Roberts, Governor
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Warren Creel, Congress, 3rd District
Dorothy Schultz, Congress, 4th District

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Alan Kohlman, Governor
William E. Bohannon, Congress, 11th District
Arlene Phillips, Congress, 13th District

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Milton Richardson, Lt.-Governor
Joseph Hansen, U. S. Senate
Sylvia Blecker, Attorney-General
William Kitt, Comptroller

Ohio

Malcolm Walker, Governor
Washington
Charles Swett, U. S. Senate
Daniel Roberts, State Senate, 31st District

CIO Publication Explodes Myth That High Wages Force Up Prices

A devastating reply to the employers' lie that "wage increases necessitate price increases" is given in the September CIO Economic Outlook. The entire issue is devoted to a single article, "Exploding the 'High Wage-High Price' Myth."

Average hourly earnings of all manufacturing workers increased less than five per cent between April, 1945 and July, 1946, the CIO shows. Yet prices soared 13 per cent between April, 1945 and August, 1946, according to the government's own conservative estimate, and are still climbing.

The hourly wage increases could not raise prices even five per cent, the article makes clear. For "although the proportion of labor costs to total costs vary from industry to industry, wages and salaries average about 25 per cent of all costs in manufacturing. . . . This means that even if higher wages did necessarily raise prices, every 10 per cent wage raise would increase the total production cost only 1/4 as much, or by two and a half per cent."

In reality this meager increase in hourly wages did not raise production costs. Added costs have been more than compensated for in the same period by "great increases in productivity resulting from the use of new and improved machinery and the return of millions of young workers, plus the repeal of the excess profits tax."

PROFITS ARE CAUSE

The CIO Economic Outlook concludes that "the drive for higher prices has not arisen from the pinch of rising costs. It stems from management's seemingly unquenchable thirst for ever-higher profits."

These profits are exposed with figures and charts. The six-month period of January-June 1945, one of the fattest in corporation history, is contrasted with the six-month period of January-June 1946. Today, of course, with prices even more unbridled, the corporations are raking in even more loot.

Textile profits rose 250 per cent over 1945. Meat packers' profits went up 200 per cent. All

corporate profits increased an average of 150 per cent.

The workers found themselves getting less and less in real wages—that is, in ability to buy food, clothing, shelter, and other necessities of life.

Taking as an example the worker who got the average maximum increase of 18 per cent, the CIO shows what has really happened to his paycheck.

"In April, 1945, the average worker in manufacturing earned \$47.12 a week. Well, this increase of 18 per cent that everyone is talking about should have pulled him up to about \$55 a week. Actually, the latest (July) Department of Labor figures show the average earnings of factory workers to be \$43.07 a week. That amounts to a cut of around nine per cent—instead of an increase of 18 per cent."

HIT ALL WORKERS

The nine per cent DECREASE in earnings is due to elimination of overtime pay. That has hit both the worker who got the 18 per cent raise, and those who got less, or none.

But what happened to the number of dollars in his pay is only part of the story.

"It should be pretty clear," the CIO continues, "that Joe can't buy as much meat, vegetables, clothing, furniture or any other essential goods as he did in April, 1945. In fact, if you add the sharp price rise to the \$4.05 cut in money wages, poor Joe finds that his weekly pay check is now worth 19 per cent less than it was in 1945."

"So it turns out that right now that 18 per cent figure isn't too far off. Only Joe's real wages are about that much less, instead of more, than they were in 1945."

In other words, "while reactionary forces all over the country are trying to gang up and prove Joe's the one who is causing inflation, his real income is being slashed. And the income of the profiteering corporations is being hiked."

1,000 Picket Meat Convention In Chicago

By Leigh Ray

(Special to The Militant)

CHICAGO, Oct. 1—Protesting the artificial meat famine and the loss of jobs for more than 40,000 packinghouse workers, more than a thousand unionists here picketed the national convention of the American Meat Institute yesterday afternoon.

The American Meat Institute is the organization of 450 packers who are engaged in interstate commerce and thus subject to federal regulations. The "Big 4"—Swift, Armour, Wilson and Cudahy—control the policies of the Institute, although statements of such policies are usually issued in the name of one of the smaller concerns.

