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As a War Base

War incitements are pouring out in a violent flood from the White House, State Department, the national military establishment and Congress.

flared up on another battlefield - Germany. The mounting conflict between the western powers and the Kremlin has led to an

ist-Socialist candidates in the forces in Europe.' April 18 elections. In Greece, anti-monarchist fighters.

WAR HYSTERIA

militarists are resorting to fan- capitalists. They are going to be tastic propaganda to whip up a war hysteria and push through lined up as allies in the struggle ticipated in the Trotskyist movetheir program of military regim- of "democracy" against "bolshev- ment from early youth since 1931. entation and expansion of the war machine. Their latest attempts to stampede the American people with fear of a Russian "at- of U.S. imperialism, including tack" is the weird "red submar- veiled threats of armed intervenines" scare and the cooked-up tion, is being brought to bear on clamor about "arms shipments" the Italian people. The U.S. govto Russia. The "arms" were a- ernment has declared it will cut bout \$450,000 worth of plane off all economic aid to hungry parts sent last year under an old Italy if the Stalinists win the lend-lease arrangement and ap- elections. At the same time, the proved by the State and War De- Italians are being offered a bribe

ers are putting in effect a pro- colonies to Italy. gram to rehabilitate the capitalist | Congress is speeding up action elements, build up military pro- on the Marshall Plan bill, now induction facilities and convert the cluding nearly a half billion dol-American-British-French zones in lars in more military aid to the to a springboard for war.

Germany as part of the West Eu- tion isn't waiting for formal pas-1 opean military bastion for the sage. An Associated Press dis-

Wall Street imperialism's up at a three-power conference "cold war" against Russia has in London early in March. As a reply to this, the Russian delegates walked out of the Control Council.

On March 23, the White House announced that plans for the open split in the Allied Control State Department, as a "civilian" agency, "to assume the respons-At the same time, U.S. inter- ibility for the non-military asvention in Italy and Greece has pects of the Germany occupation" become more brazen and aggres- were scrapped. The Army would sive. Washington, working in al- continue its military rule, in view liance with the Vatican, is using cf "the present situation," with evening by the Socialist Workevery device of intimidation and Lt. Gen. Lucius D. Clay to remain pressure on the Italian people to as Military Governor and "Com-

American officers are directing a further announcements that the new offensive of the Monarchist denazification and decartelization 26 at the age of 35. The services forces in the civil war, including programs would be virtually aexecution on the spot of captured bandoned. Both orders came 4710 Northwestern Ave., were from Clay.

At home, the warmongers and trial and now released are many rades. ism."

As the crucial elections approach in Italy, the full pressure in the form of a promise to re-In Germany, the American rul- store Trieste and some African

dictatorships in Greece, Turkey Plans for setting up western and China. But the Administra-

U. S. Rulers Plan LABOR FACES DEADLY PERIL To Use Germany OF GOVERNENT BY INJUNCTION

Paul Dollinger

April 2, 1912 -- March 25, 1948

CHICAGO, March 27. — Memorial services for Comrade Paul Dollinger, beloved Trotskyist militant, were held here this

ess work in building SWP

Chicago Local Organizer

Manuel Terbovich gave an ac-

count of Paul's many-sided ac-

tivities as an organizer in the

unemployed movement of the

early Thirties and later as organ-

izer for the AFL Upholsterers

Union and a union militant in

the Chicago UAW-CIO. In New

York City, Buffalo, Baltimore

or deny the capacities of the

workers," said William Warde,

National Educational Director of

proof of what one determined

youth, one revolutionary Amer-

heir activities, organize their

old world now rotting in its

grasp of the working people.

aught how a worker can stand

up against all the enemies of

high in defiance of the snivelling

skeptics, reaffirm in action and

achievement his faith in the in-

capitalism and establishing so-

mankind and, with head held

ican worker can be and do.

ranks of his party.

He was noted both for his tireers Party in accord with his reprevent their voting for Commun- mander-in-Chief of United States quest for ceremonies befitting a branches in different sections of revolutionary son of the working the country and as an outstand-Immediately thereafter, came class. Comrade Dollinger died of ing unionist. cancer in Milwaukee on March at the Adanimas Funeral Home, attended by Paul's fellow-workers Among the followers of the in the Chicago labor movement Nazis previously scheduled for as well as numerous party com-

Comrade Dollinger, or "Kujie" given a clean bill of health and as he was familiarly called, par-



PAUL DOLLINGER

UN Farce On Palestine



Warren Austin, chief U. S. delegate to the United Nations, (r.) listens as other representatives discuss the American decision to dump the Palestine partition scheme. British delegate Alexander Cadogan is at his left. Federated Pictures

Chicago, and Milwaukee, Paul brought many workers into the N. Y. COPS BRUTALLY CLUB "In his own person, in his puroseful life, Paul gave us a conposeful life, Paul gave us a convincing answer to those who doubt

The New York police started one of the most savage attacks in local labor history on pickets at the Stock Exchange on March

30. Heads were smashed and 3 the SWP. "He provided living faces beaten in by club-swinging cops, who went after all pickets in sight. So brutally did the police proceed with their clubbing "Multiply the Pauls, extend that one paper reported that the police struck at everyone who immeasurable strength—and the moved. A plain clothes detective who was severely beaten about foundations will not look so im- the head complained at the hospiposing or impregnable, and the tal that the police had mistaken

new world will come within the aim for a picket. Women, not on the picket line, That is why his life was so were seized by the blood-maddenvaluable, creative, inspiring. He ed cops and beaten to the pavegirl at the Curb Exchange told per week, and a \$15 increase for midate the voters, particularly in ment in any form to local unions reporters, "They pushed me right those earning more than \$40. into where all the fighting was going on. The cops were swing- Stock Exchange since it was wanted to know why they haven't ing all over the place and they founded. The young white collar been around sooner. vincible power of the socialist hit me with a club on the head workers' union is receiving magand I fell down. I couldn't seem rificent support from the AFL canvassers approached two CIO In concluding the services, to get myself together, my head Seafarers Union and the Sailors Electrical Union members and Comrade Arne Swabeck paid was paining me so. I think I was Union of the Pacific. These asked them to sign. After learntribute to Paul's record as a on the ground 15 or 20 minutes, maritime unions have not only ing about the SWP's candidate

party is the indispensable instru- the police wagon." ment for liberating labor from picket lines and arrested a girl picket duty. March 31. — With picket lines orders have been served on union sentatives are presenting the ricket. As soon as this happened The Maritime unions are prove Republicans. tion of comrades like Paul con- a group of AFL seamen support- iding a good example for the Although SWP representatives ing the picket line rushed past whole labor movement. If all the have not been pressing for Milithe cops and sat down on the unions show their solidarity in tant subs, because of the short "Paul represented the best pavement before the Stock Ex- the same militant fashion, with time available for getting the qualities of all those activists change entrance. At this point the striking Wall Street workers, necessary signatures, many peowho have carried our movement the police started their general the police brutality will be stop- ple have bought copies of the ficult years. We say farewell to defenseless on the ground were him, not with any despair which clubbed without mercy.

collarbone, many others sustained

Wall Street's nerve centers the Stock Exchange and Curb Ex- this state. change - were struck March 29 by the AFL United Financial Employes, representing 1,100 workers. The UFE contract expired March 1 and in 28 days of negotiations the millionaire representatives of Wall Street re- talking politics today, and are fused to grant a satisfactory re- eager to meet and discuss their solved dispute before the Nationnewal. The strikers demand the problems with others. Despite at- al Labor Relations Board. union shop, a pay increase of \$9 tempts of the Democratic and for those earning \$40 and less Republican ward-heelers to inti-

This is the first strike on the tives have met many people who party-builder. "The revolutionary and then they dragged me into put their offices and facilities at and program, they signed and the disposal of the UFE, but have asked why their union didn't put Police tried to bust up the mobilized their membership for up candidates like these, instead

> Wall Street magnates will be scribed. Plans are being made to forced to yield to union demands. go back into these areas after the

Such a union victory would be petition campaign is over, and a shot in the arm for the morale sell subs. After exhausting themselves in of the whole labor movement. It | Those wishing to participate in

CIO ank AFL Heads Follow **Do-Nothing Policy in Crisis**

By Art Preis

Government by Taft-Hartley injunction threatens the American labor movement with the greatest menace in decades — although the CIO and AFL

Penna. SWP Goes

'48 Petition Drive

PHILADELPHIA, March 28.

- Despite heavy rain and cold

weather last week, the campaign

to put Farrell Dobbs and Grace

Carlson on the ballot in Pennsyl-

vania went over the top. With

7,900 signatures of registered

voters required by law, more than

300 over that number have al-

paign, now entering its fourth

of 12,000 signatures by April 7

the legal deadline for filing in

The Socialist Workers Party

canvassers have received a uni-

formly warm response from the

Negro areas, SWP representa-

WARM RESPONSE

week, shows no sign of slacken-

eady been collected. The cam-

Over the Top in

leaders are lost in a fog of indifference, disunity and

inaction. The ugly face of the Slave La-

bor Law has been revealed in the sweeping strikebreaking injunction issued by a federal court on March 27 against the AFL International Typographical Union and its officers. Machinery for invoking similar

injunctions against the striking soft coal miners and CIO meat packing workers has been set in motion by Truman.

Far-reaching precedents that can and will be used against the entire union movement have been established in the ITU case.

