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TRUMAN INJUNCTION BUSTS RAIL STRIKE

Strikers Hold Firm

Housing--A Capitalist Crime, Dobbs Tells Senate Hearing

Farrell Dobbs, Socialist Workers Party candidate for President, denounced the capitalist conspiracy on housing in the following statement submitted to the Senate Banking and Currency Committee

I want to talk today about an iron curtain. This particular iron curtain was not fabricated by Russians or totalitarianism. This iron curtain carries the trade mark "Made in U.S.A." - it was made by the capitalist system which is strangely called "free enterprise." I am talking about the iron curtain that separates millions of American work-

ing class families from decent homes and in innumerable cases from any homes at all. I am talking about the iron curtain which separates the veterans and their families from the lofty promises of modern, livable and low rent housing accommodations which were made to them during the war.

The record proves beyond a doubt that Congress has not kept the promises which were made to the veterans. But

FARRELL DOBBS this is all in the tradition of giving soldiers a promissory note to make them fight the rich man's wars and then welching on the note when it came due for collection. The tradition is as old as America. The merchants and bankers of the revolutionary years led by their evil genius Alexander Hamilton contrived the great swindle of cheating the veterans of Valley Forge out of their earnings by manipulating the value of the currency. About seventy years later the corrupt agents of the industrial barons and the railroad kings swindled the Civil War veterans out of their homesteads-that too, gentlemen,

might be called a housing scandal. The war hysteria now being whipped up right here in Washington from the floor of Congress is not unconnected with the shortage of homes in this country. It is a method as old as class society itself. It began with the circuses the Roman slave masters employed to divert the attention of hungry, homeless and discontented people. Hitler and Mussolini brought this method to modern perfection—when concentration camps

and jails proved inadequate they were quick to beat the war drums in order to divert the attention of German or Italian workingmen from their wretched working and living conditions.

The failure to provide housing is the failure of capitalism. By the same token it puts the mark of bankruptcy upon political parties which make the defense of the system of private profit the cardinal plank in their platform. Regardless of the turn in the economic cycle the housing crisis has remained with us. Former President Roosevelt declared during the last devastating depression, in the first year of his administration, that onethird of the nation was ill-housed. Today at the peak of the postwar boom with national income at a record level President Truman tells us that the housing situation is "almost fatal."

Seek Profit, Ignore Need

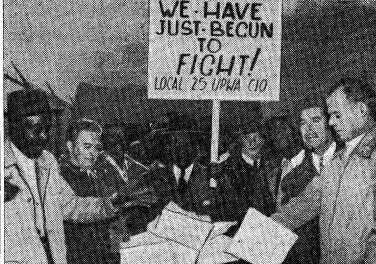
Way was there no genuine alleviation of the housing shortage during the last depression? The banks had billions of dollars in idle capital. There were tens of thousands of unemployed building trades craftsmen and many more jobless in the building materials industries. Despite the great need for homes, the banks, mortgage and insurance companies and real estate interests deliberately blocked a building program for low cost housing because a profitable market was lacking-that is, because the earning power of working people was too low to pay the exorbitant rents which would make a large-scale building program profitable.

Since Roosevelt made his melancholy remarks about the housing problem, the crisis has become far more acute and aggravated. It is conservatively estimated that there are at least between 2,500,000 and 5,000,000 families who are doubled up with friends or relatives, crowded into unsanitary trailer camps and dingy hotel rooms -families who live under such conditions that they can best be described as homeless. This

does not include between 18-21,000,000 non-farm city and rural families who live in substandard and slum dwellings. Most of these structures are in an advanced state of deterioration and many an Matthews, head of the union to struggle. of them, now fully occupied, have long ago been condemned as uninhabitable by official agencies in the major cities.

When an innocent man is wrongly sentenced to die for a crime he did not commit there is a great outcry at such a miscarriage of justice. Even Congress might be prevailed to help redress the wrong. But the failure of capitalist business and its political representatives in the national government to alleviate the housing shortage is tantamount to a sentence of premature death to millions of slum dwellers in New York, Chicago, Pittsburgh, New Orleans, Detroit, Cincinnati, Columbus and other major cities. Yet there is no major outcry against this national injustice-

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Despite police brutality and company strike-breaking, 100,000 members of CIO Packinghouse Workers hold firm in their strike. Here a group of Chicago pickets answers company leaflets urging a back-to-work movement by dumping them in a wastebasket.

75,000 Chrysler Workers Strike In Three States

75,000 Auto workers in Michigan, Indiana and California struck against the Chrysler Cor-

pany broke down completely. Chrysler department told report-

poration on May 12, after talks

ers as he emerged from a meeting with 100 rank and file repre- sharply with the militancy that sentatives of the Chrysler locals. swept through the shops during The union representatives, in the miners' strike. The auto workthe last meeting with the company, scaled down the original

demands for a 30-cent hourly hour for supplementary demands pany turned this down and of fered no counter proposal.

roposed a 6-cent hourly increase U.S. Steel came out with its "no MILITANT. CIO Sharply Denounces wage increases" announcement, Chrysler Corp. withdrew its of-

HUGE PROFITS

In big ads run in the Detroit

fter taxes.
In contrast, the Chrysler work- Opens Drive for In contrast, the Chrysiei moners are forced to live on an income thirteen dollars below the minim-

Meanwhile the situation at GM started rolling through the State was coming to a head. On May 5, of Connecticut this week. Petition over 200 delegates, representing gatherers began their drive for 90 General Motors plants through 12,000 signatures in Hartford out the country, voted to terminate the union contract and take The above figure, which the cama strike poll by May 23. The Gen- paign committee hopes to achieve eral Motor Corporation represen- by the time of the SWP National tatives have been even more arr- Convention on July 1, would be ogant than Chrysler in the nego-At the same time, the drive to tiations with the union. They of | of 8,300. "destroy or seriously harm" any severely handicapped by the high-stamp out academic freedom con-fered absolutely no wage increase organization he might choose handed decision not to hold any tinues unbated. The latest victim and have taken the offensive in candidates of Farrell Dobbs for "through error or design" in ad-| public hearings. Protests against cf the witch-hunters is Clyde R. | making demands upon the union | dition to the Communist Party this on the floor of the House of Miller, Associate Professor of for the restoration of the hated Vice-President, state candidates

the Reuther leadership.

The refusal of the Reuther leadership to bargain on a co-ordbetween the union and the com- inated, industry-wide basis has deprived it of the one important "We'll give them the damned- weapon with which it could have est strike they ever had," Norm- solidified and inspired the ranks

The present sad state of af-

The text of the speech wage increase plus 5 cents an by FARRELL DOBBS (Sowhich was broadcast on which the union rejected. When printed in next week's

ers responded to the miners'

and New Haven this weekend well over the required minimun

In addition to the National President and Grace Carlson for against which the bill is directly Representatives have proved un- Education in Columbia Teachers piece work system plus the other are also being run. Morris Chertov of New Haven is seeking the of-There is no disguising the fact fice of Governor and Alvin Bermmen. stresses, that the Mundt ed for House debate on Thursday, film "Iron Curtain." His dismiss- that morale in the GM shops is an of New Britain is running for night when the Moscow radio strengthened through rearma-

fessors throughout the country their union bargaining committee, to help in the campaign are urged St. in New Britain.

The Wage Fight And Labor's Tasks Gov't Seizure

An Editorial

The labor movement is in full retreat. The third round wage campaign of the CIO is becoming a

The CIO Packinghouse Union was permitted by the national CIO to go up by itself against the entrenched might of the profit-swollen meat trusts. The strike is in its ninth week, the packinghouse workers are being bled white and the companies are now promoting a back-to-work movement to actually smash the strike.

Philip Murray, who, as president of the CIO, is supposed to be leading the whole national fight, has checked out altogether. First he fixed the steelworkers up good and proper with a two-year "no-strike pledge" contract. And now that the steel trust has contemptuously said "No" to his wage pleas, he has decided to sit out the third wage round.

The auto union leadership is obviously still wedded to Reuther's one-at-a-time strategy, which proved so costly and ineffective in the 1945 General Motors strike. 75,000 Chrysler workers have now been forced to strike for decent living wages. The union is going through the motions of a strike vote at GM and the Ford contract is about to expire, but there is no disposition to adopt an industry-wide strategy of negotiations and strike action.

The AFL and Brotherhood leaders present an even sorrier spectacle of disunity and ineffectiveness. After permitting themselves to be tied up for months and months by the red tape of the Rail Labor Act, the rail union leaders break ranks and all but three of the unions accept the totally inadequate wage increases. When the government as strikebreaker cracks down on the three unions that continue the fight for a 30% wage increase, the rest of the labor leaders remain mum just as they did in the case of the miners - and do nothing to come to the help of their embattled fellow unionists.

Is it any wonder that under this bankrupt leadership the union ranks are growing demoralized?

This present sad state of affairs proves forcefully that the time is past when even big national unions can singly challenge the huge, enormously rich, enormously powerful American billionaire corporations aided and abetted as they are by the strikebreaking paraphernalia of the capitalist state. The unions will have to unify their wage fights, practice solilarity and militancy in action, embark on independent labor politics - or they will suffer one catastrophe after another.

Imagine, for a moment, if the steel and auto unions joined with the miners in signing a defensive and offensive pact and all three moved together to settle their wage demands on the rule of "one for all and all for one." The effrontery and swagger of the corporations would be knocked out of them pretty fast, wouldn't it?

That is the policy that the times call for. That is the policy that the militants in all the unions must begin demanding. And the simplest way to achieve it is by convoking a broad CONFERENCE OF LABOR of all the leading unions to organize a unified strategy of action on the labor front.

Uses 1916 Statute As Pretext for

By George Lavan

Again the Truman administration has rushed to the aid of Big Business

to smash the impending strike of railroad workers. Seizing the railroads under a phony 'state of war," the government then got an injunction forbidding he strike from its favorite strikebreaking judge, T. Alan Golds-

Faced with the possibility of fines and jail sentences, the heads of the three unions, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, and the Switchmens Union, called off the

NOT THE ARMY

The government seizure is phony not only because the 1916 law, used as a pretext, permits seizure "in time of war" to move troops, but because the Army is rot really taking over the railroads. What has happened is that railroad officials have been commissioned into the Army as colonels and brigadier generals. The same anti-labor officials will run the "seized" railroads, the same companies will make the profits and the workers will be chained to the same working conditions. Judge Goldsborough gained his fame for million-dollar fines and injunctions against the United Mine Workers Union. The present injunction will last till May 19. Then Goldsborough will hold a hearing to extend the injunction. Meanwhile Navy Secretary Kenneth C. Royall, announced that he had no authority to settle

the issues in dispute. The three union heads pledged to fight the government's efforts to obtain an injunction and for higher pay and better working conditions.

