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CIO WAGE CAMPAIGN FACES DISASTER

4th International Holds Congress

ond World Congress of the manifesto defines the nature and Fourth International has just role of the USSR in the midst concluded its sessions in this city.

of declining capitalism, em-Its work extended over a period of three weeks from the beginning

representing 22 organizations of the Fourth International coming from 19 different countries took part in the Congress. This was the most representative international gathering ever organized by the Trotskyist world move-

representatives from most Euro- selves-from the Stalinist pracpean countries, including coun- tice of placing a bureaucratic tries under U.S. or Soviet occupa- straitjacket on the workers' movetion, from North America, Latin ment. The manifesto outlines a America, Africa, the Middle and program of transitional demands, Far East. There were also a considerable number of representa- beat the offensive of the world tives from colonial and semicolonial countries.

of the world movement of the level for the socialist reorganiza-Fourth International participated | tion of society. in the Congress, including comrades J. Haston, secretary of the Committee, composed of 19 mem-Revolutionary Communist Party bers, was elected. The new IEC. of Great Britain; Colvin R. de which held its first meeting im-Silva, leader of the Trotskyist mediately after the conclusion of group in the Ceylon Parliament; the Congress, elected a new In-Santen, secretary of the ternational Secretariat. Revolutionary Communist Party of Holland; Pierre Frank, Favre-Bleibtreu, J. Privas, of the Poli- ity to Comrade Natalia Trotsky, tical Bureau of the International to the imprisoned Trotskyist mili-

work, the World Congress adopted countries, to the Trotskyist miliimportant political resolutions, tants of the USSR, Czechothe principal ones being the fol- slovakia, Bulgaria, Germany and lowing: Resolution on World Austria, to the workers and Political Situation and Tasks of colonial peoples of the whole the Fourth International; Theses | world engaged in a fight for their on USSR and Stalinism; Report on Activity of the International resolutions on Germany and Italy. were carefully studied, and resolutions were adopted in each

Furthermore, the Congress adopted a programmatic Manifesto addressed to the exploited of the whole world, summing up the chief political ideas elaborated by the Congress.

Commemorating the centenary of scientific socialism, the manifesto confirms, in the light of present-day events, the analysis of the functioning of capitalism made by Marx and Engels a century ago. Applying this analysis to the study of capitalism, it shows that in spite of the increasingly totalitarian form of its state and economy, monopoly capitalism is incapable of over-

PARIS, April 26 — The Sec | resulting from its rule. The perialism towards world domination, and examines the problems of the communist revolution for Approximately 50 delegates, Europe, the colonies, Latin-America and the United States.

Warning the workers of all countries of the barbarous consequences of the new world war now under preparation, the manifesto clearly contrasts the communist program of working class emancipation, which can only be Present at the Congress were realized by the workers themenabling the working class to capitalists against its standard of living and its freedoms, and to A number of political leaders raise the struggle to a higher

A new International Executive

The Congress sent greetings and the expressions of its solidar-Communist Party of France, etc. tants in Greece, China, Indo-During three weeks of hard China, India, Bolivia and other social and national liberation.

Situation in the Colonial Coun- gathering. The founding congress report. International; Statutes; political held in September, 1938. An emergency conference was held before making the \$1.05-per-bar-The internal situation of certain after the beginning of World War sections of the International and II in May, 1940. Another inter-

Farrell Dobbs Speaks barrel. May 15 on NBC Farrell Dobbs, Socialist Work-

ers Party nominee peak for 15 eq." ninutes over the 15. His broadast begins 5 PM.

coming the chaos and the crises vided as a public service by NBC. paid taxes even to Canada.

Stench of Arabian **Oil Deal Spreads Over Washington**

Senate Group Reveals "Avaricious Steal"

The stench of oil imperialism and oil profits grows ever stronger in Washington these

Details of the conspiracy of tandard Oil and the U.S. government to grab the Saudi Arabian oil fields were made public on April 28 in a 55-page report by the Senate War Investigating Committee.

The committee, headed by Senator Brewster of Maine, revealed that Standard Oil's Arabian-American Oil Company (Aramco) had "induced" the late Fresident Roosevelt to grant \$99, 500,000 in "lend-lease" to King Ibn Saud in return for oil concessions to the American controlled company.

In 1941, Roosevelt agreed t the "lend-lease" deal on Aramco's promise to sell Arabian oil to the government for 40 cents a barrel. Thus, Aramco "overcharged between 30 and 38 million dollars on sales made to the Navy."

AVARICIOUS DESIRE"

Aramco, says the report, was guided by an "avaricious desire for enormous profits." The government is charged only with a "lack of responsibility."

The oil companies "sought the [This was the second World cloak of U. S. protection and since the Outbreak of the Second | Congress of the Trotskyist move- | financial assistance to preserve Imperialist War; Resolution on ment and its fourth international their vast concessions," says the

did not even demand cost figures rel contract. Navy officials sought

This is a false statement, says the committee, and if the Navy Committee concludes that the or President, will Government was clearly defraud-

Senator Brewster told the Sen-NBC national ate that he is "sorry to report" barrel of oil.

Mountain Daylight; 2 PM, Pacific accumulated profits and surplus ted for this type of warfare.

Union Hall Back in Business



Strikers of CIO United Packinghouse Workers are lining up for soup in their rebuilt headquarters recently wrecked by a brutal attack of Kansas City cops.

IMPERIALIST SCHEME UPSET IN PALESTINE

By E. Burton

The last few weeks have brought an unexpected series of military setbacks to the Arab forces in Palestine. It began with the defeat of Fawzi el Kawujki's 🖣

ing several thousand, near Mich- their forces into the battle, or if smar Haemek, one of the Jewish one of the imperialist powers instrongholds in the Jezreel valley. tervenes. The Arab attack failed complete- ARAB LEAGUE The Navy, it reveals further, ly and the attacking forces with-

to justify the higher-than-agreed tive and occupied two villages sections of the International and of the respective to the International and on the respective to the International and International April and Interna ties from 21 cents to 42 cents a the Arab part of Tiberias, meet- never was in any sense a repre- of the campaign to fasten a police from Pittsburgh, said: ing with almost no resistance. sentative body of the Arab peo- totalitarian regime upon the peo-They attacked the Arab section ples. Since the First World War ple of the United States. of Haifa with superior forces and made such a statement "then the occupied it after a 36 hour battle. various Arab rulers to unite the This was done with British ac- Arab countries — each ruler quiescence, as British troops were scheming to bring about Arab in the area and could have halted unity under his own leadership. the Jewish attack.

in one of two ways: If the Arab

"army of liberation," number- countries around Palestine throw

The reactionary chiefs, feudal lords and kings who rule the

it has been the ambition of the

This conflict of the personal These initial Jewish victories ambitions of the feudal lords is adio hookup on that the Navy has signed a new have been due to the ability of the Achilles' heel of the Arab Saturday, May contract to pay Aramco \$1.48 per the Haganah to draw the Arab League and makes difficult joint guerillas into well-prepared pitch- actions. The main conflict centers covering the "inciting of economic, These same oil interests have cd battles. The predominately around the ambition of the Emir social and racial strife." Likewise, Eastern Daylight been paying no taxes on their feudal level of social organiza- Abdullah to "unite" Syria, Le-Saving Time (4 vast foreign profits. Bahrein, a tion of the Arabs as well as the banon, Palestine and Transjord-PM, Central Day- Standard Oil subsidiary, is a guerilla character of their fight- ania into a "Greater Syria." Ibn junction, the Taft-Hartleyite NL-light; 3 PM, Canadian corporation that has ing forces makes them least fit- Saud, king of Arabia, as well as EB, or Wall Street domination of the king of Egypt oppose the cre-Daylight). It is one of the series of 91 million dollars on a capital The present relationship of ation of so powerful a force alongby presidential candidates pro- stock of only \$100,000. It hasn't forces could be decisively changed side their own countries. They

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Congressmen Plot To Steamroller 'Police State' Bill

By George Lavan

erties - has been reported out House Un-American Committee, in exactly zero.

The Mundt Bill provides for entences as well as taking away ers, who is supposed to be leadthe citizenship of both native and ing the wage fight, is giving an foreign born citizens.

cernational conspiracy in the service of a foreign (Russian) government to set up a totalitarian dictatorship in this country and lists punishments for all organizations coming under the bill.

fined by the bill, are forbidden policy. to hold any federal job or even to apply for a passport. The Communist Party must register the bers with the Attorney General. bership list in their offices for crease was "in the bag."

immediate target of this "police Trade Unionists, with which assured the steel companies that The Jews then took the initia- Arab world in absolutist fashion state" legislation, the bill's word- Murray is reputed to be closely the steelworkers union would not are joined together in the Arab ing is so vague and many of its connected. Its headline read: strike. Murray was saying, in

ENDANGERS UNIONS

them. The struggle against Jim 15 cents'." Crow could come under the clause under the section dealing with "dissemination of propaganda calculated to undermine established government and institutions."

is being shamelessly pushed by editorially in its support.

Pointing out that it "authorizes imprisonment for mere expression of opinion without overt acts,' American economy has begun end, is where the armaments and ent-wide weapon. . . Make no mis- to work, what to do and what to the American Civil Liberties Union attacked the Mundt Bill as an "unprecedented violation of the freedom of speech."

> Henry Wallace assailed the bill as a threat against his third party movement.

William Z. Foster, chairman of the Communist Party announced company, largest business publication firm in America, on how the American people are going of the last way which Pusiness (attingtion of the last way which Pusiness (attingtion) and will refuse to comply with the American people are going of the last way which Pusiness (attingtion) and will refuse to comply with the American people are going of the last way which Pusiness (attingtion) and will refuse to comply with the first party will be 22 billion dollars or more.

The National Council of the filed. unanimously denounced the "po-

ican people.

Union Heads Fail to Offer Program of Unified Action As Corporations Gang Up

By Art Preis

The flabbiness of the CIO top leaders and their lack of a program of unified action is heading the CIO's "third-round" wage drive toward disaster.

Big Business is already gloating over the antici-

The witches' brew called the pated loss in influence the Mundt Bill—a straight dose of CIO will suffer as a result poison for American civil lib- of failure to win its demands for "substantial" wage increases.

