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# CIO HEADS CLING TO 2-PARTY SYSTEM

# Imperialists Step Up War Drive CIO Board Splits Urga Military Bloc As R. Rocks 45-Hour Week On 3rd Party, ERP

## Urge Military Bloc As Boss Politicians Part of Marshall Plan Conspire to Keep

By Art Preis

Leading imperialist spokesmen in Washington and London have bluntly proposed that the Marshall Plan be used to power an economic and military bloc of Western European

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the meeting. One, calling for full

accomplish, up to date.

capitalist countries against the captured Nazi documents revealing Soviet Union. They are speed-damaging details of this alliance. ily discarding any pretense that the Marshall Plan is simply a humanitarian program of "relief and re-

nard Baruch and John Foster Dulles, Democratic and Republican parties respectively, demanded, in effect, of 2 Rail Unions ance of anti-Soviet governments in Europe be made an integral part of

promptly responded. Foreign Secre- a successful two-session union meet- embodied in the bill now before trainedly at "communism" and AFL Labor Temple. The meeting ties from the ballot. This bill is so called for a "western union" of Eng- was sponsored by the Minneapolis vaguely worded that practically any land, France, Belgium, Holland and Union Meeting Committee, Division party other than the Democratic Luxembourg. This would be the 357, and Lodges 82, 270, 510, and and Republican could be kept off "nucleus" for an eventual bloc of all 814. The subject for discussion at the ballot. Parties "directly" or capitalist regimes in Western Eu- both sessions was: "Consolidation of "indirectly" connected "by any rope, including their "dominions the Brotherhood of Locomotive En- means whatsoever" with the Stalin-

Tory Churchill, original author of Locomotive Firemen and Engine- This bill has been openly talked words in a speech that bristled with ment, and Related Questions." incitement to war.

U. S. State Department issued a No. 2 of Toledo, the leading speaker bar Wallace from running. public statement approving his at the sessions, did a masterful job

This is but the latest of the bel- the two present rival unions in the ligerent actions marking the pro- cab, the weakness of the present gressively hotter singes of the "cold dual setup and its leadership, and war" launched by the Truman Doc- the importance of sustaining the trine last March. On every front - growth and development of the is stepping up its ominous drive to- The Consolidator. ward an atomic war of global con- Three resolutions were adopted at auest.

Simultaneous with the call for a freedom of membership expression U. S.-dominated Western Bloc fin- in the BLE Journal and the BLF it would make it well nigh imposanced by the Marshall Plan, the & E Magazine, and for the repeal Truman Administration intensified and elimination of all official cenits propaganda attacks on the Sov- sorship and gag laws in both oriet Union. It found potent ammu- ganizations. Another called for the porting Wallace. nition in Stalin's crimes-particu- formation of a national Labor Party larly his alliance with Hitler. The in place of the present bankrupt



By Arthur Burch

task of fighting the enemy, policing

officer caste is well fitted.

American workers. For this the FIRMLY ENTRENCHED

gles of the Thirties. The Amer- and entrenched themselves in in-

ican industrialists hesitate to re- numerable spheres of activity. To-

sort to fascism because the Amer- day they are in a position to start

ican workers have learned from the regimenting American life in ac-

Street looks upon the Big Brass as American life until some of the

the least expensive and most ef- capitalist spokesmen themselves,

fective instrument in preventing like Hanson Baldwin, have become

revolution both at home and abroad. scared of the new Frankenstein.

inadequate even in the strike strug- one government post after another are favored.

# Wallace off Ballot

#### **Ruling Requested of U. S. Attorney General**

There is plenty of evidence War talk is being accompanied by that the Democratic administration is toying with the idea of barring the Wallace Third Party At Senate hearings last week, Ber- Twin City Lodges from the ballot, or so hampering it that it will not be able to comchief Wall Street advisers to the Ask Consolidation pete seriously in the coming presidential election.

Washington columnists are openly speculating on the two methods MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 21— available to the Truman adminis-Locomotive enginemen in the tration of barring Wallace from the British imperialist spokesmen Minneapolis-St. Paul area held presidential race. One of these is tary Ernest Bevin blasted unres- ing on Jan. 20 at the Minneapolis Congress to bar "un-American" pargineers and the Brotherhood of ists are to be outlawed.

the scheme, hailed Laborite Bevin's men; the Wage and Rules Move- about as a possible weapon against Wallace. Attorney General Tom Tim McCormick, New York Cen- Clark has even been asked for a The day after Bevin spoke, the tral engineer and member of Lodge formal ruling on whether it would

The other possible method of statement of British foreign policy. in explaining the need of merging Truman's hamstringing the Third Party would be by extending the notorious "subversive" list recently issued by Attorney General Clark. Truman simply has to order his legal hatchet man Tom Clark to propagandistic, economic, diplomatic Consolidation Committee of En- add the Progressive Citizens of and military—American imperialism ginemen and its progressive paper, America to the list of "subversive" organizations.

While this would not legally bar the Third Party from the ballot, sible for that party to get on the ballot in many states. It would

U. S. State Department published non-partisan political policy with points out, this method is "more gas. its useless and expensive labor inviting because there seems to be no legal redress against the Attorney to the Joint Conference Committee not sue the Attorney General for on Amalgamation, with a request libel."

generalities, on what the commit- the Wall Street parties - the Demo- the plant. tee has accomplished, or failed to cratic and the Republican - are in the field.

Johnston and Robertson, presidents of the two Enginemen Broth- dence game is threatened in the citations have been issued. erhoods, or their chosen representa-slightest — even by emergence of Here are a few typical examples tives, were asked by the arrange- a liberal capitalist party like Wal- of police violence and brutality: nents committee to attend the lace's - the leading capitalist poli- Charles Barranco, Jr., CIO orneeting and address the sessions ticians are ready to drop the pre- ganizer, was arrested by state police Union has refused to sign the yelon the subjects listed, but failed to tense and prevent the new party on the pretense that his auto regisfrom getting on the ballot.

ment, Big Business and the Big have also sounded the alarm. They the long run compel employes to

only whisper a polite protest as into science, education and indus- cannot entrust the fight against

workers likewise look upon the Big most important safeguards of Amer- beginning with Secretary of State

Brass as war heroes possessed of ican democracy, civilian control, is Marshall down to the army ad-

Thus there was little outcry as ing from military funds" and only ference with contractual relations

ready resulted in military units

have issued a report entitled "The work wherever they are told."

ence is "almost completely under of all military influence from in-

military control with finances com- dustry and prevent all army inter-

The implications of this criticism Labor must go a step further and

become clear when we realize that insist that the armed forces them-

80% of the total moneys approselves, be completely democratized.

jurisdiction of the Big Brass. The working class, with officers elected

dustrial mobilization plans have al- necessary to place our economy on

being set up in large and small in-basis, thus ending the cause of war

A STEP FURTHER

a non-profit, production-for-use

MILITARIZATION—THE NO. 1 DANGER

The infiltration of the Big Unfortunately the American labor Militarization of America" in which Labor must take full cognizance

Brass into key government leaders are in awe of the arrogant they point out how "the Army and of the peril it faces in being placed

posts and into every phase of military martinets. At most they Navy are extending their influence at the mercy of the Big Brass. It

American life is no accident. It is the militarists stride into plants in try" in addition to "moving into this danger the liberal educators part of the plot to place the coun-

try on a permanent war footing in peacetime and push around militant key government positions in the or to the Wall Street-controlled

preparation for war, The armed workers for being "bad security State Department, the diplomatic Congress. Labor must start its own

forces are called upon in this scheme risks." Unaware of the increasing corps and other government depart-

of things, to perform the threefold danger to themselves, the American ments." They warn that "one of the brass hats from government posts

revolutions, and above all, crushing any resistance on the part of the

The ordinary police forces proved the Big Brass began to take over projects which are of value in war between the unions and companies.

Italian and German experiences. cordance with their Junker stand-

Any appearance of fascist hoodlums ards. With every beachhead gained war purposes and are under the let it be under the control of the

on a large scale would very likely ominously toward Prussianizing precipitate civil war. Thus Wall ominously toward Prussianizing ther reveals that "the Army's inthe Big Brass. And above all, it is

evolution both at nome and abroad. scared of the new Frankenstein.

This is the real reason behind Now a group of educators and the potion. These plans would in

the tripartite merger of the govern- scientists led by Albert Einstein the nation. These plans would in tions.

Backs 45-Hour Week



William Green, AFL President, gave aid and comfort to the NAM propaganda to destroy the 8-hour work day by favoring a 45-hour work week-although he proposed that time and a half be paid for the extra hour's work. Here Green is conferring with Charles W. Tobey (R., N.H.), Chairman of the Senate Banking Committee. (See the editorial os Page 3.)

## Police Reign Of Terror Against Nashville CIO

Members of CIO Steelworkers Local 4057, striking the Nashville Corporation plant at Nashville, Tenn., are being subalso intimidate people from sup- jected to brutal violence and intimidation by the state and county police. The police pa-took him to the county jail where trol the picket lines armed with ten of them took turns beating him.

spondent of the anti-Wallace PM, sub-machine guns, pistols and tear Seriously injured and with two ribs The courts also have come to the

Scores of strikers have been ar-Whenever this profitable confi-en, and mass contempt of court Although the union won an NLRB

broken he was sent to the hospital.

Two strikers, L. A. Davenport and aid of the labor-hating Nashville James Temple, trailed by state po-The third resolution was directed General. . An organization can- Corporation by issuing an injunc- lice in an auto, were stopped on tion against the strikers. On the a lonely road on a charge of "reckbasis of this, Public Safety Com- less driving." Then both were beatthat, due to the length of time that The fact that the administration missioner Lynn Bomar — who was en with blackjacks. Temple, who this committee has been in con- is even considering barring a rival involved in the savage anti-Negro had given testimony in court against tinuous session, it was high time from the ballot underlines the hy- riots in Columbia, Tenn. — has Public Safety Commissioner Bomar that the membership of both or- pocrisy of capitalist democracy. The limited pickets at the huge plant a few days before, was told beganizations received some definite pretense of democratic election pro- to 12 persons. All other strikers tween blows of the blackjacks that information, instead of meaningless cedure is loudly hailed when only are prohibited within 100 yards of he was being taught to "keep his mouth shut.