NEAR THE BOTTOM

Actually the record of the Brotherhood chiefs is a very poor one. Their present stand of putting up some show of fighting for a 30% wage increase and improved working conditions stems from the enormous pressure on them from an aroused rank and file.

For years these fat bureaucrats have allowed the conditions of railroad workers to deteriorate. The railroaders, still called the "aristocrats" of labor, are pretty shabby aristocrats today. 28 years ago they ranked second highest in wages. Today they are near prominent political columnist of the bottom of the list, in 27th place.

This drop is accounted for by the inaction of the well-paid ofricials who ran the unions as adjuncts to enormous insurance companies they had built up. Union funds are used for speculation in real estate and other ventures. All the time the Railway Labor Act, boosted and extolled by these same bureaucrats. enmeshed the unions in a stranglehold of endless negotiation, mediation, runaround and red

In the past few years the rank open door" through which Mos- and file particularly of the Engineers' and Firemen's unions, has been threatening the bureau-Department are still marking crats, with drastic action. In both time, in search of some effective of these organizations - which formula that would parry Mes- are completely dual in nature to each other — the rank and file forced through, at their last conventions, the setting up of consolidation committees to unify the two organizations, as a step toward achieving a more modern

workable setup on the railroads. That is why the leaders of the BLE and BLF & E refused the paltry 15 1-2 cent award of the Presidential Fact Finding Board which was accepted by the other rail unions and are continuing to demand wage increases commensurate with the increase in the later stage, when Washington's cost of living and the elimination The pay-off came the next relative position will be of the present antiquated working rules. While a number of the broadcast to the world the text ment, the operation of the ERP, CIO unions are now demanding and the solidification of the West- and fighting for their third round This move caught Washington ern Bloc cannot be excluded. But of wage increases to meet the

second round.

to a straight across-the-board 17-cent an hour increase. The combination of this down and of didate for U.S. President) Stalin Bids Openly The company had previously roposed a 6-cent hourly increase which the union rejected. When printed in next week's For Deal with U.S.

The much-rumored bid by the Kremlin for a deal with Washington has finally materialized. Rebuffed in previous pri-

vate approaches for a rapprochement early this year, Moscow has utilized a recent interchange of notes between U.S. Ambasador General Walter Bedell Smith and Foreign Minister Molotov in order to launch publicly its "peace offensive."

The chronology of events is approximately as follows. On May 4, upon cabled instructions from Washington, General Smith delivered an "oral" statement to Molotov. This declaration reiterated Washington's "cold war" policy and emphasized this policy would continue regardless of any political or economic changes that might occur in the United States. Appended to this blunt "statement for the record" was a formula to the effect that a "door always remains open for discussion and settlement of our formula was used by Truman himself in his speech to Congress last March when the rearmament program was launched.

THE PAY-OFF

Yet it was precisely upon this vague formula that the Kremlin diplomats pounced, pretending that it was actually an invitation for bi-lateral negotiations. On May 9, Molotov handed Smith a reply which begins with a blunt acceptance of the American "proposal to begin . . . a discussion and settlement of the differences existing between us."

of this diplomatic interchange.

Anne O'Hare McCormick, the N. Y. Times, frankly acknowledged, May 12, that:

"The spate of explanations immediately forthcoming from the White House and the State Department shows that Washingon was taken by surprise and confused by the disclosure." The initial reaction of the

State Department was merely to issue to the press the text of the liplomatic interchange. The next lay Truman himself tried to pour gold water on Moscow's "peace bid" by reiterating the first part of Smith's declaration while CALL FOR UNITY emitting all reference to the ow is now trying to barge in. The White House and the State ow's move without embarrassing Washington too much

As a maneuver the Kremlin's liplomatic gambit is both sensational and skillful. But the eleverest maneuvers can never decide any basic issues, least of ill, the current conflict between Wall Street and the Kremlin.

Even if successful, Moscow's oid for a deal with Washington would only postpone the final showdown temporarily.

The possibility of a deal at a up on the "cold war" policy.

gressmen demanding that they silent on the issue. vote against this bill. At the same time Cowan also sent letters to The CIO News editorial brand-

whose passage would constitute

a mortal blow to civil liberties in

this country and thereby endang-

er the very existence of organiz-

After attacking the Mundt Bill

ed the Mundt Bill as a "legislative monstrosity" which would writers, artists, scientists, edu- and any one disclosing such inpenalize people for their ideas cators and clergymen. The Na- formation — including congressand beliefs and institute the in- tional Lawyers Guild has also famous procedure of "guilt by association.'

point out that this bill vests discretionary powers" in the NO PUBLIC HEARINGS hands of the Attorney General The public fight against this press. that would enable the latter to 'police state' measure has been

Cowan, in his letter to congressprecisely because it seeks to discussion to six hours. "impose a blackout of civil

Cowan's letter to the CIO sweep of reaction in Washington acy.

Anti-Labor Mundt Bill

Among the organizations that have thus far voiced their oppos-CIO affiliates throughout the ition to the Mundt Bill are the It then goes on to correctly hysteria and oppression."

Eill "seriously threatens the ex- May 13, with the House Rules al comes in the wake of the dis- very low. The auto workers will Congressman-at-large. istence of bona fide labor unions" Committee limiting the entire missals of a number of other pro- unquestionably vote to back up

Its passage in the House ap- whose sole "crime" has consisted but this vote will in no way signi- to write the SWP at 855 Grand completely by surprise. General for the time being there is little soaring inflation, the railroad rears virtually assured. The of supporting Wallace's candid- fy confidence in the strategy of Ave. in New Haven or 165 Main Smith complained that it was a inclination in Washington to ease workers are still fighting for the

The CIO has officially come unions underscores the urgency is underscored by the fact that out against the Mundt Bill, of the situation and calls for im- enly a few weeks ago, on April of its investment; greater even are firmly convinced that the mediate action in mobilizing mass 29, the House by a vote of 271 to than the industry averaged which one-at-a-time bungling must be

35 approved in substance one of This vigorous stand of the CIO the key clauses in the Mundt Bill so great that each Chrysler work-bargaining strategy, co-ordinated is a welcome development as the — "guilt by association" — by er produced 68 cents in profit for in close fashion with the wage highest bodies of the organized labor movement have been remiss thus far in recognizing and comthus far in recognizing and comuse of any funds to pay any Fedthe produced 68 cents in profit for in close fashion with the corporation every hour he worked. The union figures demonstrated that the company could editorially in the May 10 Clo batting the terrible threat implicit in the Mundt Bill and the that has failed to file the "yellow make 14 1-1% on its investment,"

Connecticut SWP redbaiting campaign, in general. dog" affidavits under the Taft- after taxes. sent letters on May 11 to Con- The top AFL leadership is still Hartley Law.

Another indication of the mood prevalent in Congress is a clause thirteen dollars below the minimcontained in a resolution recently um weekly income fixed by the country asking them to "mobilize Civil Liberties Union, the Amman (R. Mich.). According to a as the bare subsistence budget 10—The presidential campaign ericans for Democratic Action, provision in this resolution any for a city worker's family of four. of the Socialist Workers Party differences." This "open door" and," a recently formed group of label information "confidential" denounced it as the "deadliest liable to a prison term and a men and reporters — would be fruit of a period of mounting fine. Provisions of this sort would quickly make a dead letter of allfreedom of speech and of the

> College. He was one of the signa- drastic contract changes. The Mundt Bill has been clear- tories of a protest against the

struggle because of its militant Reuther's one-at-a-time stratdaily papers, the auto union point- egy was tried out in the GM ed out that Chrysler profits in strike of 1945 and was found 1947, after taxes, came to 25.6% wanting. Leading militants now

All Militant readers who want break of "confidence."

New Recruits for Norman Thomas' Campaign

draft Norman Thomas as its candidate for President. Among the names, however, astonishingly appeared two - James T. Farrell, the well-known novelist and Harold Isaacs, designated in the document as author of No Peace for Asia, both of them hitherto widely known as Marxists.

The document to which Farrell and Isaacs attached their signatures declared that the United States needs a President "who stands for peace," "who opposes the 'free enterprise' slogans of Truman, Taft and Wallace," "who will bring us democratic social ownership of America's major industries to prevent a new depression." Needed of the British Labor Party." To realize this urgent reed Farrell and Isaacs join in calling upon the Socialist Party to "nominate its most forceful spokesman, Norman Thomas, who has so ably championed the cause of the most downtrodden workers in America, and fought so devotedly for freedom and peace throughout the world. . . BETRAYAL OF MARXISM

The statement, which calls for a program like that of the traitorous British Labor Party, is by itself a betrayal of Marxism. What makes the signatures of Farrell and Isaacs appended to this document so unexpected is that no one has ever seen any declaration by them repudiating Marxism. What makes it nauseating is the contempt that Farrell and Isaacs show for the left-wing movement when they recommend Norman Thomas as a fighter against war.

They did not have to wait long to see Thomas once more discredit himself. At the Socialist convention in Reading last weekend, Thomas, as presidential candidate, repeated the liberal rubbish of a democratic federal world government through the United Nations. How was this to be achieved? This alleged socialist proposed giving the United Nations power to deal with aggression through abolition of the veto.

Some misguided innocents proposed a pacifist program of civil disobedience to the war. This at least implied some sort of opposition. They were voted down. The Socialist Party convention asks the capitalists to abolish war and organize an international social Norman Thomas type of windbag, but also knew, from personal

Such "socialism" is perfectly acceptable to the capitalists. It fighters against the war. does them no harm and is of wonderful service in reconciling workers—who are becoming daily more hostile to capitalism and its wars-to the existing order.