The CIO leadership's policy of and plans are underfoot to steam- depending on the corporations to roller the measure through Con- "go soft" and toss the unions a gress. This bill, concocted by the few extra crumbs has paid off

aims at driving the Communist (Stalinist) Party and its "front"

Leading corporations in seed, auto, electrical equipment, meat packing, maritime and other organizations out of political life. major industries have taken the In addition to that, under its broad offensive simultaneously against language, persecution can be the ClO unions. In rapid-fire started of all working class, lib- fashion, they have tossed the eral and trade union organiza- CIO's wage demands back in the faces of CIO negotiators.

CIO President Philip Murray \$10,000 fines and 10 year prison also head of the CIO Steelworkexhibition of bumbling, fumbling and downright cowardice that is The bill defines the Communist (Stalinist) movement as an incraven union bureaucrats.

Last year Murray slipped over a two-year no-strike clause in the Steelworkers contract return for meager wage increases. Apparently, he hoped to get similar concessions this year "Subversive" citizens, as de- with the same appeasement

Weeks ago, when he reopened wage negotiations with U.S. Steel, Murray assured the steel names and addresses of all mem- barons in advance that under no demands under the pretext of a All so-called communist front or- At the same time, his office cirganizations must keep a full mem culated rumors that a wage in

the inspection of the FBI at any This was reflected in the April Wage Earner Detroit publica-While the Stalinists are the tion of the Association of Catholic ness offensive, Murray once again

said U.S. Steel has a wage in- He was also saying, that he, as crease offer for the CIO's United | the elected head of the CIO, was Steelworkers of America. The for a continued policy of retreat Thus under the "disruption of company expects that its offer and surrender. trade and commerce" clause will prove to be the "third round" strikes could be outlawed and pattern. There was no word as broken by the claim that Com- to how big the wage boost is, ment, General Electric and Westmunists were secretly behind but guesses were 'somewhere near inghouse turned the cold shoulder

Whose guesses? Murray's, Cer-



PHILIP MURRAY

tainly not the steel companies'. Benjamin Fairless, head of U.S. Steel, had publicly told a Senate committee back in March that his company was opposed to any wage boosts.

Murray strung along his membership. But Fairless wasn't kidding. Two weeks ago U.S. Steel signalled an anti-union offensive all along the Big Business line. It rejected out-of-hand the CIO Steelworkers wage conditions would the union strike. trifling price cut that will not infringe on U.S. Steel's monumental profits.

RETREAT AND SURRENDER In the face of this Big Busi-"Inside reports here this week CIO unions to fight it out alone.

> On the same day Murray made his latest no-strike pronounceto the CIO electrical workers. (Continued on page 4)

working class or even liberal agitation against government-by-in-Washington would be vulnerable CONVENTION IN JULY

NEW YORK, May 4 — The first presidential campaign

of the Socialist Workers Party will be formally launched at the This bill, which is in glaring party's 13th National Convenviolation of all constitutional tion, which will be held in this the ballot in three heavily populguarantees of political freedom, city on July 1 to 5, it was an ated states. Petitions were filed nounced today. Delegates will in New Jersey in March, in Pennthe Big Business press. Both the gather here from all parts of the sylvania in April (under the bal-New York Times and the N. Y. country to take action on an lot name of Militant Workers

tion campaign. inate the party's candidates for where the SWP has members or President and Vice - President. sympathizers.

Last February Farrell Dobbs and vention. If changes are made in national voting population. the national ticket, substitutions can be made on the state ballots in Michgan turned in a far greatwhere petitions have already been er number of signatures than was

placed in the way of permitting over the legal minimum. minority parties to get on the duction right-of-way over con- to feed the all-devouring war ma- got of steel . . never gets mad at So far no word has been ut- paign bringing its revolutionary gle to establish a Workers and tered by the heads of the CIO or socialist message to the attention Farmers Government as the an-Workers remember all too viv- AFL against the Mundt Bill. The of millions of workers. This was swer to imperialist war, militar-

The SWP is thus already on ticipate in the campaign.

imperialism plan for you in the least war will mean a full-scale Preparation and mobilization the unavoidable pangs of mobil- will be the "overriding problem Herald Tribune have come out agenda that will determine the Party), and in Michigan last party's policy in this year's elec- week. Meanwhile preparations are being made to meet ballot re-The convention will also nom- quirements in all the other states

> Grace Carlson were nominated by presidency in 1944 was 48 milthe SWP National Committee to fill these positions in order to Pennsylvania, Michigan and New make possible the filing of peti- Jersey that year was close to 8 tions in states requiring their million. That means the SWP is submission before July. The final now on the ballot in areas coverdecision will be made by the con- ing virtually one-sixth of the

As in the other states, the SWP required by the law - more than Despite the enormous obstacles 16,300, or approximately 72%

The SWP's main objective in ballot, it is already clear that the this campaign will be to organize SWP will wage an active cam- the working people for the strug-

the American people are going of the last war — which Business At this point must come the sec- the infinitely more destructive higher pay, time-and-a-half pre- its provisions if it is passed. to be mobilized for World War Week shows was picayune com- ond stage.

be nothing left but the whip."

bluntly answers:

prepared by the editors of Busi- to one half. ness Week. It will be a "grim and . To increase production, even sumer production and to prevent chine. miserable business" for which under these conditions, means huge government spending "from The war machine, driving the miserable business" for which under these conditions, means nuge government spending from the war machine, driving the wa

What fate does Wall Street preparations and conduct of the nothing left but the goad."

coming world war? The April military totalitarianism. "The inexorable logic of the stages.

the preparations for the next military program is developed take about that." out now. This time there would war under far less auspicious cir- without too drastic interference Business Week pooh-poohs the The limitations of manpower cumstances than existed in 1939, with civilian production. The whip — this symbol of Business Week points out.

slave-masters and tyrants — is not used as a mere literary ex- acity. There is no great surplus is just as much a part of our ary dream" of a one-blow war. | workers will be driven from civiltravagance. It expresses concrete- of labor. There is no possibility military program as the appro- At present prices, even to ian to war production, shifted ly the cold-sober conclusion of for expanding production for war priations for the Army or Air achieve the degree of World War around "just as you would materthe editors of the McGraw-Hill without immediately curtailing Force," admits Business Week) II mobilization the budget will ials."

pared to the production needs of Military production will begin the raging inflation it will pro- ards would have to go down - Clo National Maritime Union War mobilization will "add up the coming war - would imme- to bite deeper and deeper into duce. to a police job," concludes the diately cut consumption of perspecial report on "Economic Consumption of the present ment will be forced to impose resources and manpower will be to controlled "the way you consumption of perspecial report on "Economic Consumption of perspectation of p sequences of a Third World War" three-fourths of national output rigid controls to give arms pro- strained to the uttermost point trol materials" - except, an "in- ism.

In a careful, factual analysis work harder and longer than ever inflation."

for war will proceed in three ization."

24 Business Week, an authoritative Big Business magazine, tute for naked compulsion."

The first stage, which we are in now and which has neared the be turned into "one total, contingual to everyone where the turned into

Today, production is near cap- for arms and the ERP ("which lieves it — it's just the "old milit- part-time workers — will mean

and with irrefutable logic, Busi- before. But instead of more wages It is doubtful, Business Week grinding the last ounce of energy ness Week demonstrates that under the conditions of American the conditio capitalist economy today, the "With the carrot gone, there is vent the addition of "the crippling and disciplining of labor.

With the third stage - the edly poses the problem: "We

talk "around the Pentagon" of a there are no nine million unem-

down to intolerable levels while Smith-Connally anti-strike law, the danger and become the leader when the Michigan Secretary of hunts and anti-labor legislation.

confusion of runaway inflation to This, admits Business Week, of World War III." It cold-bloodget paid for it."

This year federal expenditures quick, simple war. Nobody be-ployed as in 1939, no millions of

character of the coming war and mium wages, etc. "Living standnot up."

> vou." War Labor Board and Manpower of the struggle against the boss- State announced that the SWP All workers sympathetic to this Commission regulation, etc., of es' campaign to impose totalitar- had qualified for a place on the great goal are urged to contact

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Henry Wallace and the Next War

By James P. Cannon

the possibility or probability of another world war. The power-drunk | The process is already underway, accelerated by the feverish preleaders of American imperialism, in their insane drive for domination parations for war. Democracy and living standards are losing over the people of the entire planet, have deliberately put war in ground right now in the richest country in the world. the center of their policy. There is no other way to read the consistent development of American foreign policy, from the proclamation of the Truman Doctrine to the fantastic appropriations for new country, its insatiable demand for uncounted billions, its disruption armaments already made and projected. These decisions of the bi-partisan coalition at Washington, supported by all the agencies for the manufacture and control of public opinion, spell only one thing: The decision has been made in the highest councils; war has been put at the top of the agenda.

The formal outbreak of the war, that is to say, the extension of American economic and political aggression into direct military action, may be deferred for strategic and tactical reasons. Or, the shooting war may break out at any moment. But in either case. those who count on the salvation of the human race by the independent class action of the workers must take the war-tomorrow or a bit later—as the fundamental reality. The continuing struggle for socialism must be conducted within the framework of this reality.

This war, as is already clearly indicated, will be simultaneously directed against the workers of America and the rank and file of the people of all other countries. The defense of the interests of the American working class is inextricably bound up with the struggle against the war. All parties and all political people must be judged by their stand on this formulation of the question.

A Spurious Opposition

Given the advanced stage of war preparations and the weakness of the revolutionary labor movement in this country, it must be acknowledged that the prospect of staying the hands of the warmakers is very slim indeed. Public opinion has been bludgeoned into a fatalistic acceptance of the inevitable. The entire labor bureaucracy is in the war camp, not making even the customary token protest. The atom bomb fanatics who call themselves "Social Democrats" are the most hysterical warmongers of all. Outside the revolutionary party, whose voice for the time being is drowned out in the jingo clamor, the only sign of opposition to the war is that of Wallace

and his new party. And this opposition has more sound than substance The completely bourgeois program of the Wallace party in the realm of domestic policy has been amply demonstrated by Marxist criticism, and this criticism has been sustained by the frank avowals of the head and front of the movement, the millionaire politician and businessman. Wallace himself.

To be sure, many workers support the Wallace party, believing capitalist enslavement. Even some more advanced workers, who ought to know better, delude themselves with the idea that the bourgeois Wallace party in some mysterious way will or can be transformed into an anti-capitalist force. But Wallace himself, and others who speak for the party with authority, are doing all they can to correct this mistaken assumption. They insist on every occasion that they have no other design than to "make capitalism policy?" work," to secure "fair profits" for businessmen; to return to the program of Roosevelt, which was capitalism in excelsis. The most that Wallace promises-if one is satisfied with promises-is to embellish American capitalism with "democracy," fair treatment of some people who have taken his anti-war fulminations for good the workers and removal of special discriminations against Negroes,

But even those rigidly limited promises cannot be fulfilled by

tinuing assault on the living standard of the American workers. withhold its support at the most critical moment, when the very There is no longer any realism whatever in speculation as to Almost from day to day, facts are confirming theory in this respect. existence of the regime will be staked on the issue of a war.

