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The Same Old Baggage

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Boss Parties Offer

Only Depression

To Halt Inflation

The pre-election debate

is raging: Who is respon-

sible for the inflation?

Truman says if the Republicans

had only passed his "anti-inflation" program of mild govern-

ment controls, prices would be

"rolled back." Taft, the Republi-

can mouthpiece, answers that

prices shot up under far more

stringent controls than Truman

proposes, and if we'd just get rid

of Democratic tinkering with the

"natural laws of economics,"

prices would "level off" by them-

Taft's "natural laws" have

been in full force since the end

of the war. These are the "laws"

enforced by the "private govern-

ment" of monopolies that fix

prices, regulate production and

allocate raw materials on the

basis of what's best for their

profits. Under these "laws," pri-

ces today are the highest since

the founding of the Republic -

Truman's program sounds bet-

ter, but is just as fraudulent. His

chief proposal is for "stand-by

authority to impose selective con-

Fruman's "theoretician" on prices,

former OPA director Paul Porter,

likened Truman's program to

hat of Canada. But in the Demo-

cratic Digest for July, Porter

admitted that "stand-by controls

at this time would not bring the

American cost of living in line with Canada's relatively low

prices. The lid has been off too

Indeed, it appears to have been

Aug. 10 N.Y. Times reports:

"Steady increases in the price

of food are mainly responsible

for the new record high of 156.9

in the Canadian June cost of liv-

ing index." Potatoes, eggs and

meat rose 41.5 points in 12

months. That's what Truman's

Republicans and Democrats

have a common "solution" for

inflation. It is nothing but the

market. Then comes a glut of

Marriner Eccles, former head

of the Federal Reserve Board, de-

it will be. I can't predict." Asked

were given full power to set up

It is too late for decayed capi-

talism to "solve" inflation except

by depression. That is what makes

sheer demagogy out of the Stalin-

ist and Wallaceite yapping about

exist at present high prices, they

say - eat even less! Telling peo-

ple who can't buy to go on a

ing from a LOCKOUT - a price

The only effective program

against high prices is the pro-

gram advanced by Farrell Dobbs

it was too late."

PRICE LOCKOUT

program looks like in practice.

- piecemeal price control.

and going up.

cii too long

BOOM - BUST

TRUMAN'S PROGRAM

BANKERS' SPOKESMAN PREDICTS 'BUST'

Dobbs Brands Beck 'Traitor' For Scabbery

By Farrell Dobbs

SWP Candidate for President

When a union official helps a corporation fight a striking union, he is no less a traitor than the copperheads who sabotaged the Union Army to help the slave owners during the Civil War. Such a traitor in labor's

their complaints, despite the fact

that the union boss was a gang-

ster with a known criminal rec-

But when these outraged truck

drivers went on strike to force

the employers to abide by the

union agreement, Tobin moved

fast. He sent in reinforcements

families as best they could.

Tobin shipped scores of his

drivers to sign up for the Tobin

their kind.

ranks is Dave Beck, West Coast AFL Teamsters Czar. Beck has

stabbed in the back the striking Machinists Union at the Boeing Aircraft Company in Seattle. He has sent trucks through the machinists' picket lines, signed up Boeing



Union, sent his attorneys into government hearings to parrot the corporation's arguments in short, Beck has done everything he could to break the machinists' strike.

So scandalous is Beck's conduct out when I saw what it was like. that the Washington State AFL And when Tobin attacked my same manner that Hitler employhas condemned his tactics. An home local in Minneapolis in ed against recalcitrant nationalopposition movement is developing 1941, I learned plenty more about ities in Europe. Regulations have inside the Seattle Teamsters The Mad Dog of the Labor Move- been issued giving the govern-Union in protest against the in- ment. dignities and injuries inflicted Tobin tried to impose a dictator pers are suppressed, individuals

THE MAD DOG Daniel J. Tobin, who has been

Tobin is notorious for his goons "persuaded" the truck munist bandits." strikebreaking; smashing of democracy in local unions; driving dictatorship. workers who oppose him off their jobs; and organizing gangster attacks in jurisdictional raids on

other unions. The Brewery Workers Union men beaten with blackjacks, workers' homes destroyed by firebombs and dynamite, as Tobin

that Tobin show. In St. Louis, the rank and file nists and the Seattle truck drivbecause the union contract was breaker Beck.

