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# WASHINGTON WHIPS UP WAR HYSTERIA

War hysteria is again running loose in the land. The American people in the past few days have been stunned by the frightful prospect of another war thrust on the nation by its political and military rulers.

ts political and military rulers.

The bi-partisan coalition in Washington is fanning the Dishonor Pact" flames. Truman ominously addresses a special joint session of Congress. Marshall issues dire warnings while cynically telling the country to remain "calm." The State Department gives out inflammatory pronouncements. The generals rave miners have again left the pits and the bought press rants. The unleashed warmongers are in what may prove a showout to stampede the people.

We have just been through one war for "democracy." The Hartley Slave Labor Law as well earth on the graves of the war dead is still fresh. Hungry, as the mine owners. dispossessed war victims wander through Europe and Asia. The burned and blasted lands are without grass. Vast ruins stand Act, the coal operators, in the words as charred monuments to the last imperialist slaughter.

Yes, we have just been through a war for "democracy" and more dictatorship, more rule by bayonet and club, exists by blocking all benefit payments

In the United States the same trend of dictatorship is health and welfare fund. at work. There is not more, but less democracy here today than before we entered the Second World War. A Taft-Hartley Slave Labor Law shackles the labor movement. An arrogant military caste spreads a creeping dictatorship over every phase the coal operators continue to preof American life, reaching for control in government, industry, vent use of the union's welfare fund science, education and the press. Freedom of thought is terror- for retirement pensions of \$100 a ized by a witch-hunt directed from the White House itself.

#### The Danger of Totalitarianism

Does anybody really believe that the projected new war for "democracy" - the war to preserve "democratic free only "during such time as such perenterprise" and "eradicate Bolshevism" - can bring the American people anything but militarist totalitarianism? Can anyone possibly benefit from the war, even temporarily, except a handful of billionaire profiteers and their political and mili- the fund won in two national strikes. a mobilization that netted 1,500 sig- in Detroit on the first day of the tary agents?

the whole year is expected to reach will assure the necessary petitions and auto center. Main objectives of union, a few days before the strike, compulsory military training, escreactionary politics, its anti-working class repressions, its police terror. We Trotskyists number in the thousands our martyred a 10-cent royalty on every ton of didates for a place on the ballot. be Flint and Bay City. fighters against Stalinist despotism. We have sought to arouse coal mined. Not one cent has been Farrell Dobbs of New York and The canvassers in Saginaw re- mand to 19 cents. the whole labor movement against this deadly peril. We have paid out to miners in eight months Grace Carlson of Minneapolis are ported that while the anti-radical fought for decades without compromise to destroy Stalinism. We shall continue that fight without let-up.

This does not gainsay the fact that in the present prepara- vide. tions for a new war, Wall Street imperialism is the initiator During 1947 alone, there were nominated at a state convention of a place on the ballot. Good results arbitration cover only the differand aggressor. It is hurling the threats and challenges. It is 1,165 fatalities. The widows and establishing military bases on the Russian borders. It is waving orphans, the dependent families of the atom bomb. It is openly organizing hostile combinations sick and injured miners, have been against Russia. It seeks to bring the Kremlin to heel and deprived of just compensation and make Russia subservient to the power of the dollar.

#### Greedy for World Empire

Why are the Wall Street billionaires, the Money Kings TIRED OF WAITING and monopolists, pushing so frenziedly toward war? First, they are greedy for world empire, for unchallenged rule over the earth and all its resources, for the profits they hope to wilful sabotage of the welfare fund's drain from exploited peoples at home and abroad.

Furthermore, the disintegration of capitalism on a world call was issued or needed. Lewis scale fills them with fear for their very existence. They have poured billions into China, Western Europe, Greece. Still the system continues to fall apart. The very bankruptcy of capitalism goads the Wall Street plutocracy to attempt another war adventure.

If the American people do not halt these ruling class maniacs, they will put the world to the torch. They will wipe out civilization itself and most of humanity as well.

The one organized force able to stop Wall Street's insane drive toward war is the American labor movement. It alone save Mrs. Rosa Lee Ingram protests as "anarchy." can mobilize and lead the American people against this terrible threat of atomic catastrophe.

### An Independent Labor Policy

But labor can lead this fight successfully only by adopting Harper in Americus, Georgia, to ask new trial, despite his hostility to contend with extremely unfavorable tured control of the international an independent policy and program of struggle against the for a new trial. imperialist war and warmakers. The labor movement must be freed of any and all entangling alliances with the capitalist were sentenced to death after a one- that the fight to save the Ingrams house-to-house work was done as class — its government, parties and political agents. It must day "trial" by an all-white jury. In is reaching mass proportions. The well. declare war on the capitalist warmakers.

To be sure, the ranks of organized labor must be cleansed near Ellaville, Ga., one of the boys tained asked to have them trans- collection in these working class of the agents of the Kremlin, who have committed every crime had struck the white man a blow ferred to another jail because the neighborhoods. Many people have of treachery and disloyalty to the working class. But even from which he died. more dangerous today to American labor are the so-called Lawyers for Mrs. Ingram, a share- from "Northern newspapers and petitions, and have shown interest "responsible" union leaders, those who are taking their orders dren, had no opportunity to propper and performance of his duties. (Pittsfrom another outside agency — Wall Street's State Department. erly prepare their defense. The burgh Courier, Mar. 13.) The labor movement must break with the Marshall Plan "trial" ending in the conviction of The same paper reported that the ballot in this state as the Miliand the Truman Doctrine, with all the imperialist schemes the Ingrams was presided over by Mrs. Ingram, stricken with grief tant Workers Party. For further for president by incumbent Walter board. The Stalinist debacle began and blue-prints to bolster world anti-labor reaction and prepare scheduled to hear their appeal this boys and worry over the care of her 1303 Girard Ave., Philadelphia. the coming war of world conquest.

To pursue its independent course, labor must free itself Nation-wide indignation against heart attack last week. from the political machinery of the capitalist class by break- this frame-up was reflected in a In addition to protests, which ing with the two capitalist parties and launching its own independent labor party.

The working class can escape the horrors of World War this example of Southern justice: money is needed to prepare the legal tions. II and militarist dictatorship only by an all-out struggle through its own party and program — against the war drive luged with telegrams from many should be sent to the NAACP, whose to netitions was March 13. No ob- for all top posts. The defeat of Packard Local 190 returned the war reaction and anti-communist and for a Workers and Farmers Government that will end the people outside this state. This defi- lawyers are handling the case, at 20 jection to the SWP petitions were President Tony Czwerinski, one of anti-Reuther administration to of- and is getting a big hand from the rule of Wall Street once and for all.

# The War Danger Miners Fight Sabotage of Welfare And Labor's Task Fund; CIO Packing Workers Strike

U. S. Intervention in Greek War

# Coal Strikers Charge Owners

The nation's 400,000 soft coal down struggle against the Taft-

Under cover of the Taft-Hartley of United Mine Workers President John L. Lewis, have "dishonored" and "defaulted" the 1947 contract from the jointly-administered union

In a swiftly-spreading strike that began Mar. 15, the militant miners have declared they are "not willing and not able to work" so long as

The contract was written to avoid anti-strike provisions of the Taft-Hartley Act and covers the miners sons are able and willing to work."

64,165 accidents to miners, with aid. Old-timers with decades of toilsome, dangerous labor in the mines are being laid off without recourse to any means of subsistence but public charity.

That is why the miners have acted so promptly in response to Lewis' denunciation of the operators' administration. No formal strike announced on Mar. 22 in a letter to the UMW locals that all money (Continued on Page 4)

Mrs. Ingram and the two boys



Surrounded by Greek officers, Major Sam Clark of Alva, Okla., (seated), follows the course of a government battle to drive the guerrilla forces from the area. He is the U.S. liason officer with the 75th Greek Army brigade.

# month to 60-year-old miners with 20 years or more service in the Steady Progress Made

Mine workers are bitter against Socialist Workers Party elec-

the nominees of the SWP National hospital, disability, retirement and Committee for President and Vice- large numbers of workers are fed President Ralph Helstein, with the death, the fund is supposed to pro- president respectively. In addition, up with the two-party system and stipulation that the companies acstate and local candidates will be willing to help minority parties get cept the proposal by March 15, that



What it really represents,

enemies of the Jim Crow system

other ten children, had suffered a

account of these protests.

**New Trial Demanded for** 

**Doomed Widow and Sons** 

nitely is an attack on the courts." West 40 St., New York 18, N. Y.

# **Dobbs-Carlson Drive** DETROIT, Mar. 15 — The the Michigan SWP scheduled to be

the operators' dirty maneuvers to tion campaign in Michigan got off MICHIGAN HIGH swindle them out of the benefits of to a flying start last Saturday with Over 1,000 signatures were netted This fund now amounts to approxi- natures. The Michigan comrades campaign. The remainder were ob-We are sworn enemies of Stalin's bloody regime — its mately 30 million dollars and for are confident that an all-out effort tained in Saginaw, another import-60 million dollars, on the basis of by May 2 to qualify the SWP can- the drive in the coming week will indicated its willingness to consider tablishment of peacetime conscrip-

Considerable interest in the program and activities of the SWP was expressed. It is felt that excellent prospects exist for the building of an SWP branch in this city in the course of the election campaign.

Active unionists are cooperating in the petition campaign. Readers of The Militant are also urged to lend a hand in this important undertaking. Petitions and additional information may be obtained from the SWP branches at 6108 Linwood Ave., Detroit, and 215 E. Ninth St.,

PHILADELPHIA, Mar. 15 - The first week of the Pennsylvania SWP election petition campaign ended yesterday with a score of 2,400 signatures collected in Philadelphia alone. Canvassers were also active during the week in Pittsburgh, New MARCH 17 — The fight to He also denounced the nation-wide Castle, Lehigh County, Berks County and Bucks County but reports on of their results have not yet been reand her two sons from the elec- course, is the understanding that the ceived here at state campaign headtric chair will be taken into court Ingrams will be murdered unless quarters.

the Ingrams, it will be above all on weather. Best results were obtained in front of movie houses and on busy There were other signs last week street corners, but considerable

defending their mother against a sheriff of the Albany, Ga., jail where The red-baiting drive does not vicious attack by a white neighbor the condemned three are being de- appear to have hampered signature "vast number of telephone calls" volunteered to help in collecting cropper and the mother of 12 chil- magazines" was interfering with the in the SWP.