> CIO Steelworkers Local 4057 has rested, many of them brutally bett- been on strike since Nov. 10, 1947. election by a 2 to 1 vote, before the Taft-Hartley Law became effective, the company claimed the union was not certified because the Steel low-dog affidavits. Even Denham's tration was not correct. The police scabby board had to admit that the union was certified. Still the com- to whip up war hysteria and recently arrested for deportation: pany refuses to bargain.

The Jan. 19 CIO News observes that "The tommy-gun and the blackjack appear to have become standard 'labor relations' equipment down at Nashville, Tenn.

#### Happy Days for Plane Corporations

One significant aspect of the Air Pelicy Commission report was practically buried by the capitaiist press. The Commission proposes to let the bars down on all restriction on profits of aircraft manufactures. No wonder in a slumping stock market aircraft securities boomed.

The Air Policy Commission recommends that the 12% profit limit for the aircraft industry as provided in the 1934 Vinson-Trammell Act be eliminated. It wants to abrogate the section of the act that requires 10% of naval aircraft and engines be built in government plants to provide a vard-stick to measure prices and profits of private firms. It calls on the Export-Import Bank to help finance private export of aircraft, but opposes the bank's requirement that "the manufacturing assume up to 25% of the

The growing split in top CIO circles developed further at the CIO Executive Board meeting held in Washington Jan. Reuther and their associ-22-23. The hostility between the Murray-led majority and the

Stalinist-led minority was evi-+ denced not only in the dispute over the third party, but above all, in the debate around foreign policy. The Boston CIO convention last

November had unanimously adoptcd a resolution endorsing the principles of the Marshall Plan, without specifically naming it, and with a few pious phrases about opposing the use of U.S. aid "as a means of coercing free but needy people in the exercise of their rights of independence and self-government or to fan the flames of civil warfare." In state CIO conventions since

then, the Stalinists have tried to hide behind these phrases by asserting they precluded support of the Marshall Plan. At the CIO strengthen the United Nations, and Board therefore, Murray and Co. of Wallace's seven-point foreign aid decided to remove all ambiguity by program. coming out flatly "for the adoption and implementation of the Marshall versal Military Training.

ers went so far as to say that in have not been solely responsible for the interests of putting "first things higher prices. Prices would have first," the CIO leadership's fight for increased anyway." It promised that the Marshall Plan must "stand side in the coming months the CIO by side with the necessity of remov- would fight actively "for substaning the fever of inflation in our tial wage increases through collecown economic system."

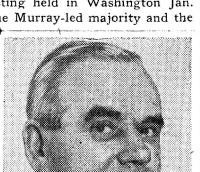
SPEND AS MUCH

That statement should certainly be of interest to the members of IGNORED NEED the CIO. It notifies them that their standards against ever-higher CIO internationals.

reaffirmed their support of the Bos- rises. ton CIO resolution, of the need to

#### **Just Matter of Time** To a Shooting War

A United Press dispatch from Larissa, Greece, on Jan. 24, reports that American Army officers have left Athens to take up "the duty of advising the Greek Army in the field." They "have strict orders to go unarmed at all times . . . to observe combat whenever possible without taking any part." The dispatch adds, "But as one military official commented, 'It's only a matter of time before someone gets



MURRAY

Both factions spoke against Uni-

The CIO wage policy, adopted through the Congress."

quarters of the United States," for a Labor Party. trying to destroy the AFL Interna- And now he has the nerve to tional Typographical Union.

the Taft-Hartley Act, the Board over again! and its union-busting general coun- The anti-third party resolution

## Same Policy Led To High Prices, Taft-Hartley Law

Philip Murray, Walter ates on the CIO Executive Board are doing their damnedest to preserve the twoparty system, whose monopoly of American politics is now threatened by the Wallace candidacy. The CIO Board, meeting in Washington on Jan. 22-23, adopted a resolution declaring a third party in 1948 is "politically unwise."

The resolution made no reference to either Wallace or Truman, declaring that "at this time the CIO is in no way committed to any presidential aspirant." But that didn't fool anyone.

By narrowing their choice to Democrats or Republicans, Murray and Co. were plainly rejecting Wallace because he had split with the Democrats. At the same time they were laying the basis for a future endorsement of Truman. The bureaucrats feel it is tactically smart-In fact, Murray and his support- unanimously, stated that "wages er not to endorse Truman now, when the CIO ranks are engaged in serious thought about the need for an independent labor policy in 1948.

#### SELF-CONDEMNATION

To "justify" this slavish defense. tive bargaining and for passage of of capitalist politics, Murray's resoan effective anti-inflation program ution quoted approvingly from the 1944 CIO convention resolution which stated that the presidential election that year "fully confirmed But the resolution said nothing the correctness of our decision to leaders intend to spend as much about the need for a unified wage abstain from and discourage any time, money and energy in whoop- strategy to prevent a few of the move in the direction of a third ing it up for Wall Street's program top leaders from agreeing to an party. A third party would serve to dominate the world as they will inadequate wage pattern that only to split and divide the forces. in trying to defend labor's living stymies the efforts of most of the of progress at the very moment when unity is our greatest need."

It said nothing whatever about But instead of justifying Mur-The Stalinists, who voted against the growing demand for a sliding ray's policy, this quotation condemns this resolution, came out with the scale of wages, or cost-of-living it. Murray had his way in 1944. familiar arguments. Repeating bonus, which more and more work- and ever since. The so-called "forces many truths about the reactionary ers realize they need to protect of progress" were not "split and nature of the Marshall Plan, they themselves against future price divided" by a third party. And what happened?

It said nothing whatever about Labor has been taking one shel-Truman's "anti-inflation" program, lacking after another. Higher and the most important part of which higher prices. Government strikeis a demand for wage-freezing pow- breaking. Speedup. Oppressive taxes. The abolition of portal-to-portal The CIO Board also adopted a pay. Militarization. And finally, the resolution attacking the newspaper Taft-Hartley Act. Every single one publishers and NLRB General Coun- of these evils is directly traceable sel Denham, whose office "has now to the victory of Murray's "forces of become the strikebreaking head- progress" and to his prevention of

come to the workers and tell them "The fight of the ITU against it is "politically wise" to do it all

sel, is the fight of the entire labor was carried by a vote of 33 to 11, movement," the resolution conclud- with the Stalinist-influenced memed. "We pledge the support of the bers in opposition. But theirs was (Continued on Page 3)

## Deportation Arrests Mount As Witch Hunt Is Intensified

By George Lavan

intimidate the labor movement has hit new heights in a deportation delirium. The outstanding recent cases are

the arrests of Stalinist leaders Alexander Bittelman and Claudia Jones for deportation and the refusal of re-entry from Canada to Charles Doyle, national vice-president of the CIO United Gas, Coke and Chemical Workers.

Bittelman, a leading Stalinist hatchetman is a member of the party's national committee. He has been in this country since 1912. Claudia Jones, a 32-year-old Negro Stalinist leader entered the United States from Trinidad at the

age of nine. She has been 23 years in this country and received all her education here.

One of the slimiest tricks pulled in this deportation wave was against Charles Dovle. Born in Scotland, Dovle has lived in this country for 23 years. His wife and children are American born. Doyle was leading a strike in Niagara when he visited Canada for 3 days to attend an executive board meeting of the union. At the border he was issued a re-entry permit. While he was in Canada his re-entry permit was secretly cancelled and when he attempted to re-enter the U.S. he was arrested, jailed and then released on Canadian soil.

against foreign-born can be seen , The government witch hunt from the following list of those

> Peter Harisiades, N. Y., national sccretary of the Greek section of International Workers Order, held for deportation to Greece, R. Ramon Martinez, Chicago, or-

> ganizer for the CIO Packinghouse Workers, held for deportation to Mexico. David Balint, Cleveland, organizer of the CIO Mine. Mill and

> Smelter Workers Union, held for deportation to Czechoslovakia. Dr. John Greenberg, San Anton-

io, Texas, held for deportation to

James J. Cain, Seattle, held for deportation to Ireland. Joseph Knerly, Detroit, held for

deportation to Hungary. Harry Bersin, New York, held for deportation to the Soviet

Mrs. Theresa Horvath, Fairmont, West Virginia, held for deportation to Hungary.

Kondo Dimitroff, Lorain, Ohlo, held for deportation to Bulgaria. John Diaz, San Francisco, held for deportation to Spain.

for deportation to Czechoslovakia. deportation to the Soviet Union. Peter J. Warhol, Minneapolis, held for deportation to Czecho-

slovakia. Martin Karasek, Nettendorf, ed to the danger.

The scope of the Truman drive! Iowa, held for deportation to Aus-Alexander Stephens, N. Y., held

for deportation to Hungary. Frank Carlson, San Francisco,

held for deportation to Poland. Paul Cline, Los Angeles, held for deportation to the Soviet Union. John Santo, N.Y., organizational director of the CIO Transport Workers Union, held for deporta-

tion to Rumunia. Michael J. Obermeier, N. Y., president of Local 6, AFL Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union, held for deportation to Germany. Steve Tandaric, Hammond, In-

diana, brought to U.S. at age of five, held for deportation to Yugo-

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Council has demanded that Doyle be allowed to re-enter from Canada. In the cases of other union officials held for deportation, the unions involved have protested. But this is not enough.

The current deportation proceedings are aimed chiefly against the Stalinists and their fellow travellers. The labor movement must Charles Kratochvil, N. Y. held understand, however, that if these are successful, the deportation cam-John Nabeshka, Boston, held for paign will be broadened to include every foreign-born union official with left-wing opinions and every opponent of the prevailing system. The labor movement must be arous-

## 100 YEARS OF THE COMMUNIST MANIFESTO

By John Adamson

Marxism, that is the science of social development and of the socialist revolution, is 100 years old. In this span of a century, it has given birth to giants of thought and action, and produced innumerable works of depth, brilliance and even genius. But it is doubtful that any of these compare with the Communist Manifesto of Marx and Engels, which founded and launched the movement of scientific socialism.

The centennial of this epochal document brings back the surge of high feeling that so many of us experienced when we first read through its magical pages! It was as if a new planet swam into our ken. So much of what had been confused, jumbled and vague became sharply defined and wonderfully clear.

Trotsky said that the Communist Manifesto displayed genius greater than any other in world literature. At the ages of 29 and 27 respectively. Marx and Engels unravelled the mysteries of social development and revealed their essential mainsprings!

