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# War Reporters Describe Bigger Profits, Frozen U.S. Atrocities in Korea Was Gone Too Far When "God Save Us Wages Voted by Senate

## We Are Shooting Children!"

By Art Preis

American imperialism is waging a barbaric war of utmost brutality against the whole Korean people. Wholesale atrocities are being committed upon civilians, without

regard for age or sex. Little distinction is made between North men in the field acts and attitudes and South Koreans-all are treat- of the utmost savagery." Osborne ed as actual or potential enemies. explains: As for genuine combatants, most "SAVAGERY IN DETAIL" captured North Korean soldiers or guerrillas, including civilians them after frightful torture.

from bits and hints slipped into reports by American war correspondents. Now Life magazine, in a report by John Osborne, senior Time-Life correspondent in rifles or ammunition clips or walthe Far East, has pieced these kie-talkie parts in their packs isolated but revealing bits to- and under their trousers or gether to give us a clearer and skirts." more detailed picture of how Korea is being "liberated."

SICKENING FACTS

Osborne's extensive account in "Report from the Orient: Guns continues, "there is savagery by Are Not Enough," needs no em- proxy, the savagery of the South men, children, the sick and the bellishment. It speaks for itself. Korean police and (in some sec- aged. "This is a story that no American tors) South Korean marines should ever have to write," Os- upon whom we rely for contact press screamed jubilantly about borne admits at the start. "It is with the population and for fer- the bombing of a 26-square mile the ugly story of an ugly war, reting out hidden enemies." He area around Waegwan, near Taeperhaps the ugliest that Amer- explains how these police and ma- gu, where some 100 B29's dropped "there is so much to tell that is Japanese rule to put down the These bombs were intended for a sorrowful and sickening."

borne, that the U.S. is trying to the American invaders: win the war in Korea "by military MURDEROUS BRUTES means alone" and "to attempt to nal failure but also force upon our

"This means not the usual, ining the North Korean forces, are the field but savagery in detailmurdered on the spot, many of the blotting out of villages where the enemy MAY be hiding; the These facts about Truman's shooting and shelling of refugees "police action" in Korea have who MAY include North Koreans emerged piecemeal up to now in the anonymous white clothing

The reference to "skirts" makes it clear that in the "shooting and shelling of refugees" the U.S. forces are no respecters of sex.

Combined with the savagery of

win it so, as we are now doing in Korea, is not only to court fi-(Continued on page 3)

## IMPERIAL JAPAN BACKS U.S. ACTION IN KOREA

By Paul Abbott

Another vote in favor of Truman's undeclared war in capture - today or tomorrow -Korea has come in — the vote of imperial Japan. In a long policy statement Aug. 19, the stronghold of the divine

Mikado backed U. S. intervention? 100% and took the occasion to Korea and converted the land into announce that Japan is "a vital a colony. cutpost for the United Nations' heroic resistance. They fought, forces."

This new blow against the Korean people was hailed in the rior power broke their forces, the American press as another victory struggle for independence went in the process of lining up world capitalism for Wall Street's military drive in the Far East.

The declaration of the Japanese government was not simply a result of prodding from Mac-Arthur. It represents a straight continuation of Japan's own imperialist policy in Korea, as a

glance at the record will show. The Korean people long ago achieved national unification and built up a civilization of high order. It is enough to mention that the Koreans invented movable metal type 50 years before Gutenberg and iron-clad ships as early as 1592. Up until the penetration of western capitalism into China in the last century, Korea managed to retain its national independence.

However, like other areas in that part of the world, Korea was a tempting prize. It is a rich agricultural land and has mineral resources superior to those of Japan. Korea stands fifth in the world production of gold.

Japan, emerging upon the scene as a rapacious world power, set disillusionment in the U. S. policy its sights upon this peaceful land. In the Sino-Japanese war of 1894- lators and puppets of Japanese 95 it broke the ancient ties between Korea and China. In totalitarian style it promised to Korean people regard their pre- Mundt-Ferguson and MacCarran "protect" Korea's independence.

Ten years later in the Russo- their 40-year old struggle for in- sion in these bills making it a Japanese war Japan ousted the in- dependence. It is just as clear that crime to conspire to perform any fluence of Czarist Russia and the Japanese government con- act that would "substantially con- liberty" and "could set a pre- does not mean all domestic Comthen won the consent of Great siders American intervention in tribute" to the establishment in cedent for interference with the munists, and, possibly, any mem-Britain and Theodore Roosevelt Rorea as a continuation of their as spokesman for American impolicy of imperialist domination torship under foreign control, the perialism to take over Korea. By over these freedom - loving peo- Times says: "This language is so Instead, it favors the approach versive" groups, what does it to do away with it in a single Without it, American freedoms 1910 Japan formally annexed ple.

The Korean people put up arms in hand, against the imperialist invader and when supeunderground to flare up from

time to time in guerrilla warfare. Japan ruled with an iron hand through a puppet government in which appointed officials from Japan held the principal posts: and tried to enforce the Mikado's system of universal thoughtcontrol.

According to George M. Mc-Cune in Korea Today, the total police force in 1941 was 60,000 one to every 400 persons. Its entacles penetrated into every crevice of Korean life. "Police methods included third - degree interrogations, torture, searches without authorization and the use of informers." It is not difficult to conclude, he says, "that the Korean people were hostile to-

ward police control." A measure of their stubborn esistance to Japanese domination is the fact that more than an estimated 100,000 cases were tried in police courts each year.

With the end of World War II, promise of Four Freedoms for good coin only to find bitter of returning the native collabo- ist spokesmen. imperialism to power.

Today it is clear that the sent struggle as a continuation of bills in the Senate. Of the provi-

## From 'Liberation' By U.S. Bombers"

By Joseph Keller

Fleets of American war planes are relentlessly pouring thousands of tons of high explosives and ghastly napalm fire bombs upon cities, towns and villages throughout Korea. The tremendous intensity and scope of these bombings can be gleaned from the fact that 80% of Gen. MacArthur's suspected in the slightest of aid- evitable savagery of combat in daily war communiques from Tokyo are devoted to describing the endless day and night "sorties" of the U.S. Army, Navy and Marine air forces.

Naturally, these communiques are carefully worded to give the impression that this terrible destruction from the air is striking only "military targets" - railroad yards and stations, war factories, arms warehouses, troop barracks, military installations, etc. Nothing is said in these communiques, with their long list of Korean cities and towns where "huge fires were started" or "smoke clouds rose 5,000 feet into the air," to indicate that the huthe Aug. 21 Life, under the title, the American troops, Osborne man victims of these bombings are mostly civilians, including wo-

Recently, the American daily cans have ever had to fight" and rines-trained under the former about 4,000 bombs in a few hours. people and still maintained under North Korean troop concentra-What is "sorrowful and sicken- the U.S.-sponsored Syngman tion. As it turned out, they didn't ing" is the fact, according to Os- Rhee dictatorship - are helping do any appreciable damage to the North Korean armed forces. But we can imagine what they did to the numerous villages and dwell-"The South Korean police and ings in this area, not to speak of

A "GUTTED POINT"

One war correspondent, Hal Boyle of the Associated Press, did wire a description of what happened to the city of Waegwan that broke into a few papers. The one-time city of Waegwan, focal point of the war in Korea," he wrote, "is a ruined no-man's land today. . . The capture or reof Waegwan has no real significance. Waegwan is a gutted point on a map between two armies." Human beings — families — were living in that "gutted point."

The ruthless blasting and burnng of defenseless population centers from one end of the Korean peninsula to the other is having repercussions throughout the world. These bombings are creating a legacy of fear and hate against the United States surpassing even the revulsion that followed the Nazi bombings of Warsaw and Rotterdam.

LIPPMAN'S WARNING

This fact is attested to by leading political commentators of the capitalist press itself. Walter (Continued on page 3)

## Korea Debate Spurred Letters to Congress

By Joseph Hansen

from New York You are not alone in your esentment over Truman's plunging America into an undeclared war in Korea, Already, no doubt, sons, brothers or husbands already in Korea, or on their way there, are very bitter. Others feel-

#### **Most Canadians** Are Against Korea War

The Canadian people, according to a Gallup Poll released on July 29, are opposed by an overwhelming majority to Canada's participation in the Korean war. According to this survey, 66% of voting-age Canadians do not support sending troops to Korea. Of this number 39% are unconditionally opposed; 15% conditionally opposed and 12% are in doubt. Forty-one percent are opposed to the sending of any military supplies whatever to the Korean front while 26% not only oppose such a step but favor withholding support from the American intervention. The opposition was greatest in French-speaking Quebec, but even in Ontario 60% were opposed to the sending of troops.

ing the first pinch of rising prices | punch at Secretary of State Dean apathetic. But it's difficult to find no one else.' anyone at all who is enthusiastic about the war.

you are well aware that most of of its first reflections has been a position, made an angry comment your friends and neighbors feel deluge of letters to Congress, the following day, permitting his much the same way. Some with They ask in increasing numbers comment to be quoted by the in a distant land," reports the Washington correspondent Marquis Childs, "and why taxes are

> When the capitalist politicians roots sentiment, they prick up fight? their ears. For the Democrats it means an added problem in the Republicans it appears a chance

to retrieve lost ground. That is why the Republicans, after following a "me too" policy in foreign affairs since the opening of World War II ten years ago, have ventured to express a the war in Korea. few criticisms. After their dismal ten-year record, if they now said nothing they might as well cash in on election day.

Thus Kenneth S. Wherry, Renublican of Nebraska, got up in the Senate Aug. 17 to take a

SWP Candidate for U. S. Senator are beginning to get hot under Acheson: "The blood of our boys the collar. Some feel frustrated or in Korea is on his shoulders and

Truman, well aware of the nationwide indignation over his This feeling is nationwide. One war and the vulnerability of his 'why American boys are fighting press, that Wherry's jibe was "a contemptible statement and beneath comment."

Does this sparring in the elecgoing to have to be increased so tion campaign mean the end of drastically." (N. Y. Post, Aug. the famous bi-partisan policy? Or, provide loans, which are prac- the no-strike pledge. like a wrestling match between Gorgeous George and the Hideous sense a shift like that in grass Turk, is it more spectacle than

Wherry backed his statement with the declaration that out of s November elections. For the \$10,000,000 military supplies allocation for Korea only a \$200 batch of signal wire had been delivered. This argument is in line with the Republican campaign thesis that the Truman administration did not prepare for

UNPREPARED?