Pickets began to gather before the Stevens Hotel, where the AMI was meeting, long before the starting time. It was a cold fall afternoon. Men and women, Negro and white, those still working and those who had been laid off, marched two abreast in a double line on the block-long lake frontage, chanting such slogans as: "We want meat and we want jobs," and "Give us pork chops, not baloney!"

BANNERS PROMINENT

Banners were prominently displayed by CIO packinghouse, auto, electrical, transport, farm equipment and mine, mill and smelter locals, as well as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, American Veterans Committee, Chicago Committee on Price and Rent Control, National Negro Congress, Independent Voters of Illinois, and International Workers Order.

Among the slogans carried on the banners were: 100% CIO for Guaranteed Annual Wage; 100% CIO for Cost of Living Bonus; Investigate the Sildown Strike of the Meat Trust; 100% CIO for \$1 Minimum Wage; More Beef, Not Higher Prices; More Jobs, Not Higher Prices; and Meat Trust Policy—Pay Our Price or Starve.

Picketing continued for one hour. Delegates to the Institute thronged the sidewalks watching the demonstration.

Minnesota SWP Candidates Hit Meat Profiteers

ST. PAUL, Oct. 5—Socialist Workers Party candidates are pledged to fight for the expropriation of the meat profiteers, the nationalization of the meat industry and its operation under workers' control. C. K. Johnson, Minnesota SWP campaign manager announced today.

Grace Carlson is Minnesota SWP candidate for U. S. Senate, Warren Creel for 3rd District Congressman, Dorothy Schultz for 4th District Congresswoman. Because of state regulations, they will use the ballot name, Revolutionary Workers Party.

The statement follows: "The latest statistics on livestock production show that U. S. growers and feeders have \$2 million head of cattle on the hoof. This is enough to supply everyone in the United States with a pound of steak a day for 84 days!"

OLLMAN'S STATEMENT

"We agree with the statement in the press release issued by Joe Ollman, District Director of the CIO United Packinghouse Workers on Sept. 25, that an 'artificial meat famine' has been created by packing and livestock interests. Their plan is to withhold cattle from the market in order to reap higher profits later when the 'meat-hungry populace' will be forced to pay extravagant prices."

"The meat monopoly is not only greedy for higher profits but is anxious to strike a blow at the packinghouse workers union which is now in the midst of negotiations for better wages and working conditions for its underpaid workers."

"The only solution to this problem is the expropriation of the meat profiteers, the nationalization of the meat industry and its operation under workers' control."

Chicago Workers Play Meat Trust



Scene at the demonstration of Chicago workers when the meat packing trust held its recent conference. The placard reads "Meat Trust Policy: Gyp the Farmer, Bust the Retailer, Starve the Worker, Soak the Consumer." Federated Picture

Chicago SWP Backs Fight Of CIO Packinghouse Workers

CHICAGO, Oct. 1—The Chicago Local of the Socialist Workers Party this week issued a leaflet calling on the Chicago workers to support the CIO United Packinghouse Workers in their fight to put an end to the artificial meat famine and to get back to their jobs and secure a living wage. This leaflet was distributed on the union picket line demonstrating yesterday before the convention of the American Meat Institute, association of big packers.

The SWP leaflet stated that: "There is no meat because the greedy, profit-hungry meat monopolists, (Swift, Armour, Wilson and Cudahy) have deliberately and cold-bloodedly halted production in order to break all price ceilings and to undermine the Union. . . . The conspiracy of these ruthless criminals can be stopped only by a united labor movement with a bold program of militant action."

The SWP leaflet advocated the following program to meet the critical situation facing the workers:

1. Government Ownership of the Meat Industry—Operated under the Control of the Trade Unions and Working Farmers.
2. A Rising Scale of Wages—For the Cost-of-Living Bonus.
3. Open the Books of the Meat Trust—Consumers Committees to Control Prices.
4. Repeal the Tax Rebate Law.
5. Full Back Wages for Unemployed Packinghouse Workers.

Blecker Supports Toledo Women

NEW YORK, Oct. 4—Sylvia Blecker, Socialist Workers Party candidate for Attorney-General, today demanded nationalization of the meat industry under workers' control. Speaking over Station WLIB, she declared that Republicans and Democrats are doing "nothing at all" while the packers' trust imposes a meat famine upon the country.

"Everybody knows there is plenty of meat. It didn't just vanish into thin air the day after price ceilings were reinstated," she pointed out. "The meat packing trust, the big cattle dealers and speculators are deliberately withholding meat supplies." Their slogan is "Pay us extortionate prices we demand—or go without meat!"