Not only did these two young men discover historical materialism, but employed this new scientific method with such sureness and skill that they were able to sketch out in bold strokes the motive force of history—the class struggle; the anatomy and laws of capitalism which Marx later developed in finished form in Capital (the periodic outbreak of commercial and industrial crises, the tendency to pauperize the proletariat and middle classes;) the place of capitalism in man's history; the growth of the modern working class and its historic mission to destroy the cutlived capitalist system and replace it with the new socialist society, which would at the same time spell the end of all class exploitation and an-

These contributions have successfully withstood a century of hostile criticism and have been vindicated in the fires of great events.

But it is not given to man-even genius-to see into the future in the manner of a fortune teller. The Communist Manifesto foresaw the development. of the last hundred years in their broadest outlines. It portrayed correctly the general tendencies of capitalism and its fundamental driving forces and lines. But naturally it did not-and could notforesee the events in their full empirical unfoldment. Marxism is not a dogma or a ritual, but a scientific method. All ideas and programs are tested in the light of experience. And it would indeed be strange if after 100 years—and what years they have been the Manifesto needed neither additions nor corrections. But as Trotsky stated in his study of the Manifesto, these corrections and additions can be made successfully only by using the method of the Manifesto itself.

#### MADE MORE PRECISE

Marx and Engels, in their own lifetime, corrected some sections of the Manifesto in the light of further experience and knowledge, and made other parts more concrete and precise on the basis of the lessons of the class struggles in Europe.

Thus for instance, in the Manifesto, capitalism is depicted as a system of free competition. Only in Capital did Marx show how free competition leads to monopoly. And only a half century later did

The Manifesto correctly predicts the pauperization and ruin of the middle classes. But it oversimplifies the whole process and pictures the elimination of all petty tradesmen and peasantry. Thus it misses the emergence of the so-called "new middle class"-the vast army of technicians, administrators, supervisory employes, etc., as well as the persistence of a ruined middle class of the older variety. This whole subject has not been adequately analyzed by later Marxists and constitutes a gap in modern Marxist literature. Its importance is sufficiently underscored by the rise of Mussolini and Hitler.

The Manifesto, as has been pointed out many times, does not deal with the colonial or semicolonial countries, or their struggles for independence. To Marx and Engels, the question may not have seemed of decisive importance in 1848. One hundred years ago Europe was the center of the world, the seat of Western civilization. And Marx and Engels expected a rapid development of the workers' revolution. A thorough analysis of the colonial question began in earnest only with the emergence of the Third International. Lenin was the chief architect of revolutionary strategy for the colonial masses and oppressed nationalities.

The Manifesto foresaw the early consummation of a bourgeois revolution in Germany, and cited as proof the advanced conditions of European civilization in comparison with England in the 17th century and France in the 18th century. But the 1848 revolutions in Europe demonstrated that precisely because of the more advanced stage of capitalism, none of the capitalist classes could push the revolution through to its conclusion. The big capitalists already had a close tie-up with the feudal landowners, and besides feared the rising working class: the middle classes were too divided and too dependent on the big capitalists.

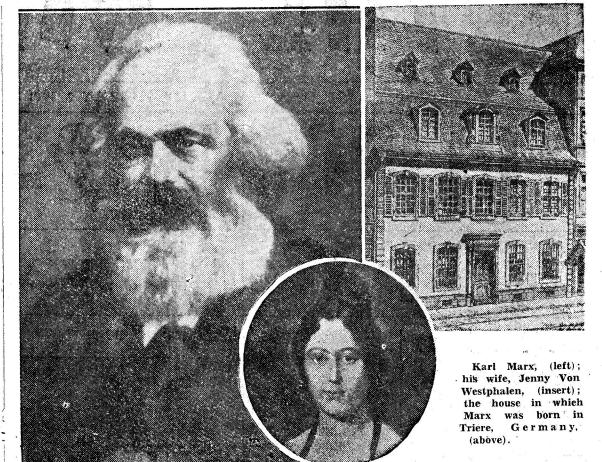
#### PERMANENT REVOLUTION

It was Trotsky who first generalized these developments in a scientific manner, in what has become known as the theory of the permanent revolu-

"The bourgeois revolution, taken by itself, can no more in general be consummated. A complete purge of feudal rubbish from society is conceivable only on the condition that the proletariat...can take its stand at the head of the peasantry and establish its revolutionary dictatorship. By this token, the bourgeois revolution becomes interlaced with the first stage of the socialist revolution, subsequently to dissolve in the latter."

This theory was vindicated in the 1917 Russian revolution and today constitutes the key of revolutionary strategy for the colonial and semi-colonial countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America.

Beyond these necessary corrections, amplifications, refinements and additions stands the fundamental error of the Manifesto. Marx and Engels grossly underestimated the capacities and powers of capitalism to continue to expand and develop the productive forces; and by the same token they vastly exaggerated the political maturity of the working class and its readiness to take power and reorganize society along socialist lines. Marx and Engels, at the time they wrote the Manifesto, thought that the bourgeois revolution was on the order of the day



in Germany and would be the prelude to an immediately following proletarian revolution.

Instead, the German and European capitalists, grown increasingly conservative, could not push the revolution to the end, but arrived at a compromise with the feudal aristocracies. The capitalist upturn which followed, and the ensuing prosperity, produced not the strengthening of the revolutionary vanguard but rather of the labor aristocracy, which up to the First World War became the greatest brake on the proletarian revolution in Western

The very genius of Marx and Engels and the piercing clarity of their vision made them telescope and simplify the whole process. It is taking longer to unfold in its actual historical development. But the two young revolutionists charted with uncanny accuracy the main lines of its evolution and the path the working class must take to realize its historic destiny.

The Russian revolution of 1917 demonstrated for all time that the Communist Manifesto was no utopian dream-but scientific prognosis. It demonstrated that the working class is the only modern revolutionary class, that it can take power and reorganize society on new planned lines. This towering fact is not vitiated or annulled by the subsequent degeneration of Russia under Stalin, and the weakening of the international socialist movement. History, we have learned, does not move in a straight ascending line, but rather in cycles. It has its ebbs and flows. And a decade or two for history is as but a day in the life of a man.

#### FOURTH INTERNATIONAL

In the past 100 years, the working class movement has had great triumphs and equally great defeats. And unfortunately the present generation has witnessed more of the latter than the former. But the Fourth International—the Marxist movement of today-the inheritor and continuator of the great tradition inaugurated wtih the Communist Manifesto, is confidently pursuing its work of organizing "new cadres for the solution of old tasks." Confidently-because it knows that its aims are the embodiment of the needs and aspirations of suffering humanity: because it knows that its program represents the necessary next forward step in human

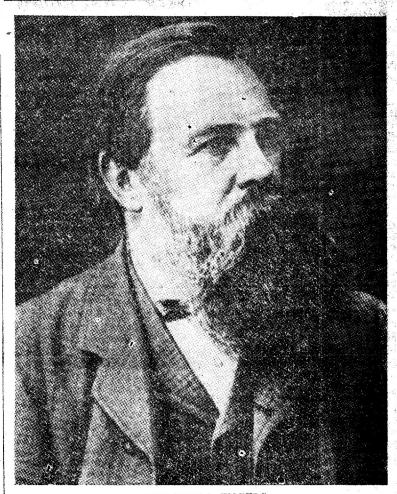
The present agony and protracted crisis of humanity stems from the working class delaying too long in overthrowing the outlived capitalist order. And that delay is derived, in turn, from the crisis of the revolutionary leadership. The Fourth International is working to bridge the gap between the objective needs of the situation and the lack of necessary maturity of the working class and its leadership, in the full knowledge that objective events are helping it in its struggle and ensuring

## Engels Stated Marx Was Chief Author of Manifesto

"The Manifesto being our joint production, I consider myself bound to state that the fundamental proposition which forms its nucelus belongs to Marx. That proposition is: That in every historical epoch, the prevailing mode of economic production and exchange, and the social organization necessarily following from it, form the basis upon which is built up, and from which alone can be explained the political and intellectual history of that epoch; that consequently the whole history of mankind (since the dissolution of primitive tribal society, holding land in common ownership) has been a history of class struggles, contests between exploiting and exploited, ruling and oppressed classes; that the history of these class struggles forms a series of evolutions in which, nowadays, a stage has been reached where the exploited and oppressed class-the proletariat-cannot attain its emancipation from the sway of the exploiting and ruling classthe bourgeoisie-without, at the same time, and once and for all emancipating society at large from all exploitation, oppression, class distinctions and class struggles.

"This proposition, which, in my opinion, is destined to do for history what Darwin's theory has done for biology, we, both of us, had been gradually approaching for some years before 1845. How far I had independently progressed toward it, is best shown by my Condition of the Working Class in England. But when I again met Marx at Brussels, in Spring, 1845, he had it already worked out, and put it before me, in terms almost as clear as those in which I have stated it here."

-Frederick Engels, 1888



FREDERICK ENGELS

## Historical Background of Communist Manifesto

One hundred years after its first appearance, the Com- was on the verge of revolution. The First International. And by the productive forces, the capitalists done for biology." Trotsky said of munist Manifesto remains the most remarkable and illumin- criticisms of Marx and Engels had time of the formation of the Sec- have given birth to their grave- it ten years ago: "We can state munist Manifesto remains the most remarkable and illumin-a strong effect on the leaders of the ating pamphlet of all time. Representing the battle-cry of the League. They sent an emissary to every socialist group in the world nal victory of the workers in their in our time not only to be a revo-

it burned; Stalin, who permits it were subjected to sharp criticism to be printed, daily violates its most by Karl Marx and Frederick Engels "WORKERS OF THE WORLD, elementary principles and murders on the ground that the "task was UNITE!" those who uphold them; Roosevelt's not to work out a utopian system FBI agents seized copies of it on but to participate consciously in was held in August. The organicialist Workers Party as "evidence" formation taking place before our for the famous Minneapolis "se- eyes." dition" trial in 1941.

by the Manifesto.

#### "ALL MEN ARE BROTHERS"

League of the Just, was formed in the middle 1830's, with headquarters first in Paris and later in

almost exclusively of Germans, many of them political refugees. Later it was joined by members of other nationalities. It was a secret society based on a program of uto- er than Marx, wrote The Condition the [French] February Revolution, plan socialism, many varieties of which then enjoyed popularity among radical-thinking people. Its slogan was: "All men are brothers." lines.

had its origins in the coming to- teaching. But when he got his de- in February, 1848. gether of a small, illegal organiza- gree, he found he could not be a

> collaboration in which each contri- merous vanguard of scientific sobuted to the scientific and political cialism . . . With the disappearance development of the other. That from the public scene of the worksame year Engels, two years young- ers' movement that had begun with of the Working Class in England in the Manifesto too passed into the 1844, a work which showed he and background." Marx were thinking along the same

movement of scientific socialworkers' educational societies, which ism, it was only natural that it discussed the social questions of the social questions of the discussed the social won the undying hatred of day, and issued literature explaining despotism of every variety.