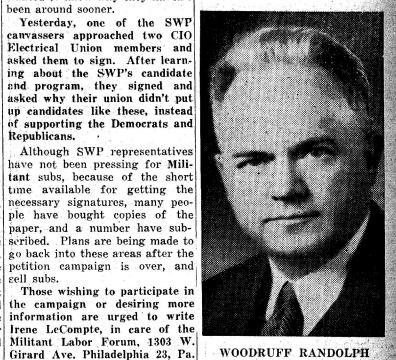
DRASTIC RULINGS

ing. The Pennsylvania comrades In language that covered every are determined to secure a total conceivable action of the ITU by deed or word, Federal Judge Luther M. Swygert ruled in effect that:

1. ITU and its local unions cannot strike or take any other form of action to enforce demands which might be in violation of the workers. People are thinking and Taft-Hartley Act, even though these are the subject of an unre-

on strike for demands that might

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WOODRUFF RANDOLPH

Packinghouse Workers Stand Firm in Strike

By Barbara Bruce

at Armour, Swift and Cudahy, packers that they will engage in the nation with meat. have turned a series of company genuine collective bargaining" to maneuvers into an attack on the negotiate the difference between anti-union program of the big the 12 cents and the union's demeat packers. A motor brigade mand for a 29-cent hourly wage of office employees was turned increase. back at the Armour plant yesterrecent attempt of packers to open the picket lines.

enforce restraining orders issued the packing plants and the stockin Dakota County to bar picket- yards. ing at plant entrances. But the SUPPORT OF TRAINMEN packers' appeal was turned down with a statement from the Governor that the Guard "is not a law enforcement body."

An offer was made by the union to let office personnel go through the picket lines on the following

1. That office employes be allowed to leave the plants at night day that the trainmen, members

companies rejected the union's of- engine has been tied up since the which he had formerly held." It been hired by the GPU for its fer, stating they were "not in- first day of the strike, when seeks to discredit the world dirty work.

panies have accused the union of plant.

day when 200 pickets held their orders will be held in Dakota ground. This defeated the most County district court this morning. Besides the packing companies, the Chicago Great West-Failing in their efforts to bring of the St. Paul Union Stockyards company are plants, managers of the three tracking companies appealed to to the Swift and Armour plants. packing companies appealed to to the Swift and Armour plants Governor Luther Youngdahl to serve the stockyards, and the call out the National Guard to Great Western line serves both

to move off railroad property, a tion of Leon Trotsky and the Italy. picket sign extended by a cane Fourth International even though This crude forgery, while to have been destroyed. It was fishing pole over the railroad it resorted to the Moscow Trial written by the GPU, was natur- written by Leon Trotsky on May tracks is being honored by engine frame-ups and the assassination ally not released in the name or 20, 1940 at the time when Hitcrews on a strike-bound switch of Trotsky, last week launched a in the official press of the Stalin-ler was winning the battle of engine in the Armour yard. H.R. new frame-up in the form of a ists, because that would have France. Halvorson, Great Western super-crude forgery called "Trotsky's destroyed its effectiveness. Inintendent, announced last Satur- secret political testament." 2. That plant foremen, who "have strong respect for union have been living in the plants organization and will not cross prints of the GPU, is to spread Zeitung. France Dimanche boasts it wasn't destroyed? These are since the strike started March 16, picket lines." Engine crews have the slander that in the final of its "customary objectivity" in questions never answered in the discontinue the practice and leave reporting for each shift, sit-months of his life the great the article containing the alleged article. ting in the cab, and leaving at Marxist leader renounced "all the "testament," but as seen below, Spokesmen for the packing the end of their eight hours. The ideas and all the conceptions this is not the first time it has company officials attempted to Trotskyist movement, which re-

ricketing has been peaceful since casts over station WMIN, entitled SOUTH ST. PAUL, Minn., the strike began. Restraining "On the Picket Line," CIO represolid, members of the CIO representatives of locals at Ar- union's program in the strike, mour, Swift and Cudahy and two Milton Siegel, UPWA Field Rep-Packinghouse Workers have independent companies, Superior resentative in District 2, is chief The union, representing workers ment by the two independent and unhealthy conditions, supply

the packing trusts can then sit in

sists in the creation of that political instrument. successfully blocked every at and Bartusch. However, workers spokesman for the union. In his tempt of company officials in the at Bartusch and Superior have March 26 broadcast, he pointed South St. Paul area to break the gone back to work with a 12-cent out that it is the packinghouse 2-week-old meat packing strike. an hour increase and an agree- workers who, under dangerous on their shoulders through dif- assault. Pickets sitting and lying ped and even the purse-proud paper, and a number have subwould be so alien to his spirit, "It works out however," Siegel but with pride that he fought in MANY INJURIES stated, "that certain officials of our ranks."

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By George Breitman

Stalin's GPU murder machine,

The purpose of this forged docu-

rugs under their feet and spend tell, Chicago Local Chairman. many of them needing first aid tens of thousands of white collar Irene LeCompte, in care of the Hearings on the restraining their time working out ways and The services closed with singing treatment. One picket had a workers in New York's financial Militant Labor Forum, 1303 W. of The Internationale.

Messages were read from many a half-hour of savage clubbing would also be a good springboard the campaign or desiring more soft, swivel chairs with expensive SWP branches by Michael Bar- the police arrested 45 pickets, for the unions to organize the information are urged to write broken arm, another a fractured centers.

domination of Stalinism; and paper begins, "the political testa- | the document was transmitted to | Story, that he had worked with many references to him during thus to prevent the adherence to ment which Leon Trotsky wrote Moscow." From whom did France the GPU in the preparations for the Fourth International of left- just before he was assassinated, Dimanche obtain this informa- devising an entry for "Jacson" ward moving groups formerly has arrived in Europe. . . This tion? The only possible source into the Trotsky household in testament (in three copies) to which could not destroy the belonging to the Social Demo- document, so extraordinary in was the GPU itself. This is a 1940. (Incidentally, "Jacson" Although pickets were ordered stainless revolutionary reputa- cracy, especially in France and every respect, has remained secret convenient preparation for a murdered Trotsky on August 20, loyal wife or his trust-worthy possible future "confirmation" of | not July 20.) for eight years. It was believed the frame-up by the Kremlin itself. And again—who was this

Why did it remain secret? Who stead, it was planted in the believed it to have been destroyweekly France Dimanche in Paris | ed? The people who never heard and not sleep on the premises; of the railroad brotherhoods, ment, every line of which is and, according to this paper, of its existence, or the people NOW KNOWS THAT MORNARD only name used to corroborate HIS "TESTAMENT"? covered with the political finger- also in the Swiss Die Wochen who had it and therefore knew

OBTAINED FROM WHOM?

"Toward the end of July 1940 Soviet agent succeeded in "Thanks to an incredible com- securing a copy of the testament former managing editor of the friend of Trotsky's, Serge was a Although the packing com- haul some cars of meat from the presents the most serious threat hination of circumstances," the which Trotsky had entrusted to New York Daily Worker, who ad- political antagonist and was so Trotsky, the most prolific poli-

un-named "intimate friend"?

"On July 20 Trotsky was assassinated by one of his collaborators, Jacques Mornard." That is the signature of Stalin has just brought it to Europe." himself. THE WHOLE WORLD (ALIAS "FRANK JACSON"), the incredible history of this FAR FROM BEING A COL- "testament." Serge died a few LABORATOR OF TROTSKY, months ago, and so cannot defend WAS AN AGENT ACTING himself from the GPU fabrica-UNDER THE ORDERS OF THE

Only last year this fact was fabrication to shreds. confirmed by Louis F. Budenz,

"Three copies of the testament

remained in the hands of a personal friend of Trotsky's. . Victor Serge. . . It is one of his [Serge's] friends to whom he had entrusted one of the copies, who Thus we come to the one and TROTSKY HAVE GIVEN HIM months ago, and so cannot defend known, however, to rip the

Far from being a personal within the working class to the March 21 leading article in this one of his intimate friends and mitted in his book, This Is My designated in all of Trotsky's

the last years of his life. Why such a man and not to Trotsky's political collaborators? And what was the name of Serge's friend

who brought it to Europe? MOREOVER, SERGE DID NOT ARRIVE IN MEXICO UNTIL AFTER TROTSKY'S AS-SASSINATION — IN SEPTEM-BER, 1941. HOW COULD

The GPU authors of the article to these questions, nor to the even more numerous ones raised tion. There are sufficient facts by the text of the alleged document itself:

WHY A SECRET?

Why, for example, should (Continued on page 2)

Packing Workers Hold Firm Against Strikebreaking

means by which they may further rob the public, and prepare radio speeches in which they deliberate- picket line for a decent living for Testimony was taken at a ly cloud up and confuse the is-

The first of the union radio bunk." programs dealt mainly with Swift and Company, since A. I. G. the subject of the union broad- against the union. During the Valentine, Swift general manager cast on March 29. "Armour and hearing, the union introduced as in South St. Paul, made an attack Company is embarrassed about evidence an Armour blackjack on the union in a broadcast last its high profits and low wages," a 12-inch piece of solid copper week. In answer to Valentine's charges of Communism, Siegel

DIVIDE AND RULE

"Reference has been made that 40% of the Swift employes, represented by a company union and an AFL union, accepted a 9-cent an hour wage increase without the threat of a strike. The fact remains that 60% of the Swift employes are out on the picket line. Where is this so-called demccracy that Mr. Valentine inferred in his broadcast and his "FORMULA" IN ACTION talk about Communistic tactics? and rule reeks of these tactics.

subject of Communism, let's see, sed; in Sioux City, Iowa, where ties to enforce the restraining entine was a meat packer, but it instructions to drive through the seems that since the strike he has picket line in second gear at 35 gone into the fish business in miles per hour; in West Fargo, order to drag out the old red herr- N. D., where the superintendent convincing argument against his the witness stand that he "knew employes who are out on strike, of no occasion when Armour's re- kota County welfare boards, checks at an office of the company with their families. "These men piece of propaganda."

he attempts to picture a sinister. Guest for deputization of Armour dark plot, being provoked by some management employes was deforeign agents. The packinghouse nied by the sheriff of Cass Counworkers who are fighting on the ty'

question of debating the issue of of friction tape — and a "walkveloped — if the waters were not against the pickets. muddied by other issues. Armour In South St. Paul, packing

of the Armour Formula."

themselves and their families will hearing in West Fargo when not be taken in by this age-old Local 73, was hauled into court last week to show cause why an The "Armour Formula" was injunction should not be issued Siegel stated. "If it were just a cable wrapped with a thin layer high profits and low wages, the ing stick" used for herding livecompany knows full well that the stock. Witnesses testified that public would soon begin to see these weapons are carried by Arthe gross inequality that has de- rour deputies, ready for action

is attempting to save itself from company officials have let loose public embarrassment by seizing a barrage of criticism of city, upon a secondary issue - a little county and state officials for havpiece of paper called an injunc- ing failed to open up union picket tion. This is just a small part lines. Dakota County Sheriff Norman Dieter has been accused of not "deputizing enough persons to enable him to perform his Other aspects of the Armour duty." Dieter has subsequently The old company game of divide Formula were brought into play requested the Dakota County in Tifton, Georgia, where 18 Board of Commissioners to au-"And as long as we're on the UPWA members were tear-gas- thorize pay for additional depu-We always thought that Mr. Val- Armour truck drivers are under order against pickets at Armour While refusing to pay their em- set up in the St. Paul Hotel. and Swift plants.