"The way to get meat is to take action on a NATIONAL scale like the militant group of housewives took last week in Toledo," she said. "They organized the women and stormed the Mayor's office demanding that he call on the federal government to take over the meat industry and operate it under the control of the unions."

"The candidates of the SWP support the demands of the Toledo housewives 100 per cent."

Carlson Speaks In Minneapolis On Wallace Ouster

By Elaine Roseland

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 3—"Wall Street is driving desperately toward a war with the Soviet Union." This charge was made by Grace Carlson, Socialist Workers Party Senatorial candidate, at an election rally here last Friday.

Speaking on "Wallace, Wall Street and World War III," Comrade Carlson pointed out that the dismissal of Wallace means that the American capitalists who want war with the Soviet Union now, are the dominant power in Washington today. Wallace, she said, represents that section of American capitalists whose business interests would best be served by making a "deal" with Stalin at the present time. He is no sincere anti-war fighter or friend of the USSR. His differences with Truman-Byrnes are purely tactical.

"In some parts of the world, the dead bodies of some soldiers haven't been laid to a resting place and yet World War III is already being planned," she said. Wallace, by exploiting the anti-war sentiment of the vast majority of American workers, "is attempting to build up his own political prestige and to hold the labor movement within the framework of capitalist politics," she added.

In the face of the capitalist encirclement of the Soviet Union and the threat of the atomic bomb, Stalin bases his defense of the USSR on building a "strategic bulwark." Comrade Carlson contrasted this with the policy of Lenin and Trotsky who placed their confidence in the working class of the world, the "only real allies of the workers' state in the long run."

V. R. Dunne, well-known to Minnesota workers as a militant trade unionist and revolutionary fighter, was chairman of the meeting. He stressed the serious meaning and intent of the Socialist Workers' Party entrance into the election campaign. "We enter the campaign to win."

The large audience contributed generously to the campaign fund to elect Comrade Carlson for U. S. Senate, Warren Creel for Congress, 3rd District, and Dorothy Schultz for Congress, 4th District.

Election posters in the meeting hall carried the slogans: "Vote for Labor Candidates—End 'Company Unionism' in Politics" and "Strike A Blow Against Jim Crow—Vote SWP."

Calling for "an escalator clause in all Union contracts providing for automatic pay raises to meet the rising cost of living," the leaflet says, "Government price control has proved to be a total flop. The profiteers, in collusion with the OPA, have stolen through price increases the wage gains the workers won in the recent strikes. The cost-of-living bonus demanded by the Packinghouse Workers would protect their standard of living. This progressive demand should be fought for vigorously."

"The big packers say they are not to blame for the meat famine. Let's find out! Open the books for inspection by the Union and consuming public. Expose their conniving black-marketeering and grafting. Independent mass consumer committees, representing the workers, housewives and working farmers, must be organized to inspect the books of the meat trust and fight the price gougers."

A CONSPIRACY

"The packers are able to carry on their conspiracy to raise prices and undermine the Union because their profits go on even when they stop producing. Demand the repeal of the carry-back-carry-forward tax law."

"The unemployed Packinghouse Workers, who are victims of this conspiracy, should receive full regular wages for all lost time."

In conclusion, the SWP leaflet states: "The politicians of the Democratic and Republican Parties are agents of the big packers and their kind. To defeat the monopolists, labor must build its own class political party and send its own representatives to Congress now!"

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The NEGRO STRUGGLE

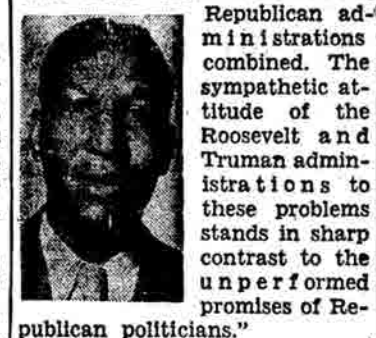
"Labor with a white skin cannot emancipate itself where labor with a black skin is branded."
—KARL MARX

By William Bohannon

SWP Candidate for Congress, 11th District, N. J.

Truman's Brand of "Sympathy"

"The Democratic administrations since 1933 have done more to secure equal rights for every race, creed and color than was accomplished by all the preceding



Republican administrations combined. The sympathetic attitude of the Roosevelt and Truman administrations to these problems stands in sharp contrast to the unperformed promises of Republican politicians."