The May 11 N. Y. Times gives Norman Thomas a special editorial, which ends as follows:

"It is good to have Mr. Thomas in the field. It is good to have as its methods go. We cannot wish Mr. Thomas success in his cam- printed in The Militant of Jan. 11, 1944: paign, but we are not sorry that this sort of campaign is being made by this sort of man. It won't do us any harm at all."

This is precisely what the Marxists have said, and have been as is no misguided, confused pacifist. He is a skillful exploiter of the socialist instincts of the workers for the benefit of American

In the days of peace before 1939, and even before 1941, Thomas and the Socialist Party repeatedly proclaimed that they would never under any circumstances support a capitalist war. When war broke out in Europe, Thomas, a leading figure in the "Keep America Out

the imperialists. "I said," he wrote in the N. Y. Times of May 12, actionary, more barbarous than ever. Not Stalinism. All its evil On May 5 a group of parsons, union bureaucrats and tra- the imperialists. "I said," he wrote in the N. Y. Times of May 12, actionary, more barbarous than ever. Not Stalinism. All its evil 1943, "as I have said many times before, that once in the war, it characteristics have increased. Not the Socialist Workers Party. It | Rebels in American Historyditional Social Democrats issued a call to the Socialist Party to certainly had to be prosecuted until we reached a point where we is only more determined than ever to counterpose revolutionary socould not suffer under an uneasy and oppressive truce dictated by cialism to American imperialism and Stalinism. Not Norman Thomas. the Nazi and Japanese war lords."

the war comes and the people look to you for leadership, warn them when nobody was looking and now appears in the "socialist" tatters that you are against the war, but the war nevertheless must be won. of the American imperialist lackey, Thomas. What better "anti-war" advocate could American imperialism

knew all this once.

In 1939 Farrell signed the Statement to American Writers and Artists published by the League for Cultural Freedom and Socialism. This statement denounced the growing reaction which accompanied the propaganda for a new war. It denounced Stalinism: "Shall we abandon the ideals of revolutionary socialism because one political group, while clinging to its name, has so miserably betrayed its principles? Shall we revert to a program of middle-class democracy because the Kremlin government, in obedience to its own interestsmasses anywhere—directs us to do so? On the contrary, we reject all such demands," etc. etc.

Farrell knew then what has today become so much plainer, that apitalist democracy offers nothing but increasing reaction and war:

"Democracy under industrial capitalism can offer no permanent haven to the intellectual worker and artist. In its instability it becomes the breeding ground of dictatorship. . . In the revolutionary reconstruction of society lies the hope of the world. . ."

THE REAL FIGHTERS

What has Norman Thomas in common with all this? If he voiced such opinions loudly and clearly just once, he would be driven out of the imperialist press and radio and would be mentioned, if at all, only with abuse and curses. Farrell not only understood the experience the dirty role these types played, and who were the real

In 1943, 18 leaders of the Socialist Workers Party went to jail for their refusal to compromise on their revolutionary opposition to the war. At the farewell dinner which preceded their imprisonment, Farrell related his personal experience with fake anti-war fighters who betrayed the anti-war struggle and the revolutionary aspirations of the youth. He drew the line clearly between these a left-wing splinter that is actually in the American tradition so far and the real anti-war fighters of the SWP. Said Farrell in a speech

"Felix Morrow spoke about the time when he was a young socialist and what had happened to those who had been in the Yipsels with him. Well, when Danny O'Neill was a boy in college—that is, abused for saying, these 30 years about men like Thomas; and one when my generation was becoming educated—the whole preparation of the most important tasks of the struggle against war and for of our generation was a preparation to meet the next imperialist socialism is the exposure and discrediting of these scoundrels. Thom- war. In those days we burned with a kind of fierce rebellion and politically unclear resentment against the sacrifices of the first imperialist war, and we realized that we had to do everything possible to fight the second imperialist war.

"Out of that generation the intellectuals have gone the same States government and vowed that he, for one, would have no part and publicly to say farewell to them as friends and comrades, ... to find anything more immoral than that.

He is more dishonest than before, and more valuable to the capital-First, steam up the people when there is no war, then when lists. It is Farrell who has changed, slipped off his Marxist coat-

Harold Isaacs had an even closer connection with revolutionary need? Hence the publicity Thomas always gets in the press, on the Marxism. In addition to being the author of No Peace for Asia, he radio, everywhere. It isn't only that, as The Times says, he doesn't also wrote The Tragedy of the Chinese Revolution. In the latter do any harm. The more the capitalists boost his "anti-war" program work, he made a Marxist analysis of the revolution in China and and his "socialism," the easier it is to prevent the revolutionary the need for a revolutionary party, a Trotskyist party, to lead the also is "a mass political party. . . dedicated to a program like that socialists from getting a hearing. James T. Farrell and Harold Isaacs | Chinese masses. Leon Trotsky did this book the honor of writing an introduction to it. Of Isaacs, Trotsky wrote, "The author of this book approaches the revolution as a revolutionist, and he sees no reason for concealing it."

From Trotsky's standpoint there could be no higher praise. On the other hand, Trotsky always held up Norman Thomas as the perfect American representative of the socialist hypocrites and scoundrels who under the flag of socialism perform tasks for the imperialist war-mongers among workers and the vouth which the imperialists could never do in their own name. In Their Morals and which are no longer the interests of the Soviet people or of the Ours, Stalinism and Bolshevism, and many other writings, he exposed the fake morality of drawing room socialists like Thomas. Trotsky predicted with assurance that Thomas would support the Second

All these years no one ever heard from Farrell or Isaacs any opposition to these appraisals of Thomas which were repeated over and over again in the SWP platform, its press and literature. Now today these two. Farrell in particular, who gained prestige among leftward moving workers, come foreward at a time when the war porters would bring. preparations and the destruction of civil liberties are reaching new heights, trying to blow some life into the "socialism" of a discredited windbag like Thomas.

CLEAR THE ROAD FOR WAR

Why? They haven't got the couragee, as yet, to come out openly in favor of the war of Truman, Vandenberg, Taft and Rankin. But they are determined not to support Farrell Dobbs, the presidential candidate of the genuine anti-war socialist party. Better to swallow Thomas than support Dobbs. Hence their signatures to this degrading document. They are not fooling themselves, because they know who Thomas is, but fooling workers and young people, and providing a cover, whereby behind the smoke-screen of talk about international socialism by abolition of the veto at the UN, they can clear the road for support of the war. Not only are they betraying principles which they have advocated and never repudiated. They are deliberately plotting to win over the the youth and leftward moving workers, playing the same dirty role that Farrell denounced so clearly six vears ago.

Farrell and Isaacs like all the renegades of today, bring to the fore their hatred of Stalinism and denounce its immorality. They excoriate the Stalinists for their immorality in supporting a proved servant of the capitalists like Wallace. In calling for support of Thomas, they show precisely the same type of political immorality, degrading their own past, using their prestige and reputation to deceive the rising generation, and deliberately, consciously and maliciously distracting attention from Farrell Dobbs and Grace Carlson, way as Felix Morrow's Yipsel comrades, and today those who are prospective candidates of the Socialist Workers Party, whom Farleft and who have been fighting this war are very few in this rell and Isaacs know are the only ones who will fight against the country. Among them are the 18 defendants in the Minneapolis case. war to the bitter end. This is a method to support the war while of War Committee." warned against the intervention of the United I consider it an honor that I have been asked to speak here tonight talking about socialism. In the world of today, it would be difficult

Henry George

By George Lavan

Poverty, ran for mayor of New United Labor Party.

thusiastic in support of this was the famous "single tax." nemy of the land monopoly and champion of the poor. 30,000 nominating signatures were -Theodore Roosevelt was one of principal issue. They charged hat the violence of the French vould seem mild compared to the reign of terror that Henry George | nature of George's theories. and his labor and socialist sup-

Edward McGlynn, spoke in realized it would not solve the George's favor, he was promptly problems of the urban workers excommunicated.

FACED A COALITION

he Republican "clean govern- poor farmers out of consideration ment" forces passed the word to by lumping them with real estate forget about their candidate, monopolies and railroads. Theodore Roosevelt, and vote for he Tammany man. George had o be stopped at all cost.

Thus the United Labor Party's candidate faced a coalition of he thought Marxism unscientific Democrats and Republicans. Even and superficial. The proof of time, to he won at the polls. Tammany, however, has shown the woeful however, took care of this-by inadequacy and error of the dumping thousands of George Single Tax. Today George's ballots into the East River. The theories play no part in the Tammany-Republican candidate, struggles of the masses for Hewitt, was pronounced the progress and against poverty. In winner. The "official" count was contrast, Escialism is the pro-

Henry George was born in struggle for liberation. Philadelphia in 1839 of a large for the job of printing a few cards which enabled us to buy a little corn meal. In this darkest time in my life my second child not so much as a theoretician as was born.'

Henry George determined find out why poverty existed in to wipe out poverty and want. modern society. From his think- Not only did he champion the ing and reading he came to cause of the poor but pointed the the conclusion that the private finger of accusation at the owning monoply of land was at the root class as the cause of poverty. For of the country's ills.

ROBBER BARONS

In this period the robber barons of American capitalism were amassing unbelievable fortunes by plundering the public lands the vast unsettled territory of the West. In California, 16,387,000 acres or 16% of the state was turned over to the railroad companies. Lumber interests would get homesteads for each of their employes. But the land was kept by the companies.

George's solution to the problem was contained in his book. Progress and Poverty, which appeared after the great depression and strike wave of 1877. As he stated it, "The great cause of the

In 1886 Henry George, the inequality in the distribution of famous author of Progress and wealth is inequality in the ownership of land." George proposed that the rents that went to land-York City as the candidate of the lords should go instead to society, that land owners should be taxed The working people were en- the full value of their land. This

His book began to sell. Labor leaders, notably Terence Powderly, head of the Knights of quickly gathered by the unions to Labor, urged all union men to place Henry George's name on the read Progress and Poverty. About ballot. The capitalist candidates three million copies have been sold to date, a record in this them, made the red scare their country for a serious book on economics.