The thesis has no relation to the get the box ready for the political facts. It is simply an appeal to graveyard. If they can make peo- those voters whose first reaction ple believe, however, that they're to the Korean casualty lists is going along with the anti-war blind anger and the conclusion those carrying bananas or lumber sentiment, chances are they'll that not enough was done to as well as those carrying arms. protect the GIs.

The facts are that the Truman administration spent around a (Continued on page 4)

## AFL, CIO Call Bill Backed By Both Parties a "Fraud"

Democratic and Republican senators joined forces and voted almost unanimously for a war economic mobilization bill to authorize a wage freeze and guarantee fantastic war

profits to Big Business. Not one 3 licans opposed this so-called "antiinflation" bill, which AFL and ing. CIO leaders have denounced as a fraud and a flagrant attempt to protect the profits of the corpora-

The chief feature of the Defense | trols as he has done on every Production Bill, which the Senate other issue. He made a pious approved by an 85 to 3 vote on protest for the record against Aug. 21, is a provision making it some of the worst features of the mandatory for the government to Senate bill, while his Senatorial freeze wages whenever it imposes colleagues, including all the soliam Green pointed out that this the bill. It is unlikely that Truman would mean freezing wages at a will veto the bill if the House point 13% below the "parity" of also approves it. wages and prices before the Korean war.

CIO General Counsel Arthur Goldberg charged that the Senate bill is designed to "put the unions behind the eight-ball and freeze us as of the last date of our contracts. It is a fraud, because we have no machinery for general price controls and we can't have any for months. Employers can police wage controls but who's going to police prices?"

"SPECIAL PRIVILEGE"

pecial privilege legislation," union leaders have bitterly pointed out that it contains some 40 amendments designed to boost prices and profits. Among these

o the meat packers.

prosecution.

Democrat and only three Repub- tically gifts, for private corporations engaged in war manufactur-Commodities speculators are to

"police" themselves "voluntarily." Truman is playing the same game with price and wage conprice ceilings. AFL President Wil- called "Fair Dealers," voted for

CROWING WAGE DEMANDS

The Senate action comes as a direct response to a growing rumber of strikes and union iemands for wage increases which have arisen as a result of the terrific rate of price rises since Truman began his undeclared war in Korea. The Ford workers and the CIO rubber workers are demanding wage boosts. Packard auto, Alabama steel and railroad workers have been striking for more pay. Armor packinghouse Terming the bill a "mess of and International Harvester Company unions have forced through wage increases in the past two weeks.

Under the pretext of instituting price controls, Congress is moving at the behest of the corpora-Any price ceilings on meat must tions, to head off the growing guarantee a "reasonable profit" movement for wage increases. If the Senate bill becomes law, it will War corporations are exempted be the first wage freeze to be from anti-trust regulation and imposed on American labor by legislation. In the last war, the A \$2 billion fund is set up to freeze was maintained through

## **WATERFRONT PURGE IS** MENACE TO ALL LABOR

The current Coast Guard purge on the waterfront is a cause for the gravest alarm in the labor movement. This is no seamen's problem alone; it is a police state plague

which can, if unchecked, infect 9and destroy the American trade working in an industry run by moment what is happening:

In every U. S. port Coast Guard inquisitors are boarding privatelyowned American ships-all ships, those bound on pleasure cruises, Here they set up a "screen" of the merchant seamen employed. These, remember, are civilians, not soldiers, sailors or marines

union movement. Consider for a private capitalists, not by the government. The gold braid then picks up

the certificates all seamen are required to have by law and they are taken into a secluded room for inspection. No one knows who is behind that locked door or what is done and said there: the seamen are kept out. It is reported that those present, in addition to the Coast Guard, include the FBI, representatives of the shipowners, sometimes the master of the vessel and purge-mad union officials. It is also reported that he papers are checked against lists prepared from FBI files, company blacklists and lists of those who have opposed the union officialdom.

### NO TRIAL

The victim - their numbers now run well over a hundred - is then notified that he is fired. No trial, no evidence, no accusers, no witnesses, no reason for victim is through so far as the maritime industry is concerned. He presumably has a court of ap-

Consisting of a representative against a union seamen in the best case and three to nothing if embodied in the revolutionary he is a militant opponent of the socialist principles advocated by union bureaucrat. But even this

> By these methods, unionism is (Continued on Page 4)

## Shall Freedom Perish in the United States?

By Albert Parker

United States? That this is no people have not known in 150 longer an idle question is plainly demonstrated by the widespread fears expressed over the threatened passage of the swarm of "antisidered in Washington, And that the Korean people took the Allied only radicals is demonstrated by the warnings and apprehensions voiced by liberals and even by a section of the conservative capital-

In a leading editorial on Aug. 22 the N. Y. Times comes out in opposition to the passage of the

Shall freedom perish in the freedom such as the American bills.

ments which these bills would an "excess of zeal" or "wave of impose on communist and com- lysteria" but is disturbed, on fundamental difference whatever. so are the labor bureaucrats. communist" bills now being con- Times says they "might be used that "an up-to-date version of the Mundt and McCarran bills - that one that understands the relation it is no longer a question alarming ties or even existing organizations urged upon us by a voice that si- destroy freedom as we have destroy freedom abroad and their charge "poor security risk." The advocating unpopular causes multaneously warns us not to imi- known it in this country since the inability to tolerate it at home; which may or may not be on the tate the rude excesses of our an-Communist fringe. This in our cestors." opinion approaches too closely to a possible regimentation of the threat to democratic procedures" American political structure along in Truman's proposal that permore or less orthodox party sons who have received "instruc-

vague that it seems to us it could taken in the Truman administra- mean? . . . What fundamental dif- stroke. The liberals, although are sure to shrink, if not perish.

The Nation, representing liberal And of the registration require- recent message warning against tures of the Mundt-Nixon bill?"

The Nation sees a "serious tion" in espionage and subversive In conclusion, the Times cautions tactics "from a foreign governagainst such legislation "at the ment or political party" must present time" because it "could register with the Department of seriously infringe upon individual Justice as foreign agents. "If that

"substitute" for these ference is there between the critical of Truman's course, are

munist - front organizations, the studying his "substitute," to find What the Times says about the to destroy incipient political par- Alien and Sedition laws can be their passage can be used to between the imperialists' need to punishment except the blanket abrogation of the Alien and Sedition Acts - applies with full incompatibility of capitalism and force to the Truman "substitute" as well. Democratic and civil perialist decay; one that realizes liberties in the United States were the Bill of Rights can be safe- of the shipowners, of the Coast never in such mortal peril as guarded only by irreconcilable Guard and of the unions, the

What's to be done about it?

President's form of registration unable to oppose it effectively beand the somewhat more elaborate cause they have no political cpinion, is pleased by Truman's registration - and - disclosure fea- alternatives to his policy - they The truth is that there is no dates in the coming election. And

NEW APPROACH NEEDED Truman's "substitute" and the Times' andorsement of it prove the Socialist Workers Party kangaroo court has not yet been that the capitalist class cannot be candidates in the current election set up although scores of men

are all going to support his candi-

A new approach is needed one that recognizes the growing democracy in the epoch of im- peals in a tripartite board. political struggle against all who board is stacked two to one menace it.

With a new approach like this

## An Answer to Budenz's Latest Frame-up By James P. Cannon Meeting Held After correcting his original of the National Office and Meeting Held Cycen—to quote Budenz—become miscalculation about the occupa In Tribute to Trotsky

The well-known professional perjurer, Louis F. Budenz, who was denounced on the Senate floor by Senator Chavez as a character assassin who manufactures "anti-Com-

munist" sensations and peddles? them for money, and whose formation" given to identify the "identification" of Professor Owen accused comrade as to her biog-Lattimore as a Soviet agent was raphy, her previous occupation, rejected by the U. S. Senate Committee as a hoax and a fraud, has It was evident to us then that the now come out with a "Lattimore" accusation was based either on case against the Socialist Work- mistaken identity, or was ers Party.

In his recently published book, Men Without Faces, now being organization. serialized in the Hearst press, he states that one of the party members who formerly worked in the ated the accused comrade, who heard nothing further from him secretarial department of the So- | had fully cooperated with the in- until he exploded his "sensation" cialist Workers Party, whom he identifies as "Helen," was a Stalinist agent who "made avail- Control Commission with all the published in 1947, in which he told able to the Soviet secret police data relating to her biography and all the correspondence with previous occupations, which were Budenz made a brief allusion to a Trotsky in Mexico and with other Trotskyists throughout the world.'

close to the FBI, that one of the secretarial workers in the Naprevious occupation and biothe Stalinists.

This report was promptly handed over to the party Control Commission for investigation accordof the revolutionary workers'

#### ESTABLISHED PRINCIPLES

investigated and a decision rendered which either accepts or rejects the accusation or the rumor.
Character assassins are more dangerous than spies. Those who make false accusations or circulate slanderous rumors must be thrown out.

ROLE OF BUDENZ
I informed him that we had already investigated the story and that his specific information as to the previous occupation of the previous occupation of the accused person had been in the previous occupation of the previous occupation of the previous occupation of the accused person had been in

have information in the case.

fruitful work.

The investigation conducted by the FBI. the Control Commission at that The proposed meeting with time established that the "in-Budenz never materialized and we

Yugoslav - Americans has fallen

was provided this week in the an-

nouncement that their daily news-

paper, Narodni Glasnik, has been

reduced to a weekly newspaper

Daily publication was ended

upon the failure of a fund drive

for the first time in 30 years.

paper will be a weekly.

and her personal life, was false. deliberately planted story designed to create a spy-scare in the

The Control Commission rejected the accusation and exonervestigation, answered all ques- in his recently published book. In Hearst journalist. But the version tions put to her and supplied the his first book, This Is My Story, subject to verification.

Nevertheless, we began to hear This story, published by Budenz from time to time that the same That is obvoiusly all he knew for the first time in the middle of accusation was being industrithe year 1950, has been known to ously circulated in the New York that much may well have been us for more than three years. In circles of renegades and ex-radical true; and it would be no disgrace the early part of 1947 we received riffraff, always with the same a "tip." purportedly emanating in details as to the biography and the first instance from circles previous occupation of the accused comrade. About a year ago I had ization as they do in all others. a conversation with a former tional Office, who was identified Hearst journalist who also speby name and specifically by cializes in the publication of that an unidentified Stalinist "anti-Communist" sensations and graphical details, was an agent of scandals, true, half-true, or manufactured, as the occasion and the market may demand.