STRIKERS' RELIEF

Keeping 'er Shut



The picket line at Armour's plant in South St. Paul.

still due them. Swift and Cominto the Ramsey County and Da- can collect a portion of their pay- leave the plants to spend Easter pany officials as "an insidious

ployes the week's wages that are Last weekend, Glenn Chinand- moral and religious rights as in er, UPWA field representative, dividuals in being required to repany has reached an agreement in a telegram to Swift and Ar-main in the plants 24 hours a Applications for relief for with welfare agencies by which mour officials, requested that the day," the telegram stated. But ing. Not being able to present a of the Armour plant admitted on packinghouse strikers are pouring strikers who are in need of aid locked-in foremen be allowed to the request was rejected by com-

are being denied their legal

Events on the International Scene By Paul G. Stevens

Indomitable Spirit of German Trotskyism

This week No. 4 of the mimeo- Every time, on an historically raphed journal Unser Weg, organ higher basis. of the Fourth International in its meagre 14 pages, Unser Weg | dequacy of the First Internationmanages to include an excellent al, was followed by the creation analysis of "Dollar Diplomacy," of the great German labor movea rounded study of the "Problems ment as the core of the Second of the New Revolutionary Party International. After the failure in Germany," a keen criticism of of the Russian social-revolutionthe policy of the CP, SP and other ary (Narodnik) movement, came parties toward the immediate the first uprising of the Russian questions confronting the German

An especially inspiring exam- was far from ended. ple of the indomnitable spirit of "In this period the Russian these Trotskyist fighters, who proletariat developed new forms Hitler's concentration camps and epoch of imperialism. These is an editorial entitled, "Through the Soviets. Victory and Defeat — On To The Fourth International." We quote Twentieth Century was beaten the editorial in full:

political leaders of the capitalists parties of the Second Internation have been announcing triumphantly the decline of the political led to their internal disintegralabor movement. They blare their slogan about the bankruptcy of Marxism, and attempt to lend it the appearance of a reasoned argument. The capitalists succeeded in putting up a barrier against of the entire world. the powerful proletarian mass movement following the first world war, which reached its peak with the victorious Russian Revolution. More than that, they suc- first workers' state, to the victory ceeded in smashing the Marxist and Communist movement in the capitalist countries as an organ-

And of this the editors say with a straight face: "Trotsky's testament illumines in a singular manner the declarations of his

WHAT IT ACTUALLY IL LUMINES IS THE FACT THAT EVEN THOUGH STALIN MUR-DERED TROTSKY, HE HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO DES-TROY TROTSKYISM - TROT-SKY'S PROGRAM AND THE WORLD ORGANIZATION HE

fter the GPU assassin had tionary program of Bolshevism, in their aims and seek their sal which it has betrayed-and which is represented today by Trotsky's ism, but also the Stalinist murder machine.

"For a number of years the

ized force: in unleashing a second. even vaster and more terrible world war; in concluding this war combat organization of Marxism with an imperialist peace after _ the Fourth International as stifling the beginnings of a mass the organizer of the proletarian movement for proletarian dem- world revolution. It is no longer ocracy."

tion began with Italian fascism proletariat. and was later extended by German Nazism. The most conscious under the Fourth International banner-bearers of the idea of so- draw courage for the heavy tasks cialism were subjected to the most of the present, and our absolute brutal persecution. Many once certainty of victory in the future. The Kremlin still stands in devoted fighters in the working The lessons of the past are the deathly fear that the revolu-class struggle have gone astray basis and the tools of our present vation in the enterprises of the tion that our cadres in the Fourth reactionary victors as tools of a International are a link in the Fourth International — will win fraudulent imperialist democracy. historic process of the struggle out and destroy not only capital- Relatively extensive and deep for socialism, which must in the

> able class struggle in spite of all trayals. This victory will decide the defeats, catastrophes and betravals. "In this situation knowledge of the past history of social strug- capitalists for the bankruptcy of gles, and of the labor movement Marxism."

"Looking into the past teaches us that the ruling classes celebrated many a victory over the toiling masses, but that after every reactionary triumph the workers have arisen more mightever before. Every time the pro-

"The defeats of the spontaneous Germany, reached our desk. Pub- movements of the machine-wreckished "somewhere in the former ers were followed by the revolu-Reich," the rich contents of this tions of 1948. The lesson of the January 1948 number are test- impossibility of these bourgeois imony to the intense intellectual democratic revolutions to go life of the German Trotskyists, through to the end led to the who are rebuilding their organ-creation of the First Internationization against almost unbeliev- al. The crushing of the Paris able material handicaps. Within Commune, which showed the ina-

proletariat in 1905. It showed that the period of revolutions

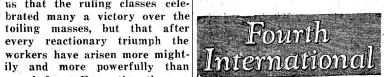
have gone through the hell of struggle adapted to the new today operate under the very were: first, the Bolshevik party; noses of Stalin's murderous GPU, second, the mass strike and third,

"This first big offensive of the down by the counter-revolution. The defeat and the failure of the al to absorb the lessons of 1905 tion and to the first imperialist world war. But this war ended in the first successful proletarian revolution in Russia in 1917, which stirred into action the oppressed

"The defeats of the labor movement in the period between the two world wars led to the isolation and degeneration of the of Fascism and to the Second World War. And out of this deep defeat there arises now, not merely as a further development, but as the highest development of the a sum of national parties, but the "This successful capitalist reac- world party of the victory of the

"From this past we who fight activity. They give us th knowledge, great courage and end lead to the realization of the strong determination is required victory of the working class, in to uphold the idea of irreconcil- spite of all the defeats and beonce and for all the alternative 'Socialism or barbarism' and smash all the fond hopes of the

especially, is particularly valua-READ



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GPU Concocts New Forgery to Smear Leon Trotsky

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tical writer of modern times, have a secret document, whose aubehalf of a contrary view?

Unfortunately for the GPU the Fourth International, on the Emergency Conference, "somewhere in the Western Hemisphere" (May 19-26, 1940), one of whose main actions was the adoption of a Manifesto on the Imperialist War and the Proletarian Revolution (Pioneer Publishers), which reaffirmed the Marxist program in the most decisive manner. The author of this Manifesto was none other than Trotsky himself!

Furthermore, why in the entire "testament" is there not a single reference to the Fourth International, to the building of which Trotsky devoted the last 17 years of his life, and why does the only reference to a new revolutionary international carry the implication that it wasn't even formed?

Why, if Trotsky changed the ideas of a lifetime on May 20, did he continue-in the scores of articles he wrote and interviews he held from then until the day of his death three months laterto reaffirm with his characteristic vigor all of the ideas which he had allegedly "secretly" repudiated? This single discrepancy is sufficient proof that the socalled "testament" is nothing but a forgery of the GPU.

The so-called "testament" states that Trotsky expects to be killed by Stalin because Stalin "judges a Russo-German war as inevitable." Notice how neatly that fits into the Kremlin lie that Trotsky was an agent of Hitler: Stalin supposedly seeks to murder Trotsky not because the latter is the last great representative of the Bolshevik leader-

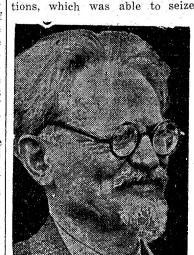
WHILE TROTSKY PREDICTED | not react." This makes it seem A RUSSO-GERMAN WAR, AND that Trotsky had equated the WARNED THE SOVIET UNION | international working class with TO PREPARE FOR IT, STALIN the Stalinist parties, or that he AT THIS TIME WAS STILL had had some hopes about reform-CUDDLING UP TO HITLER IN ing them when as a matter of THE ILLUSION THAT THE fact, he had long before con-HITLER-STALIN PACT GUAR- cluded they were irredeemably ANTEED PEACE.

The forgery then has Trotsky describe his life-long devotion to that I was forced to admit that the working class ("I found the only ones who grasped the myself as if fascinated by the true nature of the Stalinist splendor of the magnificent con- danger and who tried to put up ception limned by Marx and dikes against the Bonapartist and Engels") and his hope that the bureaucratic tide were certain working class would emancipate elements in the left wing of the both itself and the whole of humanity.

Then the "testament" jumps directly to the question of Trotsky's struggle against Stalin's policy, which "sought. . . to convert the dictatorship of the prole- left socialist opponents of Stalintariat into a dictatorship of the ism in Europe as "Trotskyist bureaucracy." Trotsky, it con- agents of fascism" and on the tinues, used to hope that the workers in the Soviet Union to frighten them off from moving corporating it in a secret "testawould "react" against Stalin's policy, which is here credited skyists. with having "succeeded in making of his Bonapartist clique the state." But the Soviet workers, elsewhere, the purifying waves so-called testament, "The present nadian, \$8.50 in U.S. currency) friend's sub with your own?

the document states, did not ful- of the proletarian revolution were war will spread more and more, tween September, 1939 and May | - about how Trotsky ordered him fill this hope.