What, then, is to be expected when the war itself comes, with its iron necessity for a complete military regimentation of the and subordination of the economy to military requirements? It would be most unbecoming for thinking workers to entertain any illusions whatever as to the possibility of balancing these loaded scales with the feather-weight promises of political demagogues out of office, promises which cost nothing under the circumstances.

Capitalism with democracy and prosperity is rapidly becoming obsolete. And capitalism without war is impossible. Those who support capitalism must accept its consequences whether they will o no. Nevertheless, there are people, and they number millions, who believe in miracles, who nourish the hope, better to say the illusion, that these consequences may in some way be avoided, that peace may be maintained and war avoided, without destroying the social system which breeds it. This mass illusion is the great driving force

The real struggle against war, which is inseparable from the struggle against capitalism, requires a merciless exposure of this illusion and those who cultivate it. Far from being a serious anti-war movement, as demagogues proclaim and millions believe, the Wallace party is in fact a part of the mechanism preparing the people for war. By seizing hold of the mass sentiment against war, and diverting it from the struggle against the basic cause of war, the Wallace party sterilizes the anti-war movement and prepares it for collapse when the first shot is fired or the first bomb is dropped.

When we said this at the inception of the Wallace movement and branded his anti-war ballyhoo as a cruel deception of the masses, we were not inspired by factional prejudice and narrowminded dogmatism, as some people thought. Our position flowed from an analysis of his social program. Theory and experience with bourgeois and petty-bourgeois anti-war movements of the past guided us in our characterization of the Wallace movement. We did not have to wait long for proof of the accuracy of this characterization. It finds complete confirmation now in the outspoken declarations of Wallace himself.

Promises to Support War

Wallace has made it clear that all the warmakers have to do o dispose of his opposition is to start the war. He said that in so many words to Penn Kimball of the North American Newspaper that it represents the hope of something different and better than Alliance, who reports an interview with Wallace in the New York Times of Sunday, April 25.

"If the United States should go to war I, of course, would with draw." Wallace told his interviewer.

The reporter pressed the question a little harder: "If there were a war, would you support the United States' war efforts regardless of your opinion on the present United States foreign

Mr. Wallace answered: "Certainly."

This unambiguous declaration of fundamental loyalty to American imperialism under conditions of war may shock and surprise coin and thought him worthy of support on that ground. But that's

with it an increasing abridgement of democratic rights and a con-support of American capitalism, could jump over its own head and

Experience teaches us that a bourgeois pacifist opposition to governmental policy in time of peace, regardless of subjective intentions, is just as much a means of mobilizing the people for support of the war as the agitation of the most rabid jingoes, and is even more dangerous, for it deceives and disarms the people. What is involved between the jingoes and the pacifists is not a fundamental conflict, but a division of labor. The specific task of bourgeois pacifism has always been to corral the anti-war sentiments of the masses by shouting against war in time of neace only in order to paralyze the movement and deliver it to the warmakers the moment

We have had striking illustrations of this procedure already the two world wars in which America has participated. That experience ought to be sufficient warning against falling into the same rap in connection with the Third World War, in which the American mperialist government is the initiator and aggressor. By opposing the war before it starts, the leaders of the pacifist opposition gain the confidence of the masses, and then use the authority they have gained by their anti-war propaganda to lead the movement into the ar camp when the shooting starts.

This game was worked to perfection in the preparation of the American people for the First World War. Wilson was re-elected to the presidency in 1916 in a campaign of pacifism conducted under the slogan: "He Kept Us Out of War." A tremendous unofficial anti-war movement was led by William Jennings Bryan who resigned from Wilson's cabinet in order to fill this role. Great hopes were raised that the anti-war sentiment, thus mobilized and registered would be sufficient to preserve the neutrality of the United States These hopes, however, did not reckon with the harsh realities and necessities of American imperialism, and the character of the leadership to which the anti-war movement had been entrusted.

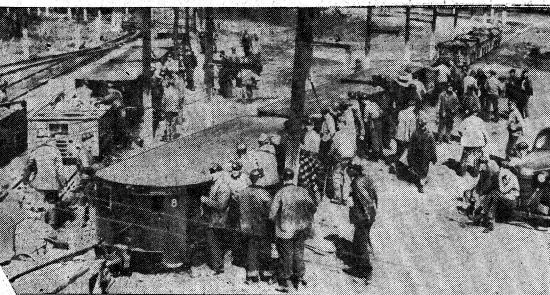
Wilson was no sooner re-elected on his anti-war appeal than he found the necessary pretext to plunge the American people into the slaughter. No sooner was the decision made than Bryan, the trusted leader of the anti-war mass movement, reminded himself of his fundamental loyalties and used his great influence and authority to disorient the people and lead them into the war.

The same thing happened with the supposed opposition to our entry into the Second World War, which at one time had formidable proportions and highly influential politicians and statesmen at its head. Senator Wheeler was one of them. But the very day the shooting started Senator Wheeler and other leaders of the great 'peace movement" (including Norman Thomas) called on their folowers to cease all opposition and give 100% support to the "war effort" of the government.

In the face of this record of bourgeois pacifism in two world wars, what ground is there to think that Wallace, who is not even was suppressed by the Daladier a pacifist, who was a bitter-end jingo in the Second World War, who just a few weeks ago advocated before the Senate Committee a standing army of a million men; and whose opposition is confined to diplomatic tactics and procedures—what ground is there to think today. But it enjoys the allegiance which they had previously that Wallace's anti-war fulminations will serve a different purpose in the Third World War? There is no ground whatever.

Wallace himself has now made that crystal clear by his frank declaration, quoted above, that "if the United States should go to war" he would withdraw his candidacy and support the "war etc.—all without touching the foundations of American capitalism. only the result of a misunderstanding on their part. This latest efforts" of the Wall Street-Brass Hat combination. Those who clarifying statement of Wallace's flows logically from his basic mistakenly support the Wallace movement under a contrary impres-Wallace or anyone else. The very continuation of the capitalist program. All the inconsistency is on the side of those who permitted sion will contribute, whatever their intentions may be, to the social system in the period of its decay and death agony carries themselves to expect that a party, pledged by its program to the deception and betrayal of the people.

Miners Return to Work



Heeding the call of John L. Lewis most of the nation's soft coal miners returned to the pits. Here Pittsburgh workers step into the covered cars that will take them to their jobs - six miles underground.

Socialist Revolution By George Breitman Any discussion of the workers' | form your circumstances but to | the proletariat once more political capacity to establish transform yourselves and make cohesive body with a capacity

socialism must necessarily include yourselves fit for political power." for struggle and with faith in an examination of the period from And then Vannier asks: "Is this the future. . . But such a possi-1914 to the present day. But process of political education still bility is extremely chimerical:

Jean Vannier's survey of modern going on today?... The answer European economy revolution (March Partisan Re- not a true one. view) is just as biased and misleading as his treatment of hisdiscussed in previous articles.

19th century. But now, he in and bigger, involving ever more sists, it must be discarded be- of the world's population. This cause "the course of the prole- provides the workers with greater, tariat has, for more than a third large-scale opportunities to learn. that the whole story?

A REVOLUTIONARY EPOCH period when for the first time tion of the working class. the workers as an independent force engaged in large-scale attempts at revolution; it has been the most revolutionary epoch of all history, unequalled either in scope or intensity or length. This was the period that saw the workers toppling capitalism in Russia and storming the revolutionary heights in a dozen other key countries, despite the inadequacy or outright treachery of their leaders. Never before have the capitalists had so little confidence in the permanence of their system-and with good reason.

Vannier may be able to kid some of the Partisan Review treacherous leaders and subreaders into thinking that the stituted revolutionary leaders in workers are incapable of taking the midst of the great explosions power because they do not march of 1917, so the workers will in a straight line from one victory to another. But serious people studying the events of this epoch know better. They recognize the last third of a century as essentially a period of revolutionary vanguard fulfills its against an ideal norm of capacity new attempts by the workers to perceive in these events the periods of revolutionary crisis. irresistible striving of the workers for socialism, despite all the mistakes they make and the defeats they undergo.

WRONG ANSWER

The Prospects for

It has taken the workers longer | Of course it won't, despite all to gain power than Marx fore- the money Wall Street pumps

What is the significance of the fact that since World War II the overwhelming majority of the European workers have rallied evident to the workers, is a vital around parties - Stalinist and factor in any consideration of Social Democratic-which promise revolutionary prospects. Vannier to institute socialism? It is a admits: "The bankruptcy of the sign that the workers want sosuch parties to power. What is this if not part of the process of But if this fact is a necessary political education? It may be condition to the seizure of power Social Democrats betray their vows; they surely do.

But just as the Russian workers learned the truth about their have further opportunities in the coming civil wars and international conflicts to draw correct conclusions about the treachery

PHONY PROFUNDITY

After thus arbitrarily ruling out the possibility of further political education for the European workers, Vannier spices up retain their rule is the propa- example? Ah yes, says Vannier, Vannier recalls that in 1850 his article with a "profound" Marx told the European workers: economic argument: "Marx's You will have to go through fundamental hypothesis would fifteen, twenty, fifty years of only regain a measure of reality repetition, the bankruptcy of of itself. That is true enough, the European revolution depends civil wars and international con- if some notable development in capitalism creates conditions of We do have an unknown quantity not only on the class struggle

for is no." That's a flat answer, but emerge from its quagmire for a long time to come.'

torical trends, which we have saw, but the civil wars and in- into it. But since when does the ternational conflicts in which the possibility of revolution depend According to Vannier, Marx's workers have the opportunity to directly and automatically on a fundamental hypothesis—that the learn great political lessons have "notable" rise in capitalist producworkers can and must take neither ceased nor diminished. In tive forces? The Russian revolupower-seemed legitimate in the fact they have become bigger tion took place in the midst of a ruinous war that had broken down production in a country that never had a very high productive level. The German revolution of a century, been increasingly The workers have still not at-occurred in 1918 in a defeated erratic." No one can deny that tained an ideal state of "political nation, with production going since 1914 the workers have suf- capacity," but they have learned down and not up. The Spanish fered a number of cruel defeats from two world wars, for in- civil war of 1936 found the workand repressions at the hands of stance, that capitalism has noth- ers fighting valiantly to establish power. This is one of the con- an "unknown quantity"—and not live counter-revolutionary aid to their capitalist enemies. But is ing to offer them but mass socialism while they were in misery. That is why in virtually combat with the fascists, without operate to the advantage of the One might think that if Vannier doomed to rapid extinction withevery country of Europe today any "notable" rise in the counit is impossible for the openly try's productive capacity. Why On the contrary, the last third capitalist parties to win the sup- then must the European workers class. It is one of the sources of the sense or the decency not to can be stated even more posi of a century has also been the port of more than a small frac- now give up the hope of socialism our optimism about Europe to- talk about it, or to reserve judg- tively: Establish socialism in the capitalist regeneration?