In our own time, Hitler ordered I

One congress, attended by Engels

sale in the headquarters of the So- the historic process of social trans- zation's name was changed to the Communist League and its motto the Union of South Africa. to: "Workers of the world, unite!" Marx, who was not yet 30 years A second congress, attended by But neither capitalist reaction old when the Manifesto was pub- Marx, was held in November and nor the betrayals of the Stalinists lished, had been born near the unanimously adopted the principles that socialism would conquer in the struggle, the workers must be orand Social Democrats have been Rhine in Germany. He was a bril- set forth by the two friends, who able to extinguish the flame ignited liant scholar, first in law and then were directed to prepare them for in philosophy, and for a while con- publication as a manifesto. The This history-making document sidered earning his livelihood by Manifesto was sent to the printers

tion consisting mainly of skilled professor in Germany, because began in France, and was followed completed its historical task of reworkers, and two young intellectu- teachers were supposed to be un- by others on the continent. Marx, placing capitalism with a new so- the ruling class, placing the instruals, who had already dedicated questioning servants of the ruling Engels and the other communists cial and economic system. themselves to organizing the over- class. He turned to journalism, were all active participants. But throw of the rising capitalist sys- becoming editor of the Rhenish Gathe revolutions of 1848 were dezette but resigned when the pubfeated; within two years reaction lishers tried to soften its tone had triumphed all along the line against the Prussian government and the revolutionary movement The organization, known as the He went into exile shortly before was hurled back. The Manifesto, an order was issued for his arrest. as Engels recalled more than 40 In 1884 he met Engels for the years later, had been "greeted with first time in Paris. Thus began a enthusiasm, at the time of its aplife-long friendship and intimate pearance, by the not-at-all nu-

But that was not the end of the Manifesto: It became the guide of The League of the Just organized In 1847 it was clear that Europe the Communist elements in the

Marx and Engels never dreamed working class. that it would have such a long and | Independent Labor Politics: Since contents have become outdated, it political party seeking to take powtimely as though it were written a society. few years ago. And so it will re- Workers Governments: In order A few weeks later the revolution main until the working class has to establish the new classless so-

#### IDEAS STILL VALID

a few of the main ideas contained in the Manifesto which still guide NEW UNDERSTANDING the revolutionary movement 100 Just as important as the lessons

guages. It has since been published ing the common affairs of the whole be adequately described in a shor in countless editions not only in capitalist class. Despite the political article—it must be read and studied these but in virtually every existing forms the capitalist government for a full appreciation. To those language and dialect. Just ten may assume—monarchy, capitalist still unacquainted with it, it will be years ago it was isued by the Trot- democracy, dictatorship-it is a ve- a revelation. For it is one of the skyites in Afrikaans, the language hicle of capitalist domination and mightiest weapons in the arsenal of the people of Dutch ancestry in therefore cannot serve the purposes of the working class movement. or interests of the revolutionary

active history, because they believed every class struggle is a political 19th century. While some of its ganized as a class into their own remains on the whole almost as er and reorganize the foundations of

ments of production in the hands of the state, which will expand the productive forces—and then begin Here, briefly, we can indicate only to wither away.

years after they were first written, it drew, which established the basis The Class Struggle: The great of the modern socialist movement, changes and progress in society the Communist Manifesto provided spite of his known relationship with have taken place as the result of the the revolutionary workers with a the CP. struggle between contending classes, new method for analyzing and unbetween the exploiters and the ex- derstanding the historical processes ploited. Today's rulers, the capi- of the past and present. This was talist class, came to power through the materialist conception of hisrevolutionary struggles against the tory, which revolutionized sociology previous dominant force, feudalism. and, as Engels predicted, did "for By the development of the modern history what Darwin's theory has

### THE MILITANT ARMY

#### Militant Sub Week Starts with Bang!

Sub Week indicate a successful start, notwithstanding the nationwide cold wave and various previously planned activities that prepating at this time. Several of these log of expired subscriptions, were

were unavailable for this issue. branch each turned in 26 subs and this issue. Newark sent a dozen from the first day's work, Jan. 25. Many mem- ature Agent Ike Blake, comrades bers who could not go out Sun- will revisit all persons who bought day will solicit during the week.

Four branches of New York Local possible. sold the remarkable number of 448 a successful Sub Week later.

Sixty New York comrades and five from the youth group braved the extreme cold to begin the campaign. Preliminary reports on Militant Branch sales were as follows: East Side ..... 228

Bronx ..... 104 Brooklyn ..... Central .....

Harlem and Bedford Stuvyesant vented some cities from partici- Branches, which have a large backwill have their own Militant Sub assigned to concentrate on renewal is, his CP connections. Weeks later. Most of their reports work. Harlem brought in the excellent total of 26. Bedford-Stuy Chicago and New York's Harlem vesant's report was not available for

> Each Sunday, reports City Liter-Militants on the previous Sunday, and will reach as many others as

## **WORKERS' FORUM**

#### Many Workers Support Wallace

who have a degree of class con- candidate. What I'm driving at, siousness respond in the main favor- folks, is that the 1924 vote record ably to the Wallace move. Even many militants who have supported four million dyed-in-the-wool liberthe Labor Party have reacted favor- al and progressive voters. How many ably to Wallace and apparently m- today? The votes in 1948 will tell terpret the Wallace movement as a step in the labor party direction. This support of Wallace is voiced in in the Temple."

With the most advanced workers, let them arrange an immediate new brief discussion on the nature of party convention and at this conthe Wallace movement, its capital- vention let the delegates nominate ist character, the record of Wallace, their preference for a candidate for its adventuristic aspects, its lack of President and Vice President. How a genuine labor base, etc., finds a about it, folks? Put up or shut response for our approach. But my up. impression is strong that failure of a genuine Labor Party to appear on the scene before the election will leadership which shows subservience find this group of most advanced and cowardice—the philosophy of workers casting their votes for Wallace should he remain in the race.

The response of the Negro is actually enthusiastic. They feel that in Wallace they have a genuine champion of their rights and will vote in large numbers for him. The average rank and file worker

remains apathetic but is inclined toward opposition to Wallace along the line of the press attacks-that Detroit

#### Favors Convention For New Party Editor:

We hear a lot of criticism from phony liberal and progressive leaders in regard to Mr. Wallace being a CP candidate for President. If I remember correctly when Browder ran for President on the CP ticket individual copies of The Militant on Besides New York, branches which he only polled some 100,000 votes. Sunday, Jan. 25, beginning a one- will carry on later Militant Sub If I remember corectly, in 1924month sales campaign to build up Weeks include Connecticut, Milwau- and I happened to be a county comregular delivery routes. These routes kee, West Virginia, and probably mitteeman at the time for the La are expected to prepare the way for Detroit, which was frozen out Jan. Follette-Wheeler third party ticket -I recall the third party polled

#### more than four million votes. Seems to me, fellow liberals, there is something screwy in the manner in which certain loud-mouthed boys Editor: The most active unionists here are shouting that Wallace is a CP

the story and you can bet your boots it will surprise the "Money Changers If our trade union leaders and our socialist speakers are not phonies,

shows that in that year there were

It's high time the workers of

"reward your friends and punish your enemies." This has always industry. meant in practice that when labor's friends in Wall Street's Republican Party stab labor in the back, then the workers should turn of Sponseller as their first aggresand embrace labor's friends in Wall sive move since the faction fight Street's Democratic Party, or vice- began here a year and a half ago. A Reader Kansas City, Mo-

#### Faction Fight in Cleveland CIO

Garland Ashcraft resigned here as editor of the Reuther-ACTU Cleveland Union Leader to take a job as "public relations" director, for some un-named "industrial concern." That makes 2 "victories" for the Stalinists in the war of attrition here for control of the Cleveland CIO Council. The fight originally started when the Stalinists tried to fire Ashcraft. That led to an administrator over the CIO who gave the leadership to Donovan of the steel workers union. Then the CIO Executive Committee by majority vote passed a motion that the Cleveland Union Leader was no longer the official public organ of the CIO. With that decision CIO Director Sam Sponseller and the America rid themselves of phony Reuther-ACTU UAW locals officially sponsored the Cleveland Union Leader. Now Ashcraft resigns to take a "public relations" job for

> The Stalinist CIO locals are circulating a petition for the removal

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"It is hard to believe that the centennial of the Manifesto of the Communist Party is only ten years away! This pamphlet, displaying greater genius than any other in world literature, astounds us even today by its freshness. Its most important sections appear to have been written yesterday. Assuredly, the young authors (Marx was 29, Engels 27) were able to look further into the future than anyone before them, and perhaps than anyone since them." -Leon Trotsky, Ninety Years of the Communist Manifesto, 1937.



### Three Labor Traitors

The American labor movement is the strongest in the world. No other working class can surpass its members in militancy, initiative or solidarity. This they have shown on innumerable occasions in great strikes. Properly led, their power is great enough to easily sweep aside the obstructions placed in their way by the capitalist class and to reorganize society on a sane and rational basis.

But that's the catch—they're not properly led. To illustrate just how cowardly, stupid and unreliable the labor leaders are, let's look at just three of them.

On Jan. 22, AFL President William Green appeared before a Senate committee and implied that the workers would forego urgently necessary wage increases if the employers will lengthen the working day by an extra hour, at existing overtime pay rates! This wonderful plan was presented as a cure

What a "cure"—to make the workers sweat at their jobs longer, and to pile up still more profits for the capitalists. Why, even the government concedes that it is the workers who are bearing the brunt of the inflation and that rising prices result from the fantastically high profits. And how neatly Green's scheme fits in with the anti-40 hour week propaganda of the NAM. If it doesn't work, Green can always come around next year and suggest that maybe hours should be raised from nine to ten.

At the very same time Green was making his outrageous proposal, Truman was telling the press that the president of General Motors, who had called for ending the 40 hour week as an "inflation curb," was living in the 1890's. What greater condemnation can there be of a labor leader than the fact page book, "Nazi-Soviet Relations, that he sounds even more conservative than the White House spokesman for Wall Street?