The above is a statement made on Sept. 26 by the executive committee of the Democratic National Committee in Washington. Most of this statement is a lie—a big filthy lie of the kind practiced by Hitler. When the Democrats talk about the shabby record of the Republicans, then of course they are on safe ground. But when they start glorifying their own record, they have to lie as hard as they know how.

What are these remarkable achievements of the Democrats in the field of equal rights since 1933? Do any Negroes know anything about them?

SAME NEEDS

In 1932 we wanted legislation to stop lynching, abolish the poll tax, halt economic discrimination. These are the very same things we want and need today. The Democratic administrations—even though they controlled both houses of Congress—didn't even try to pass these elementary bills, let alone to "secure equal rights." And yet they have the nerve to come around and tell us about their "sympathetic attitude!" They know what they can do with their sympathetic attitudes.

Let's take a concrete example—the question of lynching. Roosevelt may have had a sympathetic attitude on this question, but he never put up a fight to get the anti-lynch bill passed. It's not sympathy we need, but action—and that we never got from Roosevelt.

From Truman we get the same kind of old deal that we got from Roosevelt and the Republicans before him. Except that Truman is not as shrewd a politician as Roosevelt was; he is cruder and says things Roosevelt was too smart to give away.

Take the case of Truman's statement to an anti-lynch delegation headed by Paul Robeson last month. Asked to make a

formal public statement on lynching and to call on Congress for an anti-lynch bill, Truman said that he had always opposed lynching but there were political matters which made it very difficult for him to issue a statement denouncing lynching at this time.

It so happened that Truman was speaking the truth. Everybody knows what these "political matters" are. The Southern Democrats would not like it. Truman's politics—the Democratic Party's politics—is such that it often stands in the way of even a statement against lynching. And everyone above the age of 12 knows how little use even such statements are.

Such an attitude is "sympathetic" all right—sympathetic to the lynch mobs, the poll taxers, the white supremacists!

HOW IT ADDS UP

The Negro people in this country ought to ponder this little incident very carefully. They should remember it as they go to the polls on Nov. 5. And they should think about it after Election Day too. Here is what it adds up to:

Lynching is connected very closely with "political matters." So is the poll tax, and so is the fight for equality in employment and everywhere else. These are all political questions which cannot be solved within the confines of Democratic and Republican Party politics.

Our fight for equality is a political fight. It is a fight against the politics and politicians of the capitalist parties which benefit from Jim Crow and divisions along color lines among the working people.

You cannot successfully fight a war unless your weapons are as good as those of your enemy. In the same way we cannot win our fight against the Jim Crow parties unless we have a party too—a party of our own, a party that fights in our interests.

This means that beginning right now and continuing after Election Day, the Negro people must fight for the creation of an Independent Labor Party based on the trade unions and the Negro organizations. Without a party such as this we will face only frustration, discouragement, setbacks and defeats in the political fight for our second emancipation.

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Chicago Race-Haters Attack White Army Friend Of Negro

By Robert L. Birchman

(Special to The Militant)

CHICAGO, Oct. 4—The rising tide of race hate spread last week to new areas in Chicago's far South Side where three incidents of mob action by vicious anti-Negro whites occurred.

The home of a white army officer, Lieut. Eric Carruthers and his wife 8037 S. Parnell Ave., was stoned by a mob because he gave temporary sleeping quarters to a Negro, Lieut. Everett Batcher. The two army officers had become friends while serving in Europe, and Batcher was invited to be Carruthers' guest while in the city.

GANG ATTACKS

The white gang assembled on Wednesday night armed with sticks, bricks and other weapons in front of Carruthers' home, smashed windows and hurled threats of: "Let's lynch the nigger-lover!" The mob gathered after letters had been sent out by the Auburn Park Improvement Association, whose members are supporters and signers of restrictive covenants.

A gang of white youths attacked Negro youths playing football in Tuley Park. The hoodlums, with knives, sticks and bricks, chased the Negro boys from the park and then burned some of their clothes left in the playground lockers.

Two of the mothers of the attack victims, in the park to see the football game, were threaten-

ed and forced to flee through the park shrubbery to South Park. A. W. Beck, caretaker of the West Chesterfield homes, was also chased from the park. A group of mothers who went to the park next day found some of the boys' burned clothing, together with a note warning Negroes to stay out of the park.