Karl Marx and American sorevolution with its guillotine cialists were quick to point out the inadequacies and utopian

There was no questioning his attack on the evils of modern The Roman Catholic Church society or the need to abolish ame out in bitter opposition to poverty, but land monopoly was labor's candidate. When a priest only one aspect of capitalism. with a social conscience, Father Even were George's single tax bound to the wage system. George did not understand the class struggle and expected that once As election day approached the a majority voted for the single ropertied classes of New York tax the ruling class would peacebecame panicky. The leaders of fully submit. His theory also left

PROOF OF TIME

But Henry George regarded his solution as a panacea, whereas George-68,000; Hewitt, 90,000. | gram of the masses in their

Henry George died in 1897 in and impoverished family. At the the midst of another campaign age of 16 he went to sea as a for mayor of New York City. The foremast boy. Later he worked in whole nation was shocked. George a printing shop for two dollars a had become one of the most week. In 1858 he went to Cali- famous Americans of the period. fornia where he worked as a More than 100,000 mourners filed printer. Hunger pursued him, past his coffin while as many especially after he married and more were unable to enter the began to raise a family. He re- building. A tremendous throng called those terrible days of un- of working men and women folemployment in later years, writ- lowed his funeral procession from ing, "I came near starving and at Manhattan to the cemetery in one time I was so close to it that Brooklyn. No other man before I think I should have done so but had ever received such a tribute from the working people of New York.

> a champion of the oppressed. He became a symbol of the struggle this the still youthful American working class took him to its

Henry George's importance was

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at least none that can be neard over the din that is made for military preparation and war. These millions live under indescribable conditions, congested in overcrowded tenements, surrounded by filth, vermin, rats and disease, and live in perpetual danger of fire.

Those who boast of the "American way of life" must have in mind the fine mansions and sumptuously appointed apartments on Park Avenue in New York or on the Gold Coast in in Detroit's Grosse Pointe where it is pleasant to discuss the "housing problem." While a handful enjoy such handsome accommodations, the iron curtain is drawn tight over the slums of New York's Harlem or lower East Side, Detroit's Black Bottom, Pittsburgh's Hill District, New Orleans' Irish Channel, Cincinnati's Basin or the Sausage Row in Columbus.

The economics text books in the schools and colleges tell us that under the system of private enterprise capital seeks places of investment where demand is greatest. That was true when capitalism flourished as a progressive system in this country. But it is no longer true today.

The truth is that the big capitalist intereststhe banks, insurance companies and real estate interests-are deliberately obstructing any substantial alleviation of the housing shortage. The present scarcity is far more profitable to them than would be the building of low-cost units on a large scale. It is estimated that a substantial profit could be realized with 15% of the housing units vacant. Today virtually every inch of space, from the attic to the cellar, is occupied by tenants who are paying exorbitant rents. The cost of maintenance and upkeep for these units has never before constituted such a small percentage of operating expenses. Profits from real estate stand at a record high.

Large scale new construction at low rentals would enter into competition with the present properties held by the real estate interests and would tend to curb and lower these fabulous profits. Therefore, the monopoly interests seek to sabotage, obstruct and strangle a genuine housing program — regardless of the great

There is further evidence that bears out this point. Real estate interests are not averse to building, provided the sales or rental price is well over a rigidly established minimum. There is no scarcity of high rental apartments and expensive homes. Builders consider \$80 a month rental in major cities the lowest profitable basis on which to base construction figures. We have before us the example of construction under the Patman Bill. This bill dipped into the treasury in order to give 400 million dollars in bonuses to material producers with the aim of constructing houses that would sell at a \$6,000 maximum and would rent for \$50 for five rooms in the New York area. In practice, however, sales prices ranged from \$10-18,000 in the area and rentals were set by OPA for three rooms at \$79 plus \$3 maintenance. Most of these houses were highpriced jerry-built shacks built with green lumber and inferior construction standards, small rooms on very small lots. Veterans and their families were the victims of this "free enterprise."

This high-priced form of housing construction is completely out of the reach of the vast majority of America's wage earning population. Some 18-21 million families pay rentals of \$39 or less in cities and \$29 or less in non-farm rural areas. With the present high cost of living, even this rent works a great hardship on large numbers. But the needs of the American people are of little consequence to the great monopoly interests. Big Business considers the American people no less objects for exploitation than it does Chinese coolies, Egyptian cotton pickers or Bolivian tin miners. They have, in effect, decreed that the slums shall remain, that millions shall continue to be homeless because the profit rate on low rental housing is not high enough to risk the investment of capital.

Congress of Homebreakers

It is not correct to say that nothing has been done. Congress has been very active in that time. Active in blocking the development of any genuine housing program. Active in undermining rent controls, making it easier for the real estate sharks and the rent hogs to gouge the people. Congress has thus been serving the big banks and the real estate lobbies, guarding their interests against the growing mass of destitute Americans. It has been a Congress of Home-

Those who defend capitalism charge that socialism would break up the family. There is no socialism in this country, but what has happened to the family under capitalism? It is being reared today under such crowded and unhealthy conditions as to stunt and deform the bodies of the children, to debase all standards of morality men will find livable dwellings as a consequence and decency and to breed juvenile delinquency and crime on a scale unparalleled in American history. The home, for millions of the youth today, has become a hated, unorganized barracks. producing only the desire for flight.

The Taft-Ellender-Wagner Bill, which if I am not mistaken has been kicked around in Congress for the last two or three years, is a most pitiable caricature of a housing program. The bill calls for a total of 15 million homes to be built in the next ten years. That in itself would be a great achievement even though almost twice that many units are needed to rescue the American people from sub-standard and slum housing con-

But the joker is that, out of the 15 million projected units, not more than a half million units-that is, those to be built by the government—stand a chance of being built in the next five years. That amount won't even cover demands alone seriously alleviate the distress among the millions doubled up with relatives and otherwise

The rest of the 141/2 million units are mostly and worker is concerned. Private industry which is urged to construct these units has not and will not build low-cost housing on so large a scale. That fact has been amply demonstrated in the past years. There is even more direct evidence in New York City where generous grants given a damning commentary it is that the only proto private builders and insurance companies for gram of liberalism today is the acceptance of slum clearance and low-cost housing resulted in half-poverty, half-homelessness and half-slavery. a total of 12,400 new units, in a city which has Those who listen to this siren's song will an actual shortage of 264,500 units, not including eventually be faced with total poverty, total the need to replace 861,110 units in condemned homelessness and complete slavery. and sub-standard dwellings.

The real estate interests will not build low cost end. The government must itself build not half a housing but they will use the provisions of the million homes but at least 291/2 million. Such an bill to continue their raids on the public treasury. They will unquestionably accept the half billion dollar federal appropriation to be matched by an women who have labored to produce the great equal amount for slum clearance by municipalities | wealth of this country. Naturally such a program in order to purchase real property for a song. will meet the undying hostility of the powerful They will undoubtedly utilize the additional banks and trusts which rule us today. To them 1,600,000,000 dollars government guarantee of mortgages to further feather their nests. Homes for the rich and well-to-do may be a by-product of this plan, but to say that millions of working- economy, they no longer have the desire or in-

Congress of Fourth International



The Presidium of the Second Congress of the Fourth International. From left to right: Comrades Favre Bleibtreu (France), S. Santen (Holland), Pierre Frank (France), Jock Haston (England), Colvin R. DeSilva (Ceylon), Munis (Spain) and the secretary.

of this bill is nothing but a deliberately sponsored illusion.

Even that section of housing to be sponsored directly by the government is not to be built by the government but merely financed by it. The building will be farmed out to private architects. bid out to private builders and sub-contracted to private contractors. This provides another opportunity for the building material interests and the building contractors, using all the infamous methods which have made the building industry the third most profitable in the country, to extract exorbitant profits at the government's expense. Added to this is that other ingenious method of constructing government-built projects so poorly, that they cannot enter into competition with higher rental privately-owned dwellings.

It is worthy of notice that with President Truman's endorsement of this bill it becomes a bicreated by the normal increase in population let partisan measure. This then is the very best that the two parties pledged to uphold capitalismand it might be added the Wallace Party is likewise wedded to this system—have to propose in the richest and most prosperous country of the 'castles in the air" as far as the average veteran whole world. Only one home where almost 60 are needed!

> We are not impressed with the argument that this pitiable half measure is better than none at all. The so-called liberals are worried that not even this bill will get through Congress. What

This bill must be rewritten from beginning to enterprise is the very minimum required for the common decency of the millions of men and

such a project is "pure socialism." These monopoly interests have reached a stage where they can no longer maintain a peacetime

centive to produce the works of peace. Profits for them today are inextricably tied up with producing instruments of death and the means of destruction. To remove their obstruction and sabotage is therefore the first prerequisite for a genuine housing program, for the welfare and happiness of the great masses of the people.

Where will the billions come from to initiate such a program? Where did they come from when it was found necessary to build tanks ships, guns and planes during the last war? Where did the billions come from that were required to build the satanic Oak Ridge atom bomb development? We propose as a beginning that the billions once again being used to build the engines of death and destruction and to finance private armies all over the world b transferred to the housing program. We propose the complete reversal of the taxation program with the aim of exempting the poor and confiscating the fabulous billions in profits extorted from the government by the great corporations during the war and extorted from the public through inflationary prices after the war.

How will this program work? First, the government would invoke the right of eminent domain over all lands and properties where it intends to build, instead of paying the king's ransom the realty interests would demand for their property.

Second, the government will insure itself against a new profiteering raid on the treasury by nationalizing and operating under workers' control all the feeder industries which provide building materials, to avoid paying the racketeefing prices by which private industry makes cheap housing impossible.

Third, the government would set up a government planning board consisting of the outstanding architects and engineers and representatives of the workers in the building industry to carry through the project.

One of the by-products of such a program would be the teaching of skilled trades and the creation of jobs at decent wages for millions of

If carried to completion this program will help turn America into the garden spot of the worldnot for a handful of parasites as it is todaybut for the millions of America's workers and

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"Twenty-five years in the scales of history, when it is a question of profoundest changes in economic and cultural systems, weigh less than an hour in the life of man. What good is the individual who, because of empirical failures in the course of an hour or a day, renounces a goal that he set for himself on the basis of the experience and analysis of his entire previous lifetime? In the years of darkest Russian reaction (1907 to 1917) we took as our starting point those revolutionary possibilities which were revealed by the Russian proletariat in 1905. In the years of world reaction we must proceed from those possibilities which the Russian proletariat revealed in 1917. The Fourth International did not by accident call itself the world party of the socialist revolution. Our road is not to be changed.'