The conception flies in the face tually wrote or said. Ever since thenticity would certainly be the beginning of the degeneraquestioned - to counterbalance tion of the Soviet Union under the hundreds he had printed on Stalin, Trotsky fought against those who designated the Stalinist bureaucracy as a new "ruling authors of this clumsy forgery, class." Trotsky demonstrated the erroneousness of this designavery day that this "testament" is tion, showing that the Stalinist supposed to have been written, bureaucracy in Russia was not a was holding an international ruling class, but a bureaucratic clique without solid class founda-



LEON TROTSKY

power in a degenerated workers state because of the temporary defeat of the world revolution but which would disappear with the victory of the revolution in other countries.

In his work written in 1939-40. In Defense of Marxism (Pioneer Publishers), Trotsky expounds this idea in great detail. The Emergency Conference Manifesto of the Fourth International, written by Trotsky, again repeats this thought. And so did every single article on the Soviet Union

written by Trotsky until the day

Stalin's agent struck him down. Supposedly disillusioned about Russia, Trotsky is made to say that he then turned his attention ship, but because a Russo-German to the "international proletariat," war is inevitable (and therefore expecting to see it rally to "the imposes on Stalin the need to struggle for a new Internaeliminate all Hitlerite agents.) tional"." But "this was not the ACTUALLY, OF COURSE, case. The Communist parties did

> "It was with great bitterness Socialist movement."

THE REAL REASON

Here is the tip-off on one of the aims of the supposed "testaother to attempt by this smear toward unity with the Trot-

the GPU continues, "I recalled to the Workers of the USSR," ruling class of a pseudo-socialist that in the past, in Russia as written the same month as the

confined his change in opinion to of everything Trotsky ever ac- chine of the capitalist state and protest, driving the whole

found itself weakened by blood- world toward new revolutionary the last hours of his life finds to himself that this would be letting and by economic difficul- explosions. The world revolution ties and was no longer in a con-shall re-invigorate the Soviet dition to resist the revolutionary forces." The war had entered its and resoluteness and shall unecond phase, and "it is possible dermine the bureaucratic props to expect that in a little while of Stalin's caste." Soviet Russia and the United States will become involved in

"The working class of the Sothis war in order to open up giving up not only the defense fierce hostilities against Stalin's of the Soviet Union against im-Bonapartist bureaucracy. We perialist attack, but even the ought to exert here the same idea that the workers are capable furious energy that Lenin showed of achieving socialism: n opposing himself to Kerensky during the First World War. . . military successes."

Trotsky was an advocate of a Stalin. political revolution against the "It will then be necessary to TIONAL. f restoring working class demo-DETERMINED DEFENDER OF regime on a world scale." THE SOVIET UNION AGAINST | The real authors of this "testa-ALL ATTACKS BY IMPERIAL-ISM. Both before and after May satisfaction as they composed

in such a way that the workers see clearly just what we are defending (state property and planned economy), and against whom we are conducting a ruthess struggle (the parasitic oureaucracy and its Comintern.) We must not lose sight for a single moment of the fact that the question of overthrowing the Soviet bureaucracy is for us subordinate to the question of preserving state property in the means of production in the USSR: that the question of preserving state property in the means of production in the USSR is sub- | Election Activities Net ordinate for us to the question of the world proletarian revolution." (In Defense of Marxism,

In other words, Trotsky's ap-Union (a degenerated workers' Kerensky's war to defend Russia in 1917 (when it was a capitalist and press. state.)

Trotsky is then quoted as declaring that he had long believed that a revolution in "the progressive capitalist countries" (whatever that may mean) would 'necessarily lead to the downfall of Stalin's clique and the regeneration of Soviet democracy. I world that I no longer hold this deems it necessary to state his change of opinion "openly to the workers of the world," why didn't he do so, instead of in-

ment"? Unfortunately for the GPU Then, the Trotsky invented by liars, Trotsky wrote in his "Letter

set in motion primarily in time piling ruins on ruins, breeding 20, 1940, when this testament to go to Shanghai, then enter of war when the repressive ma- more and more sorrow, despair presents him as saying: "I am a Russia to train "squads of saboworking masses with new courage

> FANTASTIC LIES From this point on the falsifica-

tions grow wilder and more fanriet Union ought to profit from tastic. Trotsky is presented as "The victory of this Stalinist

bureaucracy over the forces of even if it is bound to assist it workers' democracy will open the THE VERY PROBLEMS [fascism] in gaining temporary doors for the darkest period in RAISED BY THIS IMPORTANT history ever known by mankind. EVENT. ITS TITLE INDICATES This is one of the biggest lies This will be the epoch of a new n the whole Stalinist fabric of exploitive class, born from the CHANGE OUR COURSE." falsification. As is well known, Bonapartist bureaucracy of PRINTED IN THE OCTOBER,

nationalism. BUT AT THE SAME | tariat to become a ruling class | last testament, were: TIME THAT HE FOUGHT THE and that the Soviet Union will STALINIST BUREAUCRACY, become the precursor and embryo I am sure of the victory of the HE WAS ALSO THE MOST of a new and terrible exploitive Fourth International. Go for-

ment" must have guffawed with 20, 1940, he explained again and this section. Because it repeats ism. The "trick" is that Trotsky is here presented as affirming what he specifically denied!

But, it may be asked by some people not acquainted with Trotsky's views in his last months,

veteran of the revolution who in teurs"; how the assassin though himself compelled to revise all dangerous and "Moreover, during the ideas and all the conceptions the previous month I had been which he had formerly held. I astonished by the frequent visits firmly believed in the regenera- of the German consul to Trot tion of mankind through the sky"; how he refused to go, and proletarian revolution. I begin to Trotsky attacked him, threatendoubt that the class on which I | ing to have him shot by the had placed all my hopes is capable guards; and how he then had no of attempting the colossal task alternative but to murder Trotwhich history wants to assign to sky. .

Yes, something happened in that period—Hitler broke through his western front and began the drive which ended in the fall of France in June. BUT AT THE END OF JUNE, 1940, TROT-SKY WROTE AN ARTICLE ON ITS CONTENTS: "WE DO NOT 1940 FOURTH INTERNA-

Soviet bureaucracy, with the aim recognize that this bureaucratic And Trotsky's dying words, cracy and returning the Soviet brings with it proof of the con- struck him down and he knew government to the path of inter- genital incapacity of the prole- that he was actually uttering his "Please say to our friends that

ward."

But France Dimanche's article does not end with the end of the "testament." As if wanting to guarantee that all informed readsome of the phraseology actually ers will recognize that the whole used by Trotsky in an article thing was a GPU job, it continues "We must formulate our slogans written in September, 1939, called by recalling that a "special written in September, 1939, called by recalling that a "special by recalling that a special bed by recalling that a "special by recalling that by the special by recalling that a "special by recalling that by the special by recalling that a "special by recalling that by the special by the spec The USSR In War" published envoy" of this sheet had had an in the book In Defense of Marx- interview with Stalin's assassin, Mornard - Jacson, printed in its Dec. 8, 1946 issue.

The substance of that interview is then reprinted: Mornard repeats the long-demolished alibi put in his month by the GPU and perhaps something happened be- adds a few newly-invented details

New Subscriptions

Election activities by a number of Socialist Workers Party branches are producing subscripproach to the defense of the Soviet tions indirectly. Workers who sign election petitions to put the state) against the attack of im- SWP on the ballot in the presiperialism was necessarily different dential campaign naturally ask

when the petition campaign ends. ledger.

MINNEAPOLIS held a mobilwere not in for this issue.

An Ohio reader sent in a bonus saving suggestion in his plant trade unionists.

for my Militant pledge and to renew my subscriptions to The Militant and Fourth International." — J. B., Alberta, Canada.

Lynn (Mass.) sent four subs obtained from "four out of five persons seen last Sunday.'

from that of Lenin's approach to questions and become very inter- subscriptions in New York City Ninety-six new and renewal ested in the party, its program the last four weeks well exceeded the 82 March expirations here. As Philadelphia reported on the At least seven other areas have last seven subs sent in, "six of also already exceeded expirations, these just fell into our laps, so to and complete returns for the speak, while we were on election month will certainly show many work." A sub drive is planned others on the black side of the

Areas which have already sent consider it necessary to say ization Sunday to launch a one in more subs than the March exopenly to the workers of the week sub drive. It was the first pirations in their areas are Lynn, opportunity for such work after Minneapolis, Cincinnati, Toledo, ment"—on the one hand to smear opinion." If Trotsky supposedly the recent arctic weather. Results Philadelphia, Reading and West Virginia.

> One of the hardest-hit sections is Allentown-Bethlehem, March check — awarded for a money- and April expirations will wipe out most of the subscriptions to pay for gift subs to 10 other there and so far there have been only three renewals. How about it, Allentown-Bethlehem readers? "Enclosed please find \$10 (Ca- Why not renew and send in a

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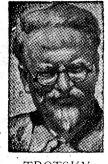
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ican Youth Congress against radicalism, advising it to improve the existing institutions, little by little, year by year. Such a procedure undoubtedly would be the best, most advantageous, most economical, if. . . it were realizable. Unfortunately 'the existing institutions' in the entire world are not improving year by year but deteriorating. ... The liquidation of the private ownership of the means of

"On Feb. 10 [1940], President Roosevelt warned the Amer-

production is the central historical task of our epoch and will guarantee the birth of a new, more harmonious society. The act of birth, daily observation teaches us, is never a 'gradual' process but a biological revolution."