For Independence From British Rule

The flames of national uprisngs continue to spread in the Far East and shake to their foundations the empires of the Western imperialists. To the growing list of Asiatic peoples fighting for their independence is now added Malaya.

Malayans Revolt

Malaya forms the long Indo-Chinese peninsula which runs down from the mainland of South-East Asia. For upwards of a century, its natives have been ruled and exploited by British imperialnot being enforced; nor could ism through a system of indirect they get a financial report from rule of native sultans, the Malay, the local officers. Tobin ignored equivalent of the Indian Rajahs. The country is a key sector of the British Empire as it is the world headquarters of the rubber and tin industries and forms the hinterland to Singapore, "The Gibralter of the Far East."

REVOLT RISING

At the end of the Second World War, Britain tried to ward off to help the local union bosses, the growing nationalist movement by establishing a phony consultawho united with the employers to smash the strike. The rank and tive body under the "Union of file leaders were expelled from Malaya." But the natives, sufferthe union, fired from their jobs ing from food shortages and a and left to take care of their raging inflation, and influenced by the rising tides of revolution I am thoroughly familiar with throughout the Far East, have the methods of Tobin and his now risen in revolt, determined henchmen like Beck. I used to be to drive the imperialists out of on Tobin's field staff, but I got the country.

ment unlimited powers. Newspadignities and injuries inflicted upon the membership by this strikebreaking dictator.

Tobin tried to impose a dictator arrested and held indefinitely without trial and "suspicious persons" in danger areas are shot on other than Dave Beck. The union sight. Strikes are banned. Mal-Small wonder that Beck has membership rose to a man in op- colm MacDonald, British Goverbecome the heir-apparent to the position to this Hitler-like act. nor-General of Malaya, representative of the Brit goons into Minneapolis. With the ment and son of the late Ramsey aptly called "The Mad Dog of the help of blackjacks, the local cops MacDonald, has been denouncing learned well in the Tobin school. sota, Harold E. Stassen, the miniscent of Goebbels, as "Com-

BITTER STRUGGLE

Then Tobin hollered for help But British savagery and refrom the federal cops. The lead- pression will not save their emers of the local union, including pire. Major General Charles myself, were railroaded to the Boucher, Commander of the Britfederal penitentiary under the ish forces in Malaya, estimated can tell a hair-raising story of Smith Cag Act. That is why I that it would take at least 15 know all about Tobin, Beck and months to wipe out the guerrillas. When it is recalled that despite the pouring-in of huge numbers

When I visit Seattle on my naof troops and armaments, the blied his union-raiding activities. tional campaign tour, I shall be French and Dutch have been un-Beck was a star performer in glad to put my knowledge at the able to suppress the uprisings of disposal of the striking machi- neighboring Indo-China and Indonesia, and are losing the wars, of a Teamsters Local Union sent ers who are fighting against the it is obvious that the British are a committee to protest to Tobin Boeing corporation and strike- in for a long struggle with every







The British have replied in the General Motors Workers Resist Intolerable Speed-up Conditions

workers. Under the recent contract, considered the worst in the tion was taken without even noti- Reutherite leadership of the UAW

industry, the corporation is ?-

GM workers in the Michigan Labor Movement." Beck has and the then governor of Minne- the insurgents, in language re- auto towns are beginning to resist the corporation's drive to impose inhuman increases in production schedules. The intensified strikes and strike votes by CIO United Auto Workers members in Flint and Pontiac.

Crank-shaft workers at the Flint Chevrolet plant went on strike Aug. 6 after the company arbitrarily raised the output quota from 40 to 51 cranks per hour.