> In fact, the bankruptcy of capitalism, which is increasingly European ruling classes is as imagined a hundred years ago. relative strength." Naturally it's no reason to minimize it.

RELATIVE STRENGTH

Relative strength plays an imtionary success, it is necessary to suffers from limitations, the THE AMERICAN WORKERS tendency to make mistakes, and growing debilitation. This point cannot be stressed too strongly means by which the capitalists world. How about America, for

omnipotence of their system.

Europe.

The European workers are far from the "impotence" attributed to them by renegades like Vannier. The mass movements they cialism and are trying to bring complete as one could have built during and after the recent

Having disposed of the Euro-

tunities for the Marxists to win should state at this point that that is what will determine the support of the working class for this petty-bourgeois snob the whether or not American capitaland for the working class to take American working class is indeed ism will be able to extend effectradictions of capitalism that only the American working class.) its European satellites, who are working class and compensate for realizes he is dealing with an out such aid. some of the imperfections of that unknown quantity he would have until the miraculous advent of a day, just as it is one of the ment on its chances of taking U.S., and the rest of the world, sources of pessimism by many power. But that would be a vain including Europe, will quickly capitalist politicians about their expectation, for Vannier im- and inevitably follow suit. The ability to save their system in mediately adds that it wouldn't guestion of the revolution in be "very sensible" to expect the Europe cannot be regarded as

vet done.

We do not have the space here to treat at length with the conwar and the magnificent strike tradictions of American capitalstruggles they have engaged in, ism, the remarkable transformadespite their demoralizing leader- tion of the American working productive capacity, to play the objected that the Stalinists and by the proletariat, it is by no ship, are sufficient evidence of class in recent years, the tremendmeans a sufficient condition. The the vast reservoir of revolutionary ous power lodged in that classquestion is not merely one of energy stored up in this class. all of which point convincingly COLONIAL UPSURGE Vannier scratches the European to victory for the socialist revolunot the only factor, but that is workers off his list, denying they tion in this country. (Readers can ever take power. But on the are referred to documents on one hand capitalism in Europe these questions which Vannier continues to reveal its bank- and his fellow renegades have ruptcy, and on the other the never tried seriously to refuteportant part in any struggle. In Marxist vanguard in Europe, the Theses on the American national, continues its job of convention of the Socialist Workweigh the political capacity of educating and organizing the ers Party and the speech delivered European revolution.

flicts, not only in order to trans- Europe's productive forces made permanent crisis and ferment, here." (For the benefit of those waged on that continent, but also

which in turn generate new oppor- who don't know Vannier, we on the class struggle here. For

The nature of the relationship American workers to do what definitively settled, therefore, their European brothers have not even if one began by assuming that the European revolution will be retarded or defeated in the coming period. For the American working class is destined, by the very preponderance of American decisive role in the world revolu-

Vannier tries to isolate the political capacity of the European vorkers ("impotent") from that of the American workers ("unknown quantity"). In just the same way his survey of world conditions during the last third judging the possibility of revolu- organized in the Fourth Inter- Revolution adopted by the 1946 of a century completely omits mention of one of the most revolutionary developments of all of their present leaders—if the the workers, limited as it is, not workers—together guaranteeing at that convention by James P. —the anti-imperialist eruption of Cannon, both reprinted in the the colonial world, embracing a test and experiment for a young mission of providing an alter- but against the political capacity take the fate of that battered Pioneer Publishers pamphlet, The majority of the globe's popularevolutionary class; and they native leadership to the class in of the ruling class, which itself continent into their own hands. Coming American Revolution.) tion. Vannier prefers to cover up At this time we can call attent this point, because the colonial iton to only one vital aspect of upsurge deals deadly blows not the total problem which Vannier only to the power of European pean revolution, Vannier still has tries hard to gloss over: the and world capitalism, but also to because after all, one of the to deal with the rest of the relation of the American to the Vannier's analysis of the prospects for revolution in this period. His Capitalism is a world system thesis about the workers' inganda they spread about the "the American proletariat, the and, as recent UN figures capacity to take power can evimost powerful in the world . . . graphically revealed, the U.S. is dently be "sustained" only by Furthermore, and this too bears has not yet given an accounting its only strong prop. The fate of evasions, distortions and omis-

(To be concluded next week.)

Events on the International Scene

By Paul G. Stevens

MARTIAL LAW IN JAPAN

thousands of Koreans demonstrated in the streets against an order making their schools subect to Japanese education laws. The American military comnander, General Eichelberger, lew to Kobe from Tokyo to take personal charge. Over 1,600 persons were arrested in the two cities and more than a thousand continue to be held.

Naturally, in view of the recent proclamation of a "Democratic People's Republic" in Sovietoccupied Northern Korea and the impending elections in U.S.-held Southern Korea, the demonstrations in Japan are ascribed to a Japan, although on an unprece-"Communist" plot. "Most of dented mass scale, have been peaceful thus far and the workstrongly Communist," a dispatch ers have submitted to mili-

held in subjection as a persecuted of the Koreans can furnish a minority by Japanese imperial- dangerous example to the Japism, apparently wanted was anese. That is why Eichelberger schools at last free of the domina- and his troops have clamped down

Martial law was proclaimed in | They made the mistake of thinkthe port cities of Kobe and Osaka ing this could be realized with in Japan last week after tens of "liberators." The Japanese authorities, backed by MacArthur's HQ, quickly disillusioned them.

One of the most grievous crimes of the Korean schools, it appears, is the prominence given to the eaching of socialism. The Koreans are discovering that their present star-spangled rulers are just as ruthless against socialism and their aspirations for national freedom as were their former oppressors of the rising sun.

More than anything else, the new overlords of Japan fear that the Japanese masses may become infected by the Koreans' spirit of militant struggle. Strikes in dented mass scale, have been to the New York Times asserts. tary bans without any serious But what these people, long resistance. The demonstrations tion of their former oppressors. so violently on Kobe and Osaka.

ALGERIAN INDEPENDENCE STRUGGLE

a sovereign constituent assembly" in Algiers against French imperialism. This movement, originally the People's Party of Algiers, government before the war, by Petain during the years of Nazi domination and is only semi-legal of the overwhelming majority of Algerians, as proven by all the elections held by the "French French Empire).

Recently the Federation of this tions were also invited to send

The "Movement for the Triumph | French imperialism's refusal of of Democratic Liberties," led by Algerian independence ever since Messali Hadj is conducting a they entered the de Gaulle govfierce struggle for "total in- ernment after the war, attended dependence and the election of along with other organizations' representatives. The Stalinists tried to place all the blame for imperialist outrages in Algeria upon the present Schumann government, in line with their recent "left" turn. They were very mealy-mouthed and vague about their support of the movement. denounced as fascist.

When Jacques Privas. secretary of the Trotskvist PCI mounted Union" (the post-war name of the the platform, they tried to stop him from speaking and then attempted to stage a walkout. But movement in France held a mass the North Africans present knew meeting in Paris. Tunisians, of the unflinching solidarity of Moroccoans, North Africans of the Trotskyists with their strugevery country, Egyptians, Pales- gle for independence. Led by the tine Arabs as well as Viet Namese chairman of the meeting, the were represented on the platform. colonial workers of Paris quickly French working class organiza- put an end to the Stalinist maneuver. Privas' revolutionary representatives to support the message and exposure of Stalinstruggle of the Algerians. The ism was interrupted by constant Stalinists, who had supported rounds of enthusiastic applause.

SP-TROTSKYIST DEBATE IN BELGIUM

Hundreds of miners and metal press" in the U.S. calls for war workers turned out on March 12 against Russia, he said. No one to the Gilly People's House in Charleroi, Belgium, to listen to George Vereeken, veteran Trot-George Vereeken, veteran Trot- to show what Wall Street "aid"

as an effort to overcome American over-production and aid national struggle of the workers Europe to become a good U.S. against the bosses could assure customer. Only the "scandal peace and plenty.

skyist leader, debate Max Buset, president of the Belgian Socialist Party, on the Marshall Plan.

to snow what wan street and really meant and what the Marshall Plan would mean for all of Europe. Continued a p p lau se Buset described the Plan merely greeted his exposures and his conclusion that only the inter-

TEACHERS CONVENTION IN FRANCE

most important one. The convenrelating to the recent split in the the trade union movement. The by the PCI.

The recent convention of the | third position received an over-National Teachers Union was a whelming majority. As a result, the reformist and Stalinist wings tion had before it three proposals of the union have decided not to form separate organizations but French trade union movement. to remain in the autonomous 1) To remain in the Stalinist- union. This is one of the few dominated CGT Federation; 2) To unions which has remained intact join the new reformist "Force in spite of the split in the trade Ouvriere" (Workers Strength) union movement as a whole. The Federation headed by Leon Teachers Union leaders are af-Jouhaux; 3) To go autonomous filiated with the new "Trade but work for the reunification of Union Unity" tendency, supported

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Flint Branch decided to do nore than hold a meeting in celbration of May Day. - "We are lead with 10 one-year subscripobserving May Day with our tra- tions to his credit.

| ditional meeting. In addition, this year, we are opening a 6-week Militant sub campaign with a big mobilization. The branch is dividea into 2 teams for this work. Our goal is a minimum of 400 subs! We have just completed one successful campaign to put the SWP on the ballot in the state of Michigan and are all tuned up. Now watch our smoke! As proof of our intentions, here are 6 halfyear subs and 3 one-year subs."

From a New York reader -"Enclosed you will find \$20. Please renew my sub to The Militant, the rest is for the Militant fund." Many thanks to this reader.

Milwaukee comrades have been on the job and with fine results. This time they sent in 21 subs weeks. Good work, comrades.