-Leon Trotsky, Interview with St. Louis Post Dispatch, 1940



LENIN

Wall Street's Labor Salesmen

If Wall Street and its government hired hands stood alone in propagandizing the Marshall Plan, the American workers would not give a nickel's worth of support to this project for propping up dictatorships in Europe and Asia.

But Big Business and the State Department have recruited a crew of sharp salesmen from the CIO and AFL top bureaucracies. These volunteer hucksters are trying to palm off the Marshall Plan as a prize package of "humanitarianism," "peace" and "democracy."

Philip Murray heatedly denies that the Marshall Plan is part of a "Wall Street plot." He claims it is just a "civilian economic rehabilitation job." He indignantly repudiates the suggestion that there is anything "political" about the Marshall Plan or anything designed to "interfere in the internal affairs" of other countries.

The very next week, CIO Secretary-Treasurer Carey threatens the Italian workers that if they vote the Communist-Socialist ticket in the April 18 elections, "they can hardly expect to share in the benefits of the ERP."

A few days later AFL President William Green sternly warns the Italian workers over the State Department's "Voice of America" broadcast that anyone who tells them "that a vote for the Communists will not cut off help from the United States" is "not telling the truth."

What is this but the use of the Marshall Plan for political purposes and interference in the internal political life of another country? What is the State Department doing when it waves the bludgeon of "no aid" over the Italian workers and threatens them with starvation if they don't vote for the Vaticanbacked candidates of the capitalist parties? The top labor leaders lie in their teeth when they say that the Marshall Plan is meant to "feed the hungry" and "safeguard democracy." It is, in fact, intended for an exactly opposite purpose: TO BOLSTER CAPITAL-IST TOTALITARIANISM AND FASCIST DICTATORSHIPS.

The proof?

1. The House of Representatives on March 30 passed, by a vote of 149 to 52, an amendment to the ERP bill to make Fascist Spain — under the Franco dictatorship — eligible for Marshall Plan funds. Will the butcher of the Spanish republic and the Spanish labor movement use Marshall plan funds for democracy, perhaps?

2. Incorporated in the present Marshall Plan bill is nearly half a billion dollars for MILITARY SUPPLIES to the monarchocapitalist dictatorship in Greece, where the firing squads are working night and day slaughtering labor opponents of the regime; to the military dictatorship in Turkey, where all labor organizations are banned and labor leaders imprisoned without trial; to Chiang Kai Shek, whose bloody dictatorship is so rotten that the very Senate committee which recommended arms for him had to admit the unspeakable foulness of his regime.

The union leaders who are trying to sell this bill of goods to the workers of America and Europe are not blind, deluded and misinformed. They know the score. They are conscious liars, who have traded their very souls to the State Department. These conscienceless labor lieutenants of capitalism — in their blindness and opportunism — are selling the American and world labor movements down the river to capitalist totalitarianism and barbarism — the end-product of the Truman Doctrine and the Marshall Plan.

THE POOR WILL PAY

dollars to 16 billion dollars.

pay for the average worker by continuing price increases.

of the enlarged war program will After two months of uncer- fall upon the poor in the form of ainty the American economy is increased prices.

American capitalism, but yesfaced with the prospect of another inflationary cycle. The terday on the brink of an economprecipitous decline in the commodity markets, increasing resistance of the consumers to high piddling wage increases granted of supply lines foreshadowed the to the workers as an excuse for prices and the gradual filling up imminence of a new depression.

It was at this point that the important Key West conference of plants and those producing other which emerged the new prepared many consumer goods, continuing five. ness program which promises to the sellers' market which has prevailed since the war. The tengive the economy another shot in dency to unload inventories which the arm. This was reflected by hegan with the commodity dethe steep rise in the stock market following the Saint Patrick's Day cline will very likely be halted, and may give way to continued around the need for universal ther shortages and price increas-

military training and the reinsti- es. tution of the selective service While employment may inmore was involved. Gradually tionary orgy of unproductive and the full program is being divulg- government-financed "free enterprise." The veterans will be First,. Secretary of Defense asked to forego new homes for Forrestal informed the Senate an indefinite period. And for that billion dollars had to be boosted fresh graves in the arctic snow? The working class will be asked But Forrestal further admitted to submit to more vicious slave that even a 4 billion dollar boost labor control and wage freezes would only take care of the pres- while profits continue to soar.

Of course the day of reckoning ent 55-group air force. But the Air Force Big Brass is demand- for Big Business draws closer as ing a 70-group force as "essen- the result of this reckless spendfor a minimum striking ing for the tools of destruction. force. Forrestal estimated that a Further large increases to the military program of this magni- already huge government debt tude would cost around 18 billion must eventually lead to bankruptdollars. Later it appeared that cy.

gram to Europe was also being DANGER OF INFLATTON

The new armaments program contemplated. Thus even with a 55-group force, for the time be- of the government brings to the ing, the arms budget would have fore the renewed danger of inflato be increased from 11 billion tion. This imposes on the labor movement the need to re-invigwage program.

some such budget increase will be themselves against a new inflapassed by the Republican-con-tionary wave? They must insist trolled Congress with little dif- on an adequate wage rise to comficulty since the two leading con- pensate for the big rise in prices tenders for the Republican presi- in the past year. Then they must dential nomination, Taft and protect their purchasing power Dewey, are the most ardent ad- for the duration by demanding a vocates of an enlarged air force. cost-of-living bonus to compen-Although this additional outlay sate them for any and all addi- of a mass party. will more than eat up the antic-tional price increases after their while increasing the take-home increases will be wiped out by

Paul Dollinger --A Model Revolutionist

By Sol Dollinger

New War Preparations Threaten

Further Inflationary Price Rise

March 25th was a sad day for the Trotskyist movement. After long suffering from can-Big Business, Big Brass and the military equipment will once cer, Paul Dollinger, better known as Paul Administration took place, out of again bring about shortages in Kujac, passed away at the youthful age of thirty-

Despite his youth, Paul had faithfully served in the revolutionary army of Trotskyism almost from its inception. His adherence to the movement in 1931 at the age of 18, and his 17-year struggle symbolized the intransigeant battle of While Truman centered his talk hoarding, which will induce fur- American Trotskyism to become the bone and sinew of the American working class.

All through the years, with great singleness of purpose, he gave unstintingly to build the draft, the stock market advance, crease, the workers' standard of Party which meant so much to him. Inspired by led by aircraft, copper, chemical living will continue to decline as the goal of Socialism, he adopted a pattern of and steel served notice that much Big Business revels in its infla- life for all Trotskyists to emulate.

In his lifetime of service, we can witness the metamorphosis of Trotskyism from an ideological grouping on the road to a mass party. In his service we can understand the source springs of Armed Services Committee that matter, why build new homes the tremendous vitality of our movement, its the present arms outlay of 11 when soon you may have to fill ability to bridge all obstacles and its unconquerable spirit.

> Leaving home at the age of sixteen, Paul moved around the country during the last depression. He found employment on sharecroppers' farms in Georgia, fruit orchards of Florida and cattle ranches in the west. He returned to New York City looking for a solution to the terrible crisis of U.S. capitalismwhich had made an indelible impression on him.

> While working in a small millinery sweatshop he made his first contact with the Party through a Trotskyist sympathizer. Paul soon made his decision to join in the struggle. Never once did he falter in his decision. It shaped his whole future life and in turn he helped to shape the development of our Party.

How fondly he would recall those pioneer days. Ours was a party with a membership of only one orate its fight for an adequate hundred throughout the country but with unexampled conviction and determination. The Party There is every likelihood that How can the workers protect and its leadership was consecrated to the sole purpose of hammering out its ideological program in preparation for penetration into the mass movement. All that American Trotskyism then had in its arsenal was its program, but Paul Dollinger valued this more than size and numbers. He was firmly convinced that the tools of Marxist ideas would be the Open Sesame to the building

The rise of Hitler to power marked the graduaipated budget surplus, Congress contracts go into effect. That tion of Paul Dollinger from the Spartacus Youth passed the tax reduction measure would guarantee the workers League to full adult membership in the Party. which eased the burden on the against reduction in their living Paul was on call at ony time to serve his party wealthy by as much as 67% standards. Otherwise any wage in any capacity. His personal life was subordinated completely to the fuller and richer life of building an officer corps of revolutionary socialists to help lead the social emancipation of the human race. He pased every test of demands of the Party with flying colors.

STRIKE STRUGGLES

The strike struggles of the textile workers in Paterson, N. J. opened up possibilities for the Party in this area. The numerically small party needed comrades to bring its program to the striking workers. Without hesitation Paul quit his job, when jobs were hard to get, to do his 3. The court, in a further un- has so much as said a word part in winning the fight and advancing the ideas

From the middle Thirties on he worked in the

Unemployed Councils, the Workers' Alliance, and other unemployed organizations. He led hundreds of demonstrations, hunger marches, protests and sitdown strikes.

Slowly but surely he saw his party grow. And many workers found their way into the Party ranks as a result of the work and guidance of Comrade Kujac.

The expanding war economy of the late Thirties brought an end to unemployed work. Paul became a volunteer organizer for the AFL Upholsterers Union. In this work he introduced many new tactics in the organization of small sweatshops.

PARTY ORGANIZER

At this time the Party found opportunities of expansion into new cities. The Party sent Paul to Buffalo to organize a new branch with the aid of a few comrades. Throwing themselves into the work with great energy, their successes began to mount. The climax was reached with the Lackawanna Steel strike where for the first time Bethlehem Steel buckled to the CIO. Kujac and the newly organized unit of the SWP played a memorable role in this epic struggle of industrial unionism's rise.

With the first war draft of 1940, Paul was called into the Armed Forces. Released from the Army temporarily because of age, he was soon realled. It was then he first became aware of his physical ailment. Hamstrung by bureaucratic disregard of the individual, the Army did not release him until he had become seriously handicapped physically.