He solemnly repeated to me the identical original story about the ing to the established principles alleged Stalinist agent in our National Office, giving the same movement, which read as follows: biographic details and insisting particularly on her previous occupation as a doctor's assistant in 1. Any accusation or even any Chicago. He asked if I would rumor affecting the loyalty of a cooperate in a thorough investigaparty member must be promptly tion and exposure of the role of the GPU in this affair.

accused person had been in-2. Any accused party member vestigated and proved to be false is entitled to a fair trial and to by our Control Commission. He confront and cross - examine the asked me if I would be willing to accuser or any others claiming to talk to Budenz about the matter. pieces, has thrown the SP leaders into a veritable tizzy. To I answered that I would be willing 3. Even though our party is a to talk to anybody, even Budenz, Levy, who is the Connecticut SP of the Party and the principles of propaganda-political organization, if he could supply us with any which is engaged in no con- facts which would be useful in spiracies, it has a right and a duty protecting our movement against founded Independence Party, a to protect itself against spies and Stalinist agents; but that the alien agents of any kind and to "facts" adduced in this case had chief ornament is Miss Vivian did not think it any violation of expose and eject them wherever already been proved to be false. Kellems, reactionary industrialist "socialist" principles to "accept they may be found. This is one of He said he would see Budenz and whom the IP is running for U. S. the functions of the party Control arrange a meeting and give me a Senator. call. That is how we learned for 4. A "spy scare" caused by the first time that Budenz was Norman Thomas, once called the port Vivian Kellems, who in public planted "disinformation" can do a the author of the story; and it late Republican President Taft debate has described and de- SWP Mourns Death hundred times more damage than confirmed the first report that the and the income tax "socialistic." nounced socialism in fantastic any spies by undermining the con- information originated in some A meeting of the SP national terms." fidence of comrades in each other kind of "leak" from FBI circles, committee sent a plea to McLevy and disrupting the comradely col- for Budenz, as is well known, is . laboration which is necessary for professional stoolpigeon and perjurer right out of the stables of stitution provides that acceptance

lished weekly until it was stopped

stated that as of Aug. 28 the ed continuously with one further "Jasper McLevy and I stand for

and subscription campaign begun ing the Tito-Stalin split saw the Thomas, its chief standard-

seven months ago. Despite several rise of a popular Croatian weekly, bearer, then issued a statement

extensions of the drive originally Novi List. This new publication, that the "responsible authorities"

scheduled to last three months, which is decidedly pro-Tito and of the SP "find it difficult to be-

only 60 new subscriptions were anti-Cominform, has grown stead- lieve" that McLevy, whom they

**Two New Pioneer Publications** 

Stalinist Yugoslav-Americans Forced

An indication of how low the | Started 44 years ago as Radnick

morale of the remaining Stalinist Astraza, the Croation paper pub-

To Reduce Their Daily to a Weekly



LOUIS F. BUDENZ

all he knew about the Stalinists, young Stalinist "whose wife was working among the Trotskyites." about the matter at the time, and to us, for we always took it for try to plant agents in our organ-This allusion of Budenz, however, gained no publicity; the mere fact agent was "working" somewhere in the ranks of our organization had no sales value as a sensation, and even Budenz did not find it worthy of embellishment at that

MORE SALEABLE But if this anonymous and obscure person "working among

their acute embarrassment, Mc-

been nominated by the newly-

dissident Republican group whose

not to accept the IP nomination.

approval of national executive

committee," they wired McLevy.

'This emphatically we cannot

give. We anticipate that as a life-

long Socialist you will refuse to

run with Miss Vivian Kellems on

ultra - reactionary Independence

After wrestling with his "social-

Darlington Hoopes, SP Na-

ist" conscience for a couple of

Party."

by the government in 1917 for its days, McLevy accepted the Inde-

opposition to World War I. It pendence Party endorsement, with

resumed publication a few months | the approval of the State Commit-

later under a new name, Znanye. tee of the Connecticut SP. Miss

a daily, changing its name to was "honored to run on the same

change to its current title, the same things."

In 1920 the paper emerged as Kellems wired McLevy that she

The decline of the paper follow- tional Chairman, and Norman

candidate for governor, has also socialism."

ion about their business.

with considerable detail and embellishment the story originally reported to us early in 1947 and repeated about a year ago in my conversation with the former this time contains significant changes which are in themselves a dead give-away. The published version of Budenz' story has been fixed up and changed to conform with the facts established by the identification of the accused as granted that the Stalinists would formerly a doctor's assistant in

#### THE NEW VERSION

Jasper McLevy, who as Mayor of Bridgeport, Conn..

has long been one of the Socialist Party's brightest show-

Miss Kellems, in a debate with conservative Republicans to sup-

of any such nomination requires in the world to believe.

facts, as the Control Commission all our informants. In Budenz' published version this indispensable Chicago "doctor" disappears entirely from the scene and the informants and what some of anks into the secretarial depart- the story for publication.

The SP leaders were filled with

"amazement" that McLevy and

the Connecticut State Committee

this nomination from a party

"NO ONE CAN POINT"

'best Republican mayor in years" of a fine leader."

never disturbed Hoopes and

established by dissident ultra-

"a close friend of James Cannon tion of the accused in Chicago, and his wife. Rose Karsner" - as Budenz goes on to extend his stothe accused person was and ry with detailed information as to remains - that would be a more where the accused lived and what saleable revelation. This inspira- she worked at in New York before tion obviously came to Budenz, or going to work full-time in the Nawas suggested to him, after he tional Office of the Socialist had written his first book in 1947. Workers Party. But in padding which was two years after he had out his story with these new left the service of the Stalinists details Budenz fell into a trap of and, consequently, cut himself off his own making. For this additionrom all sources of direct informa- al "information" has also been checked, and each and every one In his new book Budenz relates of these details as to where and how the accused person lived in New York, where she worked, etc., is false. They do not apply to this particular person or to anyone else who ever worked in the National Office of the Socialist Workers Party.

#### A DOUBLE MOTIVE

In concocting his latest perjury Budenz was undoubtedly actuated by a double motive. First, to investigation of our Control Com- 1-roduce a saleable sensation; and mission as to the previous occupa- second, to deal a blow at the movetion of the accused person. The ment of honest revolutionists original story was anchored to the in this instance, to demoralize is with a "spy scare." His first aim was successful, but the second one will fail.

Budenz and all the Budenzites this FBI agent has a large and oquacious following among the Of Leon Trotsky This identification did not fit the loquacious following among the renegades - will not succeed, in established, and as we reported to this case, in smearing our movement and scandalizing an honest comrade who gave years of valued Many Minnesota comrades and service to the cause. The Socialist Workers Party will fight this accused person is identified as frame-up. The case of the Stalinist laving had an entirely different agent in the National Office of the professional occupation; which is Socialist Workers Party - as reprecisely what we reported to our lated by Budenz and his disciples - is, to quote the verdict of the the Trotskyites" could be trans- them undoubtedly informed U. S. Senate Committee in the planted from somewhere in the Budenz in time for him to fix up Lattimore case, "a hoax and a

JASPER McLEVY

## Of Indian SP Leader

We are amazed only that the SP The Socialist Workers Party national. last week sent a letter to the leaders "find it difficult to be-"You will recall our party con- lieve" that McLevy took the action | Socialist Party of India expresshe has. That's the easiest thing ing its regrets over the death of which the following telegram was of Bombay. "On his visits to the United States, we came to know Nelson A. Parker, a leader of him as a representative leader of the Independence Party and once the liberation movement in India a Republican opponent of Mcand a fellow worker for the Levy's, has affirmed: "They call freedom of all mankind through the published platform of the Jasper a Socialist but he is the socialism," said the SWP letter. best Republican mayor Bridge- "His warm-hearted and courageport has had in a good many ous personality deeply impressed years. No one can point to one all the American Trotskyists who Socialist thing the mayor has done had the opportunity to exchange ideas with him. We mourn with The fact that McLevy was the the Socialists of India in their loss

#### Thomas. They still boasted about North African Leader

him. Nor are they now disturbed | Predicts A New "Korea" Headlines in the Aug. 14 issue Radnik (Worker). It was publish- ticket" and told the press that by the fact that he accepted the Abd - el Krim, leader of the nomination of a capitalist party. North African independence strug-That's not against SP principles, gle who is now in exile in Egypt, provided it's done with "national last week warned that smoldering committee approval." Norman revolt in North Africa would ex-Thomas himself led a sizeable nlode into a new "Korea" unless minority fight at the last SP its 30,000,000 people won their convention to abandon its indeindependence from France and pendent electoral activity alto-Spain. He said the people in gether and to support capitalist Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco candidates, let alone accept capiwould not fight alongside the talist party support for "socialist" Western powers in a new war so long as their countries were under What embarrasses Hoopes and foreign control. He said the Chomas is that McLevy accepted Korean war was the result of the he support of a capitalist party Western policy of imposing that doesn't have the OK of the 'counterfeit governments that liberals and union bureaucrats. thrive only on corruption and oppression," leaving the people with Had McLevy been endorsed by no cause to fight for. He said that the official Democratic machine, the people of Indo-China "will not fight against their brethren attempting to liberate the country puppet Bao Dai regime."

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AUG. 20 - "Trotsky's assassination was one of the ing in Belgium against King most monstrous acts of a monstrous decade - a decade Leopold's return give cause for spawned in violence and deceit and spattered with blood optimism about the prospects for

from its beginning in the Second? World War to the present slaugh- ples. That is our side of the pic ter of the Korean people," stated ture." Warde continued. William F. Warde, National Educational Director of the So- press the nature of our times cialist Workers Party to members when everything inherited from and friends of the East Coast the past is hit by the impact of branches of the party who had the creative forces driving toward gathered to commemorate the a new social system. Stalin's 10th anniversary of the death of stealthy thrust at Trotsky's brain the founder of the Fourth In- most sharply symbolized the ruthternational. The meeting was held less struggle for survival waged at Mountain Spring Camp, whose by agents of the outlived infacilities had been rented for the equality against the finest repreweek-end.

he scene of heroic resistance to reaction, of fidelity to the truth and to the cause of the oppressed, of resurgence of the world labor movement and the colonial peo-

## Minnesotans **Honor Memory**

By Winifred Nelson

MINNEAPOLIS, Aug. 20 friends gathered in SWP state headquarters here tonight to pay tribute to the memory of Leon Trotsky. The large meeting hall was filled when Vincent R. Dunne. chairman, opened the meeting.