MASS MEETING

At a mass meeting on the question of violence against Negroes in the West Chesterfield and Burnside Community areas, committees were organized for the purpose of investigating the Tuley Park incident; to investigate conditions causing the conflict among Negro and white students at the Burnside School; to take action for the removal of John Morris, the park supervisor; and to investigate the Burnside police who have been notably lax in the situation.

At Calumet High School on Friday an attack on Negro students by white students under the leadership of Edward Hickey, an amateur boxer, led to Hickey's arrest on a charge of malicious and disorderly conduct. While none of the Negro students were harmed, they were driven out of the school district.

Hear The SWP Candidates! New York Street Meetings

DATE	TIME	PLACE
Saturday, Oct. 12	8:00- 9:00	8th Avenue & 124th St.
Monday, Oct. 14	8:15- 9:15	Fulton & Nostrand
	9:30-10:30	Fulton & Albany
	8:30-10:30	86th Street & 2nd Avenue
Tuesday, Oct. 15	8:15- 9:15	4th St. & Avenue C
	9:30-10:30	6th St. & Avenue B
Friday, Oct. 14	8:15- 9:15	Burnside & Walton Aves.
	9:30-10:30	170th St. & Walton Ave.
	8:15- 9:15	7th Ave. bet. 125 & 126
	9:30-10:30	Lenox Ave. bet. 115 & 116 Sts.

Diary Of A Steel Worker
A Hollywood Tragedy
By Theodore Kovalesky

"There are some terrible people in this world," Jimmy told me in a voice that was deep with solemnity and quivering with suppressed emotion. "Yes some terrible people!"

I could see Jimmy was shocked. "Tell me about it, Jimmy," I said sympathetically.

"What," asked Jimmy, "would you think of a man who would steal pennies out of a blind man's cup?"

I could think of no reply because such a man would be very, very low.

"What," continued Jimmy, "would you think of a man who would steal candy from a baby?"

I clucked my tongue again. It was a shameful thing to think about. "Jimmy," I said slowly, "you're not trying to get anything off your chest, are you? You haven't been doing any of these things?"

Jimmy reached into his pocket, an expression of scorn on his face that I should suspect such things of him. Carefully he drew out a clay-spattered old blue bandanna handkerchief, unfolded it and took out a battered wallet, from which he extracted a torn, dirty newspaper clipping.

"Here it is," Jimmy said, holding the clipping. "It happened out in Hollywood. Some rotten son of a — went and stole a poor girl's purse. He just sneaked up and stole it, and there she was left with no money, no keys, no nothing..." His voice trailed off into silent pity and righteous indignation.

I looked at the clipping which told of one Hazel Forbes, who got up in a night club to dance and left her purse on the table. When she got back, it was gone, gone forever. And gone with it were \$500, a diamond-studded gold lipstick and perfume set, a solid gold memorandum pad and pencil, a diamond-studded gold

Mothers And Sons
By Grace Carlson

It was a rainy Sunday, so the children had to play indoors. My sister and I were trying hard to concentrate on our coffee and our conversation, but we finally had to give up. Jimmy was running around the house, yelling "Wham" and giving a four-year old's idea of a soldier, sticking an imaginary bayonet into imaginary enemies.

This seemed like a pretty grisly business to us so Dorothy tried to persuade Jimmy to play some other game. But Jim was having lots of fun playing "soldier" — all the more, now that he had an audience! His bayonet work increased in speed and vigor; so did his yelling! Dorothy was just getting set to end the "war" when Jimmy stopped playing to say, "Mama, when real soldiers use these, they have to be careful where they stick people so they won't hurt them, don't they?"

After we had Jim safely started on a quieter game, we laughed a little over his childish notion of war, but not for long. Dorothy's face sobered and she said in a half-embarrassed way, "Remember that old song, 'I Didn't Raise My

Veterans' Problems
Vets' Homes Can't Survive Peace
By Alvin Royce

Speaking about "war marriages" a spokesman at the Veterans Center in New York reported the other day that "For more than 60 per cent of this group, peace brought not reunion, but disruption."

"Their marriages had survived the war but could not withstand the peace."