Upon release from the Army he carried on intermittent activity as his health permitted. In 1944 he was third high nationally in obtaining subscriptions to The Militant. For several months he was organizer of the South Side branch in Chicago. In this post he led many a battle against

From 1945 on he had to battle with the cancerous growth that was ravaging his body. On his death bed he confidently told his close friends and comrades, "I shall not live to see the day of Socialism but you will see it in your life-

While immersed in the activity of the class struggle, he always found the time to wage ideological struggle to uphold the clear program of Marxism. He had nothing but contempt for the skeptics, revisionists and retrogressionists. At every stage of the struggle to build the Bolshevik party in this country he fought to keep the ideas of Trotskyism intact.

Everywhere, where Trotskyism lives there is a part of Kujac. Everywhere where revolutionary socialists band together in uncompromising struggle for social emancipation, lives a part of Paul Kujac. Wherever the unconquerable spirit and stubborn pursuit of mankind's goals for socialist emancipation continue, there you will find living testimony that Paul Kujac did not die in vain.

It is only fitting and proper that his final resting place should be in Waldheim Cemetery, Chcago, close by the martyred Haymarket victims of 1886 and the ashes of Big Bill Haywoodfighters for social emancipation of another day.

As we pause in tribute to this Trotskyist warrior, in full justice to his contribution, we can only redouble our own efforts to bring about a world wide socialist society. This will be a fitting monument to his memory.

Admit the War Refugees!

Palestine calls to attention once again that the Zionist program to create a Jewish state in Palestine is not only reactionary but also

Nevertheless, the plight of European Jewry and other displaced persons is a tragically real one. 850,000 men, women and children remain in the DP camps, facing a future with no perspective or hope.

The Washington statesmen have, on numerous occasions, shed pious tears about these victims of Nazism and the war. But their record of action on this question is no less reprehensible than their conduct on Pales-

During the war, on Roosevelt's initiative, the Evian Conference was held to take up the problems of the Jewish refugees. Then the U. S. delegation to the UN took the initiative in insisting that sanctuary be found for the Displaced Persons. And yet three years after the war these same U. S. leaders have not

It looks like the union bureaucrats are scur-

rying from the sinking Truman ship. Two

weeks ago Max Zaritsky, head of the AFL

Millinery Workers, started the stampede. Last

week, Louis Hollander, head of the New York

Like Zaritsky, Hollander suddenly discov-

ered that Truman is unfit for the high office

of United States President. He appealed to

the Democratic Party to find a better candi-

date — by which he means a winning candi-

This is part of the campaign of the "labor

statesmen" to get a "Draft Eisenhower" move-

ment going. They know that the Democratic

Party under Truman hasn't the ghost of a

chance in the 1948 elections. So they are

throwing their weight around and working

overtime to pump new oxygen into this ex-

This gives the lie to their previous propa-

ganda that "now is not the time" to build a

Labor Party. This proves that so far as they

piring organism.

State CIO ran for the nearest port-hole.

CIO Leaders on Labor Party

American imperialism's sellout of the Jews taken one single practical step to provide asylum for these war refugees.

In the House the totally inadequate Stratton Bill, which would admit 400,000 DP's over a four-year period has been pigeonholed in committee for nine months. Now Senator Wiley (R., Wisc.) has introduced a bill into the Senate which would further whittle down the number to 50,000 DP's a year for two years. And even this bill has little chance of passage unless strong pressure is exerted on

The time has come for the Jewish people to stop depending on the slippery imperialist statesmen for help. Let them call upon the labor movement to inaugurate an aggressive campaign to let down the immigration bars into the U.S. and permit the entry of the Displaced Persons. Such a campaign would be ten times more progressive and has ten times greater chances of success than the fantastic scheme of setting up a Jewish state against the desires of the whole Arab population of the Near East.

All Labor Faces Injunction Menace

(Continued from page 1)

itself the authority of deciding vention in the miners' strike. what can and what cannot go into the union contract.

Under peril of imprisonment and ruinous fines, the ITU offinegótiate contracts that will eliminate the traditional closed shop. Now, the United Mine Workers' fine for "contempt," have been ordered by a federal judge to appear at hearings of Truman's hand-picked, pro-employer "fact-

finding" committee. he said, are angry because they them. have been "goldbricked" by the operators in the matter of the union's health and welfare fund, from which they have not drawn

While another Truman "factproducing anti-picketing restrain- There is no time to lose. ing orders at the behest of the "Big Four" meat packers. Such injunctions have already been is-Ga.; and Mason City, Iowa.

but within these two major organunity of purpose and action.

case. The CIO chieftains are perbe prohibited by the Taft-Hartley mitting the packinghouse union to stand isolated. Neither group precedented move, arrogated to against the government's inter- of revolutionary socialism.

TWO YEARS AGO

Only two years ago, organized labor was aggressively on the cials, headed by Woodruff Ran- march, battling on a hundred dolph, are in effect, ordered to picket lines. Today, the government is contemptuously clubbing the unions around while the union leaders sit passive and parrepresentatives, whose union has alyzed, watching labor's most already felt the weight of one cherished rights being trampled federal injunction and a \$710,000 upon. They are too busy carrying out State Department chores to bother about mobilizing the workers to defend the very life er by the minute, individual capiof their unions.

These leaders thought they At the hearing, Lewis insisted | could "come to terms" with the that he had not ordered a strike, Taft-Hartley Act. They thought that the men had walked out by capitulating to the Taft-Hartspontaneously under the "able ley "yellow dog" oaths and playand willing" clause of the con- ing deaf and dumb maybe the tract which the mine operators unions could ignore the Taft- ifs, ands, or buts. Others can't have "dishonored." The miners, Hartley Law. But it isn't ignoring

GREAT DANGER Unless the whole labor move-

ment joins forces in action around a unified program of struggle, the unions are in great danger finding" committee is clearing the The injunction against the ITU legal path for an injunction the government's moves against against the CIO Packinghouse the miners and packinghouse Workers, local judges are mass workers, are a LATE warning.

A Congress of Labor, with full rank and file representation of the CIO, AFL, Railroad Brothersued in Omaha; St. Paul; Fargo, hoods and independents, must be N. D.; St. Joseph, Mo.; Tifton, summoned as speedily as possible. A unified program and strategy In this hour of deadly peril of action to fight the Taft-Hartfor labor, the leaders of the CIO | ley Law, to halt government by and AFL are displaying a crimi- injunction for a unified wage nally sluggish attitude. Not only | fight must be mapped out. The as between the CIO and AFL, union ranks must demand that their leaders stop peddling the izations there is a total lack of Marshall Plan patent medicine The AFL top hierarchy has and get on the job of leading the capitalism of a hundred years the "M" Plan as a WAR PRO- ritories. hardly lifted a finger in the ITU labor's fight for existence.

European Type

themselves fleeing to assorted philosophies of despair. Some like James Burnham turn to "Caesarism" a la Nietzche and Spengler - all-out justification of American imperialism with no stand such brutal balderdash straight, so they mix in a little 1eligion. Certain scientists with bank accounts in the higher figures like Robert Millikan and the Compton brothers are adepts of In addition to the above there

o other schools of thought, but

ago when gentlemen were gentle- GRAM without being labeled a

men and masses were masses and "Commie." In this respect, Trufurthermore "stayed in their man has uncloaked the real inten-

card Europe has fallen apart, he and above board. can see only "anarchy" there. He says that neither British socialism, Russian communism, nor discussion in the plants. No American capitalism can save Europe from chaos and uses the old "too many people - not enough to go around" hooey to justify this statement. He discreetly fails to refer to Trotsky-

C. Grant Los Angeles

The Marshall Plan -A War Program

Truman's message to Congress on Mar. 17 calling for passage of troops and military equipment the "European Recovery Plan," into China, India, Korea, Japan, Universal Military Training and Greece, Germany, Turkey, Persia, Last year while traveling in a resumption of the Selective South America, etc. In short, Man." Mass Man, he tells us, is and mystery that surrounds the and its battleships are beginning Marshall Plan.

three measures together as a influencing the free Italian elecmilitary program against Russia. | tions? No longer does the halo of human-

tions of the American capitalists Now that the old picture post- by putting things out in the open War and the preparation for

war has been the main point of worker wants war. The experience of the last one is too close. Besides, they understand that the present inflation — which is forcing many to work two jobs or putting the rest into debt - is a result of the high cost of the last war. The cost of the next war in lives and money is beyond imagination.

There is still confusion on the necessity of military preparedness. This is easily dispelled by the simple fact that this country is not on the defensive, IT IS AN AGGRESSOR, when it sends to patrol it. What's more ag-In his talk Truman linked the gressive than to have the U.S.

can now, for the first time since erican and Russian troops should Boddy likes to hearken back to the plan was initiated, condemn be withdrawn from foreign ter-

are concerned, the "right time" will never Hollander, like the other union leaders, knows there is another — a real — alternative. He stated this just last week — not di-

rectly to the CIO workers — but in an interview in the March 29 Labor Leader, organ of the Association of Catholic Trade Union-

"Some day we will have a real independent Labor Party," says Hollander. It won't be any "third party" like Theodore Roosevelt's Bull Moose, La Follette's Progressive Party and Wallace's movement "built by individuals from the top down." It will be "a real Labor Party, built from the bottom up," that "won't have to call itself 'the third party.' It will be the second, or even the first party."

That's fine. But what are Hollander and the other labor leaders waiting for? What better time will there be than now to build a real Labor Party from the bottom up.

Labor won't touch the Republican Party with a ten-foot pole. The Democratic Party is falling apart with rottenness. But for the fatheads who pass themselves off as "labor statesmen" this is still not the right time.