The Searchlight, official publication of Chevrolet Local 659, reported on July 29 that the crank-

be secured by driving the workers

On Aug. 5, the entire afternoon shift at the Fisher Body plant in Pontiac walked out in protest speed-up has already provoked against speed-up. They returned to work and demanded a strike vote authorization by their local. the Fisher Body local in Flint on Aug. 11 and 12. Here too the big issue is speed-up.

At the Flint Buick plant the company has put the heat on by a sudden frontal attack on the union. It handed out 10 dismissal notices, 31 penalty lay-offs of one shaft men "have been subjected to four weeks, and hundreds of them to the 15th step of the to speed-up beyond anything im- "reprimands" in a move to halt State Capitol, where it is plainly aginable since the days of the the long-established practice of open shop." The previous quota taking a few minutes daily for a had been in effect 12 years, and little lunch on the job. This ac-

fication to the union. Other cor- gave the company a virtual blank porations are following GM's check by agreeing to a contract

putting an intolerable squeeze no technological improvements lead. Ford is reported attempting that provides the most inadequate on the workers for more individan increase. Higher output is to boost production by 25%. grievance set-up in the industry.

The GM workers have been and permits the company to improve the company the company that it is not to be company to improve the company that it is not to be company to improve the company that it is not to be company to improve the company that it is not to be company to improve the company that it is not to be company to improve the company that it is not to be company to improve the company that it is not to be company the company that it is not to be company to improve the company that it is not to be company to improve the company that it is not to be company to improve the company that it is not to be company to the company that it is not to be company to the company that it is not to be company to the company that it is not to be c grievance set-up in the industry placed in a particularly disad- pose almost any working condivantageous position because the tions it sees fit.

CARLSON REPORTS TOUR vote authorization by their local. A strike vote was scheduled for

By Grace Carlson

From the Mile-High City

Denver's citizens point with great pride to the fact that classic capitalist "boom-bust." their's is the only mile-high city in the United States. And they Let prices zoom until the condo not require visitors to do their own measuring They take sumers are priced out of the

Like every visitor to the Colorado Rockies, I was impressed and military points of view, this by the superb scenery and the action is futile," she declared. wonderful climate. Different from other visitors, I was more im- ers will also be interested to truth is the workers are sufferpressed by the fact that here know that we are getting in a were the early outposts of the few licks at Norman Thomas, lockout from the necessities of is to recall the brave struggles of view: the labor pioneers of the Western

he outposts of the new, militant platform." workers' movement in Colorado and Utah was still more impressive to me. They are small groups, to be sure, but they are the first dates of Dr. Carlson's tour: Trotskyist centers to be established in this area for many years. I am confident that, in time, this will mean that the voice of revolutionary socialism will once again be widely heard.

The Socialist Workers Party production, factory shut-downs election campaign attracted con- and depression. siderable attention in both the one stands Salt Lake City and Denver news-5280 feet a- papers. The fact that there are clared flatly before the Senate national candidates, who are at- Banking Committee three weeks If this does tacking the Communist Party ago: "We certainly are going to from the left during these red- have a bust, but as to just when sal enough to baiting days, seems to be newsworthy. I think that the readers "what would you say?," if he of The Militant will be interested tives are in a few paragraphs from a press protective measures against a brought for - interview run in the Denver Post bust, Eccles replied: "I would say

"Mrs. Carlson differs with the

Russia. "'But from both the Marxist And I think that Militant read- "buyers' strike" is idiocy. The

militant American labor union who still poses as a "Socialist." life. movement. To mention the names, Here are a couple of additional Ludlow, Cripple Creek, Boulder, paragraphs from the same interand Grace Carlson, Socialist Federation of Miners and the magazine article that the Dem- Workers Party candidates for

TOUR DATES

The following are the coming

dates, see Page 4.)