-Leon Trotsky, In Defense of Marxism, P. 15.



Greek Massacre

All Greece is red today — red with the river of blood coursing through that unhappy little country as its fascistic government carries through a campaign of mass murder of its political opponents.

On May 4 the Greek government slaughtered 152 men and women. On May 5 the toll was 21. On May 6 firing squads shot 44. On May 7 another 18 were executed.

This was neither the beginning nor the end. Over 1,300 had been murdered prior to May .4. An additional 2,900 people are under sentence of death, and every week hundreds more are being rounded up and thrown into prisons and concentration camps where they face the same fate. More than 18,000 are already behind bars or barbed wire.

The latest spurt in blood-letting — so shocking that the British government asked for an explanation and the Danish Ministry lodged a protest — was in the nature of reprisals by the government for the assassination two weeks ago of one of the Greek ministers. The 240 demonstratively slaughtered could not possibly have had anything to do with that assassination because they had been in prison for over three years.

The system of hostages and reprisals, when

practiced by the Nazis, was universally condemned during the war, and we were treated to a lot of promises about how World War II was being fought in order to put an end to such atrocities. Yet the U.S. State Department refused to utter even one syllable in criticism of the Greek reign of terror.

And no wonder. For while the command to fire at the hostages was voiced by Greeks, the order to give the command was made by the U. S. Military Mission—the real ruler of Greece today. If the Greek regime stinks in the nostrils of honest people, the source of the putrefaction can be traced to the office of the brass hats running the U. S. State Department.

These grisly crimes, committed in the name of a struggle against totalitarianism, are the tip-off on the nature of both the last war and the next one. Paid for with money extorted as taxes from the American working people, these fascistic crimes inside the small country of Greece are a preview of the regime which American imperialism will try to impose on the whole world through the war that is now being prepared. The Greek blood bath is a warning that the American workers can ignore only at their mortal peril.

The Eisenhower Fiasco

It is commonly recognized that the American ruling class is growing more cocky and arrogant in its treatment of the labor movement. You don't have to search far to discover that one of the main reasons is the political bankruptcy of the trade union leaders, which becomes more glaringly evident with every passing day. It is only natural that the capitalists, observing these stumble-bum antics, should conclude that they can get away with almost anything.

To begin with, the main plank in the CIO political policy is a negative one—the workers are told above everything else not to vote for anyone who is not a candidate of the Democratic or Republican Party. Once that point is made, however, the politcal line of the CIO leaders begins to get vague and shadowy—so much so that few people, including the CIO leaders themselves, can explain exactly what it is. They tell the workers to contribute money to the PAC, but they can't explain how the money is to be used. They urge the workers to register so they can vote in November, but they can't answer any questions about whom the workers should vote

Did you ever see a chicken dashing wildly around a barnyard after its head had been chopped off? The CIO leaders still have their head on their shoulders but in other respects their political behavior resembles that of the aforesaid chicken.

At the CIO convention last November they made preparations to hitch onto the Truman wagon, but when they saw that wagon bogged

Failure at Bogota

The recently concluded Bogota conference, far from being the "magnificent success" described by William D. Pawley, former ambassador to Brazil, is recognized by practically every economic and political analyst as a dismal failure. The stormy intervention of the Colombian masses was of course a body blow to the prestige of U.S. imperialism as well as to the South American rulers. But aside from this, the conference was equally disappointing to the Latin American governments, who failed to obtain "Marshall Plan aid" from Uncle Sam, and to Washington, which failed to extend its stranglehold over South American

American imperialism hoped to break down some of the tariff barriers set up by the Latin American countries to protect their infant industries against Wall Street competition. Washington was not only unsuccessful in this but signs are increasing that many of these countries plan to set up regional customs unions to give special trade privileges to their members and deny them to the U.S. Thus Venezuela, Panama, Colombia and Ecuador have projected such a union. Argentina intends to set up a similar group to include Chile, Paraguay, Bolivia and perhaps also

Uruguay and Peru. Washington also wanted to change the laws of the Latin American nations with reference to labor, taxes and expropriations to protect

down in the mire of popular discontent they veered sharply. The denounced the Wallace candidacy until they were blue in the face, but that got them exactly nowhere. They then headed in Eisenhower's direction, hoping thus to get a Democratic nominee less discredited than Truman. Now that Truman seems bent on the nomination, they have lost most of their enthusiasm for Eisenhower and are back where they started six months ago, with nothing achieved and much valuable

The question of independent labor political action is not just another important problem facing the unions. It is the issue of issues a life and death question for the American working people. The grotesque and cowardly performance of the union leaders—in the face of the dis integration of the Democratic Party—is proof enough that the top stratum of the CIO is completely played out, that it cannot be depended upon to give the lead in solving the crucial problem that needs to be solved if the American workers are to save themselves from dictatorship and coolie living standards.

It was necessary to thrust aside the old crew of AFL bureaucrats and build up a new generation of leaders to organize America's mass production industries. In the same way, the clique of played-out CIO bureaucrats will now have to be shoved aside and a new generation of union militants raised up to lead labor to a break with the two-party system and onto the open highroad of independent

the private investments of the American bankers. However, only half of the South American countries agreed to go along with the onerous conditions which Washington railroaded through the conference by a 10-to-9

Perhaps the most humiliating aspect for Washington was its forced acceptance of Article 16 of the Charter, clearly directed against American imperialism. It reads: "No state may use or encourage the use of enforcement measures of an economic or political character in order to force the sovereign will of another state and obtain from it advantage of any kind." Of course, hardly had the conference concluded its sessions than Washington proceeded to violate this clause by announcing that it intended to apply economic pressure upon individual states in order to gain what it failed to achieve in Bogota.

American imperialism is finding the going a hundred times tougher in the Twentieth Century than Britain did in the Nineteenth. The colonial and semi-colonial countries are resisting the imperialists. And even where the native rulers are bribed into accepting Washington's terms, the South American masses are asserting themselves on a constantly growing scale, and will, as time goes on, nullify all the best laid plans of the Wall Street exploiters.

Marshall, Churchill Declarations Promote Strategy of Western Bloc

By John G. Wright

Department in Washington; the speech.

eign Affairs Committee to stymie war. Congressional plans for a revision of the UN Charter which it amply clear that their objec-

of them government officials, but

Two important moves were issm. Churchill's pronouncements military position of Russia has the European continent. Austin meanwhile, the organization of nade on the chessboard of for- likewise had the tacit approval of not been altered by the U.S. pol- added that "we should strengthen the UN is to be preserved as a ign diplomacy during the first the U.S. State Department, as icy of bolstering regimes on the the military posture of our mobilizer and manufacturer of reek of May. One, by the State Churchill himself implied in his Soviet periphery (Greece, Tur- friends.'

Both Marshall and Austin made

At the Hague, on May 7, Chur- would act to break up the UN (Harper & Bros.). rhill addressed the "first Con- organization. Left with the choice This strategy has obviously Street's assault on the Soviet gress of Europe" and called for today of joining either of the been adopted by the leading cir- Union. That is why the Times' the immediate setting up of a two "rival military alliances," cles of the American capitalists editors endorse "this undertaking" European Assembly as the initial many of the European countries, and warmakers, since the pro- and cynically declare that it "destep toward the ultimate constilespecially the weaker ones, would mulgation of the Marshall Plan, serves the support of our own tution of the "United States of be driven to a "desperate neu- It is in the light of this reorienta- reorienta- reorienta- reorienta-Europe." Gathered were repre-trality" — to the advantage of tion of Wall Street's foreign pol- in fact, cannot succeed without

many former dignitaries, includ- from Washington's standpoint, Marshall's intervention in Con- forts will henceforth be directed ing exiles from Yugoslavia, Cze- Marshall explained, is the need to gress and Churchill's maneuvers not so much to bolster borderchoslovakia, Rumania and Fin- alter the existing military rela- at the Hague. Authoritative American news- inates the European and Asiatic Foreign Affairs Committee, Mar- Europe. This policy envisages the papers, like the N.Y. Times, continents as the greatest milit-shall, in effect, pleaded for time greatest military strengthening of ritherto cold to Churchill's post- ary land power in the world, with until the so-called European "aid" Western European countries with-

time, with unconcealed enthus- on the frontiers of Italy. This ing military "disequilibrium" on a modified "lend-lease." In the key, Iran, China).

other by Winston Churchill at the ton and at the Hague, outwardly ent orientation, long advocated by Times' editors, on May 6, ham-In Washington on May 5, Sec- unrelated, are actually intimately such outspoken critics of the Tru- mer home the fact that the UN etary of State Marshall and connected. Palmed off as measur- man Doctrine as Walter Lipp- provides an indispensable pacifist Warren R. Austin, U.S. repre- es designed to "guarantee peace," mann. He has been demanding a cloak for the promotion of Washentative to the United Nations, they are in reality designed to concentration not on the weak ington's foreign policy; and that appeared before the House For- set the stage for the next world and "unreliable" Soviet border- the immediate aim is "to restore

would, in effect, expel Moscow tions to the breaking up of the the Soviet Union, it should be crable relation of forces in Eufrom the UN. Marshall, echoed by UN were based purely on consid-concentrated among Wall Street's rope for the unleashing of World Austin, vigorously opposed the erations of expediency. Such a "natural allies" in Western Eu- War III. contemplated "revisions" and in- breakup would be premature at rope. That is the main thesis of On the other hand, Churchill's sisting on letting things rest as this stage. Marshall candidly ad- Lippmann's strategy as outlined maneuvers for "unifying" Europe they are, so far as the UN is mitted that there was "very concerned. mitted that there was "very freat fear" abroad that the U.S. Study in U.S. Foreign Policy.

sentatives of 22 countries, none the Soviet Union, said Marshall. icy that we can best understand such support. The primary consideration, all the recent moves, in particular Thus Washington's main ef

tion of forces. Russia today dom- In his statement to the House as to achieve a "settlement" in

Commenting on the testimony

lands but on Western Europe.
Instead of concentrating the balance of power," or, in plain "cold war" in the borderlands of language, to secure the most fav-

Europe as a drillground for Wall

war campaign for a "unified" Russian troops standing poised program gets under way and helps in the shortest possible time

| Europe, greeted his efforts, this in the very middle of Europe and | Washington "redress" the exist- | through the medium of "aid" plus favorable "public opinion."