This demonstrates that the movement for a Labor Party — if it is to get going — must start from below in the shops and plants and mines. That's the way the industrial union movement started in 1934. That's the way the Labor Party movement will have to start

WORKERS FORUM 'Mass Man' -- A New

As world capitalism sinks deeptalists and their stooges find

out here in LA we have something unique, a minority of one. This is Manchester Boddy, publisher of the Los Angeles Daily News. Germany, Boddy discovered "Mass Service Draft has lifted the fog American troops cover the world "a new type of human being," peculiar to Europe and Asia, who is "leaderless" and presumably incapable of leadership or of be-

Every sovereign nation has the You guessed it. Mass Man is itarianism surround the Marshall right to elect whatever governone other than the European and Plan euphemistically called the ment it wishes, without the in-Asiatic worker in revolt against "European Recovery Plan." One terference of the U.S. All Am-

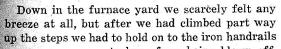
Cleveland, Ohio.

Wallace Endorsed by Handpicked

Conference of The California IPP

The Private Kingdom

- By Theodore Kovalesky –





to keep from being blown off. The steps were small and narrow. Only one man at a time could pass, so we trudged slowly upward, gripping the railing with one hand, holding our shovels and picks with the other, turning our heads from the tugging, tearing

It's a rotten job, cleaning a furnace top. Some men will tell you it's the worst job in the world, but it isn't that. There are a lot of other jobs in the blast furnace department that are just as bad and worse. Still, some men can't clean a furnace top at all. When they climb halfway to the top, or even farther, they suddenly realize that they are seventy-five, a hundred, a hundred and twenty-five feet above the furnace yard on a little narrow stairway with low handrails that they have to lean forward to grasp (and if they lean backward, they can tumble off the stairway and down to the brown-red ore dust below, far below), and they crouch on the steel steps and hug the railing with a death grip, so that two men have to help them back down to the ground again. Most of us aren't like that. . . but none of us like to clean furnace tops.

Jimmy and I were putting in a double shift so we could get a few extra dollars to squander on food and rent. The turn foreman had told us we could get a shift if we wanted to clean furnace tops, so half an hour later we were with a gang on our way up to the top of Number Four.

It must have been about an hour later that I looked up from the caked flue dust we had been hacking and shovelling from the top of Number

Four. The wind was all around us, whipping the dust into our faces and eyes until we were all of the same color. I put down my shovel and leaned my elbows on the rail at the edge of the platform. Far below me, about a hundred thirty feet, an engine was pulling a line of scalloped cinder ladles, and as they swayed on the uneven tracks the molten slag flashed at the sides of the hardened crust. Then I looked around.

I saw the line of blast furnaces stretching away with brownish spume seeping up into the smoky sky from the bleeders. A million and : half dollars, wasn't it, to build a blast furnace. I mused. "Jimmy," I called, "Look at this"!

Behind us was the slip with lake freighters tied up in it. Soon the company's ore boats would be steaming in and out. Beyond that lay the coke oven with its batteries and stacks and a geyser of steam billowing from a heat that was being quenched, and farther out another slip for the coal boats. We could see the great bridge cranes with their little cabs moving back and forth and the buckets rising and falling like fat spiders

Looking the other way we saw the huge open hearth sheds and their tail slender stacks, and the mills, longer and lower with smaller stacks Jimmy and I stood without speaking, looking cu over the private kingdom of the steel plant. How many millions of dollars were here? And this place was owned, owned by men, human being like Jimmy and me, men who made other million ef dollars out of the sweat and sometimes the blood of this gang cleaning the furnace top hundred thirty feet above the ground, of the gangs in the open hearths and mills, the cokovens and blast furnaces!

Then, as an afterthought, we turned and looked out beyond the mills at the dirty little town where we lived under the smoky shadow of the plan! We looked a moment, shook our heads, and bega. shovelling the flue dust again.

The Negro Struggle ____

Why Stalinists Slander Us

– By Albert Parker -

If readers of the Communist Party's Worker of Mar. 28 were confused after they finished reading Benjamin E. Davis' column, then they were in



just the state the author tried to get them. The article is a denunciation of Almena Davis, editor of the Negro weekly, Los Angeles Tribune, because she attacked Claudia Jones, Stalinist leader who is

threatened with deportation to the West Indies, and cynically expressed "indifference" to her

Then, suddenly, Benjamin Davis switches over into an attack on Trotskyism, making the fantastic (and familiar) charge that it "is a synonym for corruption, political degeneracy and service to reaction and fascism," and inventing a new lie - that the "Tribune is a nest of Trotskyism" and that Almena Davis is a Trotskyist!

Readers of The Militant know that we Trotskyists, despite our opposition to the Stalinists, have strongly protested the deportation campaign against Claudia Jones, and her associates and have called on labor to put an end to the government's witch-hunt campaigns. And readers of the Los Angeles Tribune know that it has nothing in common with the Trotskyists; for example, the Tribune supported the recent imperialist war (as the Stalinists did) while we opposed it from beginning to end.

Why do Benjamin Davis and the other Stalinists resort to such monstrous (and easily disprov-

ed) slanders against the Trotstyists? Because that's the only kind of "answer" they can give to our political arguments and program. Because they are afraid to let the Negro people know that the Socialist Workers Party program is the only way to end capitalist wars, fascism and race

A reader says: "After reading your laudatory remarks about Caste, Class and Race by Oliver C. Cox, I naturally wondered what your criticism of it was. You say that 'some of the points Dr. Cox tries to make are not acceptable to Marxists. Why didn't you indicate what they are?"

We are concentrating for the time being on calling attention to the virtues of this book, in order to help it get the kind of audience it deserves. But we obviously did not seek to hide the fact that it has shortcomings and weaknesses.

On the political field, for example, the author's attempt to "simplify" Marxism leads him to numerous serious errors in discussing recent political developments, especially in his treatment of Roosevelt and the New Deal. Dr. Cox is by no means a Stalinist, but his apparent lack of acquaintance with political labor problems and strategy causes him to accept many of their estimates which are in direct conflict with Marxism.

We repeat, however, that the book's positive qualities and contributions to an understanding of race prejudice far outweigh these and other

Washington Plans

To Turn Germany

Into Base for War

(Continued from page 1)

natch from Washington on March

27 rayons that "the first ship

carrying Marshall Plan aid for

Europe may dock in a foreign

ert two days after President

Truman signs the bill." The dis-

patch adds: "It is possible the

initial cargo...will go to Italy

bout 10 days before the critical

The State Department itself,

on March 26, publicly announced

- pointedly claiming no inten-

tion of influercing the Italian

elections - that the U.S. govern-

ment has ordered the distribution

of 300,000 packages of cigarettes

a Sardinia. These cigarettes

would be an inducement to "con-

tentment, as every smoker knows."

the State Department said. With

the approval of the State De-

partment a special short-wave

proadcast on the Italian elections

is being beamed daily to Italy

from Boston over station WRUL.

long since been in the "hot war"

stage. Every dispatch from Greece

makes it clear that the monarch-

ist forces are being not only arm-

planned by the Americans."

The dispatch reports that

Dwight Griswold, head of the U.S.

mission to Greece, has announced

the calling up of conscripts to

the Greek army's National De-

fense Corps, including the num-

ber to be drafted. Griswold as-

sures us the mobilization was

"proposed by American advisers"

and "approved by the U.S. State

Meanwhile, the threat of mili-

tary totalitarianism becomes

more ominous in this country.

The big parade of top military of-

ficials, joined by leading, repre

sentatives of Wall Street and Big

Business, continued last week to

pressure the Senate Armed Serv-

ces Committee for universal mil-

itary training and the peacetime

The heads of the National De-

fense Establishment, which in-

cludes all the departments of the

armed forces, and the secretaries

of these departments, put in their

second appearance within a week.

This time Forrestal demanded, in

addition to UMT which will cost

four billions annually, the im-

mediate draft of up to 345,000

youths between 19 and 25. He

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JUST A STARTER

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archist army "supported by waves draft. Baruch also called for

of fighter bombers." It adds, "total mobilization", a wage

"The offensive was completely freeze, and an anti-strike "work-

cr-draft" law.

The Locomotive

New York 3, N.Y.

Pittsburgh

Cleveland

Akron

Toledo

Chicago

Detroit

Buffalo

Milwaukee

Twin Cities Friday

George Clarke speaking on:

The Political Crisis

In the United States

Schedule of

Clarke Tour

Youngstown Friday Apr. 23

Saturday Apr.

Tuesday Apr.

Thursday Apr.

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Sunday Apr. 11

Tuesday Apr. 13

Tuesday Apr. 20

Thursday Apr. 22

Saturday Apr. 24

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Apr. 16

U.S. intervention in Greece has

ANOTHER BRIBE



Staring hopelessly into space, these three youngsters typify the war-ravaged children of Europe. This scene is from The Search, a film telling the story of these children, which recently opened in New York.

Victims of War

Organizing Committee of the Independent Progressive Party of California, endorsed Wallace and Taylor and approved a Wallace this session, the top committee has been able to tighten its grip upon the party apparatus. The session had been announc ed early in March as a broad, at which the ranks of the petition the organization could make their wishes heard. However, two weeks all mention of this was dropped. members were permitted to attend only as observers.

STALINISTS TOOK OVER

proceedings. Immediately after the hand-picked county represenhe meeting opened a motion was tatives and the State Executive made to transform the Organiz- Committee. In many cases the ing Committee into a temporary IPP will support Republicans and State Central Committee and to Democrats who will be labeled reelect all State officers. Passed unanimously. A preamble was

SAN FRANCISCO, March | ization to the support of Wallace 21. - 175 handpicked delegates and Taylor. Passed without disattended a meeting of the State cussion. By-laws were adopted to restrict membership to "registered voters who accept IPP principles . . ." Passed unanimously.