in all union contracts, providing automatic pay increases, above the basic wage rate, for all rises in the cost of living. 2. For mass consumer committees of workers. housewives and dirt farmers empowered to fix prices and enforce price ceilings. 3. For the nationalization of all basic industries and their operation under the (For Dobbs' opening tour democratic control of the work-

Taft-Hartley Act Incites Inter-Union Warfare enging union raiders combine to AFL union naturally "won." The try to destroy an established latter began to scab-herd for the grab off locals through direct fused to take this necessary step.

havoc among the trade unions. This is the "yellow dog" affidavit, tract of Local 1250, CIO United a device cleverly designed to split the unions along "communist". and "anti-communist" lines. It has touched off virtual civil war within the labor movement at a time when all organized labor is under the heaviest assault in dec-

Employers and government, acting in collusion, are employing davits. In response to an appeal the refusal of unions to sign "yellow dog" oaths as the chief legal pretext to break strikes and deny | Labor and Education Committee collective bargaining rights to sent a sub-committee to New York previously recognized unions. The | to "investigate" the "Commuunion-busters are effectively nists" in New York department using this weapon because of the connivance of many unscrupulous union officials who are working hand-in-glove with anti-labor employers to raid established unions and even scab-herd in strikes.

These scavengers — some of whom have shown exceptional ineptness in organizing workers within their own jurisdiction and vultures on unions made vulner-

to the Taft-Hartley Act.

which refused to renew the con-Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Employes.

Several weeks before the old contract was to expire, the company announced it would not rethe grounds that the union was 'run by Communists" who had refused to sign Taft-Hartley affifrom Oppenheim Collins and other big department stores, the House

store unions. This committee hauled the local union leaders before a typical inquisition. Naturally, the company loudly proclaimed it would have no dealings with "enemies of our government."

At the same time, scenting prey, officials of the AFL Retail Clerks claimed jurisdiction. The in defending the interests of their | NLRB ordered an election—with own members—swarm down like the CIO union kept off the ballot because it had not signed a "yel- chiefly Stalinist-led-which are ment. able by their refusal to submit low dog" oath. On the day the old contract ended and the CIO

Is COMMUNISM!"

FINAL TOUCH

national officials of the CIO union itself, opponents of the Stalinnew the Local 1250 contract on ist leaders of the New York loemployers, government witchhunters and AFL raiders. URWD-SE-CIO President Samuel Wolchok, on Aug. 9, stated: "The Taft-Hartley law is the law of the land and it must be obeyed. There is no reason why officers of locals should not sign the non-communist affidavits.'

The type of jurisdictional warfare now being carried out under cover of the Taft-Hartley Act is far from limited to AFL raids on CIO unions. In fact, the Philip Murray machine in the CIOwhich howls the loudest about "raiding" by the AFL—has turned the CIO itself into a battlefield of warring unions seeking to dismember and steal dues-payers away from other CIO unionsunder Taft-Hartley attack.

One of the deadliest booby- union is shown in the case of company, which obtained an intraps in the Taft-Hartley Slave Oppenheim, Collins & Co., a large junction limiting pickets of the Taft-Hartley Board in govern-Labor Law is now spreading Manhattan department store, striking union and placed a huge ment-run elections from which sign over its entrance: "The Issue UE locals are excluded. Reuther is also conducting raids on the Farm Equipment Workers and Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers. The final touch was added when Murray's catch-all set-up, the Shipyard Workers headed by John Green, is splitting off sections of the Public Workers, Mine, Mill labor political action through the cals, gave aid and comfort to the and Smelter Workers, and other unions as remote from the shipyard industry as the North Pole is from the South Pole.