The figures are very imposing. In the country as a whole, there are 31 divorces for every 100 marriages in 1945 — the highest rate in the history of the United States. In Los Angeles, where divorces are relatively easy to obtain, there are 3,000 monthly. In Oklahoma City and several other cities in the Midwest and Southwest there are more divorces than marriages.

We can not say that this problem hasn't achieved wide publicity in the capitalist press. Headlines have been shrieking such captions as **RETURNED VET STRANGLES WIFE** or **WAR HEROES CAUGHT IN LOVE TRIANGLE**. To the scandal sheets of the bosses these social tragedies make wonderful copy. None of these papers has the slightest interest in explaining the reasons for these tragedies. If they can get some woman to pose with her dress above her knees, the story is good enough for the front page.

It's not very often that we refer to an "Advice to the Lovelorn" column for any sort of enlightenment but this week we saw a question sent to one of the professional cupidists that we can't resist restating here. A young housewife wrote to the "love expert" in the N. Y. Daily News stating that her husband was continually griping about the housing shortage and she didn't know how to patch things up. They have a young

The Use Of "The Law"
By Evelyn Atwood

"The law" is a curious thing. Full of loopholes and technicalities, it can be and regularly is, manipulated in the interests of the ruling class. Even when it is ostensibly used to punish crimes against the people, it often turns out to be an instrument for protecting the criminals.

After months of delay, during which local authorities failed to take any action against the cop who gouged out the eyes of Isaac Woodard Jr., Negro war veteran, the U.S. Department of Justice last week brought charges against Edwin L. Shull, police chief of Batesburg, South Carolina.

But the white police chief is not being charged with committing murderous assault and torture of his victim, leaving him blinded for life. He is charged only with violating the Federal Civil Rights Statute.

If the courts uphold the charges of the Justice Department, the worst punishment that the race-hating cop can get is a possible one-year imprisonment and \$1,000 fine. This maximum penalty was meted out just this month in a case of outright murder.

In Suwanee County, Florida, another white constable was convicted under the same statute for beating a Negro farmhand with a pistol and cow whip until he was pushed into the river and drowned. A year after the crime was committed, the constable was charged not with murder, which carries a maximum of the death penalty, but with violation of the Civil Rights Statute. He got off with a one-year sentence and \$1,000 fine.

The seldom-used statute was passed by Congress in 1870 to give civil rights to Negroes and implement the 14th Amendment to the Constitution which abolished slavery. It declares that a Negro has the "right and privilege not to be beaten and tortured by persons exercising the authority to arrest" and has the right to be "secure in his person and immune from legal assault and battery."

But the statute is so narrow and the penalties so light, that in the few cases where it is invoked it is used to protect lynchers from suffering the death penalty they deserve.

New York Candidates Explain Cause Of War In Answer To League Of Women Voters

Draft Denounced By Bohannon

NEWARK, N. J., Oct. 7.—William E. Bohannon, Socialist Workers Party candidate for Congress in the 11th Congressional District, denounced compulsory military training plans advanced by the War Department as further preparations for another World War. Bohannon's full statement is as follows:

"The War Department plans for compulsory military training are a deliberate jingoistic effort to militarize the country," he said. "The brass hats are serving the dictates of Wall Street in preparing World War III."

"These dastardly military plans press doubly hard upon the Negro youth. At a time when they are lynching the Negro veterans of World War II, the bosses and brass hats want to make cannon fodder out of the Negro youth for World War III."

"In World War II they promised us that we were going to get 'democracy' and 'equality.' The Socialist Workers Party opposed the war as a capitalist war and explained how the bosses were deceiving the Negro people and workers. Now, every lynch-murder proves how we told the truth, and how vilely the bosses and their political henchmen lied."

"I am unalterably opposed to compulsory military conscription under control of Wall Street's brass hats, and particularly am I opposed to Jim Crow segregation in the armed forces. It is necessary to take the war-making powers away from Wall Street's Congress. Let the people vote on the vital matter of war or peace! End Jim Crow in the armed forces!"

MEET THE SWP CANDIDATES

Steve Roberts
Candidate for Governor of California

Steve Roberts was born on the lower East Side of New York City in 1898, shortly after the Spanish-American War. His entire life parallels the growth of American imperialism. He was in the armed forces in World War I. Two of his sons are veterans of World War II. He has good reason to be opposed to World War III.