Speaker of the evening was Joseph Andrews, who discussed Trotsky's theories on the colonial revolution and the correctness of his predictions. "The Korean war is part of this gigantic movement," Andrews stated. "The intervention of the United States is clearly an attempt by an imperialist nation to stem the tide of colonial revolt. The Korean war is the bloodiest and most rapacious kind of intervention in

history," he declared. Greatest tribute to Trotsky on this anniversary, Andrews said, is the Trotskyist movement in 20 colonial countries today. "Trotskyism will emerge as the leader of the colonial masses - threefourths of humanity," he said, "because we are the only ones with a program to lead them forward from the struggle for inde pendence to socialism."

A display of the writings of Trotsky decorated the front of the hall. Flanked by two red flags were pictures of Marx, Lenin and Trotsky. To continue publication of Trotsky's works, the audience contributed generously. Literature was sold, as well as subscriptions to The Militant and Fourth Inter

Singing of the Internationale concluded the meeting, from Yusuf Meherally, former Mayor sent to Natalia Trotsky in Mex-

assassin struck the blow that re- mailed. But after he read the moved from our midst, the great copies sent him, C. D. wrote us revolutionary teacher and leader, again. This time his letter stood Leon Trotsky. But Trotsky's ideas out from the rest. live on! Trotskyist internationalism makes steady gains in its struggles against both capitalist section of the Socialist Workers Party in a public memorial meeting here tonight reaffirm their support of the ideas and program tant. of Leon Trotsky and send to you our warmest sympathy and best comradely greetings."

#### 'Common Man' Is Getting Out of Line, Wallace Complains

"I have made it clear again and again that while the common man undoubtedly would be on the march - I put that out in my speech in May of 1942 when we were in the midst of another war glad I found a fighting paper - while he would be on the march | that's not afraid to speak out with it is exceedingly important that what certainly seems to me to be as the common man marches he the truth. observes the principles of humanity and the rights of man. And as I have seen the development in Czechoslovakia and the development in Korea, I have become greately disturbed that the common man is going to get definitely copies of each issue of The Miliout of line and engage in all kinds tant from July 17 to July 31. I of brutality and I want to let the would like to pass them to my common men of the world know exactly where I stand with regard to that." - Henry Wallace in in The Militant, I heard him speak radio interview over Mutual many times and always thought Broadcasting System on Aug. 10. he was the most wonderful man

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#### STATE OF CAPITALISM

Reviewing the course of the econd World War and its results, Warde pointed out the precise respects in which events had conemerged far stronger, but the nanaged to survive. That was due, to the policies imposed on the masses by their misleaders."

"Capitalism writhing in its death agony can, as Trotsky foretold, only go from bad to worse. It cannot recover its balance or restore its strength.

"The anti-imperialist movements in Asia, Yugoslavia's split with rade Trotsky's widow, Natalia, in the Kremlin, and the recent upris- Mexico.

ocialism. Even the editors of the N. Y. Times cried out in regard to the Belgian events: 'Revolutionary feelings are alarmingly. close to the surface.' What is plarming for the spokesmen of U. S. capitalism can only be encouraging to us."

#### NEWS OF TAN MALAKKA

The audience applauded when Warde reported the news from Holland that Tan Malakka, revolutionary leader in Indonesia "remains alive and fighting for a workers' and peasants republic there." In conclusion, he declared that the American Trotskyists are responsible for carrying through a task of surpassing historical importance:

"If U. S. imperialism is today the dominant power and mainstay of capitalism; if American labor and its allies are the sole force firmed or fallen short of Trotsky's that can eliminate it; if the workideas and outlook. "America ers can do this only through the leadership of a revolutionary capitalist world system came out party - then no party ever had a of the war much weaker," he said. greater mission to perform. It The most that can be said is that amounts to nothing less than capitalism, apart from America, clearing away the main roadblock to socialism and to the full not so much to its inner powers as material and spiritual liberation of mankind."

Chairman Arne Swabeck showed how the revolutionary labor movement in the United States was indebted to the teachings and advice of the martyred leader of world socialism. Greetings were sent from the meeting to Com-

### THE MILITANT ARMY

#### Glad There Is One Paper in America With Some 'Guts'

This week we want to introduce me of our new readers, C. D. of Pottstown, Pennsylvania.



ago C. D. didn't know existed. But last month he was one in Korea. of the large radio audience who tuned broadcasts presenting the ideas of the Party.

radio speech.

We don't remember particularly noting his letter then; we were swamped with work seeing that says "scholarly" he means "true "Ten years ago, Stalin's hired taining the speech were promptly a plea of guilty.

"Please enter my subscription to The Militant for six months. I must say that I am certainly glad imperialism and Stalinism. Mem- that some one is doing the job you bers and friends of the Minnesota are doing and doing it so very well. It certainly takes plenty of guts to talk out loud in opposition like you are doing in The Mili-

> "I have been a socialist all my life and have been sorely disappointed down through the years, but I always felt the right leaders would eventually come along. I tope you are the right ones.

"Anyway, I like The Militant very much and I hope you will be able to print it without interruption in the future. I received the program but it cannot compare with The Militant, which I did not know was printed. I'm very

"I read the three copies you sent me from front page to back. Very interesting reading. I'll be looking with interest to my first subscription copy. "If possible please send me six

friends. . . "I saw Debs' name mentioned

alive at his time. "I enclose check for \$1.54 for

the subscription and 18 copies as above. If you cannot send the copies I want, send other copies. They are all good reading."

To us this letter is but another indication that all over the country there are workers and students and housewives - some who knew his name — who are ready to enthusiastically accept The Militant as "our paper." It's a satisfy-

ing experience to help bring the revolutionary socialist voice of The Militant to such people.

Oakland Literature Agent Lillian Russell reports that she and Willie "sold 12 copies of The Militant at a Warehouse Union meet-Two short months ing last Thursday night. Every experience these days points to that The Militant the fact that the workers are looking for the answer to the war "The enclosed sub was gotten

as a result of the worker having in to the national read Jim Cannon's Letter to the President." "Am enclosing a \$2 money order

Socialist Workers for a year subscription to The Militant," writes J. C. of New C. D. was very interested in Haven, Conn. "Have tried the what he heard. He was one of Daily Worker but find that it does the hundreds of listeners who not hue true to Lenin. . . Am ecided to write for copies of the willing to try The Militant to see if it has a more scholarly approach."

We assume that when J. C. all the letters were answered and to the principles of Marxism." If that copies of The Militant con- this is what J. C. means, we enter

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"The Fourth International sweeps away the quacks, charlatans and unsolicited teachers of morals. In a society based upon exploitation, the highest moral is that of the social revolution. All methods are good which raise the class consciousness of the workers, their trust in their own forces, their readiness for self-sacrifice in the struggle. The impermissible methods are those which implant fear and submissiveness in the oppressed before their oppressors, which crush the spirit of protest and indignation or substitute for the will of the masses the will of the leaders; for conviction - compulsion; for an analysis of reality - demagogy and frame-up. That is why Social Democracy, prostituting Marxism, and Stalinism the antithesis of Bolshevism - are both mortal enemies of the proletarian revolution and its morals." - Leon Trotsky, The Death Agony of Capitalism, 1938.

LENIN

## Let the Conscience of America Speak!

"Much of this war is alien to the American tradition and shocking to the American mind," says Life correspondent John Osborne in his graphic description of U.S. atrocities against Korean civilians, which we report on Page 1. Certainly, decent Americans can feel only revulsion and shame for what Osborne calls the "utmost savagery" of the American armed forces against the populace of Korea.

And they must feel an equal loathing when they read the admissions by columnists like Walter Lippman and Hanson W. Baldwin, which we also report on Page 1, about the systematic extermination bombings of Korean civilian centers. These will recall to many the world's cries of outraged horror at Hitler's terror bombing of Warsaw and Rotterdam, Mussolini's terrible visitation on the people of Abyssinia and the death rained down on the Spanish people by Axis bombers practicing for the Second World War.

Such abominable crimes against humanity are indeed "shocking to the American mind," whether perpetrated against Poles, Dutchmen, Ethiopians, Spaniards - or Koreans. The slaughter of thousands of defenseless Korean civilians by U.S. bombs comes as a greater shock because the American people have been told that U.S. intervention is designed as an act of "friendship" and "humanitarianism" to "defend" these same Koreans from "aggression."

The American people, of course, have no responsibility for the abominations committed in their name in Korea. They were permitted no say whatsoever about going to war in Korea. Truman did not even ask leave of Congress when he ordered U.S. troops and bombers to the

other side of the world to shoot down defenseless civilians and refugees, to blow up or burn alive thousands of men, women and children and leave to their survivors only a land of charred ruins.

Nor can responsibility be placed on the American boys sent against their will to Korea, where each "feels himself a stranger in a war he doesn't know much about," as AP correspondent Hal Boyle has put it. Surrounded by a hostile populace which regards them as foreign invaders, unable to "tell friend from foe," the American soldiers are reduced by fear, misery and bewilderment to acts which they would normally view with utter detestation.

Those responsible for these vile deeds are the handful of men in Washington and the top capitalist circles who have plunged this country into an undeclared war to dictate to the Korean people the kind of government and the way of life they must follow.

U.S. intervention in Korea, with its shooting and bombing of helpless civilians, is making the name of America a curse on the lips of hundreds of millions in Asia and Europe. This country is fast becoming the most hated and despised nation the world has ever known. That is a fact that the leading capitalist newspaper commentators themselves admit. But it is a fact that the American people dare not ignore.

The conscience of America must speak out against Washington's "utmost savagery" in Korea, demand an immediate end to these atrocities and brand the scoundrels in high places who are dragging the honor of the American people into the bloody mire.

### Defense Against Inflation

ing wage clause in union contracts has just been concretely demonstrated by the 5-cent an hour wage increase which the 335,000 General Motors production workers will receive automatically starting Sept. 1.

This increase is based on the rise in the cost of living between April 15 and July 15 as determined by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Every three months, GM wages are moved up or down according to the changes in the government's cost-of-living index. The downward movement cannot go below the basic wage

Wholesale commodity prices have soared almost 20% since the start of the Korean war. It can be expected, therefore, that the biggest retail price leaps are yet to come and that the next period of wage adjustment will see the GM workers get another cost-of-living wage boost.

The GM escalator wage clause is by no means a complete protection against the

The value of the escalator cost-of-liv- rising cost of living. For one thing, the government's BLS index is doctored and does not reflect the real rise in prices. It does not take into account deterioration of commodities and other "hidden" forms of price increases.

> Moreover, if government price controls are put into effect, the BLS figures, as in the last war, will reflect the official price 'ceilings" and not the actual black market prices the workers will have to pay for the things they need.