The petition drive will end on April 6. The SWP will appear on the same Judge Harper who is by the imprisonment of the two information, contact the SWP at

NEWARK, Mar. 17 - The Socialist Workers Party nominations for week. He complained bitterly about Thompson of Georgia and Judge ally assured of a place on the New the attack made "up North" against W. H. Harper of Americus, Ga., Jersey ballot in the November elec-

"I refuse to be influenced by out- defense of the Ingrams and to care According to the state law, the Ken Morris, who ran for president, ris, incumbent anti-Reuther pres- an undeveloped stage. Reuther 1

## The "Big Four" Meat Profiteers Reject Arbitration

Some 100,000 CIO packinghouse workers flung picket lines on March 17 around 140 tory of the country. plants of the "Big Four" meat trust and the large independent and all the radio stations have been packers in a nation-wide battle for screaming war incitements. Each wage increases.

union by the refusal of the "Big ernment officials and militarists. Four"-Armour, Swift, Wilson and Cudahy-to offer more than an in- | March 17 by Truman's speech to a sulting 9 cents an hour increase special joint session of Congress and their rejection of a proposal for arbitration.

Truman, notorious for his strikebreaking actions in the coal, rail- plunged into another imperialist road and maritime strikes in 1946, blood-bath no one, of course, can promptly intervened in an attempt say. But there can be no doubt to halt the strike. Acting under the whatsoever that American imperial-Taft-Hartley Law, he set up a ism intends to go to war, that war college professors to report back to tional strategy. him April 1. He could then instruct | Wall Street's course, as Truman the Attorney General to seek an made plain in his address to Coninjunction to force the strikers back gress, is toward the speediest prepto work for 80 days.

#### A FARCE

The meat packers had turned the wage negotiations into a farce. They refused to seriously discuss the union demands and gave the most savage terms, accusing it of union a take-it-or-leave-it offer of sole responsibility for endangering 9 cents, retroactive to Jan. 12. The the peace. He called for universal reducing its original 29-cent de- tion and huge expansion of the

A government proposal for arwere obtained at the Unemployment compensation office, where a steady the 29-cent demand and that the tary Paet signed that very day and tary Paet signed th stream of unemployed are going in 9-cent raise go into effect pending pledging "full support" by the final settlement.

> The "Big Four" rejected arbitration. Swift & Co. even withdrew of Czechoslovakia, which Roosevelt trol of U.S. foreign policy are de its 9-cent offer. Armour & Co. did and Churchill themselves, at Yalta, not even deign to make a formal had tossed into Stalin's "sphere of

> Wilson, president of Wilson & Co., halted 50 miles from Prague in ton for another deal. Stalin's offer reported to a stockholders meeting 1945 to permit occupation by the to meet with Truman was made that 1947 net profits after taxes Russian army. were the highest on record and Truman's demonstrative action in nearly double those of 1946, \$15,- calling the joint session followed a 448,823 as compared to \$8,311,560. series of statements and actions by The top one-third of packing- State Department and military ofhouse workers now receive only ficials designed to arouse public war \$1.10 an hour.

# Truman and Militarists Drive to Impose UMT And Peacetime Draft

By Art Preis

Washington is deliberately whipping up a war

Truman, the State De-+ partment and the Big Brass with the pretext for a warmongering drive un-

paralleled in the peacetime his-Every major capitalist newspaper new headline in the past three weeks has blazoned further provo-The strike was forced on the cative statements by the top gov-

This campaign was climaxed on a speech that left no doubt that the Administration is definitely committed to war.

How soon the nation will be "fact-finding" commission of three is the end-object of its interna-

aration of public opinion and the military machine for a world conflict of atomic annihilation.

#### TRUMAN'S DEMANDS

Truman attacked Russia in the armed forces. He demanded immediate passage of the so-called Euro- USE ARMED FORCES pean Recovery Program as the di-

Russia. United States.

He bemoaned the "tragic death" influence." The U. S. Army, on or- it has now leaked out, Stalin One day before the strike, E. F. ders from the State Department made a direct bid to Washing

fever and stampede Congress into



JAMES FORRESTAL speedy passage of the demanded war

measures.

Secretary of State Marshall issued an alarmist press statement terming the international situation "very, very serious," Secretary of National Defense Forrestal hastily called a secret conference of General Staffs of all the services in Key West, Florida. "It no secret," said the Scripps-Howard newspaper chair on March 13, "tha Mr. Forrestal and joint chiefs of threat of war" and are "thinking in terms of immediate mobilization."

rect implementation of the West author of the "get-tough-with-Rus-European military alliance against sia" policy, demanded that the "Measures for economic rehabili- munist Party wins the April 18

> The whole sequence of events ex tablishes pretty definitely that Truman and the militarists now in con liberately pushing toward war.

> Prior to his Czechoslovakia cour "late in January" and was "turned down," the Mar. 5 U. S. News disclosed. Business Week of Mar. revealed that "official Washington —and that means the State Department and the military—has brushed

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# **Auto Union Local Elections** Reveal Pro-Reuther Trend

local union elections in progress for the past few weeks, it ap-The encouraging response in this pears that the tide is still running on March 20, when their attorneys enemies of the Jim Clow system city was made possible by the devo in favor of the reactionary Reuwill appear before Judge W. M. their defense. If Harper grants a tion of the canvassers, who had to therite-ACTU machine that cap-

> The results in only a few of the important contests have been reported at this writing. They show no overwhelming sweep, but do indicate a continuation of the Reutherite trend. However, in most instances, the voting was close and the progressive opposition showed impressive strength.

at the November 1947 convention.

ed by a narrow margin of 46 votes squeeze onto the local executive membership and their progressive Hutz. Hutz, formerly Silver's right- a year ago when half their machine hand man, took over the presidency was ousted from office. after Silvers became assistant to Reutherite administration forces former UAW President R. J. Thom- at both Dodge Local 3 and Chrysler ite trend is due largely to the fac as. Recently Hutz jumped on the Local 7 were returned to office. A that nothing decisive has occurred Reutherite band-wagon.

the most militant local union of- fice.

in CIO United Auto Workers re-election on his record, is a blow by the progressives in De Soto Loto the local.

### SLANDER CAMPAIGN

effects of a terrific red-baiting and post at the last convention, was slander campaign backed by the elected Local 227 president. This is full weight of the national admin- a tribute to the fact that Leonard istration, including Emil Mazey, was the only one of the three lead UAW Secretary-Treasurer and for- ers of the Thomas-Addes-Leonard mer Local 212 president. The mili- caucus who went back into th tants, however, remain a real force, ranks and took a job in a plant as indicated by Czwerinski's 4,090 after the defeat of the last UAW votes to Morris's 4.911.

At Detroit East Side Tool and Die Local 155, the Stalinists reaped the final harvest of long years of misrule and bureaucratic abuses. John Anderson, president for 11 years, At Detroit Steel Products Local was defeated by Reutherite Russell 351, Paul Silvers, former outstand- Leach. Only one on the Stalinist ing leader of the local, was defeat- slate, John Nowak, managed to

In the Detroit Briggs Local 212 victory in the Detroit West Side November convention to change elections, a Reutherite slate headed Tool and Die Local 157, where Reuther's strength and expose hi by incumbent recording-secretary Blaine Marrin defeated Dale Har- policies. The wage fight is still in

cal 227, Detroit. Former UAW Vice President Richard T. Leonard, who Czwerinski could not overcome the was ousted from his international

Another significant victory for the militants was scored at Bell Aircraft Local 501, Buffalo. In the face of a hostile international administration, the slate of the in cumbent militants wor every po but one committeeman. Their con program overcame the pressure and red-baiting of the Reutherites.

The continuation of the Reuther Reutherite slate managed a narrow since the red-baiters victory at the Labor Advisory Body at White House

# Lobbyists Attempt To Loot Nation's Oil Reserves

Campaign On to Remove Valuable Tidelands From Federal Domain in Name of States' Rights

lobbies ever operated in Washington, is trying to engineer a grab of the government-owned coastal tidelands, containing the largest oil

The land shelves extending under water to the three-mile limit around the California, Texas and Louisiana coastlines, have an estimated 100 billion barrels of accessible petroleum. This is five times more than all proved reserves in the continental United States

Last year, in a case involving claims of the state of California, the U. S. Supreme Court ruled that these oil-rich tidelands belong to dated existing leases given oil comranies by the state governments.

The federal court's decision was an upset for the oil corporations. governments they had been able to finagle oil exploitation rights worth fabulous sums. In California than three billion dollars.

private interests were greased with over to the states. royalties from the sale of each barrel of oil extracted.

SWUNG INTO ACTION

cision does not exclude federal leas- ator Moore himself. ing of the tidelands to oil companies, the latter find it easier and more profitable to deal with the state governments which can be bought for a cheaper price and are manipulated more easily.

Senator E. H. Moore, an Oklahoma oil producer and spokesman for the private oil interests, has authored a bill to "confirm and estabbill in the Senate.

A terrific drive, spearheaded serves. The bill would simply have by 20 U. S. Senators and back- the federal government take over ed by one of the most powerful the states a 37½% cut of government royalties

> But this doesn't satisfy the oil companies. The bill also provides for a three-man commission with power to investigate existing leases for any illegal or "inequitable" provisions. Since the terms of these leases were drafted largely by oil corporation lawyers, in connivance with corrupt state politicians, any honest investigation of them would undoubtedly uncover "irregularities" and might lead to possible revision or termination of the leases.

A little publicized but very potent lobby is pushing the Moore bill. It. the federal government and not the includes not only the highly-paid various states. This decision invali- agents and mouthpieces of the oil companies but the National Association of Attorneys General. This group, functioning since 1907 as a claimed clearing house for federal Through their control over state and state bills, is actually a lobby for special interests in the states.

The NAAG's campaign for the Moore bill is being run by Walter alone, the oil moguls had grabbed R. Johnson, Attorney General of off tideland oil reserves worth more Nebraska, an agent of the mining interests who likewise want all The state political machines which government-owned lands, both in turned over these rich oilfields to inland and coastal waters, turned

braska and the NAAG payrolls, has opened a big suite of offices in Washington. He has been spending Under the old war-cries of "vio- full time lining up the big parade lation of states' rights" and "threats of Governors, state officials, federal to free enterprise," a large bloc of politicians and oil company "exstate governments and the multi- perts" who have been urging passbillion dollar oil lobby have swung age of the Moore bill before hearinto-netion to get Congress to re- ings of the Senate Judiciary Substore the tidelands to state own- committee. The chairman of the Senate hearings, by some strange While the Supreme Court de- coincidence, is none other than Sen-

#### SATURATED WITH OIL

the oil and natural gas interests tivities." has been his nomination of Burton N. Behling as a member of the Federal Power Commission.