One of the latest developments of this disruptive internal warfare is the move of the CIO paper workers to raid the CIO Office the sole similarity between the two occupations is that one manufactures paper and the other uses

UGLY PICTURE

That is the ugly picture we see today. AFL unions raiding other AFL unions and CIO unions; CIO unions rushing in to tear apart other CIO unions; the top leaderships of both completely indifferent to the fate of the labor move-

We saw a similar situation in The Walter Reuther leadership the AFL during the Twenties. A flagrant example of how union went on strike, the NLRB in the auto union is trying to tear | Then the great need was for inemployers, government and scav-held its "Ja" election, which the large CIO United Electrical dustrial organization. But the

jurisdictional squabbles, forced the unions to devour themselves. The present situation flows

from the fact that the top union leaders again are drawing back from the next great forward step demanded by the times. Unable to advance a step further because they reject genuine independent formation of a labor party, having no program to advance the interests of the workers or to defend them from government assault, these union leaders are trying to protect their own narrow interests and salvage a little for themselves no matter if the rest and Professional Workers, where of the union movement goes to hell in a high-speed elevator.

> NEW LEADERSHIP So long as the narrów outlook

and primitive aims of these union leaders continue to dominate the labor movement, the unions will be torn with internal strife and dissension. Only a new leadership, with a broad and fundamental understanding of the great class issues and with will and courage to lead the unions into a new political avenue, can save the labor movement, restore its unity and inspire the workers to successful struggle against their

marked that. at that spot, bove sea level: not seem colosother superlaward, such as of Aug. 6. They follow: the fact that

Colorado has 'crude idea' that Stalin is setting the largest out to conquer the world. She number of high believes that the Kremlin is setpeaks of any state - 1,080, ting out to construct a set of bufwhich are more than 10,000 feet fer states for the protection of

early IWW against the ruthless, ocrats and Republicans have President and Vice President: labor-hating mine bosses of the stolen his platform, Mrs. Carlson 1. For a sliding scale of wages declared. 'But there isn't any (cost-of-living escalator clause) That we are now organizing danger of them stealing our

Aug. 15-21 Michigan Aug. 22-23 en route Aug. 24-26 Cleveland

The Tito Affair and Stalinism

By E. Germain

The Tito affair has thrown considerable light on the much debated question of the social nature of Stalinism. With one blow, Stalinism has lost the peculiar fascination of success, which, since the end of the war, it exerted even on certain revolutionists. The Russian regime. whose admirers as well as whose most implacable enemies - in words! - proclaim its "astonishing stability," has become a regime devoured by internal crisis. The territorial expansion of Russia, cited by so many of our superficial critics as a "definitive refutation" of the Trotskyist thesis, revealed itself as a projection outside the Russian borders of the internal contradic tions gnawing Stalinism.

INTENSE CONTRADICTION

The Tito affair defines the essential elements of Soviet policy in Eastern Europe. This policy seeks to utilize and exploit these countries for the strategic, political and economic objectives pursued by the Soviet bureaucracy. It is true that experience has taught Stalin that it is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain the desired results through collaboration with the traditional capitalist elements. But the Kremlin has also learned another no less important lesson. The climination of the bourgeoisie from control of the economy and the state cannot be realized without a mobilization, however limited, of the masses. The Communist parties of these countries can achieve such a mobilization only to the extent that they maintain their effective influence among the laboring masses. But the more these parties seek to keep their mass base, the more sensitive they become to the pressure of the workers. The more they take into account the sentiments of the workers, the more their power tends to correspond to the social conditions of their own countries -and to become independent of the rigorous control of the

STALINIST PUPPETS

That is why it is not enough for Stalin to rid himself of Petkov, Mikolaczyk and Masaryk. He has to seek to eliminate the Stalinist leaders who are most closely connected with the workers' movement and replace them with mere puppets who owe their power exclusively to the Kremlin. That is why Stalin tries in Rumania, Hungary, Poland and 116 University Pl., N. Y. 3, N. Y. elsewhere to push into prominence

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the Russian and world proletariat.

in the Stalinist parties such personalities as the Rumanian Bod- formidable trump card in his creation of a new middle class unleashes. nationalist party which serves him as a counter weight to the Stalinist SED party.