> A completely effective sliding scale of wages would have to be based on a costof-living index maintained by the unions themselves through consumers committees of workers, farmers and housewives which keep their own direct check on

> Nevertheless, the present operation of the GM escalator clause suffices to illustrate what an effective means such clauses, properly written with all safeguards, can be in protecting real wages in a period of inflation. No union contract should be without one.

### The Great Pay-triot

To most of us, Andrew J. May is the low and contemptible political specimen who is now incarcerated in a federal prison for accepting war-contracts bribes of \$53,000 while he was chairman of the House Military Affairs Committee during the last war. But to the capitalist politicians who make the laws in Washington, Democrat May is nothing less than a model of a "great American."

When his name came up on Aug. 15 in connection with a war construction program being discussed on the House floor, the occasion was turned into a demonstrative tribute to this bribe-taker now happily lodged behind bars. Democratic Leader John W. McCormack of Massachusetts rose to say that he could not resist the opportunity to pay tribute to May, whom he called a "great American" whose constituents "are justified in being proud of him." The House applauded vigorously.

Just to prove this was not mere partisan sentiment, the ranking Republican member of the Armed Services Committee, Representative Dewey Short of Missouri, praised May's "great and honorable service" during the last war and found only that May "might have been indiscreet." Once more the House assented with loud applause.

This should surprise no one. From the average capitalist politician's point of view, May did nothing particularly wrong. How many of them would be left outside prison if their own shady deals were made known? May's only failing was that he was "indiscreet" - that is, he was clumsy enough to get caught.

Besides, they really believe May is a "great American." Applauding him, they applauded themselves. For their idea of a "great American" is one who faithfully and effectively serves Big Business and its imperialist war program. Be a "patriot" in this sense, and they will overlook any crime, even to lining one's own pockets in war contract deals while helping to send other people's boys off to be killed in war.

## Yugoslavs Are Revising Views on Trotskyism

he capitalist press on the rela- buro." tionship between Trotskyism and

Belgrade, he says: "The relationship between the two heretical Communist creeds of Titoism and Trotskyism could scarcely be discussed in a calm nanner with Marshal Tito's folmonths ago. The Yugoslav Comnunists were still under the influence of years of Stalinist trainng in which they had been taught to regard the 'traitor' Trotsky tes cils, for example, to rule the as renegades to be guarded factories. against, extirpated and destroyed. Many Communists here undoubtedly still feel the same way. But recently it has become possible to find individual Titoists on the upper level of the Yugoslav party who no longer are tralized' international body to ngered at the mention of Trotskyism and who are willing to prefers independent Communist discuss its ideological similarities and contrasts with Marshal Tito's operating with each other with a two - year - old anti - Soviet Comnunist movement."

#### POINTS IN COMMON

theoretician" on this subject. "He created in Yugoslavia even under stated that there is not and the present unfavorable internatical link between Belgrade and respect, Tito is nearer to Stalin the feeble Fourth International. than to the Trotskyites." But he coolly listed four ideological points that he said Titoism and believe it is possible for "Com-Frotskyism had in common as well munist and capitalist states" to as four in which he said they dif- co-exist peacefully. "Marshall Tito

as a Marxist teacher.

They both oppose "the dictator- Finally, "There is a slight dif- scum of the earth."

Perhaps the most rounded ship of the world Communist ference in their analysis in the report that has yet appeared in movement by the Soviet Polit- type of society now in operation

l'itoism is the dispatch by Gaston centralism' of the Soviet Union. Coblentz in the Aug. 13 N. Y. The Titoists favor decentralization Herald Tribune. Writing from in Communist domestic rule to prevent the development of what the Belgrade press calls the 'traitorous bureaucratic caste'

which holds power in Moscow." And, according to Coblentz' report of the views of "the theoowers in Belgrade as little as six retisian," Titoism and Trotskyism "agree to a large extent on what 'real socialist society' based on Marxist principles should be like." They both favor workers' coun-

#### FOUR DIFFERENCES

On the differences, the Yugoslav spokesman said that "Unlike the Trotskvites, Marshal Tito does not appear to favor a 'cenrun the Communist world, but movements in every state cominimum of central control." Secondly, Trotskyism holds that

it is impossible to build socialism in a single country ringed by Coblentz then reports an inter- hostile capitalist nations. "Tito riew he had with "an articulate maintains communism can be probably never will be any poli- tional circumstances. In this

Third, the Trotskyists do not on the other hand maintains, Titoism and Trotskyism agree perhaps with the same cynicism get along fine."

go further by calling Soviet for-

Coblentz adds that the only public speech made by a Yugoslav Communist leader specifically referring to the relationship beween Trotskyism and Titoism hat has been reported in Belgrade was made last November y Velko Vlahovitch, a member of the Central Committee. It was an hostile speech, rejecting the idea of an international political party of the working class and "sinister figures."

The International Secretariat of the Fourth International answered this speech at some length in an open letter to the leaders and members of the Yugoslav CP. (See summary in Jan. 2, 1950 Militant.) The letter, sharp in tone, defended the need for an international Marxist program and organization and refuted the slanders about "sinister figures" and "international spies" reciting the heoric record of Trotskyists who have been persecuted by reaction throughout the world.

This letter, reports Coblentz, was "reprinted in a special news bulletin circulated in limited Communist party circles. . . Quite a few Titoists were reported to have been well impressed and to have opinion of the Trotskyites as the

#### n Russia. The Trotskyites still "They assail the 'bureaucratic speak of it as a 'degenerated' worker-state and maintain that it still has communist economic foundations. They call its foreign policy 'expansionist.' The Titoists

n repudiating Stalin's pretensions as Premier Stalin, that they can slowly begun revising their

## "IT HAS GONE TOO FAR WHEN WE ARE SHOOTING DOWN CHILDREN"

A detachment of South Korean

Osborne, "I believed what I had

borne's article.

"FIRE INTO THEM"

(Continued from Page 1) | ready. Here there is none of the instructs his aides not to let them themselves the trouble of escort- on our side, there is only a palpa- don't go back?" ing prisoners to the rear; they ble fear, almost a hatred, of the murder civilians simply to get unknown and unknowable." them out of the way or to avoid the trouble of searching and police turns up. As they approach, their heads. cross-examining them. And they the refugees show a "livid and our forces need and require of the minded of some show horses I by means so brutal they cannot a chronic submission that could the blacked-out tent. be described. Too often they mur- never be forgotten." The police before they have had a chance refugees down the road and out said." to give any information they may of sight. "Seeing all this," says

Osborne emphasizes that "all been told by many of our soldiers men who participated in the epi- of sight of our units." sodes described." He merely thinks that "if our forces had been accompanied into Korea by an adequate staff of political ofle of Korea" then "many American soldiers who are dead today would be alive" and "our men would have been spared the necessities that have been forced upon them, and the American record need not have been blotted by our reliance on, or passive acquiescence in, the murderous haoits and methods of our South Korean helpers."

Osborne, of course, does not tell us that it is precisely these "mur-South Korean helpers" against which the Korean people are waging civil war and that "our South Korean helpers" were put in power to begin with by the U.S. occupation government after Truman and Stalin agreed to slice Korea into two at the 38th Parallel.

#### GUERRILLA WAR

But Osborne gives us sufficient affirmation that this is a civil and revolutionary war being waged by the whole populace. "For this is a guerrilla war, waged amongst and to some extent by the population of the country," he writes. It is this fact agery" with which the people are being treated by the U.S. inter- while the Air Force demolishes bombs? ventionist forces and their "help-

heard of at firsthand." He describes one encounter with

a large column of refugees "evidently in their Sunday best small white blouses, black cotton trousers on the boys and skirts on the little girls standing out like clothing of the men and women."

#### A PALPABLE FEAR

ican troops, "stiff with rifles vantages." He observes:

observed in front line areas are camaraderie of GI and child through, to tell them to go back. "'Yeah,' says one of the little brutal. They murder to save found everywhere else that the "'Yeah,' says one of the little American Army has gone. Here, staff group, 'but what if they

"'Well, then,' the colonel says, as though dragging himself toward some pit, 'then fire over

"'Okay,' an officer says, 'we extort information — information unmistable fear." Osborne is "re- fire over their heads. Then what?" "The colonel seems to brace South Koreans interrogators - once saw in training, beaten into himself in the semidarkness of

"'Well, then, fire into them if der prisoners of war and civilians detachment brutally herds the you have to. If you have to, I

#### "IT'S GONE TOO FAR"

Several hours later, reports Oson what I myself have seen or ian dead back in the hills, shot riflemen have had to fire into anon the first-hand testimony of where they had been caught out other party of refugees who march at them, against shouted In South Korea, even the poswarnings and wavings. From the session of a mirror may mean ex- command post an urgent and remecution for a refugee, all of whom onstrating voice speaks over the are thoroughly searched, down to wire into the hills, 'My God, John, ficers who could talk to the peo- the tiniest tot. "Even children it's gone too far when we are have been found in possession of shooting children.' There is some mirrors which are used for sig- reply from the hills, unheard by naling," says a caption on one of all save the officers on the telethe photographs illustrating Os- phone, and at the end the officer says. Watch it. John, watch it!

But don't take any chances." All the killing of refugees is rean police and marines. Osborne of some 400 refugees caught between American and North Ko- crosses his path in fear lest even derous habits and methods of our rean fire. They try to get through the blouse of a little child conceal Coast Guard by signing myself the American lines. The colonel "aid to the enemy."

eign policy 'imperialist'."

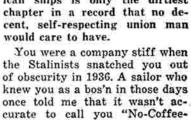
#### PRINT IS ANSWER

## DEAR STOOLPIGEON

- A Letter to Joseph Curran -

It's no surprise to see you turn stoolpigeon. The record shows

hat you've been working up to that role for years. There always was something phony, something yellow about you. The current purge of union militants on American ships is only the dirtiest



curate to call you "No-Coffee-Time-Joe." You did knock off the gang for coffee, he said - when you thought they had really put out for "Joe Shipowner." The Stalinists built you up, as

they have built up hundreds of phonies. You became a hero - a paper hero. They knew you were lacking in guts, that there was rubber where a backbone should be. But they wouldn't have lit on you for "leader" if you had been

striking at the Trotskyists as any different. Your favorte fighting position in every battle the seamen have been up against in the last fifteen years was on your knees when you weren't crawling on your belly.

You caved in when the heat was on in 1936 and the Roosevelt dministration was trying to force the seamen to carry the Copeland Fink Book. If it hadn't been for the militant West Coast seamen who refused to throw in the towel by following your advice to "take the fink book and burn it on the steps of the Capitol" and who instead threatened to tie up the ships, the hiring hall would have been doomed a long time ago.