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Comrade Dick is well in the

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"The human race has a right to be proud of its Aristotle, Shakespeare, Darwin, Beethoven, Goethe, Marx, Edison and Lenin. But why are they so rare? Above all, because almost without exception, they came out of the upper and middle classes. Apart from rare exceptions, the sparks of genius in the suppressed depths of the people are choked before they can burst into flame. But also because the processes of creating, developing and educating a human being have been and remain essentially a matter of chance, not illuminated by theory and practice, not subjected to consciousness and will . . Socialism will mean a leap from the realm of necessity into the realm of freedom in this sense also, that the man of today, with all his contradictions and lack of harmony, will open the road for a new and happier race."

-Leon Trotsky, Copenhagen Speech, 1932.



LENIN

The Second Congress Of the Fourth International

The Militant hails the Second Congress of the Fourth International, which successfully concluded its work in Paris last month. We proudly declare our solidarity with the main decisions of this representative gathering of the world Trotskyist movement.

The Fourth International is still a small and persecuted organization, although the Second Congress showed that it now represents more members in more countries than at any time since its foundation ten years ago. Its deliberations are either ignored or vilely slandered in the columns of the capitalist, Stalinist and Social Democratic press. Nevertheless, history will hold them to be a hundred times more important than the vile maneuvers and hypocritical pronouncements emanating from such international bodies as the United Nations. The UN represents the system of capitalism, which has brought the world to the brink of disaster and barbarism. The Fourth International, in contrast, represents the future society of socialism and with its success is bound up the fate of the human

The crisis of our times is the crisis of working class leadership. The masses of Europe have demonstrated repeatedly that they want a socialist change in society. They have been frustrated in their desires by the treachery and cowardice of the Stalinists and Social Democrats. But the very conditions resulting from the bankruptcy of capitalism drive them to renew their struggles and continue their search for an adequate

The Fourth International offers the leadership for which the masses are groping. It withstood the blows of wartime repressions, resisted the pressure of both capitalist and Stalinist reaction and managed to solidify its small but growing forces into firm cadres for the mass revolutionary parties of the

Its growth and rise to the leadership of the masses are foreshadowed not only by its tenacity and devotion to principle but by such post-war developments as the Renault strike in France and the leftward movements among the Socialist youth in France and Italy, the first important breaks in the Stalinist and Social Democratic structures.

The First International projected for the first time the world organization of the working class and furnished it with the scientific program of socialism. The Second International mobilized millions and set up mass parties in the most advanced countries of Europe. The Third International, through its core of Russian Bolsheviks, showed how to conquer working class power and launched the revolutionary onslaught against capitalism on a world scale. The Fourth International is destined to organize the victory and establish working class states throughout the world.

The Wall Street Strike

The AFL United Financial Employes 31change has ended in defeat. On April 29, the union voted to return to work at once on the terms of the Exchange bosses.

This included raises of \$3 to \$5 per week, as offered by the Stock Exchange officials before the strike, instead of the \$9 to \$15 originally demanded by the union. Its key demand for a union shop was denied. And 100 of the 850 strikers are being fired.

The strikers are to be commended for putting up a valiant battle. And the splendid solidarity of the AFL seamen, who gave militant support to the picket lines, sets a worthy example for all labor.

But with the forces these white collar workers could muster, they could not hold out against the power of the Wall Street moguls and the brutal attacks of Mayor O'Dwyer's

A significant factor in the strike was the open interference of the Association of Catholic Trade Unionists.

A number of the strike leaders, who are

under the influence of the Catholic Church, day strike against the New York Stock Ex- suffered from the illusion that the blessings of the Church and the cover of religion would lend them "respectability.

The ACTU flooded the picket lines with leaflets announcing, "Catholic Organizations Back Wall Street Strikers." These leaflets explained that the ACTU "has been blessed by Pope Pius XII."

The strike leaders also declaimed long and loud on their "anti-Communism" and "100% Americanism."

But this didn't prevent that eminent Catholic citizen and 100% American Mayor O'-Dwyer from sending his cops out to beat up the pickets and escort strikebreakers.

The lesson is plain. When you're out fighting the bosses on the picket line the black robes of the priests and the American flag are no protection.

To win, the strikers needed the moral and physical backing of the hundreds of thousands of New York's unionists, not the disorienting interference of the Catholic hierarchy with its red-baiting poison of "anti-Communism."

Let the People Decide!

All it takes right now to plunge this country into war is the command of just one person, the President of the United States.

Contrary to what most people have been led to believe, Truman doesn't even need the authorization of Congress.

He can just sign a piece of paper—an order for the dispatch of American armed forces to any spot on the globe—and commit this country to war.

This fact, with all its sinister implications, has just been publicly stressed - indeed, insisted on-by Truman himself. He asserted this authority on April 22, in a statement on his power, by mere decree, to send troops to Palestine.

He recalled that previous Presidents, in their capacity as Commanders-in-Chief, had sent troops into battle in Haiti, Nicaragua and Mexico.

Warren R. Austin, chief U. S. delegate to the UN, backed up Truman's claim. "We have done it always without an act of Congress," Austin said. "More than 100 times the Chief Executive has sent Marines and other detachments on a special mission where persons or property of persons of the U.S.A. or the honor of the U.S.A. was at stake."

That's all it takes to send American boys off to fight and die. A tool of the bankers and oil trust like Truman is directed by his capitalist bosses to "protect" their property and profits somewhere. He claims "our honor" has been violated. By a stroke of his pen, U. S. troops, ships, planes, can be off on their "special mission" of conquest, which can soon turn into a world-wide holocaust.

Of course, Congress has the sole constitutional authority to "declare" war. But that is becoming a mere formality. Wall Street's rubber-stamp Congress is allowed to put its OK on war—the pretense that the war represents the "will of the people"—after the fighting

has begun. This power of the President, aided and abetted by Congress, to thrust this country into war is the most dangerous threat to the

American people. Only those who do the suffering and dying in war should have the power to decide the question of war or peace. Let this most crucial of all questions be decided by the people

themselves, through a democratic referendum! Take the war-making powers out of the hands of Truman and the Congress. Let the people decide!

Churchill's Moscow Trials Claim Proves Him a Common Slanderer

By John G. Wright

The issue of the Moscow has been revived once again. This lime by none other than Winston leading up to it. The text of Churchill's memoirs has been appear-Times and in Life magazine.

these events which played so im- was staged. portant a role in preparing the

tion of Lenin's co-workers plus in the proceedings. he outstanding Soviet military

place in January 1944.

n Prague between important per- verdict as frameups. sonages in Russia and the German Government.'

Without specifying anything these alleged "communications" Churchill then goes on to say 1937 and 1938).

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War II ended before we had to

All the "techniques" are not

yet worked out, "but you can see

First there will be a "national

service system" — that is, a

forced labor conscription system.

It won't be just a "work or fight"

scheme; "the government would

decide who works, who fights.'

There will be no individual choice.

to the war, and not the number

of your children, either. There

will be no boards of your neigh-

bors; the decisions will be "made

Not only will strikes be outlawed, "incitement to strike" will

effect, would be sabotage."

in this country."

and club.

come suspect."

How would the unions be con-

who sell themselves to the war

the last war, they acted as "vol-

reaucrats will be used. They will it is now."

In short, those union officials the job?"

to enforce its will on labor. In sees ahead.

The war will impose a complete ism."

by experts, bureaucrats."

a few features of the labor con-

get at all tough." This time it

will be really tough.

trol pattern."

THE COMING WAR

Week, that was nothing. "World agitation - and so would be

choked off."

Churchill, it will be observed, Frame-up Trials together with not only dates the events con- man documents and secret files Churchill's undoubted knowledge, This is precisely what Churthe accompanying blood purges nected with the Moscow Frame seized by the victorious Allies, played at the time a prominent chill did by cynically disregardups back to the "autumn of 1936," not a shred of evidence has ever part in concocting this particular ing all the proven facts in conon the alleged say-so of Benes been produced in all these years. frame-up. - but also declares on his own Churchill in his "history" of authority that the trials them-but also declares on his own authority that the trials them-but and the events selves began only in "January that the trials them-but also declares on his own authority are also declares on his own authority that the trials them-but also declares on his own authority that the most prominent English are also declares on his own also d

passing. (It would have been em- ary 1937. The actual series start- son Leon Sedov. Churchill is well many years before the Moscow parrassing for any historian to ed in August 1936, when the aware of this. Nor is he ignorant courts condemned him to death have omitted all reference to Zinoviev-Kamenev juridical farce of the fact that before the Mos- in absentia.

legedly became cognizant of mys- more, England herself was "im-But although his treatment is terious communications in Prague plicated" in the Bukharin-Radek sketchy, Churchill nevertheless the press of the whole world had Trial, the last in the series of the lends his voice to corroborating been trumpeting for weeks the Moscow Trials. And finally, in the Stalinist lie that the victims sensational news of the Zinoviev- the period of the Stalin-Hitler of the Kremlin's frameups and Kamenev Trial, and of Prosecu- pact, Trotsky and the Trotskyists blood purge - the entire genera- tor Vyshinsky's "masterful part" were once again accused of serv-

a capitalist regime in Russia, ments between the defendants bearing on the whole matter. favorable to the Nazis and the and any foreign powers. The only The political essence of the ones in this trial who "confessed" Churchill asserts this not on to even connections with German of all these fantastic and selfhe basis of any information he fascist agents were three obscure contradictory charges were one possesses himself, nor on the figures (Olberg, M. Lurye and N. and the same, namely, to serve basis of any historical research Lurye) who likewise breathed not the Kremlin's foreign policy at the

basis of a private conversation At the trials not a single docu- sky and Trotskyism, and to prowith Premier Benes of Czechoslo- ment, not a single verifiable fact vide a political cover for the vakia, which reportedly took was adduced to substantiate any physical annihilation by Stalin of of the key charges of the prose- holitical opponents inside and out-According to Churchill, Benes cution, let alone agreements with side the Soviet Union. For reasold him that in the autumn of foreign powers. This was con- one best known to himself, Chur-1936, "he (Benes) became aware firmed by the Dewey Commission chill omits all reference to Trothat communications were pass- which investigated the Moscow sky but nevertheless finds it ex- ian." This rabid enemy of the stop there? While there are no ing through the Soviet Embassy Trials and branded them in its pedient to help the Kremlin cast a working class and the socialist facts or documents to prove the

tion and objectivity of his history, Stalinism. further — neither the content of yet in this connection he blandly nor the identity of these "import- testimony and facts that were English government when a sim- blows to revolutionary leaders Instead of being in a position ant (Soviet) personages" nor any brought out in the work and verillar attempt was made, through and their movement. If Stalin's to accuse anybody else, Churchill other key data which a conscient dict of this Commission of Inquiry the notorious Sisson documents, crimes can be used to this evil must first answer accusations tious historian is duty-bound to (see, "The Case of Leon Trotsky," to discredit Lenin and the Bolproduce in such a situation — and "Not guilty," Harper & Bros., sheviks, including Trotsky, as tory must be falsified, then against him.