Behling's confirmation would aslish" the titles claimed by the states sure an FPC majority connected to the submerged coastal lands. A with the oil and power trusts. His bloc of 20 Senators introduced this nomination was pushed by Edward Pauley, Truman's intimate, and Cali-The Truman Administration is fornia oil mogul involved in several attempting to appease the oil cor- government scandals; former Oklaporations and quiet their fears by homa Governor Robert S. Kerr, of pushing another bill which, while Kerr-McGee Oil Industries, Inc.; retaining federal title to the tide- and former Michigan Senator Prenwould continue the private- tiss M. Brown, head of the Detroit profit exploitation of their oil re- Light and Power Company.

following results:

school auditorium.

LABOR SUPPORT

dom of speech took a beating it is reported that threats of vioin Akron last week when red-baiting lence from unknown persons were made, nor was any other concrete and Jim Crow elements prevented directed at the officers of this Langston Hughes, noted Negro poet, Negro church which resulted in their from lecturing here. Hughes was refusal of the church facilities for scheduled to read from his poetry at the YWCA under the auspices of Meanwhile a large Akron depart-

After hearing President Truman express confidence in their ability to settle labor-management prob

lems, his 12 man labor advisory committee leaves the White House. Left to right (front): Pres. James

Black of Pacific Gas and Electric, AFL President William Green, Federal Mediation Director Cyrus Ching,

CIO President Philip Murray, CIO Vice President Allen S. Haywood. In the rear (l. to r.) are President

Lewis Lapham of Hawaiian Steamship Co., President Charles E. Wilson of General Electric, Federal Con-

ciliator Howard Colvin, AFL Organization Director John J. Murphy, President Harvey Brown of Interna-

tional Association of Machinists (unaffiliated), President George Humphrey of M. A. Hanna Co., and

Akron Witch Hunt Bars

the Akron Council on Race Rela- ment store which had prominently tions, a local anti-discrimination displayed a volume of Langston body made up of labor, Negro, and Hughes' poetry on the shelves of its ministerial figures. The poet had book department, removed all copies also been invited to address a stu- of the book from its stock and sent dent assembly at South High School. them back to the publisher. On March 7, three days before When it became known late Wed-

Hughes' arrival, the most vicious nesday, the day scheduled for anti-labor preachers were denounc- Hughes' appearance, that no public ing Hughes from the pulpit, work- auditorium or church was available ing up a frenzy of race hate and red for the poet's lecture due to the orhysteria among their followers. The ganized campaign of intimidation, Akron Beacon Journal provided President George R. Bass of Goodspace to Clair Trunick, local attor- rich Local 5, of the CIO rubber The Truman Administration it- ney and Kiwanis "expert" on com- workers, stepped into the fight. He self is saturated with oil politics. munism, to jair his "expose" of offered the use of the Local 5 hall Truman's latest move on behalf of Hughes' alleged "communistic ac- for the following night. Bass dramatically demonstrated by his ac-These developments produced the tion how the labor movement should respond to reactionary attacks. School Superintendent Otis Hat- REVERSE POSITION

ton barred Hughes from speaking However, hysteria in Akron had to the South High School students, been whipped up to such a high and later denied him the use of any pitch during the week that a reactionary preacher like Dallas Bill-The YWCA auditorium was closed ington of the Akron Baptist Temple to Hughes on the grounds that un- could reach deep into the vitals of named persons had threatened to the Akron labor movement and ated boards have been empowered picket the Hughes lecture and that overthrow the courageous position consequently there was danger of taken by George Bass and other milproperty damage to the YWCA itant leaders. The Executive Board Local 5 was polled Wednesday The Race Relations Council, spon- night and reversed Bass' offer by a

Negro Poet from Hall for permission to use its premises. letter to the Beacon Journal, said. "No public offers of protection were action taken to ensure Hughes his constitutional rights. Those uphoidignore the strongarm tactics of the Labor Party. local fascists.

> "Labor lost a great opportunity courageous offer.'

ple, Wall Street's hired hands down

in Washington are extending rent

control bills—but with loop holes

big enough to drive trucks through.

approved a bill extending rent con-

trols until March 31, 1949, but giv-

ing the landlord-packed local ad-

visory boards authority to order

rent hikes or even to remove rent

ceilings entirely. Up to the pres-

to only recommend rent increases

to the Housing Expediter in Wash-

Past actions of these boards in

The House by a 251 to 132 vote

# Murray Forces Capture Cleveland ClO Council

tumultuous meeting of the Cleve- in opposing resolutions for a Labor that in order to have a third party land CIO Industrial Union Council Party, fought them by stating "we it should be composed of labor, on March 10, succeeded in giving must take the lesser of two evils" farmers and progressive citizens. He defeat in ten years. Over 400 dele- new party." gates were present, the largest CIUC meeting in years.

The debate, lasting for more than and name calling from both sides, opposition to the third party. This methods they were supposedly fight-

The pro-Marshall Plan wing made full use of anti-Soviet, anti-communist jingoism coupled with redbaiting, and called for unquestioning support of Murray's policy. Chairman James C. Quinn, Murray's administrator of the CIUC, in answer to a question from the floor as to whether the council could or could not reject the CIO National Executive Board policy, stated that the council could not reject the Board's policy. A further question as to what was the use of voting if we could only vote "yes" was answered by a banging of the gavel and a statement by Quinn that "you have to vote yes on CIO policy."

The Stalinists, discredited by their past record, could not mobilize enough support to oppose the crude er of law and order who are so steam-roller methods of the Murquick to respond to alleged violence ray-Reuther bloc. No one at any aside Russia's January peace feel- is in dire straits and China is in by labor groups have chosen to time during the debate called for a ers."

STALINIST WHIP

Congress Bills Peril Rent Control

Congress is ripping rent as in Chicago and a number of

higher rents.

ing houses

recommending 15% rent increases, a joint committee of Senators and

Speaking against the motion and to give the most effective answer to calling for support of Wallace, Leo Fascism when Local 5's Executive Fenster, Stalinist whip of United Board rescinded their President's Auto Workers Local 45, stated that he "never did believe in taking the

ant organizations, which forced the

The present House bill also per-

hotels and certain types of board-

Since there are differences be-

tween the House and Senate bills,

places A. E. Stevenson, executive sec- anyway. retary of the council, in a vulnertwo hours and marked by booing able nosition. Stevenson, a leader of the Stalinist faction, abstained was over a motion calling for full from voting on the issue in the support of the Marshall Plan and CIUC executive board. He tried again to refrain from taking a pomotion brought the pro-Marshall sition on the floor of the council by tions which are as yet unscheduled. Plan forces and the Stalinist forces stating that the CIO convention into head-on collision, with the had not gone on record to support Murrayites using the totalitarian the Marshall Plan as such, but did go on record to aid recovery of Europe.

the main issue confronting labor was how to change the complexion hold on to his strategic post did not go over well with the delegates and was not left unchallenged by the

William Lavelle, secretary of the are supposed to represent.

Highlighted by an ultimatum stated that "some people may say quoted from the resolution adopted from the chairman that the new is not the time for a third party" and that "they will be saying Board: "We of the CIO are for full body dare not reject and must that in 1960." These remarks won implementation of the Marshall vote "yes on CIO policy," the Mur- no support as many delegates re- Plan aid to Europe." Lavelle furray-Reuther-ACTU bloc in a packed membered that Fenster in the past, ther stated that he always thought the Stalinist faction its first major and that now is not the time for a added that the Wallace Party had none of these things and that now The defeat of the Stalinists wasn't the time for a third party

#### NO REAL PROGRAM It is expected that the pro-Mar-

shall Plan wing will follow up their victory by attempting to remove Stevenson in the coming CIUC elec-At no time, in the long drawn-out

faction fight between the Murrayites and Stalinists, did either side take up the problems facing the He further stated that it didn't CIO membership. Neither side has matter who was President and that offered a program to combat inflation. Neither side has offered a of Congress. This despicable squirm- program against the injunctions ing and wiggling in an effort to which are being effectively used against striking workers in Cleveland. Both factions are ignoring the needs of the workers whom they

# **Truman and Militarists** Whip Up War Hysteria

This news was suppressed. The American people were kept in the dark while Wall Street's agents in Washington developed their campaign to force matters to a showdown. Stalin's subsequent move to consolidate his grip on Czechoslovakia provided the pretext for the long-planned campaign of war hys-

This is now being stirred to a more frenzied pitch over the comcontrol to shreds. Making a other cities, led to protest move- ing elections in Italy.

#### gesture in the direction of the peo- ments on the part of labor and ten- BRAZEN ATTEMPT

Rarely has there been so brazen Federal Housing Expediter to turn down the recommendations for interfere with an election in angaged in. The State Department into its military bloc. mits landlords to continue gouging has threatened to cut off any ecotenants for 15% "voluntary" rent nomic aid to Italy if the Communist Party (Stalinists) gain a majority The "rent control" bill passed by in an election run by the Italian the Senate proposes to extend rent capitalist government. Speaker of control until April 30, 1949. It, too, the House Martin has called on continues the 15% "voluntary" in- Italians in this country to write crease racket, and further provides their relatives to vote against the for decontrolling of apartment Communist Party.

As the war scare grew, the Senate overwhelmingly approved the ERP bill and the House is being whipped into line for quick action.

Representatives will meet in conin the minds of these political million dollars in U. S. military hacks is how much they can get supplies given the Greek monarch-

where by purely economic means. der military rule.

WORKERS' FORUM

a state of hopeless chaos. Now the clamor is going up for more military aid to Kuomintang China. Thus, the Marshall Plan is be-

coming more and more a scheme to arm the military entente which U. S. imperialism is building. The nucleus of that entente is the 50vear military alliance between England, France, Holland, Belgium and Luxemburg. Other countries-14 in number so far—are being lined up through the ERP conference now in progress in Paris.