Discussion took place only program for the party. Through around the party platform but the differences were mainly on minor corrections and wording. The program includes removal of military and financial leaders from policy-making posts in the State Department; opposition to democratically organized meeting the draft and UMT; a \$1 minimum wage: State and Federal vetgatherers and other supporters of crans bonus; \$100 old age pensions for all over 60; roll back prices to 1945 and recreate the before the date of the meeting, OPA; public ownership of essential utilities; bigger taxes for Those attending were members higher income brackets; lower of the Organizing Committee ones for the lower brackets; replus three representatives from peal of the Taft-Hartley Law. each county, who in the main The assembly also approved a were appointed by the state exe-platform on peace to be achieved cutive committee. All other IPP through the UN.

Thus the Stalinist pro-Wallace program has been foisted upon the IPP without the ranks having The heavy hand of the Stalin- Candidates for the primaries will any opportunity to discuss it. ists was evident throughout the be chosen by consultation between "progressive."

A special handbill, was distributed to the gathering, signed by four unionists from the CIO Marine Cooks and Stewards, Steel workers, Longshoremen, and AFL Painters Unions, all registered members of the IPPC.

It declared that "since the IPPC has already become part of the Wallace-third-capitalist-party machine it can no longer merit our support. We will continue to fight to build a genuine Independent Labor Party."



JAMES C. PETRILLO

Behind Petrillo's the spring offensive of the moned quick passage of UMT and the archist army "supported by waves draft. Baruch also called for fighter hombars" It adds "listed mobilization" a Wage

By Dick Jones

James C. Petrillo president **RECORDING READY** of the American Federation of The Militant Chorus makes Musicians, knows there is good its first recording this week. reason for the newspapers being It should be ready for May so opposed to him: The country's Day meetings. The single 12inch record at \$5 will contain big newspaper corporations. (Ac-Go Forward, Whirlwinds of cording to the FCC they own 508 Danger, The Tarrier Song and of the 886 stations in the United States.) And he knows that when Send cash orders to The he attempts to make these cor-Militant, 116 University Place,

porations pay decent wages they put up an awful fuss After Petrillo announced that musicians would no longer make records after Jan. 1, the boss

press launched an especially bitter campaign against him. The big recording bosses know —if their pen pushers don't that the recent recording ban is really a strike against the Taft-Hartley Law. In 1942 the musician's union went on strike and forced the recording magnates to agree to pay a 2% royalty to the union treasury to be used as

a welfare fund for musicians. The Taft-Hartley Act outlawed this royalty. Petrillo then told the union members to stop making records. He knows that when the recording and broadcasting companies use up their supply of records they'll have to send for their lawyers and get them to figure out some way of getting around the Taft-Hartley Law. The N. Y. Times quoted a recording official as saying, "What we face is the fact that a law designed to help us is being used by the union to put us out of business. The only way we can stay free concerts all over the country, manding political action to comin business apparently is to find some way to circumvent the law."

SOUND REASON

There is an economically sound reason for the musician's union demand that the recording companies pay a record royalty to the union treasury. When a person writes a book, he can collect a royalty on each copy sold. Band leaders and soloists are likewise royalties on the records they make. The individual musician. wage for the time spent in making the recordings.

It would be impossible to pay each member of a band a royalty on each record he makes. The personnel in musical organizations is changing constantly. The expense of the bookkeeping would amount to more than the worth of the records. What Petrillo proposed was that the royalty be paid to the union treasury. The fund collected from the royalties would be used to provide free music for people who could not afford to attend concerts. At the same time this would provide employment for musicians who were thrown out of work by technological developments. The AFM had to go on strike for 27

months before the big recording companies finally agreed to pay this reyalty. Now the Taft-Hartley Law has forbidden the payment.

The press claims that Petrillo is holding up progress by not letting recording and broadcasting comradio stations are owned by the panies function freely. What the union is really trying to do, however, is to get back some of the money made on music-for the. musicians who make that music.

THE "BIG FOUR"

The gross income of the "Big Four" in the recording industry -RCA-VICTOR, Decca, Columbia, and Capital-amounted to approximately 110 million dollars in 1946. Yet the musicians who made the records received only 2,500,000 dollars or about 21/2% in wages. A year's fee for the average musician employed by RCA-Victor, the largest of the companies, is only about \$450.

"We cannot stop canned music," Petrillo says. "We don't want to. But we want the musicians of America to share in the profits it makes for other people.'

In their pretended role as defenders of the public interest, the gentlemen of the press charge N.Y. Painters Urge that the musicians union harmful to the culture of music. These editorial writers complain because union members consider wages more important than the art of music. Where do they think the art would be if all the musicians would starve to death?

has promoted musical culture. working part time, progressive The union has sponsored many especially in Chicago. Petrillo | pel landlords and real estate opsays, with justifiable pride, "I've erators to paint and repair apartmade Chicago the greatest music | ments, offices and factories. city in the world. Where else can you hear Lily Pons and the Chicago Symphony for nothin'?"

casting corporations aren't actually afraid that Petrillo is going to ruin music or hold back demand that the NY authorities progress. What these corporations fear is that the musicians in a position to bargain for are going to get part of the profits that rightly belong to them. Furthermore, these corporahowever, receives only the union tions and their press are afraid that other workers are going to notice what the musicians are doing and get the same idea.



Political Action

By Raymond Rice

NEW YORK CITY. — With two-thirds of the union painters The AFM, as a matter of fact, in New York unemployed or members of the union are de-Local 892, the largest painters

iocal in the N.Y. district, heard a full discussion of the problem The big recording and broad- and voted overwhelmingly to call upon the union district council for immediate action. The painters begin a rigid enforcement of the sanitary and building laws.

A number of buildings have cellapsed in recent months with the tenants barely getting out in time. Cornices and stone copings have fallen into the streets from many of the old dilapidated structures still occupied as homes and factories. Progressive speakers pointed

out that if these conditions are to be remedied, it will be necessary to present the unions' views to the voting public in the coming election. These speakers pointed to the necessity of strict enforcement of the sanitary and building codes. They called upon the union to examine the possibilities of running a number of union candidates for office, and expressed the opinion that it would be possible to mobilize the union membership for active support of such a political campaign.

"Freedom of the Seas"

– By Art Preis –

Don't look now, but there's a red periscope peeping above the waterline in your bathtub. Russian submarines, equipped with schnorkels too, are being sighted faster than flying saucers

It all began at the hearing of the Senate Armed Service Committee on March 25. The Big Brass and Gold Braid were basking in the spotlights and smiling at the senators. The senators were nodding and smiling back. It was a wonderful spring day-just right for another big raid on the U. S. Treasury by the military.

Into this idyllic scene burst the submarine scare. Secretary of Navy Sullivan made the sensational announcement that underseas craft "not belonging to any nation west of the Iron Curtain have been sighted off our shores." The panic was on. Two august senators fell

off their chairs simultaneously. A stenographer swallowed her gum and nearly choked to death. One reporter required emergency hospital treatment after being trampled in the rush of newspapermen to the nearest telephone. Not another word would Sullivan speak-for

"security reasons," of course. But it didn't take the kept press more than two hours to dig up the details. By mid-afternoon disaster-type headlines trumpeted the red sub menace and why we need UMT and the peacetime draft. Th usual "informed sources" and "anonymous

naval officers" supplied the usual "reliable in-

formation." In all, seven "purported" Russian

submarines had been spotted "recently." Five

of the seven lurking "off our shores" were vaguely placed as "off the Aleutians"-about 9,000 miles from Seattle and less than 400 miles from Siberia. Two of the reports came from unnamed merchant ships. One saw a "periscope" just "200 miles from San Francisco"—"at night."

Immediately after Sullivan's "revelations," Admiral Louis E. Denfield, Chief of Naval Operations, blandly admitted the U.S. has 35 submarines in the Pacific and 41 in the Atlantic. Four are en route to Turkey as part of the "European aid" program. 12 U.S. destroyers and three aircraft carriers in the Western Pacific are guarding "our shores" a few hundred miles from Siberia. American warships are at Trieste; 17 are in Greek waters.

But as Admiral Halsey said, "We'll send our ships any damn place in the world we please.' And Air Forces Secretary Symington, following Sullivan at the Senate hearing, boasted that American bombers from Alaska "could bomb any part of Russia and return to American

So you see why we need universal military training, peacetime conscription and more tens of billions for the Army, Navy and Air Forces, not to speak of the atomic bomb development. By God, these Russians are going too far. What do they mean operating submarines in "our" Pacific Ocean? Don't they know we've already fought two world wars for "freedom of the

Notes from the News

INDEPENDENT?—The Independent Progressive Party of California is supporting primary candidates running for Congress in 21 of the state's 23 districts. Of these, four are running on the IPP ticket only, while 16 are running on the Democratic ticket as well, and one is running on the Democratic ticket alone.

"CIVIL RIGHTS" PROGRAM—Truman last

month signed a bill, passed by Congress, authorizing military units of Southern states to carry the Confederate flag along with the U.S.

SOUTHERN JUSTICE—A 14-year-old Negro boy in North Carolina was last week sentenced to 30 years in jail for the alleged theft of a

PRESENT COST OF MILITARISM IN THE UNITED STATES

Here are the estimated Federal Government expenses for 1947-48. Note how future wars, past wars, and war preparations account for more than 71% of the total budget.

FUTURE WARS\$10,776,000,000 (War Department, Navy Department,

Terminal leave for enlisted personnel, Stockpiling of strategic materials, etc.)

PAST WARS\$12,294,000,000 (Veterans' services, Pensions, Insurance, Re-adjustments, Benefits, Hospitals,

Other services, Administration, Interest on public war debt, etc.) WAR PREPARATIONS: PROPPING **UP WAR ALLIES\$3,617,000,000**

WELFARE, HEALTH, EDUCATION, INTERNAL EXPENSES, ETC.

\$6,989,000.000 18.8% OTHER\$3,517,000,000 (General government, Refunds, Reserve,

etc.)

TOTAL BUDGET \$37,193,000,000