Or take Philip Murray, the head of the indisputable documentary confirmmore dynamic CIO. On the same day Green was stooging for the corporations on the the Kremlin and the Nazis to carvo economic field, Murray was performing a to give Hitler a free hand for war similar service for them on the political field against his imperialist rivals in the by committing the CIO to the preservation West. of the two-party system. When the Wallace candidacy and the anti-labor record of Congress have awakened large numbers of workers to the need to break with both capitalist against Russia. They are also parties, Murray exerts all his power to keep intended to divert attention from them tied to the strings of the bi-partisan labor-baiters and warmongers. Nothing the Kremlin bureaucracy's criminal "strengthen the cause of peace Kremlin stated "he considfrightens this "labor statesman" so much as alliance with Hitler. the prospect of labor candidates running for office on an out-and-out labor program.

Also beneath contempt is the role of Railroad Trainmen President A. F. Whitney. Two years ago he vowed he'd move heaven and earth to defeat Truman for breaking the an agreement to divide Europe into railroad strike. Now he vows he will move heaven and earth to elect Truman. Last year he promised to spend his union's money to prevent the election of a single congressman who voted for the Taft-Hartley Act. Now his invasion of Eastern Poland by he promises to spend his union's money to agreement with Hitler, who objectelect those very same congressmen if their ed to the first proposals of the rivals are "deemed to be even more unfriendly to labor."

Is it any wonder that with such leadership the members of this mighty labor movement are bewildered and uncertain about the future? Is there any doubt that in order ing on Russian-occupied territory, Sept. 1, 1939. On the 9th, Molotov able measures for this purpose." to make progress they must rid themselves in return for a like service from Hit- telephoned the German Ambassador of such leaders as they would a millstone ler. around their neck?

### Let's Have the Whole Truth

When the Bolshevik Party of Lenin and Trotsky took power in Russia, it published the secret treaties and deals between the Czarist regime and the Allied powers. For the first time, the greed, rapacity and duplicity of the imperialists was laid bare with irrefutable documentary evidence.

It would seem that the U.S. State Department has now taken a leaf from the Bolshevik book. But whereas Lenin and Trotsky exposed the secret diplomacy of the Czarist government of their own country, Washington publishes only those documents bearing on the crimes of the government of another country.

The Truman administration has not suddenly become addicted to truth and the practice of open covenants openly arrived at. It merely finds the publication of secret documents exposing Stalin's dealing with Hitler of particular advantage at this time to U.S. imperialism. They are useful as part of the propaganda preparation for the contemplated atomic war against the Soviet Union.

But why does the State Department cull from the more than two million captured

Nazi documents only the few that remind us ment guaranteeing Russian negeof Stalin's crimes? Why, for instance, does mony in the Balkans and Black Sea it not give us the documents relating to the this point on the honeymoon began Munich Pact of 1938? Is it a "military sec- to blow up. ret," perhaps? Or does the State Department fear to shed light on the filthy deals tiated by the Kremlin. A memoranbetween the Allied imperialists and Hitler?

We'd like to know what Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin really cooked up at Teheran and Yalta. Let Truman—who is so sian Ambassador who said "there willing to tell damaging truths about another government-make public the minutes footing. And from normal, the reof the secret conferences between himself, lations might become better and that it was necessary for the Soviet more of other people's countries prison for having fraternized with Attlee and Stalin at Potsdam. The American better. people—the people of the whole world—are entitled to know the full facts about the secret deals between the Allied imperialists Reich Foreign Minister Von Rib- the intervention of the Soviet Union and the Kremlin to divide up the world into "spheres of influence" and to dismember Germany.

Let's have the WHOLE TRUTH about secret diplomacy. Let's have ALL the documents, ALL the secret treaties. And, first of all, those that disclose the dirty connivery, horse-trades and grabs schemed by our own imperialist diplomats and statesmen.

## The Brass Hat Conspiracy

The Big Brass of the armed forces are acting as a law unto themselves. They are thrusting their boots into every phase of American life. They have a full-fledged program to take over control of this country and make the American people strut the goose-step to their command.

In their determination to militarize and regiment this country, the generals are conducting an expensive propaganda campaign to put over universal compulsory military training. A House committee, headed by Representative Forest A. Harness, has been uncovering the facts about the huge sums the army is spending to "sell" the UMT pro-

Recently this committee questioned Kenneth C. Royall, Secretary of the Army. He coolly admitted that the generals are spending the taxpayers' money to put over Universal Military Training and further brazenly informed the Congressmen that he had "no apology" to offer for this. He claimed that it is "perfectly proper" for the army to spend 'our money as it sees fit, even to running a propaganda campaign to influence Congress on the UMT program.

"The army is the third biggest advertiser in the nation," according to the pamphlet on

the "Militarization of America," sponsored by 25 leading figures, including Albert Einstein and Ray Lyman Wilbur. We are shell- Mediterranean area. In the Balkan should have the form of a "regional claimed in Fulton, Missouri, two ing out tens of billions to the militarists. They are using part of it to get Congress to role in the Greek civil war. Amerispend still more and hand over still greater can troops, battle-equipped, are in Janeiro. The "degree of aid" any three or four years' breathing space." power to the brass hats.

The Army is spending money to entertain women's clubs and get their backing for universal militarism. It has invaded the Boy Scouts and girls clubs, the high schools and on the Marshall Plan carry a semicolleges. Its object is to get its hands on every unformed youth and subject him to the indoctrination and martinet discipline of the military caste through UMT.

The militarists' scheme goes further. They have elaborated plans for a rigid censorship over civilians, to put a military padlock on our lips and our very thoughts. As guarantee the nations entering this "Militarization of America" shows, they have a detailed plan for "control of industry and labor." The workers "will be told where they must work and what they must do."

If the reactionary military clique succeeds in its plot to rule this country, the it was like living under Hitler.

The time to prevent this is now. The way to begin is to destroy the conspiracy to put over UMT.

## Nazi Documents Disclose Details Of Stalin-Hitler Secret Deals

Stalin-Hitler "peace" pact and invasion of the Soviet Union, the dirtiest trick the Nazis pulled on their Kremlin partners was to leave some two million documents lying around for the U.S.-British armies to pick up in Germany.

After concealing the contents of hese documents for nearly three years, the U.S. State Department saw fit to make public on Jan. 21 the text of 260 papers of the German Foreign Office, carefully-selected and edited. The texts are contained in the recently issued 357-

These contain the Secret Protocols of the Stalin-Hitler Pact and other ation of the sordid deal between up Poland and Eastern Europe and

Publication of these extremely damaging documents at this time is part of American imperialism's Wall Street's own world-grabbing designs by focusing the spotlight on

What the documents confirm in

1. Stalin agreed with Hitler, in advance of the invasion, to jointly of the Russians that we recognize ary Protocol was signed on Sept. 28.

2. The Secret Protocols included 'spheres of influence," with the Kremlin to get the Baltic Countries, Finland and Bessarabia. STALIN'S PRETEXT

3. Stalin cooked up a pretext for

4. Part of the secret pact provided

least, lived up to. 5. Stalin agreed to suppress any to his health.' movement hostile to Hitler operat-

Asia and Africa into "spheres of in- saw." fluence." Stalin shifted the discussion over to the question of an agree-

dum by the State Secretary Weizsacker in the German Foreign Office, dated Berlin, April 17, 1939, reports his conversation with the Rusexists for Russia no reason why she should not live with us on a normal

proceeded in an atmosphere of growbentrop wired the German Ambassador in the Soviet Union to conclude a pact speedily as "Germanacute from day to day." The next day, the German Am- to us."

Imperialists Step Up "Cold War

"Law and Order" in Germany

Mounted police patrol the streets of Essen, Germany after more than 100,000 Ruhr workers went on strike, protesting the severe food shortage now gripping the area. An estimated 200,000 workers in the U. S.-British occupation zone joined the walkout in solidarity with the Ruhr strikers. Later two million workers staged a one-day strike in Bavaria.

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among the nations."

within their sphere of influence... falls to the sphere of the U.S.S.R." The signing of a secret protocol on The same day Ribbentrop and delimitation of mutual spheres of Molotov signed the German-Soviet influence in the whole eastern area Boundary and Friendship Treaty, is contemplated, for which I de- which declared that the two govern-

cribes the jovial get-together of former Polish state, to re-establish Ribbentrop, Stalin and Molotov to peace and order in these territorcelebrate the final agreement on ies...' Aug. 23, 1939. "In the course of the conversation Herr Stalin spontan- Protocol said that "both parties will sistently followed the dictates of eously proposed a toast to the Fuenfor mutual exchange of economic rer, as follows: 'I know how much ish agitation which affects the ter- of "only those candidates who have and military aid—which Stalin, at the German nation loves its Fuen- ritories of the other party. They proved by their actions to be worthy rer; I should therefore like to drink will suppress in their territories all of labor's confidence."

Schulenberg to "please convey my supplied large amounts of food and 6. Hitler proposed to cut Stalin congratulations and greetings to the raw material for the German miliinto a four-power pact, including German Reich Government, on the tary machine, including wheat, oil, Japan and Italy, to divide Europe, entry of German troops into War-

"SPEEDY ACTION"

The next day Shulenberg reported that the rapid advance of the Ger- ceived from Molotov the memorman armies had taken the Kremlin andum of the latter's discussion "completely by surprise" and the with the British Ambassador Cripps. rations....I explained to Molotov ership of the Balkan countries for Red Army was at this junction." status quo was rightly the task of setback of the recent strike wave.

Soviet Government had intended to Soviet Union in the Stratts (Dartake the occasion of the further ad- danelles) must be safeguarded." vance of German troops to declare that Poland was falling apart and Union, in consequence, to come to than even Hitler. In addition to Conversations and negotiations the aid of the Ukranians and the hegemony over the Balkans, Cripps White Russians 'threatened' by Gering cordiality. On August 18, 1939, many. This argument was to make danelles! plausible to the masses.

that the note now seems satisfactory

**Urge West Europe Military Bloc** 

ered it wrong to leave an indepen On Aug. 23, 1939, Ribbentrop in dent Polish rump state." He asked Moscow wired his Fuehrer that the the Germans to waive their claim remaining hitch was "the demand to Lithuania. A Secret Supplementthe ports of Libau and Windau as 1939, recognizing that "Lithuania

clared myself ready in principle." ments "consider it as exclusively A detailed memorandum des- their task, after the collapse of the

> Another Secret Supplementary beginnings of such agitation and

Stalin, according to the records, copper, tin and nickel.