#### Pages from a Shabby Record

JOSEPH CURRAN

You caved in when the government tried to establish its own fink halls in 1938. Your formula for capitulation was to "pack the fink hall with union men." Lucky thing for the hiring hall at the time that the West Coast unions steered clear of your formula and smashed the fink hall by boycott and picket line.

Then there was your notorious surrender in the Standard Oil beef in 1939. You were ready to fight everywhere - before every gas station in Kansas and Iowa — everywhere but on the waterront. There you had NMU seamen scabbing on their own striking brothers by permitting NMU contract ships to fuel with Standard's

These are only a few soiled pages out of your record but they ere typical. Wherever there was a fight against the shipowner or the government, you marched at the rear of the column carrying a

When you sold out the hiring hall to the Coast Guard a few veeks ago, you were acting strictly in line with your past. You don't fool anyone, brother stoolpigeon, by becoming the biggest "commietiller" on the waterfront. The bad conscience and the zeal of the new convert are so obvious as to even embarrass your callous counterparts in the AFL seafaring unions. For at least half the 14 years of our career as "labor leader" you were thick as thieves with the 'Commies." Every crime, every sellout - you shared with them. l'ogether with them you broke up the movement for unification of all maritime unions. Together with them you sabotaged the fight to defend the hiring hall. Together with them, you were cheek-by-jowl with the shipowners during the war and permitted them to punch the union agreement as full of holes as a sieve. Together you tried to stab the wartime miners' strike in the back.

Like a good stooge for Uncle Joe, you took every sigzag on the Kremlin highway — from "collective security" to "the Yanks are not coming" to the "Second Front" — without a murmur. For all your patriotic bluster, the only change there has been in that you have a new boss. Washington instead of Moscow is giving the orders on how best to betray the seamen.

#### You Disgrace the NMU's Name

In all fairness, I should mention that there was one brief moment in your life when you took a progressive stand. That was when you joined with the rank and file against the Stalinist hacks to estore democracy in the NMU. But it didn't last long. When you saw that the rank and file was serious, that it didn't mean to exchange a Stalinist dictatorship for a Curran dictatorship, you resumed that is said here is based either of their finding clumps of civil- borne, "a report has come that our your natural finky course. You won out all right - by bringing the cops into the hall and into the meetings, by goon squads, dumpings and purges - by terrorizing the seamen with lead pipes and victimization - by disgracing the name of the NMU in the labor

> Don't try to pull the wool over anybody's eyes by peddling the lie that "the Stalinites will expose the Trotskyites and the Trotskyites will be glad to expose the Stalinites." Everybody knows that t is you and your gang who are doing the fingering to the Coast Guard, officially committed to this stoolpigeon course by a resolution of the National Council, that the Coast Guard is working with your "advice" and with lists supplied by you.

And don't hold your breath waiting for the Trotskyists to "hit the sawdust trail" and recant. There aren't enough cops and goons This is the kind of war Amer- and Coast Guard "admirals" in the whole country for that. But there ican imperialism is waging in are plenty of seamen who are now making mental comparisons not turned over to the South Ko- Korea, where the whole populace if you could only stop them from thinking! - between you and the is against the foreign invader - old ISU fakers, who were honest men compased to you. We'll be recounts an episode of a column an invader who can't "take any with them when they get ready to send you down the same trail chances" and must slay whoever they once sent the Scharrenbergs, the Granges and the Hunters.

Please forgive me for the trouble I may cause you and the

AN AMERICAN SEAMAN.

## 'God Save Us from 'Liberation' "

(Continued from Page 1) "Strategic bombing. - . is a from refugees put at 3,000 the tavern owner expressed this opin-Lippman wrote in his Aug. 17 two-edged sword. Inevitably, we number of persons killed in air ion: We might survive a Russian Y. Y. Herald-Tribune column:

the roads, bridges, public utilities and factories of all of Korea, the Osborne asks the reader to 'victory' when it comes will indeed siderable anti-American sentiment "come with me now to South Ko- be Pyrrhic. Even if the operation in India, and even a British newsrea" - that is, to the very sec- is successful, the patient will be paper has commented adversely. tion being "defended" against dead. We shall not have proved How immense will be our task in "aggression"—to see "the scenes that we can contain aggression Korea, if we finally win there, that I have lately witnessed or but only that we can wreck a after we have ravaged the land? country. . .

> is described even more frankly win, military expert of the N.Y,

ported by the British Common- trial areas. We are indignant, and wealth, is able to defeat Korea. rightly so, about North Korean What we do have to prove to the atrocities against our prisoners. world is that we can help a coun- Yet as North Koreans, would we

> "The effect of these bombings already has helped to arouse con-Bombs are a bad way to win

The effect of these bombings friends and influence people." One false impression is left by

kill and maim civilians, including bombings of Seoul, captured occupation, but never an Amer-"We do not have to prove to the women and children, for civilians South Korean capital, up to July ican liberation! Claims in the world that the United States, sup- live near freight yards and indus- 27. That was before the "strate- United States of further strides gic" bombings really began!

#### EUROPEAN FEARS

MacArthur's communiques try without destroying it. If we not be equally indignant against about bombing "military installathat accounts for the "utmost sav- have to spend a year building up Americans if our women and chil- tions" and "troop concentrations" ground forces in the beachhead dren were slain by American may serve to salve the conscience thought of even worse bombing of some people in this country is almost more than their nerves who want to believe that Tru-can bear." man's "police action" in Korea is somehow less brutal than what firming their worst fears. From Hitler did in Poland and Holland. But it certainly isn't fooling the Europe, three-quarters of the people anywhere else — not even Washington's Western European save us from American 'libera-"allies." Here is what the Aug. 6 Boston Sunday Globe admits:

"American military strength is rated (in Europe) terribly deand bluntly by Hanson W. Bald- Baldwin. It is not only in North structive in the air, but - puny Korea that American bombs are on land. There are black prospects Times. On Aug. 21 he wrote of slaughtering helpless civilians. for Frenchmen, Germans and Ital-"the importance of the spirit, or They are being blown to bits and lans. People also ask - in Milan, little dots from the all-white of the ideological. . . in fighting roasted to death in most of South Marseilles, and other cities still zones such as Korea," where "we Korea. Thus, an Aug. 8 AP dis- scarred by American bombing have not weighed the political and patch reported that Capt. Ken- how soon they would again bemoral disadvantages of strategic neth R. Cornell, American liaison come the target of American air The column is halted by Amer- bombing against the military ad- officer with the South Korean attack (in the event of a USAforces, disclosed that information Russian war). A West German

in developing atomic explosives have a terrifying impact on Europeans. Millions on the continent have personally endured bombing. In many cities, workmen are still clearing away the rubble. The

The bombing of Korea is con-Korea, through all of Asia and world's people are praying: "God tion'!"

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## **Consolation Prize**

Tragic and Pitiful

By William E. Bohannan

A lot of publicity has been and will be given to President Truman's prospective appointment of Mrs. Edith Sampson as a member of the United States delegation to the General

Assembly of the United Nations. Mrs. Sampson is a Negro attorney in Chicago and she will be the first Negro to serve as a U.S. delegate to the Assembly.

There is no secret about the reason for her appointment. According to the AP dispatch announcing her coming appointment, it was "proposed by the State Department as a way of striking back at Soviet propaganda that Negroes were an oppressed people without opportunity, influence or position in the United States." One columnist described it as "a dramatic rebuttal to Russian use of the color issue to set the nations of Asia against this country."

In short, it is a good propaganda move for the U. S. government. And that is all it is. It does not signify the slightest change in the conditions of the Negro people at home. Negroes will still live in the shadow of the rope and the torch in the South. Police brutality will continue as usual in Philadelphia, Detroit, New York, Newark and other Northern cities. Negro troops will still be segregated in Korea, Negro applicants for jobs will still be discriminated against in the factories, Negroes will still be insulted and slandered on the floors of Congress. That doesn't worry the capitalist class and its political stooges - all they are concerned about is a means of "rebutting" Russian propaganda. And what better way could they think of than choosing a Negro to stand up in the UN and answer this propaganda? It doesn't cost anything - and maybe it will be effective. How they must be gloating over their own "brilliance" in working out the idea of using

The national convention of the Disabled Amer-

ican Veterans, held in San Francisco last week,

strikes me as a tragic and pitiful affair. For here

were the representatives of veterans who had

been wounded and disfigured in wars supposedly

fought for democracy and freedom, and they were

voting in behalf of measures that would disable

if not completely kill the remnants of democracy

At the convention session on Aug. 17, for ex-

ample, the delegates adopted a resolution calling

for the death penalty "in extreme cases" for

"subversives." Less than 500 out of the conven-

tion's 4,000 delegates were present at this ses-

sion, but only one of these voted against the

Another resolution passed at this session de-

manded that all persons known to the FBI as

members of the Communist Party be placed in

"security camps," that is, concentration camps.

The national commander pleaded that this would

make the convention look "ridiculous" and asked

This was shouted down on the ground that the

defendants in that case would have to have

trials. The resolution was adopted with only three

A third resolution called for the registration

with the federal government and local police of

all persons who had belonged to the Communist

Party during the last six years. But this was re-

garded as too liberal and when passed was

changed to cover all persons who had ever be-

that the word "jail" be substituted for "camps.'

and freedom in the United States.

death penalty provision.

longed to the CP.

a Negro as window-dressing for the criminal Jim Crow system!

While Truman's other appointees in the UN will be pointing ostentatious fingers at Mrs. Sampson every time the Negro question is raised by the Stalinists, unscrupulous Negro politicians and wardheelers will be doing the same among the Negro masses in this country every time they start to ask why neither the Democrats nor the Republicans have fulfilled a single one of the civil rights pledges on which they were elected to office. "Look at Mrs. Sampson," they will say. President Truman was unable to get anything gressional District of Michigan. passed in Congress, at least he is doing the best he can to give us some representation? Don't you know that Rome wasn't built in a day?" etc.,

Naturally, the Negro masses do want "some representation." But it is becoming clear that co's Emergency Brigade during this kind of representation is invariably offered those momentous days. Two years to them not as a component part of the equality and civil rights they seek, but as a substitute U. S. Senate. for equality and civil rights. First the capitalist politicians make big election promises; next, they renege on every one of these promises; then the politicians make a flamboyant appointment of some Negro to some post — as a kind of consolation prize; and then the process begins all over again with more election promises.