Churchill ignores just as delib-"This was a part of the so- erately the damning fact that in called military and Old-Guard the Nuremberg Trials, where the Communist conspiracy to over-chief figures of Nazism were on throw Stalin, and introduce a new trial for months, not a single regime based on a pro-German piece of evidence, let alone docupolicy. President Benes lost no mentary proof, was produced to time in communicating all he show that there was any such could find out to Stalin. There - conspiracy as Churchill now afafter there followed the merciless, firms there was. There was not but perhaps not needless, military even a reference to it, although and political purge in Soviet Rus- Trotsky's widow, Natalia Sedov American" Conference met under the Latin-American rulers would uprising expressed not only their sia, and the series of trials in Trotsky, and many public figures the clouds of acute economic and have to have recourse to private feelings toward Wall Street and January 1937, in which Vyshins- in England and in the U.S. re- political crisis facing all of Latin banking loans and investments. their native ruling class, but their

to distinguish from treasonable

If they can get away with it.

ed politicians and corrupt military

As the war proceeds, the econ-

omic pressure on the masses will

them would be "treason."

es" will be "fantastic."

pulsory buying of war bonds.

the Nazi leaders on this issue.

Moscow Trials, as well as the their strongest approval of Sta- cidentally Churchill himself ad-This is an outright falsehood. central figures in the alleged lin's fight against Trotsky from mits in a footnote might very It was not the first but the second conspiracy, were not military its very inception in 1923, and well have been planted by the trial, that of Pyatakov-Radek and men or any of the accused them- called upon Stalin to place Trot- GPU!) into the sequence of events Churchill raises this issue in others, that took place in Janu- selves but Leon Trotsky and his sky before the firing squad, connected with the Moscow Trials.

In other words, by the "autumn by the Kremlin of being the dictated Churchill's past conduct

ing not as agents of Hitler or the The indictment of the Zinoviev- Mikado, but of Britain and of leaders — had plotted with Hitler Kamenev Trial contains not a Wall Street. Churchill disregards to overthrow Stalin and to install single word concerning any agree- all this, although it has a direct

Moscow frameups and the aims or documents, but solely on the a syllable about "agreements." given time and to discredit Trot-

Moreover, among all the Ger- lution. English diplomacy, with Vyshinsky.

are the very ones which motivate



WINSTON CHURCHILL

him today in his role as "histor- course, eminently proper. But why cloud over Trotsky and Trotsy- revolution remains true to him- charges made at the Moscow Churchill boasts time and ism, the most consistent and ir- self and to his class. He is contributed trials, there is no lack of facts again about the full documenta- reconcilable political opponents of sistent in the political aims he and documents that disprove pursues. He is always ready to them. Disregard by any historian Let it be recalled that Churchill use any means or weapons no cf such authenticated material ignores all the key documents, was a prominent member of the matter how foul in order to deal suffices to disqualify him.

so masterful a part." (N.Y. Times that they be permitted to question the agents of the Kaiser in the Churchill is no more averse to it early days of the Russian Revo- than Stalin and the "masterful"

nection with the Moscow Trials How could any conscientious It is also an historical fact and the purges, and by deliber-

This is highly embarrassing, especially to those who like the editors of the Social Democratic cow Trials, Trotsky was accused The political motives which New Leader specialize in sermons on morality, and who are now stage for the second imperialist of 1936" when Premier Benes al- "agent of Churchill." Further- in relation to Lenin and Trotsky beating the drums for another war of "democracy against totalitarianism" in the preparation of which Churchill (and his latest volume of memoirs) play by no means a minor role.

These gentlemen, who have prided themselves up till now, on denouncing in strongest terms all apologists of the Moscow frameups (when obvious flunkies of the Kremlin were involved), are singularly restrained on this occasion. They reprint Churchill's comments; they correctly point out that "not one fact has ever been adduced to prove" the very same contention that Churchill suddenly supports and they politely conclude: "If Churchill has any facts, he should cite them, instead of seemingly (!) justifying the purge" (The New Leader, May

To demand the facts is, of

| capitalist Liberal Party, merited

the confidence of the popular

This isn't the first time that the

masses engaged in violent strug-

gles in Colombia. Still fresh in

our minds is the militant strike

n 1928 when more than 30,000

panana workers fought against

the United Fruit Co., a strike in

Latin American Notes

- By J. Gomez — THE BOGOTA CONFERENCE

The just-concluded ninth "Pan- | for the needs of their economies, | masses, it is indisputable that this ky, the Public Prosecutor, played peatedly demanded at the time America. In view of the frightful | The Latin-American representation to fight against economic conditions, these repre- tives are returning home badly them given the opportunity. sentatives hoped to impress the disappointed, but there is nothing American spokesmen with the they can do about it. As was to necessity of starting some kind be expected, Wall Street's deciof "Marshall Plan" for Latin-America, for the simple reason that their weak, anemic shoulders reduced to a political declaration can no longer carry the Shylock against "communism."

burden of the Wall Street banks. But the Wall Street representatives fear that even the strong American puppets were scheming, shoulders of U.S. capitalism may we had a good chance to hear the war profiteers, the dollar-a- break under the constantly in- the voice of the other "Panyear-men, the government con- creasing weight of their burdens. America," the voice of the miltractors will be protected from Their answer was therefore a

exposure and criticism. The crook- curt: Nothing doing. They told the Latin-Americans procurement officials — like Major in effect, that the crisis would

Gen. Bennett E. Meyers in the have to be "solved" politically neither the Stalinists nor the last war — will be immune from through the medium of a "holy assassinated petty bourgeois rapopular control. A word against war" against "communism." As dical Jorge Gaitan, leader of the

LATIN AMERICAN LABOR FEDERATION

At the end of March, the Stalin-The decision will be on usefulness be intensified beyond endurance ist-dominated Latin - American because of shortages and infla- Federation of Labor (CTAL), tion. "You start with an infla- convoked its third congress in tionary situation even before you Mexico City. The once powerful federation

mobilize." The "pressure on prichas been reduced in the last two To squeeze the cost of this in- years mainly to the trade unions flationary war out of the people, under direct Stalinist control. be treated as "treason." Strikes where "price ceilings could never The Mexican Labor Federation in a war with Russia, claims do the job," means to "chop di- (CTM) from which Lombardo Business Week, won't be like rectly into income." Incomes will Toledano was expelled, after his those of the last war, harshly be taxed "at rates no one has ever decision to launch a "Wallace treated as they were. They will thought of seriously before. You People's Front" in Mexico under be considered "another breed of would certainly have to have the name of the "Popular Party," cat" which "both in intent and in forced savings" - that is, com- didn't take part in the Continental Congress. In Cuba, the Stalinists The government will extort lost about half their forces to trolled under the terrible condi- such taxes and loans - at the the followers of Grau San Martin. tions of the war and its repress- start of the shooting war - at a In Chile, the "socialist" Ibanez ions? In part, the top union bu- rate "two-and-a-half times what split away, and is now the General Secretary of the Interbe bribed "by putting the union But will such measures be American Federation of Labor, leaders directly in charge of the enough? asks Business Week, which is backed by the AFL and

program — giving them a respon- "In such explosive conditions as Washington. sibility and an authority in gov. another war fought now would The same general trend is obernment never before approached bring, could even the most ex- servable in most of the Latintreme combination of these do American countries. Thus, the Latin-American Labor Federation It answers: "Hardly in a long is declining daily and its future machine will become part of the war" — and a long war is what is problematical.

apparatus of the capitalist state the Wall-Street-Washington Axis The former growth and present decline of the CTAL is explained The war must inevitably lead by its method of operation. It unteer police." In the next, they to what Business Week — in an wasn't built as a trade union will carry an official police badge effort to hide its capitalist char-center of the Latin-American acter - calls "military commun- workers based on their daily needs. It registered growth durblackout on civil rights. "Civil But what it really means is ing the period of Stalinist colrights of all kinds would take an military dictatorship by the capit- laboration with so-called demoawful beating, of course." Of alist state. Thus, Wall Street's cratic capitalism and imperialism. course! Even "all sorts of ordin- war "for democracy against total- In this period, the Stalinists arily innocent activities would be- itarianism" will mean a brutal worked in close combination not totalitarian rule at home. That is only with different representa-For instance, "even useful and the hard-headed judgement of a tives of bourgeois ideology in the well-intentioned criticism of gov- Big Business organ which does labor ranks but also with a ernment operations would be hard not kid the capitalists it serves. number of Latin-American gov- Grand Ave., 3rd fl., Tues. 8-10:30 p. m. 1:30 to 4 p. m.

sions prevailed. The main deliberations of the Conference were

But, while the Wall Street representatives and their Latinlions of starved and oppressed workers and peasants, as expressed in the Bogota uprising. Leaving aside the fact that

ernments. Now as a direct result

of the Soviet-U.S. conflict, the

cracking down on the Stalinists,

which more than a thousand workers were massacred and over 3,000 were wounded. The Bogota uprising is not simply a Colombian phenomenon.

It reflects, rather, the prevailing situation in all Latin-America. We see the same desperation and determination to struggle in the strikes and political demonstrations of the Chilean workers, the exploited Bolivian miners, in the sporadic uprisings of the starved and land-hungry peasants, in the numerous strikes of the Mexican workers and peasants; the Peruvian workers. etc. And it is only Latin-American governments are the beginning! More are bound to come on a much bigger scale, beand the lackeys of these same cause decaying capitalism cannot governments in the labor move- solve a single one of their burnment are deserting the Stalinists. ing problems of daily existence.

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Just for fun I brought up the subject of socialweren't sick because they didn't have to pay for ized medicine. I wasn't going to preach about the

present inadequacy of medical care in America. And I don't intend to extol the virtues of socialized medicine. But something about the way the doctor looked down his nose when I mentioned socialized medicine, the way he went on to ignore my mention of it, egged me on.