Nazis used Russian naval bases.. On July 13, 1940, Schulenberg re-Moletov came "to the political side the Soviet Union... Cripps was of

> Thus hard-pressed Britain was prepared in 1940 to grant Russia far was prepared to throw in the Dar-

At this writing, the Kremlin has made no reply on the publication of After objections from the German these documents. L'Humanite, organ Ambassador, "Stalin with the ut- of the French Communist Party, Polish relations were becoming more most readiness so altered the text evades an answer by calling these documents "forgeries." However, the Jan. 23 Daily Worker, organ of the bassador wired back the text of the On Sept. 25, 1939, Stalin and Mol- American Communist Party, admits proposed "non-aggression pact" to otov called Schulenberg to the the authenticity of the documents.

## Toronto AFL. Calls For Support In Minneapolis Of Labor Party Hospital Scandal

By Paul Kane

TORONTO, Jan. 18-The Ontario Federation of Labor, epresenting some 150,000 AFL workers, today threw overboard the 'old line" Liberal and Conservative taken steps to replace "the cram parties and laid the basis for supprovincial election.

This is the first time that a major pody in the AFL Trades and Labor alist parties.

The Sunday session of the second annual convention of this body was stormy one, taking place in the midst of fantastic price boosts that have roused the entire labor move-

Delegate after delegate lashed out against the Tory (Conservative) provincial government and the Liberal federal government. E. W. Gardner of the Jewelry Workers Union declared that the Canadian TLC would have to divorce itself from the political line of the leadership of the American Federation f Labor.

"No one can represent labor except labor," J. W. Buckley, secretary "In this present emergency Mis of the National TLC, declared. BEGIN THE FIGHT

Joe Meslin of the Fur Workers Union decried the "dissipation of talist parties, which fall on deaf Party, was a candidate for mayor ears." He said that "The Liberals last spring's city election. He is and Conservatives are not betraying former organizer of General Drive us—they are being loyal to their own Local 544. class. They represent capital. We represent labor. We must begin the fight to put a workers' and farmers'

government into Ottawa." The political resolution, adopted with only one dissenter, stated that the two old line parties have "contolerate in their territories no Pol. Big Business." It called for support

The way has now been opened for Hitler's armies invaded Poland on inform each other concerning suit- unofficial support of the Cooperament in the federal House at Ottawa, and which is in power in the

### One document reveals that the French Police Jail Trotskvists

Red Army "required possibly two to "The British Government was of the lication of the French Trotsky-Roosevelt in the past. three weeks more for their prepa- opinion that unifications and lead- ists, reports that the capitalists | Fitzgerald of the UE asked how crucial speedy action of the the purpose of maintaining the leading militants, as a result of the "Cases which until now have been | "Bunk!" and reminded the Stal of the matter and stated that the the opinion that the interests of the buried in the court files are now quickly brought to trial," declares La Verite. "Thus our Comrade Rougier, father of three children, has been sentenced to three months in

> German workers in uniform. "Our comrade M. of Paris, father of two children, has been sentenced to three months in prison and 4.000 francs fine for distributing literature of the Trotskyist Youth League.

> "For sticking up posters denouncing the war against Indo-China, twelve of our comrades are at present under indictment.

"Five of our comrades have been indicted in connection with a poster calling for a general strike.

"We are not the only ones to undergo persecution. Dozens and cently declared he was in favor dozens of strikers, accused of 'in- a Labor Party, did not attend terference with the right to work' meeting of the PAC, although he or 'sabotage,' are still in prison."

# Dunne Hits Mayor

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 22 The guilt for the death of fou month old Arthur Jensen, w died in Mayor Humphrey's office Tuesday morning, falls upon city adminstration which has antiquated, outworn General H pital building," said Vincent Dunne at a public meeting of Socialist Workers Party held he

"Efforts of certain public officia o place the blame for this tree event upon the professional staff General Hospital are completely u fair," Dunne told the audience. doctors and nurses at General Ho pital, together with their aides, fine job, but almost every co ceivable obstacle is placed in the way," he went on to say.

Dunne pointed out that the orga ized labor movement of Minneap has been demanding a new Gene Hospital for more than ten years. charged that "labor-endorsed" Ma or Humphrey has failed to carry o his campaign pledge to build th much-needed new General Hospita Humphrey has not even referred the need for a new and enlarge General Hospital," Dunne stated.

V. R. Dunne, National Labor Sec retary of the Socialist Works

## CIO Heads Back (Continued from Page 1)

not a very aggressive or pri cipled opposition. They did not come in with a

demand for labor to follow a rea independent political course forming its own party. In fa they did not even come in with resolution for the CIO to endors the Wallace movement.

The Stalinists were on the fensive throughout the **discuss** The most they asked for was "autonomous right" of the in vidual internationals to support a candidate of their choice. All the want is the opportunity to endo the Wallace movement, over whit the union movement has no conta The Dec. 31 La Verite, pub- in the same way they support

> lution so that he could consult t UE membership first. Murray sa ists that they had voted for anti-third party resolution in 194 without consulting their member

The Stalinists further tried to a pease the Murray majority by pro ising that they and the third pa would not oppose Democratic Republican "progressive" candidat for Congress.

After the meeting, Murray sa the Board resolution was not bin ing on CIO members, although th were "morally obligated" to ab

The CIO Board meeting was f lowed by a meeting of the natio CIO Political Action Comm which praised the Board resolu against a third party. Emil Ma UAW secretary-treasurer who a member.

### Activities of 'Militant' Readers and the Socialist Workers Party

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adviser and participant in seven to bolster British capitalism. He airfield at Mellaha, Libya—within a post-war international conferences, complained that this wealthy "ben-American people will learn first hand what addressed the Senate hearing a day efactor" is "misrepresented in prop- capitals of Italy, Yugoslavia, Alban-

He added with significant emphasis: "By guarantee, I mean a firm promise to go to war in joint deense if any of them are attacked." Dulles, Republican foreign policy ialism, which is supplying the cash

official weight. Baruch. White House

intimate and adviser during two

Jan. 19 that the countries of Europe,

band themselves into a political,

that "the United States, and such

others as will join us, mutually

union against aggression."

This "political unity," he said,

measures in Greece and the whole peninsula, American arms and milt- defense pact" like that fashioned years ago. He reminded his hearers tary direction are playing the major by U. S. imperialism at the in- that two years ago he said "possester-American conference in Rio de sion of the atom bomb would give country would get from the Mar- But "more than two of those years the vicinity prepared to do the shall Plan "should be measured by have already gone." The pronouncements of Baruch the degree of cooperation" it gives and Dulles before the Senate For- to the U.S. and its western war eign Relations Committee hearings bloc.

Just two days later, British Foreign Secretary Bevin proclaimed that the British and French govwars, told the Senate hearings on ernments had already set into motion plans for a bloc of England, 'as many as are willing", should France and the so-called Benelux countries (Belgium, Netherlands and economic and defense union;" and Luxembourg.) "I believe the time is ripe for a consolidation of Western

Europe," he said. U.S. "MISREPRESENTED"

Recovery Program (Marshall Plan) brought all this to a head." He isdition for effectuating the Marshall Street."

Plan program is establishment of Churchill, whom British labor with 70,000 troops. "sufficient political unity so that kicked out of the government during these states (in Western Europe) the war, rose from his seat in the toward the precipice of war.

Laborite opponent had adopted the On the very day of Churchill's

peech, the U.S. State Department ssued a virtually unprecedented endorsement of British foreign pol icy: "Mr. Bevin has proposed measures which will enable the free countries of Europe further to concert with one another for their common safety and good ... the United States heartily welcomes European initiative in this respect."

Meanwhile, the United States 1 maintaining a fully-manned Naval task force in the Eastern Mediter-He admitted that "the European ranean. An additional 1,000 battleequipped Marines have been dispatched to Greek waters. The latest belligerent announcement is that 900-mile striking distance of the after Baruch. He stated that a con- aganda as a sort of Shylock of Wall ia, Bulgaria and Greece. Britain has reinforced its strategic base at Crete

Step by step we are being dragged



history which seem most significant to us.

the first Negro stepped onto American soil; it never responsibility to fight against these things. stopped during more than two centuries of slavery, class citizenship.

depending on prevailing conditions—slave insurrections, individual rebellions, escape through the Undermovement, service in the Northern Army, sabotage themselves. and arson in the South, support to the glorious Reconstruction effort, creation of Negro organizations, by the Negro people alone. But it cannot be won at active work and leadership in progressive political all unless the Negro people show the same readiness and labor movements, picket lines to win jobs, armed to fight and die for freedom that their forefathers defense against lynch mobs, bitter skirmishes against did. The harder they fight, the sooner they will re-Jim Crow in the armed forces, mass movements to win ceive the necessary support and reinforcements from the right to vote, campaigns for progressive legisla- the organized labor movement.

have the same function as re- powerful allies fighting at their side, in others they strictive covenants and Jim Crow had to fight alone. The important thing to note cars-to maintain racial oppres- is that when they had to stand alone, and fought sion and exploitation. In line just the same, they succeeded in arousing and inwith that purpose, we will try here spiring and winning over those other enemies of the to draw some conclusions from ruling class who had not previously realized their those aspects of American Negro kinship with the Negro people. To mention only two examples: the slave insurrections at the beginning of What is the real Negro tradition in this country? the 19th century gave a strong impetus to the birth It is the tradition of long, continuous, never-ending and growth of abolitionist sentiment in the North; struggle against oppression, waged under the most and in our own time the Negro struggle against difficult conditions and carried on with militancy and lynching, the poll tax and job discrimination have self-sacrifice. This fight has been going on ever since awakened the trade union movement to their own

There are valuable lessons to be learned from this. and it is still going on after 80 years of "second- Whatever progress the Negro people made in the past was due, in the first place, to their own organized ef-This resistance movement assumed different forms, forts; whatever progress they make in the future will be due to the same. Equality will not be handed to ground Railway, participation in the abolitionist them on a silver platter; they have to fight for it

The final victory against Jim Crow cannot be won

## Balconies, Bathtubs and Change

By John F. Petrone-

yelling bloody murder—the celebrated case of Truman for which they were authorized to another purpose."

hish-hush' of the Pendergast Gang getting ready to ance of this "national shrine." steal an election in St. Louis, President Truman, an Truman apparently can endure charges of secret went ahead just the same.

cost, which will run to \$15,000. An angry suburbanite take a stand against bathtubs?

erick Muhlenberg (R., Pa.) took the floor in the tecture.