This shell game yields a certain amount of benefit to the upper class Negroes, the "talented tenth," because they stand to get these windowdressing appointments. But all it offers to the Negro rank and file is frustration, disappointment and despair. That is why they are not going to stand for it much longer. That is why they Prussianize American youth miserably on their civil rights genuine labor politics. The time is and set up a special committee are going to unite forces with the militant white through Universal Military Con- legislation. This is understandable long overdue for labor to have to see that the fight against bruworkers, build their own labor party, kick out the capitalist Jim Crow forces and win equality licans alike intend to saddle the not understandable that PAC gress to defend its interests at fully concluded. and security for themselves on the road to so- gigantic burden of this war onto should defend this party and its all times."

I call it tragic and pitiful because obviously

this witch-hunt program does not reflect the real

interests and needs of the disabled veterans.

Neither they nor any other veterans nor any

other workers are going to benefit from the es-

tablishment of a police state; on the contrary,

deprive them all of civil liberties that they think

I have known many disabled veterans -

ficed on the altars of Big Business greed. But

they are defending against "communism."

THE MILITANT

## Genora Johnson Dollinger Is SWP Candidate for Congress

FLINT, Aug. 21 - The Socialist Workers Party announced that Genora Johnson Dollinger has been chosen to "Look at Judge Hastie. Can't you see that while run as SWP candidate for Congress in the Sixth Con-

> of Flint, was a pioneer leader of the UAW-CIO in the 1937 sitdown strikes. She led the famous Wom-

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ago, Mrs. Dollinger ran for the Mrs. Dollinger declared, "I am to vote for an independent labor

using the undeclared war for Taft-Hartley Law. colonial oppression as a means to

Mrs. Dollinger, a life-long resident the backs of those least able to pay for it.

instead of running its own candidates is trying to bludgeon workers into supporting the capitalistminded candidates of the Democratic Party. They want labor to ote for the policies of bankers, bosses and billionaires. The labor running for Congress in the Sixth bureaucrats try to camouflage Congressional District to give the anti-labor practices of the organized labor an opportunity Democrats from Truman on down. They cannot erase from sight candidate. The two major parties Truman's repeated injunctions have dragged the American peo- against the miners, his breaking years. ple into an undeclared war against of the railroad strike on the eve their independence. They are to fulfill his promise to repeal the to give labor a chance to vote

"The Democrats have failed scription. Democrats and Repub- for a party of Big Business. It is its own representatives in Con-

Flint Candidate

MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 1950



GENORA J. DOLLINGER

miserable record of the last two

"There can be no turning back

## NEW YORK SWP PETITION CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, Aug. 22 - The campaign to put the toughs to go after the petition Socialist Workers Party on the ballot in New York State will close with a bang next Saturday night when a victory celebration will be held at the D-

final score will be announced at that time as well as the two leading pace - setters for New York army hospitals, in the Veterans Administration, City, whose prize will be a free in the DAV itself. They were victims of capital- week - end at Mountain Spring ist wars they never wanted, maimed and sacri-

The SWP has already exceeded even now the ruling class has not finished trying to use them for its own evil purposes. After the legal requirements in this disabling them physically, it is trying to exploit State and the Saturday night celebration will be preceded by an line, "Workers Rove City Streets them politically and ideologically, inflaming them all-day city mobilization which is with jingoism, poisoning their minds with police state propaganda, mobilizing them for the front expected to bring our final score comment: "Something that would to a total of 16,000 signatures, mean the firing squad in Russia. . . lines of the lynch campaign against democratic which is 4,000 above the legal the circulation of a minority party the people of New York State. I am not authorized to speak for the rank and

file disabled veterans. But I know what many of This represents a tremendous them think and feel, although they dare not exvictory for the Socialist Workers press it because they hold jobs in the VA and Party in view of the virtual reign are afraid to endanger the pensions without of terror which has been unloosed which they would starve. That is why I believe upon the American people. Read-I am expressing the sentiments of many of them ers of The Militant are by now when I say to the vampires of capitalism: Why familiar with the unholy alliance can't you leave us alone even now after all the of employers, county officials, Socialist Workers Party candisuffering and misery you have inflicted on us? state police, and fascist riffraff. Haven't you drunk enough of our blood already? which sought to frighten off the

the measures proposed by the convention would Downtown Headquarters. The joined in the reactionary chorus by carrying inflammatory articles with scare headlines. "Reds Invade 'Subversive Red Party Area," Sceks Signers," "District Attorney Warns Reds," were some of the headlines used.

> The Oneonta Star, which at the time of its interview with the petition squad profesesd to be a "liberal" newspaper, ran a head-With Petitions," and the following petition . . . was accomplished without casualties yesterday in Oneonta by three New York City workers for a 'splinter' party. Buick Local Fights I'wo men and a young woman toured the business section with independent nominating petitions seeking signatures in behalf of

one police order to move on. . ." dates. The worst that happened and lined up all along the main ficials denied that he had been re-

did their best to incite some young workers. The truth is that it finally became necessary in almost every county to stay off the main treets entirely.

That the SWP succeeded in reaching its goal in spite of all MERCILESS BEATING the obstacles put before it is due Negro workers. Too much tribute of the petition crews, both city and upstate.

Plans are now underway for a reap the fruits of the petition ble for the beating. victory and to bring the program

By Emmett Moore

FLINT, Aug. 17 - After a series of incidents against allegto the trio were curious stares and street. The truth is that the cops leased for Stalinist activity and insisted he had violated two of the company's shop rules.

The frameup was so flagrant that the Buick UAW local offi- very much in order. cials immediately announced they would prosecute the case through the grievance procedure. Pressure

under the shop rule dealing with restriction of production. This is one of the most difficult rules for management to pin on a worker. The Buick shop committee will get a black eye if it fails to win

The Buick local officials have gone further in fighting the reactionary acts of small groups in any militant he wants to without every other industry in the counnetreat . . . it was easy to think deeply entrenched on the foreign the plant than any local leadership in the city. They had Reu-Republican vehemence over ther's recent announcement "lack" of war preparations is against violence posted on all the ings in the Far East or for other by references to the "democratic reasons, either took a loss or were structure" of the UAW, which

comes on the heels of a series of any "genuine" unionist who is ers" can strangle unionism with-As a logical consequence, Ga- comes on the needs of a series of victimized. But this is a plain out the slightest resort to this 1942, 11 months after Pearl replaced presumably by Repub- announced that the local plants to strike any ship over a disputed TERRIBLE TRAP icans more perfectly molded in will not hire any people from out case. In reality, their role, as the heel-clicking, Prussian mili- of town with a college education the first few weeks of the purge other bureaucrats have led the without prior investigation!

lican squabble with the Democrats only a few active and vocal peo-Stalinists. In every case there are except cops. they could do so without distorting the facts. They have run in the facts. They have run in the facts are the mad pluma. cheek to jowl with the Democrats even dizzier pace the mad plunge them they were acting as stooges were forced to restrain them-

If we are going to avoid that selves. A strong stand by the union ment, right where it belongs. this was more than offset by the the hour.

# Mass Meeting Protests Phila. Police Brutality

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 18 — The largest and most successful meeting sponsored by the NAACP in Philadelphia in many years took place last Monday night at St.

Mary's Chapel, in the heart of this 3city's densest Negro neighborhood port of his paper to the NAACP Over 400 Negro and white work- in this fight, and urged it be carers came to protest vigorously ried further. against police brutality in Negro THE SMITH CASE

The meeting, called on a few days' notice, was held to protest car Williams by eight policemen of the Smith sisters, whose home and her sister, Miss Alice Smith, day before Miss Smith, a reserve the Korean people struggling for of the Korean war, or his failure to the Republicans. I am running by plainclothesmen on Aug. 4. in the WAC, was to report for acindependently of the two-party mediate dismissal of those re- they were from the police, they system, a chance to vote for sponsible for these acts of terror, proceeded to search the entire tality is carried on until success-

districts throughout the city.

Thomas Reed, NAACP attorcar to be taken to the local station house. The car suddenly stopped selves will be forced to act. in an exclusively white district, where the two cops guarding Williams were joined by six others, who then dragged Williams from the car and beat him mercilessly with their nightsticks.

to the solid class instinct of the liams, who weighs only 140 would not end in a whitewash, but workers and minority groups in pounds, after he was lying in the this state, particularly to the street unconscious and blood-covered, and were forced to stop only came out that he had no intention cannot be paid to the hard work when the white residents of the of personally questioning the ofneighborhood interceded. Reed also reported on the legal developments in the case and the efforts rigorous election campaign to to prosecute the officers responsi-William Gardner Smith, author

of the Socialist Workers Party to of "Last of the Conquerors" and reporter for the Pittsburgh Courier, opened his remarks by re- lasted for over five minutes. ferring to the presence of Acting Police Inspector Thomas Gibbons, HEALTHY SIGN who had appeared uninvited and asked the right to speak. "It ed, although on short notice, by smacks of fraternization, at a a three-member committee comtime when I for one have no de- posed of Robert Hill, Goldy Geldsire to fraternize," said Smith.

added that a protest demonstra- gro people was committed. tion around City Hall was also

tor of the Afro-American, also be asked to give support to the declared that police brutality NAACP's fight against police would not be abolished until the brutality, is a healthy sign, indi-Negro community showed it cating the beginning of the long would not be cowed and intimi- awaited awakening of the NAAdated. He pledged the full sup- CP in this area.

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The Rev. Lewis, president of the Philadelphia NAACP, called the unwarranted beating of Os- attention to the irony in the case on July 29, and the invasion of had been invaded by plainclothes the home of Mrs. Barbara Smith, police without a warrant on the The meeting demanded the im- tive duty. Without even stating

Unable to find any trace of the still they were supposed to be seeking, they dragged the two sisters into the street and beat them ney defending Williams, describ- anyway. Miss Smith was kicked ed in graphic terms to the silent into a police van, suffering spinal and resentful hall the actual story injuries, and was severely beaten of the Williams beating. He had about the face and neck. Rev. been arrested during a dispute Lewis warned that unless the ofwith a friend and put in a police ficials take steps to end such brutal outrages, the people them-

> WHITEWASH ATTEMPT Acting Inspector Gibbons, who

had returned from vacation to investigate the Williams case, then asked permission to speak. When the meeting voted to permit it, Gibbons got up to make some They continued to beat Wil- promises that his investigation this was received skeptically by the meeting, particularly when it ficers involved in the beating.