Educated at City College of New York and Yale University, Roberts learned also from the world around him, drawing conclusions from the triumph of Hitler in Germany and the devastation of the depression that led him to join the Trotskyist movement in 1936.

Roberts has had a long history in the California labor movement. In the forefront of the initial organizing drive of the CIO in Southern California, he played a leading role in the now famous sit-down strike of the Douglas Aircraft workers.

He has been a participant in the many class struggles in Los Angeles, where he led the great anti-fascist demonstration organized by the Socialist Workers Party in front of the Deutsche House in 1940.

Roberts campaigned actively in the Los Angeles mayoralty election of SWP candidate Myra Tanner Weiss last year, and is himself a capable exponent of the program of the party, having served on the Los Angeles section executive committee for the past ten years.

Cynthia Rogalin
Candidate for State Senator, Los Angeles County, Calif.

Born in a family keenly interested in social problems, Cynthia Rogalin participated in her first picketline at the age of 15. Since then she has been active in many battles of the labor movement. She first became a union member in 1939 when she joined the UAW-CIO while working in an aircraft plant.

As a shipyard welder during the war, she was a member of Local 92 of the AFL Boilermakers Union where she fought for admitting Negroes into the union on the basis of full equality, and for the abolition of Jim Crow practices. At present she is a cannery worker and member of the Cannery Workers and Fishermen's Union.

She joined the SWP in 1943 at the age of 20. Her brother, a well-known unionist in Buffalo, who had contemplated joining the party after his discharge from the army, was killed while serving in the air force.

Cynthia Rogalin participated in the organization of the picket line against G. L. K. Smith in both 1945 and 1946 and is active in the SWP's anti-fascist work.

Steve Roberts' Statement On Studio Strike
See Page 2

Rogalin Asks Vote Against Tenney-Smith

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Oct. 4.—Commenting on Gerald L. K. Smith's endorsement of Jack B. Tenney for State Senator, Cynthia Rogalin, Socialist Workers Party write-in candidate for this office, called on Los Angeles County voters to reject Tenney at the polls Nov. 5 by voting for her.

Mrs. Rogalin is the only candidate campaigning against Tenney, who won both the Democratic and Republican nominations in the primaries.

"It is no surprise to anyone that the fascist Smith should support Jack B. 'Little Dies' Tenney," she stated. "This makes it even clearer that a vote against Tenney is a vote against Smith."

Mrs. Rogalin charged that Smith's entrance into California politics fits into the union-smashing campaign of the Merchants and Manufacturers Association and the drive against FEPC Proposition 11.

Peaceful exchange of the products of all nations is possible only if capitalism is ended. Under a socialist economy, planned on a world scale for the needs of the earth's inhabitants, every nation will be able to develop to the full extent of its natural capacities.

"TRUSTEESHIPS" is simply a diplomatic phrase meaning imperialist domination. The Pacific island bases obtained du-

Richardson Urges Negro And White Workers Unite

NEW YORK, Oct. 5.—Speaking over Station WLIB this afternoon, Milton Richardson, Socialist Workers Party candidate for Lt. Governor of New York, lashed Jim Crow as "one of the most powerful weapons in the arsenal of the exploiters."

"Who profits by humiliating and degrading the Negro people?" he asked. "Certainly not the working people... White labor in the South is the most poorly paid in the nation precisely because of the brutal exploitation of Negro labor. The 'poor white' kept in abject poverty and ignorance, is drugged and duped by those who gain from division of the workers."

It is "our economic and political overlords," Richardson declared, who profit by Jim Crow. Wall Street dominates both the Republican and Democratic Parties which function as its agents. Today there are "Jim Crow practitioners in all sections of the country—not accepting New York state—shooting, burning and lynching Negro people with impunity."

He called upon his listeners to vote SWP and "unite in the fight to establish a new socialist society where race prejudice, poverty, depression and wars will be forever banished from this earth."

Arlene Phillips
Candidate for Congress, 13th District, N. J.

Arlene Phillips was born in a working class family in Richmond County, N. Y., in 1921. While a high-school student, she became an active member of the American Student Union. She belonged for a time to the Young Communist League and then in 1938 joined the Young Peoples Socialist League, affiliated to the Socialist Workers Party. When she started working, she became a member of the party itself.

She has been a member of various locals of the AFL Foodworkers International Union during the past eight years. At present she is a member in good standing of Local 16, Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers, CIO and of Local 575, Waiters and Waitresses Union, AFL.