The Militant is on the ball when it comes to cover- House of Representatives and pointed out: "The ing Truman's strikebreaking, encouragement of high president has indicated that he will use maintenance prices, responsibility for witch hunts, fomenting of and repair funds for a capital improvement. It is war, etc. But it seems to me to have fallen down on just as illegal for him to do this as it would be for the job of reporting a story that has many people any one else to switch funds from the specific purpose

and his balcony. In the interests of keeping the record Fourth, and most frequently heard, is the complaint straight and enabling our readers to take a position that Truman's procedure in this matter constitutes on this question, let's review the main issues involved. a violation of "good taste, propriety and historical First, there is the question of Truman's whole feeling" because no temporary tenant of the White method. To quote Harold L. Ickes: "With all the House has the right to change the structural appear-

honored and dues-paying member, has suddenly an- maneuvering, arrogance, promotion of inflation, misnounced that a contract has been let for mutilating use of funds, etc. But the charge that he doesn't the south facade of the White House by building have an "historical feeling" got under his skin, and thereon a scabrous balcony. President Truman has he heatedly defended himself against it at a press not asked the people what they think about his pro- conference. As a matter of fact, he said, historic posed liberty with their White House. He simply precedent is on his side. Those who are condemning tells them what he proposes to do." He did consult him are the same kind of people who wanted to lynch the Commission of Fine Arts, but when its members the wife of President Fillmore when she installed the unanimously voted against it, Truman stubbornly first bathtub in the White House way back in the 1850's. With that argument Truman felt he had Second, there is the question of the balcony's neatly floored his critics. After all, who is going to

matron explodes: "The inconsistency of using money Well, there you have the facts and you are free for unnecessary government expenditures while send- to draw your own conclusions. Personally, I think ing Congress a message dwelling on the dangers of in- we can all agree with one aspect of Truman's argument: It's about time some changes were made in Third, where is the \$15,000 coming from? Fred- the White House. And I am not talking about archi-

### Notes from the News



allotment, according to a survey sional committee. by the American Council on Education. Both Truman and the allotments.

TRUST BUSTING-In 1890 the Sherman Anti-dollars. Trust Act was passed with criminal provisions for violators. To date not one person in the U.S. has Democratic or Republican Attorney General in office.

dividing the remainder.

\$30,000,000 CAMPAIGN—The International Typographical Union will raise as much as 30 million dol-Typographical Union in Washington, D. C.

in the redwood forests of northern California has en- at Atlantic City on April 27. tered the third year. The strikers' ranks remain

REAL ESTATE JIM CROWERS-The National been fulfilled 100%.

GI STUDENTS HARD HIT-The average married Association of Real Estate Board lumps together lege as is allotted to him under the GI Bill of Rights, "blights" whom "no reputable broker" should introwhile the average single student duce into a reputable neighborhood, Leslie Perry has to spend 65% more than his of the NAACP Washington Eureau told a congres-

> ARMY COSTS UP-Col. Phillip Smith, Army Pur-GOP are opposed to raising these chasing officer told a Senate Banking Committee that a 30% price increase for supplies during the last nine months cost the army an additional 250 million

MURDER IN COLD BLOOD-Senator Glen Taybeen put in jail for violations, whether there was a lor of Idaho requested Secretary of State Marshall to investigate the case of Antonios Ambatielos, general secretary of the Greek maritime unions, who is facing WALLACE WINS IN NEGRO POLL-In the first trial by a Greek military court on charges of ortwo weeks of a presidential straw vote being taken by ganizing deportees against the Greek government. the Los Angeles Sentinel, a Negro paper, Wallace got Taylor's letter states that "accurate correspondents 84% of the votes, with Taft, Truman and Dewey have reported that trade union leaders are being subjected to trial before kangaroo courts, and in effect, are being murdered in cold blood."

TEXTILE PURGE-The Executive Council of the lars if necessary, to protect gains won in the past 132 CIO Textile Workers Union suspended the years, declared James J. O'Connor, President of the president and another officer of Local 75 of Paterson, N. J., for "promoting the interests of the Communist Party." The right-wing Textile Union leaders LONGEST STRIKE-America's longest strike of seem determined to smother all opposition in prep-AFL lumbermen against eight big timber companies aration for the union's national convention scheduled

> RUSSIA'S 5-YEAR PLAN-Moscow reports that the first two years of the fourth 5-year plan have

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## Flint UAW Leader Gives Radio Talk on Sliding Scale of Wages

### **UAW** Conference **Urges Formation** Of Labor Party

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CLEVELAND, Jan. 24-Region 2 of the CIO United Auto Workers, embracing eastern Ohio and western Pennsylvania, held its regional conference here last week-

Richard Reisinger, regional director and one of the four anti-Reuther members of the International Executive Board, presented to the conference the wage program of a 25-cent hourly wage and 5 cents additional for health and sick benefits, adopted the week before by the Board. Reisinger explained that this was not a "bargaining figure" and that no local would be permitted to undercut the national demands without specific sanction from the international.

This wage program was endorsed by the conference. The only opposition voiced came from the delegation of White Motor Local 32 in Cleveland, which constitutes the leadership of the Reuther-ACTU blcc in this region. One White Motor delegate asked, "What are we to do if the rank and file won't support such stiff demands?" But this attitude received no support.

Paul Russo, formerly assistant director of the Illinois-Wisconsin region and now on the UAW-PAC staff, presented a one-hour political action report to the conference. In the discussion on the report, Anthony J. Pirc, president of Cleveland Local 337, took issue with Russo. He called attention to Russo's statement that 25 million workers didn't vote in the last election, and that it was the union's job to get these workers to the ballot box. Pirc stated it was his opinion that the PAC has the cart before the horse. That if you want to get the workers to the ballot box, you have got to give them something to go to the ballot box for.

Pirc then presented a resolution that had been passed by a previous regional conference in the summer of 1946 calling for a united labor conference for the purpose of launching an independent Labor

Pirc's remarks were followed by two hours of lively discussion. In the course of the discussion, Reisinger took the floor and stated that he favored the resolution but proposed an amendment that this be done after the 1948 elections. The resolution was finally passed in this amended form.

#### What Fight in Korea Is All About

"In Moscow in December of 1945 the Big Three decided on a plan for Korean independence. A joint Russian-American commission was to help set up a provisional Korean government that would function during a fiveyear trusteeship; then Korea would be free. The Russian-American commission held a total of 61 meetings over 19 months. It got nowhere.

"Disagreements turned on the kind of political organization to be consulted in forming the provisional government. But basically the disagreement was this: the Russians wanted to form a government oriented toward Moscow; the United States wanted a Korea in which anti-Communist forces would predominate."

(N. Y. Times, Jan. 18)

Fight Not Over



Seated in the admission office of the University of Oklahoma Law School is Mrs. Ada Lois Sipuel Fisher, who went to the U.S. Supreme Court when she was denied admission because of her race. The Court refused to ban segregation, and now Oklahoma officials have set up separate Negro "law school." But Mrs. Fisher refuses to have anything to do with this Jim Crow set-up. Looking on are J. E. Fellows (left), University official, and her lawyers, D. H. Williams and Thur-

### **GM Victimizes Tucker— Veteran Union Militant** fought against the Taft-Hartley

By Emmett Moore

iust been released that the GM resolution for a Labor Party. umpire ruled against Ray Tucker, a member of Fisher Body Local 581, UAW-CIO. This case would lose his case. He had bargraphically illustrates the rotten gained grievances like this a thoustate of bargaining in 100 General sand times. The shop rules were Motors plants throughout the coun- explicit - "reprimand to one week." try. Four months ago, Ray was It may never be known what hap-

tion explicitly state, "Making prep arations to leave work (such as washing up or changing clothes) before the signal is sounded for lunch period or at the end of the Debates Politics shift - REPRIMAND TO ONE WEEK."

After four months of bargaining, the so-called impartial umpire has rendered his decision. Not a reprimanent release!

Ray Tucker has been in the forefront of every major fight of the the 1939 Tool-and-Die strike, the latest struggle to keep democracy alive in the UAW.

He has held, at one time or another, every post of importance in his local. He took up the battle in his local when the corporation suc-1939 except one.

Resolutions Committee where ne cal support.

compliance resolution of Reuther. FLINT, Jan. 20—News has and was one of two to favor the

Tucker was convinced there wasn't the slightest possibility that he

fired for taking his overalls off pened after Tucker left the chamthree minutes before the whistle bers of the "impartial umpire." But blew. For ten years this has been auto workers everywhere will know a common practice among main- that one more militant has been tenance men in the Fisher Body framed by a stinking contract, rammed down the GM workers' The shop rules of the corpora- throats by Walter P. Reuther.

## Detroit CIO

DETROIT, Jan. 20 - The Greater Detroit and Wayne County CIO Industrial Union Counmand, not a week off — but a per- cil held a discussion at the last meeting on the coming presidential UAW, from the 1937 GM strike to layed. The board gave as its reason dorsement of any candidate pe de- families. fight against the no-strike pledge, favorably received by Democrats that this delaying tactic would be and Republicans. In reality, both the Truman and Wallace supporters are biding their time to better pre- gap with prices. pare their forces.

Two amendments were offered from the floor. One called for a cessfully fired 80 workers and leaders in 1939. Since then he has unions, before the end of February. been on the top bargaining com- The other proposed that steps be mittee for four years, chairman of taken to organize a genuine Labor the shop committee for two years, Party which will nominate a popuvice-president of the local in 1944. lar labor leader for the presidency. He has served his local as a dele- The Stalinists succeeded in defeat-

gate to every UAW convention from ing both these propositions. They ridiculed the Labor Party proposal. At the last UAW convention, he while Wallace's program, domestic was appointed to the all important and foreign, received their uncriti-

We are reprinting a section of the important speech delivered by Jack Palmer, president of the Flint Chevrolet Local 659, UAW-CIO, over station WFDF on Jan. 20, on the union's wage program in 1948.

Fellow workers and friends of the radio audience:

Four weeks ago the five General Motors union presidents in Flint adopted a wage program to answer the curse of inflation. It consisted of a demand for a 25-cent wage increase per hour and a sliding scale costof-living adjustment clause in our contract.