Arthur J. Goldberg, who replaces Lee Pressman as CIO general counsel. The shift symbolizes the isolation of the Stalinist forces in the CIO.

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Fabrication of a Trotsky' Testament'

amed revolutionary leader, to the commission in 1937. latest Stalinist forgery printed in the french newspaper France just as mythical as the document for its revelation. Dimanche, and answered by The itself. According to France Militant of April 5. Natalia Trotsky has furthermore instituted suit for libel against France Dimanche.

By Natalia Sedova-Trotsky

The French weekly, France Dimanche, presented to its readers on March 21 of this year testament supposedly drawn up y Trotsky on May 20, 1940. This political will attributes to Trotsky a change of heart regarding the socialist revolution and his faith in the working class. The editors of the paper hasten to attest to their complete objectivity in publishing this "sensational document." They did not bother, however, to question me ers of the pen cite the gangster of the pick-axe and the knife.

The so-called "Mornard" in-'confessions" concerning

We are printing the answer of | tinuation of a long chain of for- | silence were broken in the venal | What need would Serge have had | manuscript on Stalin. This work

The origin of the document is



NATALIA TROTSKY on the subject. They found it Dimanche, the testament was the lie of the GPU, as a col-speed in so delicate a matter! laborator of Trotsky's. This fact A second copy came into posalone suffices to brand them as session of the France Dimanche paid hirelings of the Stalin ap- editors a short time back, paratus. The unscrupulous gangst- presumably through the recently deceased Victor Serge (Kibalchich).

In this case the GPU manifested terview supplemented by his an incredible sluggishness. It 1937 and criticized him sharply in France. France is today the the provided itself with a copy so in many of his articles. Serge, critical testing ground for the crime committed by him eight as to confirm therewith in case who had great respect for Trotyears previously, gives a new of need the existence of the sky, moved away from revolusational document" is but a con- Thus, eight years of significant a genuine revolutionary Marxist.

WORKERS FORUM

assassination on July 20, 1940,

himself The bigger the lie, the readier ist fraud. will it be believed."

politically with Serge back in is being set in motion, first of all unified strength.

Natalia Trotsky, widow of the geries exposed by the Dewey press. The Stalinist apparatus for concealing the existence of so is about to appear in France. The manufactures not only the docu- important a document, especially Stalinists have every reason to ment, but the proper occasion since it was seemingly intended fear the influence of this work The Soviet agent presumably world's workers?" True to the The biography is one part of the rocured a copy at the end of GPU form set in the Moscow real testament of L. D. Trotsky. July from a "close friend" of Trials, everything hinges on a The last words of Trotsky on his Trotsky's. France Dimanche mis- witness who can never be called death-bed, spoken in my presence,

> month later. It must now be ex. they were actually predicted at ward!" emigrated to Mexico produce one single document that

> > Conspiracy. The fake testament

as an "open declaraton to the upon workers and public opinion. takenly places the date of the to testify. Victor Serge is dead. | show how unbreakable was the What aim does the GPU pursue revolutionary spirit of this man. so that the document, according in fabricating this testament of It is the complete answer to the to their calendar, was stolen soon | Trotsky? One does not have far new calumny. "Tell our friends after the assassination. But to seck. Efforts along such lines that I am sure of the victory of Trotsky was murdered a full were not only to be expected; the Fourth International. Go for-

plained how the thef: went un- the time of the Nuremberg trial That message was immediately noticed during an entire month of the Nazi arch-criminals. The transmitted by wireless and press Neither I. nor any of the friends Stalinist prosecutor present at to all corners of the world. It is and co-workers of Trotsky ever the trial did not dare to accept the meaning of that message reinsaw or heard of such a testament. the challenge of numerous peti- forced by all the living ideas of But three copies somehow came tions sent to the presiding judge, Trotskyism, that leaves the into the possession of the writer requesting that questions be put Stalinists no peace. The very Victor Serge. How? Victor Serge to Hess and the others to test lies, in their monstrous growth, left Paris at the end of May the accuracy of testimony of the one negating the other, and yet 1940, before the Germans entered Moscow Trials concerning the being feverishly manufactured Paris, and for months moved alleged tie-up between Trotsky anew, are a tribute to the about the south of France, with- and the Nazis. The resounding strength of the real ideas of more objective to refer to their drawn up in July 1940, and that out a permanent domicile. Serge silence, the utter failure to Trotsky. Stalin would like to shut the door of Trotskyism to the assassin "Jacson-Mornard," ceeded in procuring a copy and only in September of 1941, 13 could even remotely bolster up workers by having them think whom they designate, repeating sending it to Moscow. What months after the death of Trot- the GPU frame-ups made it a that it leads to hopelessness and sky. But the master forgers care foregone conclusion that new lies bankruptcy. That door is Stalinnought for accuracy! Logic is would be concocted, not in the ism. Precisely through the heritforeign to them; they follow light of day, but under circum- age of the unconquerable Marxist unswervingly Hitler's maxim: stances more favorable for Stalin- teaching, inspired by the revolutionary fervor of L. D. Trotsky, It is evident that a new cam- will the world working class Moreover, Trotsky had broken paign of slander and calumny regain its confidence and its

In vain do the Stalinist gravediggers of the revolution use proletariat. It is no accident that their temporary power to bury along with the forgery of a will, the gigantic thought contained in version of the murder. The "sen- France Dimanche document. tionary Marxism, if he was ever there is appearing in French the the October revolution. All the GPU book of the Stalinist hench- lies of the frightful totalitarian men, Kahn and Sayers, The Great | regime that now rules Russia will crumble along with the regime and the book of frauds are in- itself-this is inevitable. Trottended to divert attention from skyism will find its proper place the real testament of Trotsky. with the coming of a sharp turn Everything that he ever wrote to a new revolutionary upsurge. is open to the working class of | Trotskyism remains the sole conthe entire world, for whom it was tinuator of the great revoluintended. When the murderer's tionary traditions of Marx, Engels pick-axe entered the brain of and Lenin. That is the essence of Trotsky, his life blood spattered the real testament of Leon Trot-

over his last work. It was the sky.

Open Letter To CP Members

I am writing this in the form and sympathizers of the Com-

from Browderism? 2. Is Wallace's program of support to "progressive capitalism" any different than Browder's?

3. How can you support a man like Wallace whose whole program-and this he enthusiastically iterates and reiterates — is ledicated to saving and perpeuating American capitalism?

4. Doesn't Wallace expose himself as the worst type of fraud and misleader when he declares in advance—that his ostensible political opposition to the present war drive would come to an end the day war breaks out?

6. Wherein lies the alleged "in-If there's a good man running on friends" before?

one of the two major parties, lieve in the "good man" theory? 7. Hasn't the policy of "Popular

Front" coalitions with "liberal" of an Open Letter to the members segments of the bourgeoisie and to consider seriously the proven a miserable failure in program of authentic revolumunist Party, and particularly Spain, France, Italy, Greece, to those in the CP who still con- Brazil, Chile, China, India? Aren't sider themselves revolutionary these ex-"liberal allies" the ones who are supporting and defend-1. How does Wallaceism differ ing the "Martial Plan" most strongly? Isn't Wallace promising to sell you out at the first opportunity when he pledges to make his political peace with American imperialism at a time when political opposition to the war becomes more imperative than ever, that is, once the blood-

bath begins? 8. What force do you think can ganized workers, or Henry Wal- to is to "Stalin-baiting" and hodge-podge of pacifistic minist- In this respect it resembles the 5. How can your party seri- la Mrs. Gimbel, and some labor George Breitman. In reading it ously characterize Wallace as a elements, which have been re- one can learn much. Why not forthright opponent of war legated to a "third-class citizen- more of these articles? The peoagainst the Soviet Union when ship" status in the Wallace move- ple are in need of Marxism today Wallace promises — also in ad-|ment, with no rank-and-file con-|more than at any other time. Why vance—to withdraw as a candi- trol over, or vital role in, the not give it to them? Leave Stalin date in the event war breaks leadership of the movement? Isn't alone. Let Max Shachtman attend dependence" of Wallace's "third and promises to give up the fight ing the theories developed by party" when he declares: "Or- against the war once the war Marx, Lenin and Trotsky. Try it dinarily there won't be any third- begins? Haven't the Negro peo- and you will see how your

9. Finally—isn't it high time we'll endorse him." Do you be- for you to take stock of your position, to open up your eyes and see where Foster, Thompson and Co. have been misleading you, tionary Marxism as represented by the Socialist Workers Party? A fellow worker Chicago, Ill.

Wants Less "Stalin-baiting"

I have been reading The Militant for a number of years. In fact, I go out of my way to get it. I am very sorry to tell you that I will be compelled to discontinue it, because it became as stop war: a solid phalanx of dry as any other newspaper. The militant, united, politically-or- only thing you devote your pages lace in undisputed control over a nothing to theoretical Socialism. ers, college professors, students, Daily Worker. The only decent lawyers, small-time capitalists a article in this current issue is by Wallace seducing the Negro peo- to that. You ought to devote at ple when he caters to their votes least one page a week to discussparty congressional candidates, ple met such "fair-weather circulation will increase many fold.

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The Last Straw

– By Theodore Kovalesky -

Homer Finnegan's head ached furiously. Inside

it were nine million iron balls rolling and bumping, and in his stomach were about seven million. He slammed his door shut and stomped down the steps into the rain. "A fine way to be spend-

> ing a Sunday!" he muttered. The sky was dark gray in the late dawn, lit by a flickering glare somewhere over in the direction of Number Three blast furnace. Homer trudged toward the plant, the squeaking handle

of his lunch pail roaring in his ears. It was Sunday morning, the time for all men to be peacefully sleeping in their beds, especially if they had hangovers like Homer Finnegan.

When he reached the furnace floor, he could see immediately that this would be a day to remember. The jagged ink line on the pressure charts was leaping and diving. Every few moments, it seemed, there would be a deep, quivering "WHO-O-O-O-M," the floor would shudder, and Homer would have to make a leap for the wheel to pull the blast off the furnace. The fourth time he did it, he dropped the pressure too far, and slag flowed back into the blowpipes and squirted out onto the brick floor. Then a blowpipe burned through, and they had to shut down.