The feelings of the audience were made completely clear when a resolution was introduced from the floor calling for the immediate dismissal from the police force of those responsible for the attack. The ovation that greeted this motion, which was adopted,

The meeting was well organizman and Father Thomas Little, Dependence on the present lead- and it represents a new and proers of the Negro people will not gressive orientation on the part solve the problem of brutality, of the NAACP in Philadelphia, which sought to frighten off the betition workers with threats, in- timidation, and at times, outright to put it mildly. The truth the last sentence of the above report is an understate- here, the company fired from its payroll Berry Blassingame, and the said, stressing the need to hold of limiting itself to a series of the said, stressing the need to hold of limiting itself to a series of the said, stressing the need to hold of limiting itself to a series of the said, stressing the need to hold of limiting itself to a series of the said, stressing the need to hold of limiting itself to a series of the said, stressing the need to hold of limiting itself to a series of the said, stressing the need to hold of limiting itself to a series of the said, stressing the need to hold of limiting itself to a series of the said, stressing the need to hold of limiting itself to a series of the said, stressing the need to hold of limiting itself to a series of the said, stressing the need to hold of limiting itself to a series of the said, stressing the need to hold of limiting itself to a series of the said, stressing the need to hold of limiting itself to a series of the said, stressing the need to hold of limiting itself to a series of the said, stressing the need to hold of limiting itself to a series of the said, stressing the need to hold of limiting itself to a series of the said, stressing the need to hold of limiting itself to a series of the said, stressing the need to hold of limiting itself to a series of the said, stressing the need to hold of limiting itself to a series of the said, stressing the need to hold of limiting itself to a series of the said, stressing the need to hold of limiting itself to a series of the said, stressing the need to hold of limiting itself to a series of the said, stressing the need to hold of limiting itself to a series of the said, stressing the need to hold the said, stressing the need to hold the said the sai more such public protest meet- complicated and fruitless legal ings. He concluded by proposing maneuvers, has come directly to that a delegation be sent to see the people in the community the Director of Public Safety, but where the crime against the Ne-

> This, together with a statement by one of the committee members William Gray, Philadelphia edi- that the labor movement would

#### Their Civil War and Ours By John F. Petrone country's own major experience with civil war during the years of 1861-1865.

The imperialists don't like to admit the existence of a civil war in Korea because their own United Nations charter forbids the UN "to interfere in matters which are essentially within the domestic jurisdiction of any state." Thus the British Tory, Anthony Eden, wrote in the July 17 N. Y. Times: "The fighting in Korea is not, of course, a civil war in a distant land. It is a trial of strength between communism and the free world. . . " Eden would like to have the world believe that there is a contradiction in the coincidence of a civil war in Korea with a new development in the long continuing conflict between Washington and Moscow; he tries to make it appear that it must be one or the other, and cannot be both. But there is no such contradiction

in the Korean reality. There are others - mainly the Stalinophobic muddleheads - who, if not denying the existence of a civil war, at any rate minimize it and shove it into the background of their considerations so that they can justify their positions of "neutrality" or outright support of the imperialists. Like Eden, the main thing they see in Korea is the Washington-Moscow conflict; for them, everything else, including the class struggle in Korea, is obscured by the probability that the Kremlin sanctioned the opening of the North Korean regime's drive to unify the country under its own

Whatever the relations are between the Kremlin and the regime which it installed in North Korea - and these relations have undoubtedly been modified as a result of the events since June 25 - class-conscious American workers can see for themselves that the predominant element in the Korean war is the anti-imperialist struggle of the people combined with civil war by the workers and peasants against a reactionary capitalist-landlord regime. And to get a proper perspective on the attitude they should take toward this struggle, they should think back to this

The slaveholders' government in the South, it British government, which was all too ready to recognize the South and to aid it financially and in other ways to defeat the North. If the British preparations for the war in Korea. | policy speech Aug. 19 at the a correct position on this matter, government had been able to do this, the other major powers of Europe would have followed suit Millard E. Tydings, Democrat of publican State Chairman's Con- 20 years' seniority has stirred up and the slaveholders would have been greatly strengthened. The course of American history might have been vastly different; the United States might never have survived, let alone pros-

But the point is that the British government was prevented from intervening on the side of the South. The British working class, inspired and led by Karl Marx's International Workingmen's Association (First International) in trem- small craft. These were not Republicans in preparing for war. endous protest demonstrations, successfully op- designed for a game of canasta. He meant by this that the Reposed government intervention even though the continued lack of cotton from the South meant widespread unemployment, hunger and misery for the Truman administration, de- for bigger and better stockpiles the British, workers. Their self-sacrificing strug- clared in its Aug. 21 issue: "In of arms, would have been more! gles played a key part in enabling the American the first weeks of defeat and truculent abroad and got more people to work out their own destiny.

The heroic example of the British working class that once again the U. S. was beach heads. during the American Civil War can help the caught . . . without arms and American working class to understand the issues perhaps without the will to use at stake in the civil war in Korea. In their spirit, what little we had. Nothing could prompted particularly by those plant bulletin boards. But all of we should speak out against imperialist interven- be further from the truth. (The capitalists who, because of hold- their actions have been qualified tion in Korea, calling for the withdrawal of Amer- fact is) that never before in all ican troops and defending the right of the Korean our history have we been so nearly people to determine their own fate. For American prepared at the start of any war particularly alarmed by the down- permits the expulsion of members workers this is not only an elementary duty of as we were at the start of this fall of the Chiang Kai-shek for expressing political views. international solidarity with the colonial strug- one. Today, after only a few dictatorship in China. gles for freedom from imperialism, it is also a weeks of the war, we have in measure of direct self-interest. For the continua- Korea more men and more arms tion of U.S. intervention in Korea is bringing than we sent to the invasion of of Acheson and Secretary of office of the Federal Bureau of fraud because they have com- law? with it the growth of anti-labor moves and police- North Africa in November of Defense Louis Johnson to be Intimidation (FBI). It has been mitted themselves in advance not state reaction at home as well as a heavy toll of American blood abroad.

## LETTERS TO CONGRESS will be recalled, resorted not only to armed force but also to desperate diplomatic attempts to win the support and assistance of the reactionary

(Continued from Page 1) Maryland, in reply to Wherry.

the items sent the Syngman Rhee puppet government, 49,000 carbines, 58,000 rifles, 43,000 rockets. 170,000 rifle grenades, 25 yard mine sweepers and scores of other

Harbor."

If the war in Korea were popular there can be no doubt tary tradition. that the Republicans would be lustily claiming their share of the credit for the preparations. And

history. The truth is that on all funda-

Guy C. Gabrielson, Chairman of Socialist Workers Party.

the Republican National Committee from the Buick ranks undoubtedly half billion dollars in direct tee, made this amply clear in a helped persuade them to take This was revealed by Senator Midwest and Rocky Montain Re- The firing of a man with over ference. "In this crisis," he said the membership, especially the Quoting from a "top secret as the authoritative spokesman of Negroes who are aware that the Democrats are in the war to- "subversive" activities is a Ne gether." A true confession!

Gabrielson limited criticism of the Democrats to their "incompetence" as compared with the And Life magazine, which does publicans would have spent more not customarily toss bouquets to money faster and more efficiently Blassingames's reinstatement.

As a logical consequence, Ga-

It requires no great powers of deduction to see that the Repub-

catastrophe, then we must build a new party dedicated to world officers and committeemen could this when entire departments of speak out — and to act. Your mental questions relating to war socialism and put a Workers and end the violence inspired by the plants were isolated as "sensitive" unions, your livelihood, your Democrats. Bi - partisan policy the election battle by opposing to do their duty as union men "poor security risk." The union ment-corporation Gestapo system crats and campaigning for the ty for these flare-ups on manage- against the "loyalty" purge. But officials is the imperative need of

## Quoting from a "top secret as the authoritative spokesman of negroes who are aware that the analysis," Tydings listed among the gathering, "Republicans and first person fired in Flint for MARITIME IS TESTING GROUND The company fired Blassingame FOR UNION-BUSTING FORCES

(Continued from Page 1) being killed in the maritime industry. The Coast Guard now has final control over hiring and firing, only the testing ground. If the which means that the shipowner government and the corporations

Coast Guard - can get rid of seamen, they will extend it into making a move in public. The blacklist and "yellow dog" conloyal unionist is effectively tracts were mild medicine comgagged, fearful of fighting a grievance or defending union conditions because he may be stig-system. The unions will become matized a "poor security risk."

OFFICIALS LIE

Some of the union officials are The move against Blassingame protesting that they will defend when the "screeners" and "purgshow, is that of common police For weeks there have been informers. And police informers trap. Their behavior has not been rumblings in Chevrolet against have never defended anyone - one whit different from that of

before this Gestapo system would Hitler himself. spread into private industry. It is time for the great rank

I purge of their own they instituted

within the unions. Today our warning is a grim - leaving the dirty work to the can get away with their purge of try. The old company spy system, pared to the Nazi-like purge now rolling in the maritime nothing more than police agencies for the government head-choppers. What earthly use is there in fighting the Taft - Hartley Act

Murray, Reuther, Green and the unions directly into this terrible their counterparts in Germany We warned two years ago when who greased the skids for the Truman instituted his "loyalty" unions strainght into a concentrapurge of government employees tion camp - and even tried at the that it was only a matter of time last moment to compromise with

There were many indications of and file of American labor to

"Viewing the events in Korea as a 'police action,' the Government contents itself with piddling steps like calling up a few tens of thousands of National Guardsmen, reservists and draftees. Does it not occur to anyone in the White House that Korea may be only the commencement of something far bigger? And does it not occur to them that, in consequence, it might be the better part of optimism to take no chances whatsoever? The very announcement that the Government is striving to create an armed establishment numbering, say five to six or seven million rather than a force of two to three - would in itself create that atmosphere of urgency without

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which we shall never be able to meet tomorrow's

catastrophe.' Who said that? The Hearst press? The na- at the head of the war-mongering toward the abyss of World War of management, these groups tional commander of the American Legion? pack which has converted America III. Bernard Baruch? General MacArthur? Gerald L. into the greatest military camp in K. Smith? Judge Medina? John Rankin? Cardinal Spellman? James Burnham? J. Parnell Thomas? The lobbyists for the arms and aircraft industries? No, not in those precise words, although most of and conquest, the Republicans are Farmers Government in power. company in short order. So far and here and there a militant was freedom is at stake. Defense of them share the sentiment expressed. Credit for in solid agreement with the You can help advance this aim in these officers have not seen fit removed from that area as a the seamen against the governthe statement belongs exclusively to the editors of The New Leader, weekly magazine of the So- basically still remains in full Loth the Republicans and Demo- and publicly pin the responsibili- bareaucrats made a few gestures and the police-informer union cial Democratic Federation, where it was printed force.