Mrs. Phillips, who is the mother of a five-year-old boy, moved to Bayonne, New Jersey, in 1942. Here she is active as Organizer of the Socialist Workers Party and chairman of the local branch of the American Committee for European Workers Relief and the Bayonne Consumers Committee.

Recently she has played an important part in the defense of Mike Choice, a young Negro railroaded to jail on a phony "intention-to-rape" charge. She is also an active member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, which is conducting the Choice defense case.

Roberts On Tour

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Oct. 4.—Steve Roberts, Socialist Workers Party write-in candidate for Governor, left for San Francisco today to begin a tour of cities in Northern California.

Roberts will speak on "National Trends Toward A Labor Party."

"What should be the role of the United States in the United Nations? In particular, what should be our stand regarding international trade proposals, application of the trusteeship principle to the Pacific island bases?" These were questions addressed to the Socialist Workers Party candidates in New York by the League of Women Voters. And these were the answers of the SWP candidates:

"The United Nations is nothing but another version of the completely discredited League of Nations. The old League was dominated by British imperialism. The new League is dominated by American imperialism with the British as junior partners. The old League paved the way for the Second World War. The new League is paving the way for the Third World War.

In our opinion, only construction of a socialist society can prevent another terrible slaughter and the eclipse of civilization.

Control of atomic energy should be taken out of the hands of Wall Street's representatives. At present, atomic energy is being utilized for the production of atomic bombs, radio-active gases and unspecified new hellish instruments of bloodshed and destruction. The capitalist class count on using these products of science to gain world domination and to bring their profits to new heights.

Only the working class has no interest in conquering other lands and no interest in profits. Consequently in the hands of the working class atomic energy would be used for peaceful purposes. A Workers' and Farmers' Government for instance, would turn the development of atomic energy into industrial, medical and scientific channels.

TRADE PROPOSALS

The great cause of modern war is the inability of the capitalist system to expand without violence. Confined within narrow national boundaries, it develops explosive tendencies, first through armed wars and then through armed conflict. The capitalist powers come to blows over markets, natural resources and colonies. No international trade proposals can soften the rapacious, bloodthirsty greed of the modern capitalist powers. Such proposals can only favor one of these powers at the expense of others.

Peaceful exchange of the products of all nations is possible only if capitalism is ended. Under a socialist economy, planned on a world scale for the needs of the earth's inhabitants, every nation will be able to develop to the full extent of its natural capacities.

"TRUSTEESHIPS" is simply a diplomatic phrase meaning imperialist domination. The Pacific island bases obtained du-

SWP Candidates Give Support To California FEPC

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Oct. 4.—"A vote by every worker for FEPC, Proposition 11 on the ballot, is an absolute necessity," declared the California District Committee of the Socialist Workers Party in a statement issued today.

"Our candidates," the statement continued, "will put every effort into gathering support for this proposition which seeks to prevent unfair discrimination against workers because of color or religion. This is a continuation of the work in which our organization obtained thousands of signatures required to place the measure on the ballot."

"We are well aware of the limitations of any measure whose enforcement, is placed in the hands of Democratic and Republican politicians who are opposed to its very spirit. That is why it is extremely important that support be given the candidates of the SWP: Steve Roberts for Governor, Cynthia Rogalin for State Senator from Los Angeles County, and Robert Chester for Assemblyman from the 20th district in San Francisco."

Seattle Election Rally and Dance
Sat., November 2
Orchestra... Refreshments
Socialist Workers Party Campaign Headquarters
1919 1/2 Second Ave. 8 p.m.
Admission Free

Our Program:

- 1. 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!
- 2. 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!
- 3. Against all anti-labor laws and government strikebreaking!**
No restrictions on the right to strike and picket!
No injunctions! No compulsory arbitration!
- 4. Build an independent labor party!**
- 5. Tax the rich, not the poor!**
Repeal the payroll tax! No sales taxes!
No taxes on incomes under \$5,000 a year!
- 6. An 18 billion dollar appropriation for government low-rent housing!**
- 7. Full equality for Negroes and national minorities!**
End Jim-Crow! End Anti-Semitism!
- 8. For a veterans' organization sponsored by the trade unions!**
- 9. 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!
- 10. 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!
- 11. For a Workers' and Farmers' Government!**

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