Even the Western Zone of Germany, under British, U.S. and French occupation, has been inan attempt by a foreign power to vited into the ERP. Wall Street is now seeking to build up and inteother country, as Washington is en- grate a capitalist Western Germany

"NEW CONCEPT"

The chief of the Decartelization Branch staff of the U.S. occupation government in Germany. Richard Bronson, informed his staff in Berlin on Mar. 15 that General Clay has a "new concept of industrial decentralization." cartels will not be decentralized because "we have got to think about the war."

All these developments unmistak-Then Marshall, on Mar. 15, told ably mark the drive of Truman and ference to draw up a bill satisfac- the Senate Foreign Relations Com- the militarists toward war. The tory to both Houses. Tenants may mittee that the situation in Greece war hysteria campaign is designed be sure that the only consideration has become "worse" despite the 250 to prepare public opinion for a military adventure any time America's ists. He complained that Turkey rulers see fit to begin armed hos-The politicians are subject to was so strained by military prepara- tilities. The program of war prep-Wallace movement was the reform, and the passage of the La Follette Seamon's Act and other K. Wheeler of Montana was picked crest of American prosperity, was La Follette endorsed many candirect lines. La Follette endorsed many candirect lines are powerful to the passage of the La Follette endorsed many candirect lines. La Follette endorsed many candirect lines are powerful to the passage of the La Follette endorsed many candirect lines are pressure from the passage of the latest lines. The passage of the latest lines are pressure from the passage of the latest lines are pressure from the passage of the latest lines. The passage of the latest lines are pressure from the passage of the latest lines. The passage of the latest lines are pressure from the passage of the latest lines are pre great pressure from the powerful tions that its economy is in dire arations is being pushed aggressivedraft and UMT have been put at U. S. imperialism finds it cannot the top of the Administration's demand adequate rent control leg- prop up capitalist reaction any- agenda to regiment the nation un-

#### sors of the Hughes lecture, applied close vote. THIRD PARTY

party mushroomed evernight, get a

The war boom had increased the

trustification of American economy and further reduced the role of the REFORM MEASURES sh.all businessman. The witchhunt as they had in Populist days.

farmer, farmer-labor and labor est investor."

of this insurgent movement. LaFol- Henry Wal'nce. lette was a Republican politican of LaFollette's new party was

years in Congress, where he achieved ments with the LaFollette wing of peatedly in Congress, and because tial candidates. LaFollette would, The last third party of any cause of his vigorous fight for the to break off some support from the slightest gesture in labor's direction. Democratic candidates for other ofconsequence before the current regulation of monopoly, government Democratic Party, Senator Burton The Republican party, riding the fices.

proof deal of official trade union spokesman for the small business-LaFollette was in actuality the support, and a ter polling five init- man, the country banker, the farmer tional non-partisan policy and threw Street attorney, John W. Davis.

, He built a powerful machine in and open-shop drive had stopped Wisconsin. His state reform measlabor organization and was threat- ures were widely advertised as the ening those un ons which survived. "Wisconsin Plan." LaFollette, him-Farm prices were low, and dissatis- self, explained the Wisconsin Plan fied farmers were stirring once more as follows: "The Wisconsin Plan is not to harass but to foster legitimate The ferment among farmers, and business ... Wisconsin has outlawed here and there among workers, was the Captain Kidds of business; but shown by the springing up of a she has laid the hands of encouragewhole rash of local and state wide ment and protection upon the hon-

This is the classic position of Servitor Robert M. LaFollette American middle class reformers of stepped in and took the leadership capitalism down to and including nouncing our own candidates was for friends, at least two of them

Governor of Wisconsin he spent 25 all the local farmer and labor move-

national stature. After serving as launched in 1924 by amalgamating

Take the Floor

Marianne.

and Fourth International, as we effort to prove her charge.

labor paper fighting in the interest of the working class."-P. G., Tor- extra dollar with his one-year re- passed out of existence. onto, Canada, renewing both Mili- newal. "I had said (in a previous tant and Fourth International sub-

newals cleaned up soon and a sub your work."

The labor bureaucrats backed the Political Action that a new party cratic ticket. third ticket in the 1924 elections pri- would emerge from the 1924 cam- In New York, LaFollette publicly Has an Open Mind

the Republican Party. In an attempt neither old-line party made the on his own, endorse Republican and away with in an election year.

running Coolidge, the man who as dates, who, by no stretch of the ing inadequate rent controls will be and arms be poured into these coun- in the military budget. Now the Governor of Massachusetts, broke imagination, could be considered wiped out unless the unions and tries. The AFL officialdom, in this in- the policemen's strike. The Demo- pro-labor or even "progressive." stance, departed from their tradi- crats nominated the prominent Wall Thus in Wisconsin, reactionary fight against the present bills and and the small manufacturer. Thus, their support to LaFollette. LaFol- Although the labor unions gave ing. Senator Walsh of Montana, islation. Governor Blain received his bless-Although the period of the 20's he wanted to force the monopolies lette also received the support of the financial and other support to the who had been denounced by the state AFI; received the official enis often considered a golden age of to "play the game fairly," according Conference for Progressive Political movement, the reins remained tightcapitalist prosperity, in actuality to the rules of competition, and to Action which represented the 16 ly in LaFollette's hands. Of the 11stop forcing the small capitalists out railroad brotherhoods and other un- man campaign executive committee Wheeler, in fact, refused ions. Even the moribund Socialist chosen by LaFollette, only two were to break with the Democratic Par-Party gave its backing to the La- labor representatives. LaFollette ty and spent most of his time camtold the Conference for Progressive paigning for the Montana Demo-

marily because they felt keenly in- paign but in the meantime labor backed Republican Congressman On Presidential Elections debted to LaFollette who had cham- must accept his plan of running Dickstein against Socialist nominee

ten other states he ran second.

cratic and Republican Parties. All those favoring a permanent | President.

B. W. S., Chicago. She made no to have our own candidates this With this cynical declaration, adjournment was voted and the Conference for Progressive Political Ac-A Los Angeles anarchist sent an new, "honest" capitalist party-CORRECTION

I sincerely wish that it were possible for all of us - Socialist Work-LaFollette received five million ers Party, Socialist Party, Socialist votes, the largest vote any third Labor Party, etc., to put our difparty candidate ever received. He ferences aside and unite into one carried his home state of Wisconsin Labor Party solving the issues of with its eight electoral votes. In dispute by the democratic will of the membership. As a common LaFollette supporters had been rank and file radical I have sought

> dent, and Grace Carlson for Vice We remember the historic Minne-

played such an outstanding role, Cleveland and Lalita Douglas of in a dispute over some important standing steadfast to the trust of Los Angeles are mixing up certain issue, and where both sides recogwe - all radicals regardless of It's not factionalism that the opposition to the bosses, despite party — have drawn boundless unions need, but democracy — that their differences. In such a case strength and inspiration from them. is, the right of the members to you could have both factionalism We know, too, that in the dark gather together in groups, caucuses, and progress for the union.

Norman Thomas or Maynard C. tion of their problems.

a profound respect for the integrity not have factionalism, depending on and ability of both, and of the So- many factors. In the long run decialist Party. However, I have an mocracy may even lead to the dyopen mind on the matter and want ing out of factionalism if after a to watch closely the campaign both free discussion the members, in their the SP and SWP wage before mak- vast majority, decide to support a ing up my mind for good.

Party, be assured of my willingness afraid that Bill Thomas partly conto co-operate in the petition cam- fused the two questions of factionpaign and eagerness to distribute alism and democracy, which includes pamphlets presenting your views to the right to have factions. the public.

Socialist unity.

# Democracy is Issue

ers Forum around the issue of fac- interests of the union as a whole. tionalism in the unions, I can't help I can easily conceive of a situaapolis Labor Trial in which they thinking that both Bill Thomas of tion where two groups are engaged

Kruger for the presidency, having | With democracy you may or may particular program. But whether or As a socialist, however, and as a not you have factionalism, the defriend of the Socialist Workers cisive question is democracy. I am Lalita Douglas, on the other hand.

With best wishes, I remain, for implies that a union cannot make progress if at the same time there G. R. S. is a struggle going on between two Bayport, N. Y. or more factions in it. The recent history of the CIO auto union, as well as other experiences, demonstrate that this is not necessarily so. It depends partly on the kind of factions there are and how re-Reading the discussion in Work- sponsible or loyal they are to the

nize the need to present a united

officers pledged to the support of tion. What I think we all can agree Personally, I must admit I have that program. If the members have on is the need for the preservation

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### FIVE MILLION

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tion-and with it the hopes for a Eugene Victor Debs, and realize that aspects of the problem. In the article entitled "The Rise days ahead, as in the past, they will factions or whatever you want to Factionalism, therefore, may not to the Anarchist movement. . . . and Fall of the Populist Party," be at our side, in the glorious strug- call them for the purpose of pre- be as bad as Lalita Douglas thinks

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"The state-ization of economic life, against which capitalist liberalism used to protest so much, has become an accomplished fact. There is no turning back from this fact—it is impossible to return not only to free competition but even to the domination of the trusts, syndicates and other economic octopuses. Today the one and only issue is: Who shall henceforth be the bearer of state-ized production—the imperialist state or the state of the victorious proletariat?"

-Leon Trotsky, 1919 Manifesto of the Communist International



## The CIO Faction Fight

It is obvious that Philip Murray and his associates in the leadership of the CIO have decided to press their campaign to smash the influence of the Stalinists, even at the peril of a split in the CIO itself.

The latest and most provocative incident in this campaign is the letter sent to all state and city CIO councils on March 8 by Murray's lieutenant, John Brophy. It laid down the line that the CIO's official policy "is one of express opposition to any third party in 1948 and one of positive support for the Marshall Plan" - although the members of the CIO have never had the opportunity to express their opinions one way or the other on either of these issues.

But Brophy's letter did more than set down the line — it also attempted to dictate to elected CIO bodies what they shall do and what they shall not do: "Rejecting, tabling, or ignoring communicatoins and statements from or by CIO officers. CIO-PAC, or the CIO Executive Board on these matters, or the adoption of compromise or conflicting positions constitutes a rejection of the CIO communications and statements and is action in conflict with CIO policy."

In other words, no matter what the elected members of CIO think and no matter what the workers who elected them think, they are ordered to OK the policies set forth by a small body of men in the national CIO office. If they don't, they are faced with the threat of receivership depriving them of the right to conduct their own affairs. The mossbacks in the AFL Council are old hands at bureaucratic interference with the rights of the membership, but one would have to

procedure as highhanded as the one being put into effect in the CIO today.