In his waiting room I had been shocked to find a book entitled, Know Your Doctor. I had picked it up in lieu of more edifying literature. It was a beautifully bound picture book of dramatic photographs and portraits of the Men in White, with many idealizations for captions. I noticed that it was put out by the Reynolds Tobacco Co. After that it wasn't hard to put two and two together and realize how the good doctor happened to have such low-level propaganda on his waitingroom table.

So when he looked down his nose, I pushed the point a little.

"There's not a doctor in town who would support socialized medicine," he declared. "Well," I replied, "do they have any new arguments or do they just hash over what the AMA

Already we were on bad terms. He became patronizing. "When I first began to practice medicine, I was doctor for a mine down in Charlestown." (He didn't say what he was paid, but I know a young fellow who started his medical career in the coal fields at \$1,200 a month,) "Those people didn't have to pay for their medical care: they just had it checked off their pay every two weeks." (In most places the check-off amounts to four dollars a month for every miner.) "And they would come into my office even when they

it. That's socialized medicine for you." Experience had taught me that my doctor was rather poor at logic, so I didn't try to explain to him that when something is checked off your pay, you've paid for it-and then some.

"I think," and I suppressed a smile, "that there is a distinction between socialized medicine and the company doctor system."

Then he tried another tack. "If socialized medicine were instituted, there's not a good doctor in town who wouldn't quit practicing."

I laughed at this crude bluff. "Do you really think so? What would they do then? Go into the insurance business? And what about the humanitarian ones like those in the picture book outside? of curing people who were really sick instead of just those who could pay a doctor to be their father confessor? Wouldn't they welcome state intervention and support if they wouldn't have to rely on charity-Red Cross Drives, Cancer Drives, Heart Trouble Drives, T.B. Drives—to stamp out the enemies of all mankind?"

He began to sputter. "Humanitarianism is all right in its place. . . when medicine is socialized, it's like anything else that's socialized. . . you've got to have competition. . . free enterprise."

I felt like telling him to go home and read that AMA Journal until he had it straight. Instead I picked up my baby and started for the door. "Free enterprise had its points, doctor, but I'm afraid I've discovered another ugly monopoly. The AMA has a monopoly on the thinking apparatus of the medical profession. By the way, doctor, do you really smoke Camels?"

The Negro Struggle ____

Journal says?"

Court OK's Covenants

By Albert Parker

If you look only at the newspaper headlines about the Supreme Court decision on restrictive housing covenants, you would have a hard time finding out what it really means. "Supreme Court Removes Realty Bars Against Jews, Negroes," said PM. "Highest Court Rejects Jim Crow Realty Ban," said the N. Y. Daily News. "Supreme

Court Avoids Restrictive Covenants," said the Daily Worker. All these statements are false. Instead of voiding restrictive covenants, the Supreme Court specifically approved them. That is the most important aspect of the decision, and nobody should be permitted to cover up that fact by exaggerating minor aspects. The Supreme Court remains what it was before-a judicial

stooge for the enemies of Negroes and other minorities Here is an example of what the Supreme Court decision means: Let us take a certain neighborhood, where 100 real estate owners have gotten together and signed a covenant not to permit the sale or rental of any homes or stores in the neighborhood to Negroes, Chinese, Indians, Jews,

etc. The Supreme Court says that is perfectly Now let us suppose that one of the real estate owners in the neighborhood decides that he can make more money by renting his property to a Negro, and he does that, even though he had signed a covenant promising not to. In that case, the Supreme Court ruled, the other signers of the covenant cannot use the courts in order to stop him. And that is all there is to this so-called historic decision. The other 99 property owners can go on discriminating against minority groups and they can even go on exerting pressure against the lone owner who wants to rent his property to minorities, but they can't stop him through

If you look carefully at the decisions of the Supreme Court, you can observe a certain sinister pattern to most of them. Every time they seem to be granting a minor concession to the Negro people with one hand, their other hand is engaged in actually tightening the chains of Jim Crow. They rule that it's illegal to give inferior accommodations to Negroes in inter-state transportation facilities; but in the very same breath they say it's legal to segregate Negroes in transportation. They say it's against the law to deny Negroes the right to a college education; but in the same ruling they put their stamp of approval on educational Jim Crow laws in the South. And now in the same decision saying courts can't be used to uphold restrictive covenants, they extend their blessings on those same restrictive cove-

Every time the Supreme Court hands down one of these double-edged decisions, some people go rushing into print praising this body and hailing its decisions as proof of what a wonderfully democratic government we are living under. Such people don't know better, or else they are trying to kid the public. The decision upholding covenants actually proves that the Supreme Court is as much an enemy of the Negro people as the other sections of the capitalist government. It knows how to throw a crumb to the oppressed to maintain the fiction of its impartiality and disinterestedness, but it defends and upholds the status quo.

Atomic Energy

By Louis T. Gordon -

When the first atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima in 1945, the world suddenly became conscious that for the first time the very destruction of civilization was not just an imaginative flight of novelists of the H. G. Wells variety, but a frightful possibility.

At the same time nobody could fail to realize that atomic energy opened up possibilities of undreamed of material progress for mankind. In the atom lay, then, simultaneously, the most fearful possibilities of destruction and the most magnificent promise for the human race.

The capitalist apologists have tried to dazzle us by enumerating the many peacetime applications possible from the newly acquired knowledge of the atom. We are being told-so that we may forget that the billions of dollars currently spent on atomic research are devoted first and foremost to the improvement of destructive weapons—that we will be able to obtain cheap power, not dependent upon natural resources, with the obvious benefits for the peoples who inhabit the less favored areas of the globe.

One spokesman put it this way: "Cheap power in unlimited quantity means abundance of cheap products, and the reduction of working hours. And a well known atomic scientist stated in 1945, shortly after the Hiroshima explosion, that "it is quite feasible that a city the size of Seattle should be completely heated from an atomic source in less than five years." And this was only the beginning. We were also promised revolutionary improvements in agriculture, new remedies against illnesses, better television and so on and so forth.

These things are quite possible. In fact, many more. But not now. Let us recall what Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, director of the Los Alamos atomic bomb project since its inception until he resigned in 1945, said:

'The atomic bomb was not a step on the road to the production of controlled atomic energy. The bomb itself was the end result, the solution of a military problem that had been given to us. In coping with that problem we learned how to create and control atomic energy a year and a half before Hiroshima. But we had to pass that point. We had to find ways to make that energy explode. The production of atomic energy was merely a step on the way to that goal."

The present purpose of atomic research is shown by the results thus far obtained. None of the wonders promised have thus far materialized. We can be pretty sure that for some time to come every city "the size of Seattle" will be heated just the way it is now. And no tendency towards reducing the working hours is noticeable. The chief new products we hear about are new atomic weapons, like the one recently tested at Eniewetok in the Pacific.

It is true that simultaneously with the announcement of the last atomic test, the Atomic Energy Commission revealed that irradiated cobalt, "a virtually costless metal," can be used in place of radium for the treatment of cancer. But this is one of those accidental by-products which shows what progress could really be scored were the dead hand of the capitalist rulers removed.

In one of their early memorandums, the scientists who helped develop the bomb said: "By using more bombs, larger bombs and more efficient bombs, it will be possible in the near future completely destroy the bulk of the population, industry and military strength of any nation within a try and military strength of any nation within a few days." More bombs, larger bombs, more efficient by the bombs and the bombs are the bombs and the bombs are the bombs and the bombs are the bombs cient bombs-this is what the Atomic Energy Commission is really after; not the cure for cancer.

Planned, Probe Discloses

Notes from the News

HAND GRENADE RATTLES? — Major General Hugh Knerr informed a Miami audience that the UMT program should begin in the kinder-

garten "with sticks and toys." Even Mussolini's child military corps waited until the kids were in the second grade before giving them UMT.

"HERO" — William Randolph Hearst, greatest single corrupter of the country's press, has been awarded the Navy's highest decoration for civilians the Distinguished Public Service Award.

DOBBS-CARLSON CAMPAIGN - The National Campaign Committee of the Socialist Workers Party announced this week that Farrell Dobbs and Grace Carlson, revolutionary anti-war fighters who served prison sentences for their opposition to the second imperialist war, have already next winter. In the face of the been put officially on the ballot by petition in Senate Small Business Commit-Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Michigan as tee's recent report which showed candidates for President and Vice President, how the oil shortage was "arrespectively. The petition campaign in other ranged" by a "buttoned-up monstates is going ahead in high gear.

SUPPORT THOMAS CANDIDACY — An ap- | job" in helping meet shortages peal to the Socialist Party to again nominate last winter! Norman Thomas, who supported American imperialism in the Second World War, as its cand- age, as revealed by Paul Hadlick, idate for President was made public last week attorney for the Senate Small by 17 prominent people. Among the signers of Business Committee, in testimony the statement were James T. Farrell, author of before the Public Utilities Com- A. Krug's recently appointed "ad-"Studs Lonigan" and many other novels, and mission of the District of Colum-Harold Isaacs, author of "No Peace For Asia" bia, are these: and an earlier volume, "The Tragedy of the Oil wells, which would produce the meeting were that "not a fact Chinese Revolution," which carried an introduc- as much as 5,000 barrels of oil a was produced to refute Hadlick's tion by Leon Trotsky.

dahl yesterday urged the oil industry to build up reserves to prevent another fuel shortage opoly," Governor Youngdahl had the nerve to publicly thank the

by assailants.

The facts behind the fuel short-

oil industry for "an outstanding

By Winifred Nelson

ST. PAUL, April 30-Minnes-

cta's Governor Luther W. Young-

been producing only 200 barrels a day. To maintain their monopoly and profits, major oil companies squeezed out independent distributors and refiners of oil. In addition to record-breaking profits, the oil industry has doubled and trebled the dollar

value of their oil lands and leases.

Major oil companies now own or control at least 82% of all the proved oil resources in the U.S. Hadlick's testimony also showed how the State and federal government's "oil conservation" laws choked the production of crude oil by making illegal the transportation of oil produced in violation of restrictive regulations.

Secretary of the Interior Julius visory committee on oil" met in closed session, but reports from day if they were not choked, have charges."

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Boeing Strikers Get Official IAM Authorization; Dig in for Hard Fight

Wouldn't they take a few thousand dollar cut in their salary if they could have the satisfaction of against people who were really sick instead. Upset in Palestine

their own aegis.

modern armies. They are also marking time.