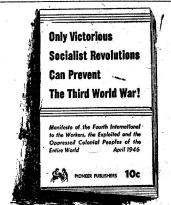
NOT AN ACCIDENT

It is not by accident that Stalin has seen his first failure in Yugoslavia, where the Tito regime has the greatest mass support, where the country has experienced the most profound social overturn, and where the bourgeois opposition is the most insignificant and prostrate. Stalin wants to decapitate the most should come from there.

SEEKS COMPROMISE

Contrary to all false appearances, we have never ceased to epeat that Stalin, far from seekng to extend a new social system all the workers." The word "deover the entire world, sought generation" is already circulatfundamentally a compromise with ing in the Yugoslav CP cadres, world imperialism. The Tito affair provides explosive confirmation of our analysis. It incontestably shows how impossible it is for Stalinism to expand in an unlimited fashion.

The relation between the Kremlin and the Stalinist parties in extent that these parties enjoy the confidence of large masses. It s evident that Stalin, who views favorably the armies of Mao Tse-dun harassing the forces of



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For the Overthrow of the Stalinist Bureaucracy!

For the Defense of the October Conquests

Against Imperialism!

Union, a number of disillusioned revolutionaries identify the

Stalinist dictatorship with what still remains of the October

conquests and refuse to defend the latter. On the other hand,

all the "fellow travelers" who, only yesterday, sang praises to

the "victorious Red Army" when it was a question of "fighting

the anti-fascist war," suddenly again become conscious of

Stalinist barbarism at the moment when it collides with the

interests of their own capitalists. The militants of the Fourth

International, who were the first in the workers' movement to

denounce all that is monstrous and reactionary in the Stalinist

regime, are the only ones who conduct a genuine struggle against

Stalin within the rigid framework of defending the interests of

does not at all pursue the aim of introducing political democracy

or respect for the rights of man in Soviet Russia. On the con-

trary, in the face of the ferocious resistance which the Soviet

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Manifesto Calls for Overthro

Of the Stalinist Bureaucracy

naras, who have no past of any bargaining with Washington sort in the Communist movement considers with growing uneasiness of their countries and who spent any definitive victory on the part a decade or two of their lives in of Mao Tse-dun. If Tito, in a Russia. This is why he seeks to country so tiny in comparison to maintain the non-Communist Russia, has already dared to political organizations while im- rebel, what would be the attitude posing on them a new leadership tomorrow of a CP dominating a subservient to the Kremlin. That country such as China? The more is why in Eastern Germany he Stalinism expands, the greater authorizes and even favors the become the centrifugal forces it

Smelling the sensational aspect of the conflict, the ignorant section of the capitalist press shouts from the roof tops that the Tito defection breaches the strategic potential of the USSR in Eastern Europe. It is true that Tito has created a breach, but not in the place where the capitalists are ooking for it. A breach has just been created in the ossified consciousness of scores of thousands of Communist members in Yugoslavia, in Switzerland, in all the solid CP. It is wholly logical that countries of Eastern Europe, and the first refusal to capitulate one hopes, of the entire world; a breach in their belief in the infall bility of Stalin. This means a breach in the whole ideological edifice so painstakingly constructed on the basis of the USSR as "the only fatherland of

It is now ten years since the end of the Moscow trial when Stalin massacred the old Bolof the initial period of Stalinyet dare break openly with the "power" are modified to the formulas of Leninism. The fol- and congressional campaign of Comrade Myra Tanner Weiss, which was the systematic poisoning of the workers of the USSR and the entire world with nationalist poison.

and not only there!

Today history is beginning to evenge itself on Stalin. We cannot but feel a certain satisfaction before the spectacle which makes the very instruments of Stalin's crimes, the instrument of his punishment.

TEN YEARS

If the Communist advance guard of several countries will succeed in drawing conclusions from the Tito affair—and they should be helped in this task with all our strength—it will signify an important step toward the regeneration of the world labor movement as well as the regeneration of the USSR.

(Condensed from the July 5, 1948 issue of La Lutte Ouvriere, organ of the Belgian Trotskyists.)

terror regime similar to Hitler's.