The result is that splits have already taken place in the Los Angeles and Newark Councils, and a similar situation faces the councils in New York City and elsewhere. On a national scale the CIO-PAC has in effect been split by the resignation of the officials of the United Electrical Workers.

The Stalinists are of course raising a big howl about democratic rights, but they are responsible for Murray's having far-reaching dictatorial powers under the CIO constitution. The Stalinists all supported at the 1946 CIO convention the motion to amend the rules concerning the local councils and giving Murray greatly increased powers to interfere with their activities.

Today the CIO is torn by the fight between two rotten factions - one led by Murray and the so-called responsible labor officials - one led by and guided by the arch-reactionary policies of the State Department, the other led by the Stalinists and guided by the arch-reactionary policies of the Kremlin. Neither has a program to meet the burning needs of the day. Neither has taken a step to let the members of the CIO decide the disputed questions.

Of course, all true militants will oppose the bureaucratic pretensions and encroachments of Murray and his stooges. But what is needed above all in the CIO today is a real left wing to consolidate the rank and file around a militant program that will lead them out of the swamp of confusion and subservience to capitalism. Such a left wing will only emerge and grow strong in struggle search for a long time among even their against the program and methods of both edicts to find an example of bureaucratic the Murray and the Stalinist bureaucracies.

Such cowardly conduct creates the kind

of atmosphere most favorable for attacks

against the labor movement as a whole. In

Detroit, for example, the auto barons and

their stooge police force have seized the op-

portunity to revive the notorious "red squad."

Under the pretext of fighting the "reds" this

labor-spy outfit will now resume its union-

busting activities. The corporations and their

agents apparently feel that the witch hunt

hysteria has already reached the pitch where

they can get away with almost anything,

held by some unionists, that they can use the

government-inspired red-baiting campaign as

a weapon in the factional struggle against

the Stalinist misleaders. The Stalinists are

only the incidental and most convenient tar-

gets of this campaign. In reality, the whole

labor movement is undermined by the at-

tacks on the democratic rights of any of its

members. The precedents and methods util-

ized against the Stalinists today will be turn-

ed against any worker who opposes the anti-

stand against the spread of the witch hunt,

it is contributing to the unfolding attack

Unless the labor movement takes a firm

labor drive of Big Business.

Nothing can be more fatal than the idea.

if only they label it "anti-communist."

#### Witch Hunt in Detroit and Akron

The witch hunt, which has been systematically organized by the Wall Street warmongers and their government in Washington, scored two sinister successes in Detroit and Akron last week.

In the auto center three workers in the Briggs plant were driven out of the plant and their jobs by a self-constituted goon squad, which accused them of being "communists." In the rubber city, Langston Hughes, the well-known Negro poet, was denied a hall for a lecture and a reading of his poetry, on the grounds that he was a "red." Intimidated by a frenzied campaign in the press and from the pulpit, all other hall owners in the city also barred Hughes.

In both cases the local labor movement failed to take a stand against the anti-red hysteria and to alert the ranks against the terrible threat implied in it to the very existence of the unions themselves.

The officers of the Briggs local refused to take steps against the vigilante ousters, and thereby in effect sanctioned their undemocratic, anti-union action. And while in Akron, George Bass, president of Goodrich Local 5 of the United Rubber Workers, offered the union hall for the Hughes lecture, he was over-ruled by the local's executive

## "Taft-Hartley Unionism"

As we have frequently reported in our columns, the Murray leadership in the CIO is now aggressively pushing to isolate the Stalinists and drive them out of positions of leadership.

In addition to the broad fight led by Murray, on the basis of the big national "principles"-against a third party, for the Marshall Plan-the Social Democratic grouping in the Murray faction has undertaken a murderous flank attack organizationally against the Stalinist unions.

Thus the recent shipbuilders convention accepted into membership a group of several thousand workers who had seceded from the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers. Now, under Reuther's inspiration, the auto union has organized a big raiding campaign against the main Stalinist-led CIO unions: the Electrical; Farm Equipment; Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers. For instance in Cleveland, the UAW is trying to snatch the Harris-Seybold-Potter local from the UE. In Illinois, it is trying to squeeze out the FE from the Caterpillar Tractor Plant. In New York City, it is taking in dissident members

from the UE, etc. The right wing leaders seek to utilize in this connection the Taft-Hartley Law (which the Stalinist leaders have refused to sign) for factional advantage. They can call for NLRB elections at the plants and since the Stalinist-led unions cannot appear on the ballot, they face almost certain defeat.

This raiding campaign undoubtedly strikes many of the CIO bureaucrats as devilishly clever. But in reality it helps bring chaos into the labor movement, disgusts workers with unionism because of the jurisdictional squabbles, furthers the insidious red-baiting campaign, builds up and legitimatizes the Taft-Hartley Slave Law-and seriously undermines the whole union movement.

# Washington Intervenes in Italy To Swing Election for deGasperi

want a new socialist order.

The peasants want land, and the

Finally the article states: "The

The Italians, like the European

The fact that the Stalinists are

in the coming Italian elections

Washington has gone to great

carrot it has brandished the club.

capitalist is testimony to their de-

In the case of Italy, the Ameri-

can imperialists cannot claim that

The strong possibility that the Stalinists and their Socialist Party allies will emerge as the biggest single party group in the coming Italian elections has deeply alarmed Wall Street, Washington fears that a big Stalinist victory might make it impossible to keep Togliatti. Nenni and their friends out of the cabinet any long-

This would signify a serious setback for Wall Street's Marshall Planners, who by means of great pressure and lavish use of money, forced the Stalinists out of the cabinet a year ago and converted the present de Gasperi government into a reliable puppet of Washington, It would constitute a victory for Russia in the "cold war."

American imperialism is not letting the democratic process simply unfold in the coming Italian elec-Washington and its allies are utilizing every possible bit of pressure to intimidate and pressure the Italian voters to back capitalism The barrage is now reaching proportions of a major artillery duel.

respondent. Cortesi, is "throwing the badly because of its collaboration democracy. full weight of its authority on the with the capitalists, the writer himself ... laid down the main lines sick and tired of capitalism and that . . . sermons should follow."

This is the most open and brazen political intervention in the modern Stalinists have been lavish with history of the Catholic Church, promises to break up the big es-Bishops have gone even further tates, some of which are held by and instructed the clergy to deny high church dignitaries and the absolution to professed Commu- Vatican itself. nists." In a country overwhelmingly Catholic, that should have served Communists have somehow sucto turn the tide. But it has not ceeded in convincing the working had the effect desired by the Holy classes that 'Wall Street' is deter-

Next, the Wall Street gang is not costs." only working up a red hysteria inside the U.S. over the Italian elec- masses, have just gone through the tions but is using every trick in the hell of a world war and don't want bag to cajole and threaten the Ital- to act as cannon fodder for Washian masses into supporting Wash- ington in a new war. ington's stooges in the electionsde Gasperi and his Christian Demo- expected to make a strong showing

A spokesman for the State De- shows how bankrupt European cappartment announced that in case italism is and how ineffective have of a Stalinist victory "there would been Wall Street's efforts to prop be no further question of assistance it up. from the United States." This statement rips the mask off the Mar- lengths to build a "strong regime" shall Plan propaganda about "re- of capitalism in Italy. It has made lief to hungry women and children numerous concessions to this "deand rebuilding war-ruined Europe." feated" country. It has sent ships, It is also the most brutal warning loans and gifts to Italy. It has to date to the European peoples that promised further help through the they can starve if they vote against Marshall Plan. And along with the the dictates of Wall Street.

Another form of pressure was A great naval armada has been contried last week when the Justice De- centrated around Italy's coastal partment declared that "Italians waters, numerous naval "games" who join the Communist Party nev- have been held in the Mediterranean will be permitted to immigrate and American naval planes have re to the United States." In a country peatedly flown over Milan, Turin which traditionally suffers from and other major industrial cities "over-population," which has con- of Italy. tributed millions of immigrants to But Italy's economic crisis has the U.S. in the past, and where worsened and the lot of its working numerous Italian families have rel- people has deteriorated. The exatives in this country, such a threat pected big support to the parties the constitutes a real form of under- Italian masses consider as antihanded pressure. Still, no one believes that the Justice Department's termination to destroy the system "exclusion" order can turn the tide that has brought them starvation, any more than the Vatican's "ex- insecurity and war. communication" bull.

The capitalist press correspondents themselves explain why. "Many the people are being coerced to sup-Italian workers have no love for the port the Stalinists. As a matter of

, fact, all of the threats are em-First, there is the Pope and his distrust all other parties which they anating from the side of the U.S. ward machine of priests. in 37,000 regard as capitalists," says the Mar. imperialists and their Italian agents. parishes who are out in the front 14 N. Y. Times. The "Socialist" If the Stalinists register an electoral rank pitching for Wall Street. "The Party of Saragat, which is in the victory, it will be in complete ac-Vatican," says the N. Y. Times cor- de Gasperi government, has lost out cordance with the rules of capitalist

anti-communist side . . . the Pope points out. The Italian workers are cy of Italian capitalism and the arch-reactionary program of American imperialism that permits the Stalinists to still maintain their hold over the Italian working masses, and betray their revolutionary aspirations time and again. It is to be hoped that the new fermen- out of a possible 80. Political comtation in the Italian masses, and the new political regroupments taking that the Trotskyists had a voting place among the most advanced revolutionary elements, will serve to break the Italian masses from the grip of the two reactionary principles of the "cold war"-U. S. imperialism and the Kremlin-and propel the Italian masses towards an independent struggle for the so-

#### **Packers Reap Huge Profits: Workers Go**

Armour, Swift, Wilson and Cudahy — the "Big Four" of the meat packing trust that controls meat supply—made a grand total of 88 million dollars profits in 1947, or nearly double their 1946

In the 15-month period after Truman decontrolled meat prices in Sept. 1946, packers' prices rose 109%. At the same time, labor costs rose only 27% and this could account for only an 11% increase in packers' total costs.

ing squeezed out of the packinghouse workers can be judged by of its net worth.

During the war, the meat pack-

#### Chairman J. Howard McGrath of the Democratic National Committee and Executive Director Gael Sullivan leave the White House after telling newsmen that President Truman will be a candidate for the presidency. Federated Pictures Communist (Stalinists), but . .

Another Hat in the Ring

Actually, it is the fatal bankruptcialist revolution.