It appears that the Arab League ing of official recognition. has for the moment set aside its The defeats of the Arabs fears of Abdulla's ambitions and Palestine have not altered the made him the pivot of its strug- basic relationships between the gle to prevent the establishment two communities. Even consolidaof a Jewish state in Palestine, tion of a Jewish-held territory This does not exclude the possibland the establishment of a Jewility of an agreement between the ish state would not eliminate the Zionists and Abdullah - who conflict. Several hundred thousand might be willing to sell out the Arabs live in Jewish-held territo Palestinian Arabs to extend his ry. The Zionists have not indica wn kingdom.

are constantly jockeying for a lalestinian Arab economy. greater share of the oil booty and control of the Middle East. an antagonistic relationship to paid-for-royal-lackeys as instru- Palestine. ments of their own policy, it apupper hand for the moment. Arab and Jewish masses must

Briggs Union Paper Says Shooting of

Reuther Reminiscent of Briggs Beatings

of the home of Walter P. Reuther, UAW-CIO president, nar-

rowly missed taking his life as the load struck the youthful

UAW President about the chest and concentrated in his arm. . .

home from a late UAW Executive Board meeting of the union.

Reuther had just arrived home, as his wife was preparing a late

snack, when the blast from the shotgun struck him. He was

Hospital to find out exactly what the famous UAW leader's

tacks made on Local 212 members in the past two years. Ken

Morris, Local 212 president, was brutally beaten in an attack

near his home in May of 1946, resulting in a three week stay

in the hospital. Art Vega, prominent member of Local 212, was

attacked by two assailants as he returned home one evening.

Genora Dollinger, an active unionist during the war at Briggs,

had assailants enter her home and administer a severe beating

as she slept. Roy Snowden, another prominent member of

Local 212, and a former officer, was beaten on two occasions

None of these attacks were ever solved by the Police De-

Let us hope the Police Department does better in finding

(Reprinted from Voice of Local 212, paper of the Briggs

the assassin who narrowly missed murdering Walter Reuther!

immediately rushed to the Grace Hospital.

"A sawed-off shotgun blast through the kitchen window

The unknown assailant had evidently followed Reuther

As the radio reports circulated, and phone calls were made

confirm rumors, many unionists journeyed to the Grace

The attack on Reuther was reminiscent of the physical at-

want either to continue the status | the partition proposal last Novquo or "unite" the countries under | cmber, called this session to bring its former resolution into line The defeat of the Arab guerilla with its new understanding of the forces finds the Arabian rulers facts. But since these facts themsquabbling in conference rooms selves are changing, with the unover the spoils of a war which forseen Jewish victories, while they have not yet entered. Most the assembly is in session, Amof the Arab countries do not have crican policy is vacillating and

forced to use, whatever regular The latest U.S. resolution proarmies they have, to maintain posed a maintenance of the status peace in their own countries. (The que, as well as an increase in recent police strike in Egypt Jewish immigration and other brought the Egyptian army into concessions to the Jews. Since the play; one million Kurds in north- Jews have conquered an area apern Iraq are at present threaten-ing rebellion.) Only Abdulla of borders, the status quo means a Transjordan can throw a modern step in the direction of the partifighting force against the Jews. tion resolution, without the grant-

ted that they intend to rescind Within the framework of their their policy of building a closed general agreement on imperial Jewish economy. They have given policy in the Middle East, the no sign that they intend to end United States and Great Britain the boycott of products of the

Each have their local puppets. the immediately surrounding Pa-Transjordan is a British protec- lestinian Arab population. Furer of key officers as well as the will be an island in a hostile Arab commanding general for Emir sea. In the face of constant dang-Abdulla's army, and also pays er from surrounding Arab states, the maintenance cost. The United the Jews will have no recourse

apon Abdullah's army, has the remains the same as before: The hall. vas convened at the request of the imperialists. Clear all imper-State Department, which miscal- set up the Palestinian state!

the U.S. to reconsider the partilialist troops from the Near East! violent strikebreaking attack tion resolution remains in a state Convoke a Constituent Assembly against the seven-week walkout strikes in scattered industries or of suspended animation. The based on universal suffrage to of the CIO packinghouse work- sections of industries are not for higher wages.

> union carry on its wage fight individually against the combined might of the corporations and government has already cost the CIO dearly.

SERIOUS SETBACKS

defeat against the cable comers local at the Nashville Corp., no confidence whatsoever. If in Nashville, Tenn., ended a 26- there is no drastic revision in the

action on a local scale.

A Labor Martyr



Honoring Santo Cicardo, CIO United Packinghouse Workers picket, who was killed by a truck outside the Armour plant in Chicago, this long funeral procession moves slowly to the cemetery. 5,000 workers attended a memorial meeting for Cicardo.

CIO WAGE CAMPAIGN Transjordan is a British protectorate. Britain furnishes a numb-thermore the Jewish territory HEADS FOR DISASTER

(Continued from Page 1) General Motors disdained even to States pays to Ibn Saud of Arabia but to rely upon an imperialist auto workers, while Chrysler with 12. It appears that the UAW royalties amounting to millions power for "protection." It is this drew its original six-cent offer. of dollars a year. Since the im- which determines the reactionary The East Coast and Gulf ship perialists use the bought-and-character of a Jewish state in owners turned down the CIO Na- at-a-time" strategy which result-Palestine.

The fundamental solution of demands and called for the strike two years ago. pears that Britain, basing herself this tangled and snarled problem elimination of the union hiring

The big meat packing com-The UN special assembly which join hands in a struggle against panies, headed by Armour, have month. Other CIO unions are been emboldened to launch a ers, the one major CIO union enough. Against the unified front which is putting up a real fight

The policy of making each CIO

a completely chaotic condition. that. Every union is going its own of coordinated strategy and swiftly consolidated into a single. mutual aid in the face of the effective fighting front with a united offensive of the corpora- unified strategy.'

The CIO United Auto Workers has scheduled a strike of 75,000 make a counter-offer to the CIO Chrysler workers to begin May leadership is again committing the union to the inadequate "one-The National Maritime Union

to hold a strike referendum of its membership during this expected to take similar votes. But is olated, uncoordinated

of the corporations, single strikes even of an entire national union often cannot prevail, or lead to minor gains after long and costly struggle. It is clear that the CIO work-

ers cannot depend on Murray and his lieutenants for real leadership. Just this past week he spoke on the steel situation over a na-The American Communications tional radio hook-up. With mil-Association suffered a complete lions of CIO workers listening for some guidance, Murray ofpanics—the first serious defeat fered only complaints about the of any CIO union since the Little actions of the steel companies. Steel strike of 1937. After an At the start of the CIO wage

eight-month strike the CIO drive, The Militant pointed the Textile Workers at Huntsville, way to victory. We warned in the Alabama, have been unable to March 15 issue: "The halfgain renewal of a contract. And | hearted, spineless manner in Murray's own union sustained a which the CIO leaders are proserious blow when the Steelwork- ceeding in the wage drive inspires week strike without gaining the CIO leaders' wage policies, the mion recognition it fought for. CIO workers are going to end up The CIO wage campaign is in with mere crumbs and less than

"A successful wage drive sweet way, without even a hint depends on the CIO unions being

This program holds good today The Stalinist leaders of UE, and can turn threatening disaster who oppose Murray politically into victory. It is up to the union but follow his wage policy, have ranks to compel their leaders to answered the turn-down of Gen- call an emergency conference of eral Electric and Westinghouse all CIO unions to work out and are conducting intensive memwith mere bluster. They have put into practice a program of bership drives." If the Boeing asked the local unions to take united militant action on the wage front.

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By Irene James

SEATTLE, May 2 - The Grand Lodge of the International Association of Machinists has finally sanctioned the strike of the 15,000 Boeing Aircraft workers. This action, coming a week after the strike began on April 22, will entitle the Boeing workers to strike benefits from the International. The belated strike authorization was granted "on the basis of the conduct and action of the company subsequent to the beginning of the strike."

The company offered to meet with officials of the Grand Lodge WITHOUT President Gibson and other local officials of Lodge 751. The company did not wish to discuss the issues of the strike. but only the question of damages to be paid by the International Union, for company losses due to "an illegal strike." The Grand Lodge representatives refused to attend such a meeting, saying that Local 751 must be included, and that no benefit could come of a meeting unless the issues which caused the strike were discussed. The company also refused to meet with federal conciliators.

The Boeing Airplane Company is out to break the union. It has announced that Lodge 751 is no longer a bargaining agent. In an 'ad" in the daily papers, the company called the strike "illegal" and not sanctioned by the membership. It stated that the contract between the company and the union is no longer in existence, and that all employes have been terminated. Final paychecks, due on April 30, will be paid May

TURN IN BUTTONS

Employes must turn in their buttons to receive these checks, which will include accumulated vacation time, but will be short about \$200,000 which workers have out on loan from the Credit Union. This organization, which calls itself an employe group, is obviously working with the company to bring this additional hardship on the strikers. Termination by the company, however, makes the strikers eligible for unemployed benefits and thousands are lined up in the USES office to file claims.

The company is organizing a back-to-work movement and has sent a three-page letter to "Former employes not on strike" urging them to "build a relation between the company and its employes of which we can all be proud." The Seattle Times of May 2, carries an "ad" signed by "Your Return to Work Committee," claiming to represent 3,800 workers, urging a return to work Monday, May 3.

An "impartial" investigating committee, generally an integral part of a back-to-work movement, has been set up by Mayor Devin. This impartial group consists of a minister, an attorney, and a financier.

NOT MATERIALIZED So far, the back-to-work move-

ment has not materialized. About 2,000 non-union employes cross the picket lines daily. These are principally engineers, office workers, and non-union supervision. Supervisors Local 1750 voted support of the strike and about 500 foremen are on the picket lines with the production work-

The major airplane manufacturers of southern California are undoubtedly supporting the Boeing company in its attempt to break the union. As the Seattle Times expressed it, "an uneasy peace prevails between management and labor at Consolidated Vultee, Lockheed, North American and Douglas and labor unions workers are successful, their fight will spearhead the struggle of all aircraft workers for a higher wage scale.

Strike sanction has strengthened the position of the un on. The men are determined not to return to the open-shop conditions of the Thirties. As the strike nears the end of the second week, the Boeing workers are holding firm and the spirit of the picket lines is high.

St. Louis Runs Forum On Russia

"WHAT IS RUSSIA'S FOR-EIGN POLICY? - IS IT A POLICY FOR THE WORKERS OF THE WORLD?" will be the topic of the Militant Open Forum to be held on Thursday evening, May 13, at 8 p.m. by the St. Louis Branch of the Socialist Workers Party. The forum will be held in Room 312, Olivia Bldg., 1023 N. Grand Blvd.