Homer trudged wearily down the steel steps to make the shutdown. It was a horrible morning, and the greater part of the day was before him, even more horrible. He wiped the hot sweat from his face and the cold drizzling rain from the back of his neck. "This job's not fit for a human being," he muttered.

Back on the furnace floor, he sweated even

more. All the blowpipes had to be pulled out and cleaned. Some had to be burned out with oxygen, because of the caked iron and slag. The hours dragged on, creeping, crawling as though each hour were ten. With one more hour to go, Homer paused for a moment next to the furnace to rest. Then he fell flat on the floor.

In the hospital he woke up looking through s transparent oxygen tent. He found that his headache had reached colossal proportions. The carbon monoxide gas he had inhaled up on the furnace floor had added four million more kingsize iron balls to the original nine million in his head, and several tons of mouldy seaweed were quaking inside his stomach.

At home his wife asked, "Did you see Mr. Rogalsky?'

"The man you were going to see about a place to live. You know it's only three weeks we got to find a place, or we're out in the street."

Homer muttered to himself, and lay down for a nap before supper. In half an hour he woke up again. Something new had been added. Besides the headache and nausea, a sledge hammer was pounding in the left side of his jaw, along with an intermittant electric spark that leapt all the way from the point of his jaw to his left ear. It was a tooth that he had been meaning to see the dentist about, but with his wage what it was, he hadn't wanted to spend the money.

He took two aspirins and settled down to listen to Walter Winchell on the radio. After the broadcast Homer felt worse than ever. "Them damn reds," he muttered. "Trying to overthrow

The Negro Struggle —

Senator Taylor's Arrest

By Albert Parker

The arrest of Senator Glen Taylor in Birmingham furnished a good example of "the American way of life" in the South, where almost threequarters of the Negro people reside. Taylor had gone to make

a speech to the Southern Negro Youth Conference in a church, and had found the audience strictly segregated, whites on one side of the aisle and Negroes on the other, and cops swarming around the place to make

sure the state's sacred segregation law was enforced. Not only was the audience divided, but there were even two doors for entering the church, the front one for Negroes and a side door for whites.

Taylor decided to go in the front way but when he tried, a big cop shoved him off the porch, and another cop gave him the elbow so hard he was spun across the yard and thrown across a small fence. He had offered no resistance but his suit was torn, his leg was bruised and his hand was cut. He was shoved into a police car and driven off on a roundabout route to the jail; on the way he got the impression the cops were trying to provoke him into some action for which they could beat him up. At the jail he was held for "disorderly conduct" until bail was raised. A few days later he was fined \$50 and costs and given a jail sentence of 180 days; the sentence was suspended and an appeal has been filed.

That is what happened to a member of the U. S. Senate, the highest legislative body in the country. It is not hard to imagine what would have happened in this case to a man in a less prominent position-white or Negro. He would be in a jail or hospital (if not in his grave). The Southern ruling class does not fool around when it comes to defending its "way of life." It proposes to keep the white and Negro workers divided at all costs—by the use of propaganda and Jim Crow laws where possible, and by brute violence where necessary. Anybody who thinks the Southern rulers are going to peacefully accept a civil rights program that alters the Negro's position in the South is a dreamer, due for a rude awakening.

The judge who sentenced Taylor delivered the usual harangue against "outside influences" that are interfering with the Southern way of life. He did not say anything about the Northern capitalists with investments in the South who have conspired with the Southern rulers for the past 60-odd years to institute and maintain the present Jim Crow set-up. He highly approves of that kind of outside influence. And he did not say a word about the South's outside influence, exerted through congressmen elected by a tiny fraction of the population, who help to pass laws oppressing the workers of all colors in all parts of the country and who are responsible for the spread of racial hatred and restrictions through the federal government and the armed forces.

What this country needs is the introduction of more "outside influence" in the South, backed up by the power of the organized labor movement. For either the workers of the North will help their Southern brothers end the dictatorial way of life in the South, or the ruling class will extend it to the rest of the nation.

Just to keep the record straight, the Communist Party was forced to quickly change its false estimate of the Supreme Court decision on restrictive covenants, reported in this column last week. The May 4 Daily Worker did print a story entitled, "Supreme Court Voids Restrictive Covenants," which declared that the court had "dealt a serious blow to real estate agreements which bar Negroes from all-white neighborhoods." However an editorial in the next day's issue declared: "But that this Court decision gives the Negro tenant or property buyer any substantial gain, as is claimed by certain leaders who are only too anxious to quiet down the indignation of the Negro people, is a fallacy." Unfortunately, most of the Negro press, who also hailed the court's OK of restrictive covenants, have not changed their position.

Tuberculosis-Ancient Enemy

By Grace Carlson -

As long ago as the 4th century B.C., the Greek physician, Hippocrates described tuberculosis so graphically that his writings about this disease stand as a medical classic. Hip-

pocrates named the disease, 'phthisis," which means "wasting." a marked characteristic of the last stage of tuberculosis. But tuberculosis was known to the human race long before

Hippocrates' time. Mummies found in the tombs of Egypt show definite signs of tuberculosis. The characteristic marks of this disease have also been

observed on the bones of persons who died long before history was recorded.

Not until 1882 when the germ cause of tuberculosis was discovered was there any real progress in the fight against this age-old disease. It was in that year that Robert Koch identified the tubercle bacillus and proved conclusively that it is the direct cause of tuberculosis.

The tubercle bacillus is a germ so small that it can gain entrance to the body in specks of dust or in the tiny droplets sprayed out in coughing or sneezing. Tubercle bacilli live for hours in moist sputum and may even resist drying and freezing. The germ is passed from person to person in various ways - through kissing an infected person, using his or her personal toilet articles, breathing in germs which have been sprayed into the air by a tubercular patient's cough, using inadequately washed dishes on which tubercle baccilli may have been deposited by the previous user.

When tubercle bacilli get into the body, they may be coughed out before they do any damage or they may be destroyed by the white cells of the blood. If they get past the body's first lines of defense, they are likely to find a place in the lungs. Since the tubercle bacillus is a foreign agent in the body, the body's next line of defense is to wall off the invader. A shell is formed around the bacilli, which is called a tubercle because it looks like a bulb. Inside the tubercle, the bacilli continue to grow and to destroy the small amount of lung substance left to them. In time, a hard gritty substance called calcium takes the place of the destroyed lung substance.

Most city-dwellers, while growing up, become slightly infected by tubercle bacilli, but never develop active cases of tuberculosis. So long as the body keeps the upper hand, everything goes well, but if the bacilli invade the body in great numbers and the general resistance is low, an active case of tuberculosis will develop. Poverty, overwork, malnutrition and worry are the great allies of tuberculosis germs because they break down the body's resistance.

Great progress has been made in the fight against tuberculosis but this disease still takes a toll of 53,000 lives every year in the U. S. Tuberculosis is still an enemy of mankind.

Notes from the News

SMALL BUSINESS — So far over 1,600 firms have failed in 1948. In 1947 there were 957 bankruptcies and in 1946 there were 338. Small business is getting smaller.

UNDERTAKERS ALL SET FOR WAR - Minnesota undertakers aren't letting any grass grow under their feet. At the 58th annual convention of the Minnesota Funeral Directors Association in Minneapolis, the embalmers' president reported that arrangements had been completed with the Army for the formation of undertakers' units which would accompany troops in the field to supervise identification and preparation of the dead

BORING FROM WITHIN — The CIO-PAC of

Michigan is "going into the Democratic Party" in order to transform it into a "liberal political organization." According to the officers of the Michigan PAC, this conforms "to national CIO

A STRAIGHT PROGRAM - Jack Kroll, chairman of the CIO-PAC, told the Textile convention delegates meeting at Atlantic City, that his organization had no idea what presidential candidate it would support, but urged that labor get out a large registration to meet any eventuality.

"STALIN AGE" MUSIC - A new administration board has taken over the Union of Soviet Composers and pledged itself to create music about the "Stalinist Age."

CIO Packinghouse Unions Continue Grim Fight in Ninth Week of Strike

THE MILITANT

May 10, the deadline set by breakers went to work amid the ieers of union members.

After nine weeks, the strike of two-months-old fight for a living the CIO Packinghouse Workers wage. remains effective here as well as HORMEL SUPPORT in the other meat packing centers. Workers at Superior and Barjoined the ranks of UPW strikers a membership meeting that they ted, but the request was denied demanding 29 cents an hour and service has made.

ago through an agreement with duction. Provisions of the Min- Four - Armour, Swift, Cudahy ed. Armour, Swift and Cudahy for the union that a raise of 12 cents nesota labor law (Stassen Slave and Wilson — by the internationstrikers to return to work, has an hour would be granted imme- Act) prevent their striking in less at office of the UPW. The suit claims totalling \$163,000 have come and gone, but only a few diately and the difference between than 30 days. The 3,700 members asks the court to restrain the been filed against the city by come and gone, but only a 1ew the increase and the 29 cents of the Hormel local will contribute companies from violating senior- UPW members and bystanders dreds of pickets gathered around hourly raise demanded by the 10% of their pay to the strike rethe entrances to all three plants union would be negotiated. Al- lief fund. Until now, the union sions of union contracts which by city police on picket lines and in South St. Paul this morning though bargaining was still in has been giving \$12,500 a week run until August 11. when a dribble of would-be strike process, Bartusch and Superior and has contributed a total of employes joined the strike in or- \$100,000. Under a 10% payroll South St. Paul, Minnesota; Fargo, sues in the strike were resumed in

pendent meat packers in St. Paul, sota, announced last Friday after picketing at plant gates reinstatime. Stockyard workers are also that the union or the conciliation

resumed operations a few weeks hours in order to reduce meat pro- court in Chicago against the Big fore the packing strike was callder to lend their weight to the deduction plan, Hormel workers N. D.; Sioux City, Iowa; Fort will contribute \$20,000 a week to Worth, Texas; St. Joseph, Missou-

Packinghouse workers at the order, which was dissolved last Friday, May 14, unless their order, which was dissolved last Friday, May 14, unless their order, which was dissolved last because of the order, which was dissolved last because of the order, which was dissolved last because of the order order, which was dissolved last because of the order order or orde Hormel plant in Austin, Minne- week in district court, barring wage demands are met by that

Meanwhile, stock handlers in

ri; and Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Swift and company in South St. have agreed to join the nation- despite numerous hearings and

In Kansas City, Kansas, 34 who were injured in the assault union headquarters April 23.