# Without Meat

The terrific rates of profit

the figures for Armour & Co. in the "lean" year of 1946. Its profits before taxes equalled 30%

ers ran their profits up to almost 400 percent above their peacetime rake-off. Since the end of the war, meat has topped the list of food price rises. The average packinghouse worker can afford meat only two or three times a

# Events on the International Scene

By Paul G. Stevens

POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN FRANCE

We noted in last week's column the Socialist Youth regarding unity that negotiations were under way with the PCI. for the creation of a new party in We enumerated five or- ist Battle) group was expelled from ganizations involved in these steps. Blum's party last month for row

France, foreshadowed this week by united front with the CP in its a new wave of strikes in Northern weekly paper which gives it its France, is bound to heighten in- name. terest in this new movement. It is headed by a pro-Stalinist leader. worthwhile to examine its compo- ship, but its rank and file has been nent parts and their policies.

1. The best known of the five organizations is the Trotskyist Parti Communiste Internationale (PCI), French section of the Fourth International. The party made a name for itself during the war by its heroic fight against the Nazi occupation and for working-class internationalism. Its work in organizing revolutionary cells in Hitler's army aroused admiration in the resistence movement.

After the "liberation" its vote in the election of 1945 and 1946 attracted international attention. Facing the Communist (Stalinist) Party at the height of its power, the PCI polled 60,000 votes in the contest for the National Assembly, while presenting only 20 lists of candidates mentators estimated on this basis strength of 250,000 in the country. In April, 1947, members of the PCI were among the leaders of the great strike in the Renault automotive plant, which brought on the government crisis that forced the

November-December. "We declare ourselves prepared," writes LaVerite, weekly paper of the limitation of communism to ite the PCI, "to participate in all dis- Stalinite form, we believe that cussions (with the other organiza- rally of freemen can give new life tions involved) aiming at the elaboration of a general platform and a program of action for the coming revolutionary party. We propose that a discussion conference be or-

ganized among the various groups."

Stalinists out of the cabinet and

precipitated the strike wave of last

2. The Jeunesse Socialist, or Soand women, broke away from the tions, resolutions were adopted callaccept the discipline of Blum and Strong minorities, however, favored government at that time.

the Trotskyists, the National Com- a joint organization with the youth mittee of the Socialist Youth organization of the PCI. adopted a resolution last January which declared: "The fundamental steps are finally taken, it is evident programmatic agreement existing that the question of program will between the JS and the PCI makes have to occupy a leading place in possible the fusion within a unified revolutionary party of these two or- pro-Stalinists on the PCI already

3. The Action Socialiste Revolutionnaire (ASR), or Revolutionary Action Group, split away from the alism or for chauvinism. Socialist Party of Blum at a national conference last December, in the course of the strike wave of that month. They opposed the strike-breaking conduct of the "socialist" ministers, and the splitting of the trade unions, as well as violations of convention decisions. The ASR, which included many industrial workers, made common cause with the Socialist Youth. Both have been collaborating on a joint weekly, the Drapeau Rouge (Red Flag). y, the Drapeau Rouge (Red Flag). Admission \$1.20 (including fax)
The ASR held the same views as Auspices: New York Local, SWP

The coming social crisis in tinuing its long campaign for This group has long been

4. The Bataille Socialiste (Social-

attracted to the ASR and the US rather than to the bureaucratized CP. Since the expulsion, its leaders have replied cautiously to proposals for unification, but have conducted a violent campaign that smacks of GPU inspiration against Trotsky. ism. "We refuse," they wrote in a recent issue, "all discussions with the Trotskyists. Our disagreement with them go back to the period of the (Nazi) occupation. At that time, we aided the resistence, while they called for fraternization with the Nazi hordes as if it was possible to fraternize with them."

5. Last of the five is the Regroupment Revolutionnaire Democratique or Revolutionary Democratic Rally, formed last month by a group of socialist deputies, ex-Trotskyists. the existentialist philosopher, Jean Paul Sartre, and intellectuals, most of whom had been connected with the Paris daily Franc-Tireur, This paper, since its foundation during the resistance, has been close to the Stalinists, but recently aroused Stalinist ire by advocating a united front against de Gaulle between the CP and the SP. Its founding manifesto declared: "In view of the rotteness of capitalist democracy, the weaknesses and faults of a certain type of social democracy, and to the principles of liberty and human dignity by binding them to the struggle for social revolution."

The last two developments have caused a temporary halt in the previous trend toward unification of the PCI, the JS and the ASR. At cialist Youth, numbering several recent meetings of the leading thousand revolutionary young men bodies of these last two organiza-Socialist Party of Leon, Blum short- ing for the immediate unification of ly after the Renault strike. Climax- the three groups that have left the ing a long struggle against the re- SP, leaving aside for the time beformist leadership, it refused to ing the question of the others. Ramadier, the "socialist" head of continuing negotiations with the Trotskyists. The Socialist Youth of After preliminary discussions with the Paris region has voted to form

> No matter what organizational the discussions. The attack of the poses in sharpest form the burning question whether the new party will stand for working class internation-

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# The 5-Power Military Pact -A Preparation for War

By Arthur Burch Even before the Marshall

pushed through its plan for a military entente of Western Europe. With its blessing and at its inagainst the Soviet Union

That was the outcome of the recent meeting of the five powers at Brussels who expect to formally underwrite their agreement in the next few days. A common war strategy including the standardization of training and equipment has been formulated. The door is also left open for inclusion of Germany and other powers in Europe for the constitution of an all-embracing military bloc under Washington's domi-

CRACKED THE WHIP

This union was broached for the first time on Jan. 22 by British tions to come to final terms on an the elements of conflict are so numerous and far-reaching.

But these are not normal times, and the European powers have grown increasingly dependent on the American colossus. The ease with which Russia gained complete control over the destinies of Czechoslovakia has alarmed Washington and its European satellites, and now

and France has led the U. S. gov- Thus the big German monopolies ernment to crack the whip over will be preserved intact to be taken Plan has been enacted into the 16 "Marshall-Plan" nations over by Wall Street, and readied law, American imperialism has forcing them to subordinate their for the war preparations that are differences and join in a Western now assuming a feverish character. military bloc. Simultaneously with the Brussels

sistence, England, France, Belgium, conference, another meeting of the Holland and Luxemburg formed a same five powers was taking place West-European alliance directed in London for the purpose of integrating Western Germany into the war alliance. This was a far more complicated problem since the objections of France to a rehabilitated Germany had to be surmounted. After the Second World War France had hoped to replace Germany as the workshop of Europe and had refused to integrate her zone in Germany with the American and British zones unless her wishes were granted. But the indications are that France has been forced to capitulate under the pressure of allpowerful American imperialism.

#### NO CHOICE

Although the Ruhr has been in-Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin, Nor- ternationalized in principle, it is mally it takes many months and conceded that Germany and not even years for five sovereign na- France will remain, as in the past, the core of European industry. The alliance of such vast scope, where five Western powers will be obliged to co-ordinate their economies within the framework prescribed by Washington. Their choice is indeed limited. For without the aid of the U. S., their economies are doomed to immediate disintegration.

> Following the London agreement, Administrator, issued an order ending the decartelization and decen-Soviet Union."

But American imperialism does

not intend to stop here. It has urged France to enter into a customs union with Italy in order to draw her into the Western Pact. Another conference of the 16 Marshall-aid nations opened in Paris on March 15. There, attempts will be made to arrange for the stabilization of currencies and a more inclusive customs union: The extension of the present five-power war alliance to include the remaining European nations outside the Russian sphere will also be broached.

The fact that such an alliance would be contrary to the age-old tradition of neutrality of many of the smaller European countries will not shake the determination of the 3161/2 W. Pico Blvd. Phone Richmond State Department to achieve it. Pursuing the same technique that

t employed in connection with the Marshall Plan, Washington is playing coy on the military bloc. It is pretending to "consider supporting" the Brussels alliance. Actually it instigated and brain-trusted the alliance. That it was formed in opposition to the will of the European nasses is made clear by the capitalist apologist Herbert L. Matthews who wrote in the March 7 N. Y. Times that the American people "are underestimating the real desire, General Clay, Washington's German particularly in Britain, France, and

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afterward, and the rest of us minutes later on Dr. Levy's door. room, lined the sidewalk, and air. flocked to the cemetery...

his face was as Jewish as his name, the sort of face afford it. There was a magic about Moses Levy, a you might see on the cover of a fascist pamphlet, the magic in his mind and hands that time after time sort of face that typifies all Jews to people who know robbed god and the devil and the grave. He was

Who was Moses Levy? I don't know. I've never gold sign that read, "Moses Levy, M.D."

At first nobody went to him. zews weren't very knew. And none of us knew why he drank so much. common in our part of town, and he wasn't trusted. O'Leary changed all that. Francis O'Leary, poor devil on the couch that he was, was born into a family of nine other had some idea of what awaited him, for he tried very as it had been before he came.

The Negro Struggle-

steel town, and there never has been since. Those in the morning when a terrified Mike O'Leary rushed with a taste for such things talked about it for years from his sceraming, moaning wife and pounded a few

thought of it too: the little rat The doctor looked at the broken-down furniture, hole of an office that was his bed- at the frightened, shabby kids in the corner of the room as well, the cheap black suit shack near the steel plant. He looked at the woman, that had come from god knows pale, sleeping quietly at last under his morphine, at where, the crowds that sifted grateful Mike, and at poor, raw little Francis. He slowly and reverently through the shook his head and walked out into the cool morning

From that time Dr. Levy's practice grew. No one was ever turned away from his untidy little office, His name was Moses Levy, and and no one was ever asked to pay when he couldn't a great doctor, we all said, a great man.