You and I have seen this proposal sweep through this great auto union like a prairie fire. Locals in Ford, Chrysler, General Motors, Briggs and Budds went on record backing us. In all, leaders of 250,000 workers have supported our demands.

Our proposal for a 25-cent wage increase would bring our wages on a par with the increase in prices that has taken place since our last wage increase in May, 1947. But we understand what inflation means. According to the Government, it is freely predicted that prices will soar another 10 to 20% in the next three to six months. Thus, this price increase would wipe out the wage demand just as it devoured the previous one. To protect THIS wage increase, we requested of our union officials to

fortify the 25-cent-an-hour proposal with the sliding scale of wage clause. Many of you have heard of this clause for the first time. It is not new. It was tried after the last war with great success by the AFL. Many unions use it today. The most notable example is the Sinclair oil workers

Briefly this is how the clause works:

It is agreed between the corporation and the union that wages will be examined every 3 months by both parties. If the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor declares that prices have risen 5%, wages automatically go up 5%. If prices climb 10%-wages automatically, with no ifs, ands, or buts, go up with prices 10%—and so on.

#### **ELIMINATES NEED OF STRIKE THREAT**

You can readily see the advantages of this clause. It eliminates the need of threatening strike action each time prices go beyond our buy-

Many of you will say this is good-but what will happen when prices come down?

When this clause is negotiated, as is the case with all unions that have this agreement in their contracts, it is agreed with the corporations that a certain base minimum figure is set. Thus, wages can rise to \$1.75, \$2, or \$2.50 an hour-but they cannot go below the wage figure of \$1.75 if that is the minimum figure agreed to.

#### ANSWERS PROBLEMS OF INFLATION

We believe that these two wage proposals answer the many problems of inflation. Chevrolet local overwhelmingly supported this at its last membership meeting—the largest since the last strike.

Saturday I attended the national General Motors Conference of the UAW, representing our local union. The delegates listened very carefully to the wage and contract demands of the International President of the United Automobile Workers, Walter Reuther.

During the past week you have read a great deal about the pension plan. I have worked for General Motors for 19 years. All of us in our old age look forward to protection from insecurity and other hardships that result when we are unable to work because we find our youth has slipped away on the speeded up production lines. I don't know of an auto worker who doesn't want old age security.

The attempt on the part of some people to confuse the problem of inflation with the pension plan is ill-founded and displays a sad lack of respect for the intelligence of the auto workers. We want an adequate pension plan. We intend to get one for our members.

At the conference Brother Reuther stated that prices in the terms of wages, since the end of OPA until today, have risen 25.1 cents per hour. But he only asks for 15 cents an hour!

In effect, Brother Reuther is making US pay for the pension plan He does this by knocking ten cents off the wage proposal! Before negotiations have begun, we have already lost ten cents! But let us continue to examine the rest of the program.

#### NO PROVISIONS AGAINST INFLATION

Let us grant that we get the 15 cents. The government predicts that prices will soar 10 to 20% in the next six months. We enter the next period ten cents BEHIND prices-and within six months find ourselves 30 cents in arrears—with no provisions made against further inflation!

Brother Reuther claims to protect us in our old age-but he makes no election. From the executive board provision to protect our children in their youth by giving us the sliding came a recommendation that en- scale of wages so that we can buy milk, butter and meat for our growing

> and he had only one-was that this clause made no provisions for improving our wage scale over and above prices. This sounds like a mighty poor argument when he can only propose a 15 cents wage increase while he states we need 25 cents to close the

Brother Reuther's complaint against the sliding scale of wages-

On the contrary, the sliding scale of wage clause in no way prevents us from improving our contract. All it does is keep wages from lagging

constantly BEHIND prices. The government reports that Big Business made this last year 17 billion dollars in profits after all taxes were deducted. This, compared with 12 billion dollars in 1946. You can see that only the wage earner suffered during this past period of inflation-and only he will suffer in

#### CORPORATIONS CAN AFFORD TO PAY

the coming period.

These huge stockpiles of profits indicate that the corporations have price-gouged the American people into sub-standard conditions. More than that, it proves beyond any question of doubt that the corporations can afford to pay a 25-cent wage increase fortified by the sliding scale cost-of-living adjustment clause, plus a pension and health program. There is no excuse and no justification for our union to ask for less.

Why should the auto worker continually foot the bill of inflation? We believe it is high time the auto corporations begin to carry the load. This much we can say-THEY can afford it. WE can't. The conference decided to carry on negotiations in Chrysler and GM.

If Brother Reuther is serious in his demand for a wage increase, a pension plan and a health and welfare fund, it seems to me that he would recommend that the negotiations be carried out on an industry-wide basis.

#### THE FULL POWER OF THE UNION

We do not want our union to make the grave mistake of negotiating with one corporation-and permitting them to provoke a strike for another four months. Industry-wide bargaining brings the full power of our union to bear on negotiations. In this way we can bring about a single contract termination date for ALL companies in the auto industry.

More than that, I am absolutely sure that our members would like to see the steel workers, electrical workers, and the auto workers work out an over-all policy. In that way unity would be lifted from the realm of words and would be made a genuine reality.

The corporations, finding such concentrated power against them, wouldn't dare-let me repeat-they wouldn't DARE to drag out a strike for four months.

After careful study of the 15-cents an hour wage request, it is my duty

as your elected officer to recommend the following: In the latter part of February there will be another General Motors whole system is what is required. national conference. At this time I propose that we accept the demands made on the company for an adequate pension and health plan-but that budget of a million dollars. It is ploy bribery and corruption as well. The decision on the Oklahoma case Already Meharry has students whose with its evasion of the segregation who see their efforts and sacrifices ficient, reject it as grossly unfair to the auto worker, a demand that in so often ignored or twisted against | no way answers inflation, a demand that makes the auto worker pay

I further recommend that we request in the name of our 12,000 members in Chevrolet that the wage demand be increased to 25-cents The apparent decisiveness of the surdity and expense of providing is—faced with bankruptcy. Last Negro professors, doctors and sci—milestone in the progress of de-energies, and passion into the for- an hour across the board, and that it be fortified by the sliding scale of wage adjustment clause.

## Bourbon Campaign to Keep Jim Crow in Education the press. The liberals, as is cus- students in each state, the South- ference proposed to take over Me- them the prospect of being placed in ficially many liberals view both de-

By J. R. Johnson

Persecution of the Negro people is the most irrational, thost flagrantly undemocratic fea- what disturbed by the fact that the North. of the justices had declared that a equality. The dearth of Negro docjountry.

Faced with the case of Ada Lois State of Oklahoma to produce a law school for this Negro girl or admit | faculty. her into the regular school. This school has hitherto admitted only white students and had refused her on a vast scheme for circumventing lion dollar institution, with a yearly application two years ago. The the Supreme Court, taking advanstate of Oklahoma had only a few tage of its evasions, and continuing days to admit her or provide the their persecution of the Negro peomonstrosity of a law faculty for one ple. Aware of the growing pressure "REALISTIC" SEGREGATION

law school of one student was not a law school.

dramatic gesture of ordering the have proceeded to set up a separate er medical schools in the country plan, not only in medicine, but in reward. And Jim Crow will flourish port the system on the one hand, Negro "law school" with a 3-man (Howard University is the other).

> Negro people are already embarked practicing. Meharry is an 8 milfor higher education among the

tors is deplored and a solution is

Together they have turned out The Southern persecutors of the about 85% of all Negro doctors now toward regional schools.

court ruling created a great stir in whole faculties for half a dozen fall the Southern Governors Con- entists will have dangled before mocracy merely shows how super- mation of such a party.

tomary with them, hailed this as erners now propose to open regional harry, finance it by fixed contribution like mocracy and its unending persecuthe most unjustifiable, the process of law. They were some- abetted by powerful interests in the urday Evening Post article takes a in such segregation projects. "realistic" view. Of course, segre- It is notorious, also, that segre- a hard-fought victory is so often most magrantly undemocratic reatilities as the social Supreme Court carefully avoided In the Saturday Evening Post gation is deplorable. But inasmuch gation always results in discrimination of turned into a still greater defeat, ture of American me. As the social pronouncing on the principle of of Jan. 24, the scheme is launched as there is no immediate probabilition and lower standards than those through the economic and social consists deepens Negro issues rise up crisis deepens negro issues rise up segregation. But they comforted in a nauseating article, full of su-ty of ending educational segregation prevailing in similar institutions for power of the Southern Bourbons confuse, confound and expose the prevailing and expose the prevailing in similar institutions for power of the Southern Bourbons in the South the prevailing in similar institutions for power of the Southern Bourbons in the South the prevailing in similar institutions for power of the Southern Bourbons in the South the proposal seems to whites. But already the Negro cannot be in the Southern Bourbons in the South the proposal seems to whites. But already the Negro cannot be in the Southern Bourbons in the South the proposal seems to whites.

proposed. Meharry Medical Col- the Supreme Court in regard to the realism. No doubt if the scheme the Congress and Courts of Justice lege is one of the two grade A high- Oklahoma law school will spur this goes through they will receive their which manipulate legislation to supevery other field. By evading the more vigorously than ever. issue of segregation the Supreme The sentiment of many Negroes

rely only on propaganda. They em- trenchment of the Southern system. fees are paid by the states. These issue will only spur on the Southern we can be sure will be increased. governors. The short-sighted cele-Now Meharry is—or claims that it But there is an even bigger bait, bration of the decision as a great their own ranks, by throwing their

a great victory for the democratic schools for Negro higher education, tions from all Southern states who Meharry with all the prerequisites tion and cheating of the Negro peoprocess. They saw visions of the supported by groups of Southern wish to send Negro students there, and prestige such posts carry. There ple. achievement of Negro equality by states. As usual they are aided and and expand its facilities. The Satis a notorious vested Negro interest. There is no short cut to the end-

pitulators are praising the prospects needed than an undeviating assault It is obvious that the decision of of the project, under the banner of on the whole Southern system, and

The Southern Governors do not is nothing compared to the en-

ing of this vicious circle whereby other. A Labor Party and a Work-Court encourages the movement is overwhemlingly against such ers and Farmers Government aimprojects. A few benefit. But that ing at the total abolition of the Organized labor alone can lead such them have everything to win, in- for the pension plan out of his own pocket when he can ill afford it. cluding the defeat of self-seekers in