Attempts to negotiate the is-Chicago last weekend through efforts of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service. To date,

Youngstown 'Vindicator' Rebuffed by Steel Unions

3 in Mahoning County witness-Youngstown Vindicator, mouthpiece of the local steel corporations, started a full blown redbaiting attack on the labor movement five days before election day. The response of the steelworkers against the paper was

There were two issues in the campaign. First, a special 2.5 mill property levy was placed on the ballot, and second, a CIO man was entered in the Democratic primary race for Sheriff of Mahoning County. The Steelworkers District 26

leadership opposed the increased property levy, which would bear lown hardest on small home owners, and eventually, tenants. They were met in the press with united, vigorous, unremitting ampaign backing the levy, with all party politicians, clubs, groups and "leaders" in the city helping to put the heat on.

In the race for sheriff, the local Steelworkers officers continued the ancient policy of the labor leaders of trying to "gain increased influence" in the Democratic Party. Paul Langley, president of a Steelworkers local, and cumbent since 1934, and scabherder in the 1937 Little Steel

On the Thursday preceding the election the Vindicator appeared with its ill-fated blast: a two column width editorial signed by the political editor of the Vindicator, Clingan Jackson, who is a big shot in the Democratic Party and a State Senator. This editorial was printed under a in an attempt to take over the sue this week in the tragic death caucus. However Serreo's name an invidious text, which, while tempted in every infantile way known to the author to convey the impression that the CIO was engaged in a gigantic plot; that

Armour Picket Killed In East St. Louis

Another Armour picket lies dead. Ed Hucks, a member of UPW Local 42, was shot and killed last Sunday at the Armour plant just outside the City limits of East St. Louis, Illinois. When Hucks called out to three scabs scaling a fence around the plant, he was answered with a blast from the pistol of one of the strikebreakers. He was killed instantly by a bullet through the head.

In the last issue of the UPW Area Strike Bulletin, District 2, the union declares, "The responsibility for this wanton killing we lay directly at the door of Armour . . . From the very first day of the strike we proclaimed that their vicious back-to-work movement could lead to but one thing: violence. What else can result from their efforts to use a tiny minority consisting of stoolpigeons to break a strike when the overwhelming majority of employes voted to win their demands by picket line resistance . . . The boards of directors of all corporations are the real criminals who should be placed in the docket and tried for the murders of the Cicardos, the Hucks and the countless others who have had to pay with their lives for doing no more than fighting for a decent livelihood."

YOUNGSTOWN, May 8 - | this plot was part of the "red The primary elections of May conspiracy" against our "form of government"; and further, that the whole local Steelworkers ed an unexpected labor-capitalist leadership, from James P. Grifconflict flaring up in the closing fin, District 23 director, down to days of the campaign. The the last office girl and staff errand boy is a dyed-in-the-wool Communist.

The reaction in the steel mills was immediate. Union workers bristled at the attack. The CIO went on the radio half a dozen times in three days, and bought considerable space in the Vindicator to reply. Local 1330 at the Ohio Works of Carnegie-Illinois issued a leaflet defending the right of the CIO to back any stand or individual it wished in political campaigns.

On Tuesday came the vote; The property levy was overwhelmingly defeated, and Langley won the Democratic nomination for sheriff. How much this nomination is worth, the CIO leaders and members in this area will find out in the days to come But the slap in the face administered to the Vindicator must be regarded as labor's victory.

That's the way the men in the mills look at it. As a result, CIO prestige, badly suffering from the body blow recently dealt it by CIO President Philip Murray has



Taylor Convicted

Following his conviction on a disorderly conduct charge for trying to enter a church through a door marked "Negroes", Sen. Glen H. Taylor chats with Raleigh Durden, delegate to a meetyour-government seminar in Washington. The third party vicepresidential candidate is appealing the case on grounds that segregation laws violate the constitutional right of free assembly.

for some time an active Democratic worker, was run against the notorious Sheriff Elser, in-Of NMU Agent's Death

NEW YORK CITY, May 11

completely devoid of facts, at- machine, who was attacked and as sponsors of the rank and file that date the union faces the offered only brooms and other dolph Serreo.

the shocking news the National

JOSEPH CURRAN

official investigator of the union are standing firm determined to to get and bring back to New win their demands. York a full report on the slaying.

drunkenness.

The Daily Worker appeared with a front page lead story on Line Briefs" keeping the memthe murder with a headline iden- bership alerted on the latest detifying the murderer as a "Cur- velopments. Large placards for rank and file caucus, has an- Want Fair Play."

in the union has followed the parently convinced of their im- fight for the reinstatement of Daily Worker's line in stepping pending defeat in the present Barnes has already met with supup its campaign of vilification election. All indications point to port from labor, veteran, political - The present bitterly fought and slander against the rank and their deliberately creating an atelection contest between the Stal- file caucus. They actually charge mosphere of fear and demoraliza- zations. inist machine and the rank and that it was a political murder tion in preparation for some deshuge scare headline that the CIO file caucus inside the CIO Nation- and that Serreo was a leader of perate moves in the internal discrimination in hiring began was using "Communist tactics" al Maritime Union had a new is- the Charlestown rank and file struggle. Democratic Party. There followed of the NMU's Charlestown agent, does not appear among the thous- results of the secret ballot voting other highly qualified Negro ap-Robert New, part of the Stalinist ands that are publicly published will be known. Just previous to plicants for sales clerk jobs were

Immediately upon receipt of cus as a caucus member.

Stalinist provocations.

the New York rank and file cau- tract with the shipowners.

It is well known throughout the as a whole to condemn the mur- NAACP began picketing the union that the rank and file cau- der, the Stalinists are insisting store on Oct. 14. The picketing is eus has warned against the use upon using this as a factional of the mass demonstration type of physical violence. This was football. It is doubtful that the each Friday evening when shopprecessary because of the repeated cynical exploitation of New's ing is busiest. In recent months death will have much effect upon the picket lines, including white The Stalinist machine is ap- the outcome of the election.

'BACK TO WORK' MOVE FIZZLES AT BOEING

department has made calls to individuals reminding them the plant is open and they can return Office of the NMU dispatched an to work. But the union members

The union has secured radio The very meager information time twice weekly to present available at this date merely iden- their side. In their first weekly tifies Serreo as a ballot commit-broadcast the union business tee man who was discharged agent explained how the comfrom his post by a rank and file pany was following the Mohawk trial committee and fined for Valley Formula in attempting to break the strike and the union. The union issues daily "Picket

Meanwhile the Stalinist faction 000 damages from lodge no. their work is terminated.

SEATTLE, May 10 - The | 751 and its parent union, the In-Boeing Airplane Company has been defeated in its attempts to start a back-to-work movement. The company inserted urgent and ternational Association of Machinists. The company charged the union with causing and sanctioning a strike while a contract con-The company inserted urgent appeals in the want-ad section of in affect. Meanwhile a contract containing a "no strike" clause was peals in the want-ad section of in affect. in effect. Meanwhile the union atthe daily papers. The personnel torney was preparing to file three actions in federal court seeking \$5,000,000 in damages and requesting the company be enjoined from unfair labor pract-

> rector, Cyrus Ching, has summoned Harvey Brown, IAM President and William Allen, Boeing Company, President to attend a The proposed ordinance was laid conference in Washington, D.C. side for 30 days and then dropp-Allen twice refused, stating he ed. would send representatives to explain the company's version of Sears and 30 clerks have been the "illegal strike" but would re- laid off for lack of business. The fuse to reopen negotiations for a Negro people of Santa Monica settlement.

union's president and head of the "On Strike at Boeing - We Only rensation to the striking workers been getting. They have learned nounced that he will sue the Daily The company filed a suit under sioner even though the company go out and fight for it, and to the Taft-Hartley Law for \$2,250,- has notified its employes that win a fight you have to have an

Post Office Fires NAACP Leader for **Fighting Jim Crow**

By J. Hawkins

SANTA MONICA, Cal., May 9 — The Truman administration revealed the hypocrisy behind its civil rights program this week when it sided with the Jim Crow Sears and Roebuck Co. and began persecution of an outstanding West Coast fighter for

fair employment practices. The six-month old fight of the local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People against racial discrimination in hiring at the Scars store became a national issue when the U.S. Postmaster General fired Frank H. Barnes, militant president of the branch, from his mail carrier's job last Tuesday. The reason? Because, in his campaign against Sears, Barnes was, according to the charges, either a member of, or sympathetic to subversive organizations and accepted the support of these organizations. Among the rganizations listed by the Postmaster General as subversive were the American Veterans Committee, the American Jewish Congress, the Committee on Racial Equality, the Progressive Citizens. of America, the National Negro Congress and the Communist

DEEP RESENTMENT

This crude intervention by the federal government has stirred ta Monica. The NAACP has provided Barnes with legal council headed by Loren Miller, Los Angeles lawyer who argued the case against restrictive covenants before the U.S. Supreme Court. The civic, minority, religious organi-

The campaign against Sears' when Sears opened a new store Six weeks remain before the last summer. Negro veterans and murdered by union member Ru- caucus. Nor is Serreo known to critical expiration date of its con- menial jobs. After long, fruitless attempts to win sales and similar Instead of allowing the union ichs by negotiations, the local and Negro, have grown to huge

> Over two dozen organizations, among them important unions in the Los Angeles metropolitan area, have come out in active support of the NAACP and its fight against Sears. The most active organizations work through united committee which the local NAACP set up in January. At a recent NAACP Southern California conference, the Santa Monica campaign was approved and preparations were begun to extend the fight against all Sears stores on the Pacific coast.

Early in March the Sears management turned to the municipal government for aid. The Chief of Police came up with a vicious anti-picketing ordinance. When the City Council met to United States Conciliation Di- consider this measure, it was bombarded for three hours with protests from labor, minority, veteran and civic organizations.

Trade has fallen off badly at have expressed amazement at the ran Man." Joseph Curran, the cars have been issued reading Denial of unemployment com- large-scale support they have was ok'd by the State Commis- that to get support you have to organization.