But there were ghosts in his eyes and a sadness met anybody that did know. That is, we all knew that never faded even in the night time when he him a little, but he was a mystery to us. One day prowled the streets drunk. He never told his secret, somebody must have seen him, and then somebody even at the bar, even when one or another of us halfelse and somebody else, until finally a lot of us had carried him to the little rat hole of an office where seen him. And those who saw him first probably for- he slept. Some believed a woman had broken his got about him and went on their way. One day, out heart. A few of us, more radical than the others, of some other place and some other life, he came to thought he was disgusted with the mercenary profesus and stayed. That's all. Nobody knew, and no- sion of "upper class" doctor and came to us to do body cared, until he hung out the faded black and the work that was so terribly necessary, work that paid more in gratitude than in money. But nobody

Then one day came when someone knocked on his He'd probably charge too much and sue you if you door, and for the first time there was no answer. didn't pay, people thought. But young Francis When we forced the door later, we found him dead

Nobody came to claim the body, so in a way we Q'Learys. His father was a man named Mike O'Leary, all claimed it. We all mourned him and followed him a laborer in the open hearth. Little Francis must have to his grave, and then life went on in the steel town

A Very Important Book

– By Albert Parker :

stitute (Doubleday and Co.). It is could be and were assimilated.

make are not acceptable to Marx-

the field of race relations. fortunately, will limit its circulation. But it is well in the mines and plantations across the Atlantic. If worth it and it fully merits study by every opponent white workers were available in sufficient numbers of the Jim Crow system, as we shall try to show here they would have been substituted." Meaning, Beginning and Progress.

Europe and North America." And he does a brilliant the ruling class. As Dr. Cox puts it: job in supporting this hypothesis.

Similarly with such later developments as the Cru- ly modified."

peoples. Their conversion to Christianity was sought widest possible circulation.

A very important book was published a few weeks with enthusiasm, and this transformation was supago-Caste, Class and Race by Oliver Cromwell Cox, posed to make the Africans the human equals of all professor of sociology and economics at Tuskegee In- other Christians." When converted, the Africans

> a long book, covering a number of In other words, it was not until about the time vital and complex problems, and America was discovered and capitalism first began to some of the points Dr. Cox tries to develop that racial antagonism appeared.

"The slave trade was simply a way of recruiting ists. In this column, however, we labor for the purpose of exploiting the great natural intend to leave aside such disputed resources of America. This trade did not develop bequestions and to concentrate on cause Indians and Negroes were red and black, or the third and largest section of the book, dealing with because their cranial capacity averaged a certain number of cubic centimeters; but simply because they The price of the book is high (\$7.50) and that, un- were the best workers to be found for the heavy labor

referring to one chapter: Race Relations-Its The forerunners of the present capitalist class needed a new ideology or theory to "justify" the de-What is the origin of race prejudice? Dr. Cox's gradation produced by the profitable slave trade and hypothesis is that racial exploitation and race preju-slavery, so they invented one—the theory of "white dice developed among Europeans with the rise of superiority." But that was not until the middle of the capitalism and nationalism, and that because of the 16th century. The argument that race prejudice is world-wide ramifications of capitalism, all racial an- "inherent" in mankind is thoroughly disproved by all tagonisms can be traced to the policies and attitudes the facts of history. It was invented and developed of the leading capitalist people, the white people of during the last 400 years in order to make profits for

"It is probable that without capitalism...the world First he goes back to the history of the early em- might never have experienced race prejudice. Indeed, pires, touching on the Greek and Roman especially, we should expect that under another form of ecoto show that race prejudice was unknown then, even nomic organization, say socialism, the relationship bethough colored peoples were among those subjugated. tween whites and peoples of color would be significant-

The above summary gives only the faintest hint of In the 15th century the Portugese, seeking a route the riches to be found in this book. We shall return to the trade in the Near East, began to invade Africa again and again to a discussion of it. Our necessarily and enslave the natives. But "there was as yet no brief remarks here are intended only to call the belief in any cultural incapacity of these colored attention of our readers to a work that deserves the

# Education vs. Armaments

- By Grace Carlson-

only the three R's but also any (over 62% of the total budget). other subject in which he was in-

quite the opposite.

1. Times immon adults living in the United States

have never attended any kind of school. .2. Ten million adult Americans have had so little real schooling that they are actually illiterate.

3. Half of the brightest and most talented youth in the country leave school prematurely-before they have had the kind and amount of schooling which would train them to make full use of their talents.

4. Two million children, aged 6 to 15, were not in any kind of school in 1940 and this number was sub-

stantially increased during and after the war. 5. Underpaid, overworked teachers are unable to provide decent schooling to other millions of American children because they are handicapped by inadequate instructional supplies, ancient textbooks and crowded

These tragic conditions exist because the capitalist

Readin', Ritin' and 'Rithmetic are the much-talked- politicians are not willing to spend enough money for about and much-sung-about three R's. To hear the education of the country's children. Only three American politicians talk—especially in election billion dollars a year is appropriated by all public vears—one would be led to believe agencies—state, federal and city—for the operation that every American child had an of the schools in 1948. But 23 billion dollars will be equal opportunity to master not spent for militarism in the United States this year

And the proposal is now being made that another terested. The facts, of course, are 3 to 5 billion be added to the military budget each year in order to finance Universal Military Training! In In their recent study, "Unfin- the January issue of Economic Outlook, the CIO Eduished Business in American Edu- cational Department tells working class parents just cation," Professors John Norton what this 3 billion could buy for the school children and Eugene Lawler point out that: of the United States. It would be possible to:

1. Construct a 10-room modern school building in every county in the United States each year. 2. Construct a \$50,000 library in every county in the

United States each year.

3. Employ 10 doctors and 10 nurses full-time for schools in each county.

4. Purchase 10 new school buses in each county in

the United States every year.

5. Erect a \$750,000 trade and technical school in each congressional district each year.

6. Provide free education for the 3 million children now under 18 who are not now attending school.

7. Bring all schools of the country up to a reasonable standard of efficiency.

And there would still be millions left over!

# THE MILITANT

NEW YORK, N. Y.

# New York Printing Bosses Seek To Wipe Out Union Conditions

# Workers Driven from Jobs at Briggs Plant

ployers and their agents with- pussyfooting on this issue, reactionin the labor movement has reached the hysteria stage in De-

PAGE FOUR

Hard on the heels of a featured series appearing on the front pages of the Detroit News, headed "Communist Plot Exposed," Harry Toy, newly appointed Police Commissioner, announced the revival of the department.

and distortions feature every line. The bureaucrats in the Kremlin and the Trotskyist opponents of Stalin-NEW DANGERS

The revival of Toy's "red squad" or "subversive activities squad" brings new dangers to the Detroit labor movement. This squad will trouble. try to smear and intimidate any labor leader or active unionist who takes a militant stand in defense officer of the International Union to of labor's rights. Toy indicated his issue any statement. This contrasts program of action when he said: sharply with the vigorous stand All Communists should be shot. iailed or deported."

This stepped-up red hysteria implants. Backward workers, under the influence of the red-baiting plant. The incident began with the posting of a notice on the department bulletin board ordering three workers, alleged to be Communists, to leave the plant by noon or be thrown out. Lacking confidence in the Reutherite Shop Committee, which had been conducting an active red-baiting campaign, the three Youngstown To Show workers left the plant.

That afternoon, in a special departmental meeting, Ken Morris, president of the Briggs Local of the auto union, instructed the men to actions against the three men.

was a mixture of red-baiting and slanderous attacks upon the expenditure of local union funds. The Morris program, as presented by his less polished followers, was "Throw the Communists out of the local union." Apparently, the workers in go ahead sign for their own purge.

In a meeting of the Briggs Local Executive Board that same day, Morris spoke against a proposal that the local prepare a strong statement of the union position on the Vernor affair for gate distribution. The Reutherite majority on the board NAACP. defeated this proposition, in the face of screaming headlines and in the local press.

At the same time. Morris issued that they were Communists. His munist party by legislation was a unsuccessfully to appease and rights to the Negro people." It is reported that many messages indignation.

from other local unions have been

DETROIT, Mar. 16—The cratic rights of the victimized red-baiting drive of the em-ployers and their accepts with in the Briggs plants. Because of the ary elements in other Detroit plants have been encouraged to become bolder.

The Briggs incident reached a climax on Friday when, despite Morris' presence in the department, the department was shut down, and soon thereafter the Briggs management closed the plant. In a plant notorious "red squad" in the police meeting that afternoon, the men agreed to return to work on Monday, The News series, authorized by with the understanding that if they James Sweinhart, is a rehash of all so desired, charges of "conduct unthe old garbage thrown at the becoming union members" could be socialist movement. Lies, slanders, placed against the three suspected

On Monday, two of the three men reported to work and but in the day ism are tarred with the same brush. without further incident. It is reported that the third union member involved was visited at his home by town if he did not want further

One of the worst aspects of this whole affair is the failure of any hate strikes directed against the nediately found an echo in the Negro workers and during the "race riot" of 1943.

campaign, removed three workers are sounding the alarm and prefrom their jobs at the Briggs Vernor paring to wage an all-out fight

The very danger to the life of the union, exposed by the incident at the Vernor plant, will serve to genthe traditional militancy and democracy of the auto workers union.

Robeson Movie

NATIVE LAND, a full length film on civil liberties in the U.S., featuring Paul Robeson, will be shown under the auspices of the Youngsreturn to work and requested the town Militant Labor Forum, on Satdepartment to refrain from further urday night, April 3, at 8 p.m. The movie will be seen in the Wood St. Czwerinski, in a campaign which tant readers are urged to come.

Testifying before the Senate finance committee, President Emil Schram of the New York Stock Exchange indorsed the Knutson tax bill that would help the rich very much and the low-wage earner very little. For good measure he asked additional tax changes to cut federal taxes on business. Here he chats with Senator Eugene Millikin (R., Colo.) and Senator Burnet Maybank (D.,S. C.), commit-

Relief for the Greedy

# taken by the International Union during the war years against the hate strikes directed against the hate strikes directed against the Progressive unionists in all locals are sounding the alarm and pre-

against this union busting danger. collected in the welfare fund is And they are now acting according to sign the kind of contract the still "in the bank."

He said that the miners have "no contract, no work." waited patiently more than eight Van Horn, the operators' repreerate the forces necessary to restore months to get the benefits of the sentative, has called the mine walkfund, but that Ezra Van Horn, the out a "plot" against the Taft-Harttrustee for the operators, had placed ley Act. It is obvious the owners continuous obstacles in the way, feel emboldened to provoke and A third trustee, Thomas E. Murray, are hopeful of securing government picked by agreement of the other support under the Taft-Hartley Act. two, resigned several months ago TRUMAN PREPARING because he claimed it was impossible to get agreement among them on the fund's administration.

wage agreement

Harlem NAACP Fights N. Y. Police Brutality

Morris strong support in the bal- campaign of vigorous action partment, which guarantees comloting, interpreted his victory as the will be launched by the New York plete judicial immunity to cops, is Branch of the NAACP to put an end to the reign of police brutality against the colored people of Harlem," according to the announcement made today by Herbert Hill, chairman of the newly created get back down town' is proof of lives. Committee for Action Against Police Brutality of the New York

quash the general resentment and

received at the Briggs Local union to the NAACP legal redress comoffice urging the local officers to mittee," the statement points out, mation and complaints concerning the proper use of the UMW welfare take a firm position on the demo- are police brutality cases. We know police brutality.

NEW YORK, Mar. 11-"A | that the policy of the Police De-

"The Committee for Action Against Police Brutality will hear The committee was organized at all complaints and conduct its own security from the ravages of an in- the lockout will be declared in time the February meeting of the NAACP independent investigation to ascer- dustry which reflects to the highest for the regular meeting scheduled red-baiting smear attacks appearing which was one of the largest and tain the facts. On the basis of its degree the anarchy and greed of liveliest in the recent history of the findings, the committee will seek to New York Branch. The mother of enlist the support of all labor, frastatements to the daily press which Clyde Armstrong, who was murinferred that possibly the action of dered by a cop, and several other smash police brutality in this city. Taft-Hartley Act is to deny the major newspaper publishers are prework with the men in question sented their cases to the member- arouse a broad movement to com-

"The bulk of the cases that come will be open Monday, Wednesday

Lewis is the trustee for the union, challenge the UMW because they

tuminous coal operators "have dis- paring to intervene with authority the union. Morris had just been elected to School Auditorium, (corner of wood the local presidency against Tony and Walnut Sts.). Youngstown Miliand defaulted under its provisions."

He can set up a "fact-finding" shouted indignantly, "They're liars!" A dishonored and defaulted con- board, order it to report to him in when Randolph cited instances of most crucial struggle since the Taft- to return to work on Monday, a Hartley Law was passed.

The UMW health and welfare The ITU union rules require sancto be tough in Harlem, to 'keep fund is of paramount importance to tion of a lockout by the Interna-'em mussed up.' This policy is di- the miners because of the hazardous tional Executive Council, and then rected towards maintaining Har- and insecure nature of their work. only after it has attempted to nelem as a Jim Crow ghetto. Their Accidents, occupational illness and gotiate a settlement. But the men practice of telling white people to exhausted old age shadow their were reluctant to go back under

> Their fund is an attempt to prothe capitalist system.

One of the main purposes of the

gling, the 5-cent fare football But to save his political hide, he er's new promise as a "partial vic- to pass and thus eliminate the the paper variety. They did not it must be saved now! If the labor subways. It must stop paying the has landed back where it start- wrapped up the higher fare with tory" for the fight to keep the threat of reprisal at the polls. No demand a referendum; no demon- movement rests on its haunches un- robber baron's ransom of over 57

day and the one that existed in Democrats would discard most of tical suicide." A series of maneu- in their wages was tied to an in- are succumbing to his third and fi- 1. A petition campaign must be freed of the dictatorship of nal maneuver. Together with launched by the labor movement to the banker-real-estate dominated One of the most shameful leaflets O'Dwyer, their only program of place on the ballot next November Board of Transportation. The transin the history of the trade union city financing was to "put the heat a referendum to restore the right port workers run the subways, buses movement, separating the interests on Governor Dewey." Now that of the people of New York to vote and streetcars. Let them control its

MONDAY, MARCH 22, 1948

NEW YORK-At a special meeting attended by over 5,000 printers at Manhattan Center on March 13, the membership of Local 6 of the International Typographical Union, passed by an overwhelming vote of 4,001 to 49, the motion to request the Executive Council to recognize as a lockout the provocative move of the New York printing bosses in posting new conditions of employment in New York's book and job shops.

The new conditions of employment arbitrarily increase the work week from 361/4 to 40 hours at the same hourly pay scale; the boss is permitted to hire as many apprentices as he wishes, regardless of proportion to journeymen; the men must perform any work brought into the plant, even "struck work"; the men cannot refuse to work overtime; all hiring and firing is to be done directly through the office instead of by the foreman, who is a member of the union.

This union-busting move on the part of the employers is part and parcel of the national campaign to break the ITU by means of the Taft-Hartley Law. As in Chicago, Philadelphia and other large centers, the N. Y. employers have refused for four and a half months to discuss any economic issues until the union promises to sign a oneyear contract.

CLOSED SHOP VITAL

The union policy is either to sign contract containing a clause permitting either side to terminate the contract in 60 days if the other side is not living up to the agreement. or to post its own conditions of employment under which its members will work. If the unions were to their time-honored tradition of bosses want, it would surrender the closed shop conditions so vital to the continued existence of the ITU.

The March 13 meeting was addressed by International President Randolph and Vice President Brown. Randolph pointed to the success of ITU policy in obtaining 651 new scales since Taft-Hartley Day. He described how, in Chicago, the application of the Taft-Hartley Law was undermining working conditions Truman, who spearheaded the in those shops where the bosses are strike-breaking assault on the mine getting tough. The full application strikes of 1946 and initiated the in- of this law, he warned, would lead Lewis, in his letter, said the bi- famous injunction, is reported pre- to the piecemeal disintegration of

Hitherto conservative printers a few days and on the basis of the distortions printed by the daily press report" instruct the Attorney Gen- controlled by the publishers. Again, eral to secure a federal court in- when the vote was taken on the junction to prohibit the strike. In lockout motion and Local 6 Presithat event, the miners and the whole dent L. H. Victory pointed out that labor movement will confront the the men in the job shops would have tremendous "NO!" thundered out.

these conditions. They went back only because they felt certain that regular procedure will mean only vide a minimum of protection and a delay of a few days, and that for Sunday, March 21, if a settlement is not reached by that time.

BOSSES PREPARING

At the same time, New York's the Vernor workers in refusing to victims of police atrocities premight be proper if it could be proven ship. Representatives of the police pel an alteration of policy by the of aid and security. It drastically ers when present contracts expire department and a member of the Police Department and the dismissal restricts the nature and purposes of March 31. Elaborate preparations statements also left the impression Mayor's Committee on Unity, who from the force of all patrolmen union health and welfare funds and are under way for printing scab that the outlawing of the Com- attended the meeting, attempted guilty of violence or denial of civil prohibits funds paid by the owners ing used in the newspaper strike in from being administered exclusively Chicago, have been bought by all The committee announced that by the unions. The Taft-Hartley the leading papers. Strikebreakers Act thus provides the mine bosses are being trained in the use of these machines and ads for scabs have This is the New York aspect of a nation-wide attempt on the part of the publishers to smash the hun-

> lished ITU. Fronting for the publishers is the anti-labor National Labor Relations Board which is fighting in the courts to secure a national injunction against the typographical union, in order to thwart its fight against the

dred-year-old, hitherto well estab-

Philadelphia Forum

enslaving Taft-Hartley Law.

THE COMING THIRD AMER-ICAN REVOLUTION will be the topic of the open forum to be held by the Philadelphia Branch of the Socialist Workers Party, on Friday, March 26, at 8 p.m. Included in the material to be covered in the operation and determine working discussion are such subjects as the 1946 strike wave, the Taft-Hartley the world crisis of the atomic age,

## MAYOR It was O'Dwyer who first demanded power granted him and his Board was kept off the ballot last Novem- had done. But the opposition to will probably use his new powers to out placing an additional tax on the

By George Clarke

on a stack of Bibles that there will pitals and other city services. be no increase in the fare as long

as he remains in office. however, between the situation to- O'Dwyer gang out of office, the one blow without committing "poli- ship into believing that an increase O'Dwyer's. It still is. Thus they hind a realistic program of action: 4. The transportation workers Feb., 1947. The people of New York are today completely at the mercy showdown with the Republican maof O'Dwyer's promises, whereas one jority in Albany. year ago the law specifically prevented O'Dwyer from acting on the fare before submitting the question to a popular referendum.

Although the Republican majority law, it must now be clear that O'Dwyer and the Democratic Party have a lion's share in depriving age. The same fear made O'Dwyer in office.

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the "package" when faced with a vers were necessary.

Only one factor explains the failreferendum part of O'Dwyer's pack- safe so long as O'Dwyer remained

O'Dwyer succeeded in dragging the Social Democratic and Stalinist trade union leaders together with ure of the Democrats to make this the ALP and Liberal Party leaders compromise: the Isaacson victory in behind him in each maneuver. They the Bronx. It was the spectre of applauded and cheered O'Dwyer's defeat at the polls that made the grandstanding last February. The in Albany killed the referendum Democrats vote against the anti- 5-cent fare, to believe them, was Fight" for the higher fare,

After a year of political jug- last November that the referendum of fransportation.

The Daily Worker hailed O'Dwy- ishing Proportional Representation CIO, ALP and CP leaders—was of The 5-cent fare can be saved, but ed—in the arms of Mayor O'Dwyer. demands for increased appropria- nickel fare. Yet the truth is just sooner was the election over than strations were organized; the opposite. The victory goes to O'Dwyer announced his changed position was confined to newspaper as well be kissed goodbye. No poli- ers in interest charges to sustain O'Dwyer and his scheme to raise sition on the fare. But by this statements, There is an important difference, which would threaten to boot the that the fare could not be raised at CIO Transport Workers member nancing was indistinguishable from in. The time to act is now—be— marily with tax-payers money. crease in fare.

of the transport workers from the this has failed, what next? rest of the working class, was issued It is now almost inevitable that by the TWU officials calling upon O'Dwyer will refuse wage increases

the people of this democratic right. pledge that he would not use the In this way, the nickel fare issue position on the nickel fare as Quill becomes strong enough, O'Dwyer tion system and other services with-

on the fare. 2. A mass movement must be set conditions.

tician will think of raising the fare the crooked deal whereby the city We predicted then that, in the the fare. As an experienced poli- time he had won the support of In addition, the Stalinist and So- before November. But it will be an- bought back from private interests For Militant Readers absence of a mass protest movement tician, O'Dwyer knew from the start Mike Quill, who had misled the cial Democratic stand on city fi- other matter after the returns are railroads built and operated pri-

> their membership to "Get Into the to the transport workers and lay off on foot to compel the legislature This program can save the nickel slave law, American storm troopers. personnel in other departments on to grant New York the right to tax fare. The labor movement has the The Stalinist leaders of the CIO the grounds that the city is broke. Wall Street securities, as a means strength to organize the forces to and the inevitable solution to this Council refused to change their When the opposition to this program of financing the city's transporta- defeat the banker-real estate crisis. The address of the SWP is