Stalinist Bonapartist clique.

workers and peasants would put up if American troops occupied

Soviet territories, Yankee imperialism would install there a

ers from the totalitarian dictatorship, but it would prevent them

from proceeding along the socialist road. Imperialism would at

the most combine its search for capitalist profits with the waste-

fulness engendered by the Stalinist bureaucracy. Far from

cleansing the structure of planning and eliminating the gangrene

of profiteering from it, imperialism would bring the whole

structure down with the hammer blows of its own exports and

an urgent task of the Russian working class; otherwise what

remains of the October conquests is in danger of being stifled

under the weight of this parasitic regime. That is precisely the

reason why the Russian workers cannot farm out this task to

imperialism and will fiercely defend the remnants of the October

conquests against imperialism without for a single moment

relaxing their revolutionary struggle for the overthrow of the

Revolutionary Defense of USSR

Russian army, Stalin primarily defends the privileges of the

bureaucracy. Just as the bureaucracy undermines the founda-

tions of the workers' state in the USSR, its counter-revolutionary

policies outside the USSR constitute a permanent threat to these

same conquests. The Fourth International defends what remains

of October solely by revolutionary class struggle methods.

Everything which weakens the proletariat inside and outside the

USSR; everything which poisons its thinking or lowers its con-

sciousness is a direct blow against the revolutionary defense of

the USSR. That is why to defend the conquests of October

today means to struggle against the reactionary Stalinist bureau-

cracy, against its oppression, looting and occupation of "buffer-

zone" countries, against its secret treaties and deals on the backs

of the peoples. The only form of defense of the USSR advocated

by the Fourth International is the revolutionary struggle of the

In the absence of a powerful revolutionary pole of mass

mobilization, the war, the defense of the Soviet State, and the

pressing needs of reconstruction have assuredly brought about

an acceptance of the bureaucracy by advanced workers as an

gles, the military victories and contacts with the advanced coun-

spirit of the Soviet workers, their hatred of the parasites respon-

sible for all the frauds and thefts; and has tempered their will

to take the direction of the state into their own hands again. The

even when these consist of Russian occupation troops.

By his reactionary policies in the countries occupied by the

The violent ejection of the bureaucratic regime is today

The imperialist war not only would not liberate the work-

At New York AFL Convention



On the platform for the opening session of the New York State Federation of Labor convention are (l. to r.) Francis Cardinal Spellman, state AFL President Thomas A. Murray and Mayor William O'Dwyer of New York. Federated Pictures

CALIFORNIA SWP OPENS **CONGRESSIONAL DRIVE**

ing launching the presidential South Grand. Fourth International, who was speak on the local campaign. murdered by a Stalinist assassin on that day eight years ago.

Comrade Cannon will speak on



MYRA TANNER WEISS

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 9. — the Men, the Parties, the Issues. shevik guard. That was the end James P. Cannon, national secre- The meeting will be held at 8 tary of the Socialist Workers p.m. in the Assembly Hall, Emism, during which Stalin did not | Party, will address a public meet- | bassy Auditorium building, 837

lowing period witnessed a series the Los Angeles Local on Aug. selected at a membership meetof abject crimes, not the least of | 20. The date was selected as fit- | ing of the Los Angeles Local last ting tribute to the memory of week as SWP candidate for Con-Leon Trotsky, founder of the gress in the 19th district, will California's undemocratic elec-

make it necessary to cast a writein vote for Dobbs and Carlson by securing the signatures of

counterpose our program to that Davis is pastor. of the Truman, Dewey and Wallace candidates in the 19th district race," Comrade Weiss said. "Our campaign will provide the only working class alternative to pointing out the real enemies of cn the anti-slavery settlers. the capitalist parties for voters in that district, just as the Dobbs-Carlson campaign does on the Big Business and the agents of that the only way to fight the

the Los Angeles campaign may obtain information by calling tant Publishing Ass'n, 3161/2 W.

Newark Readers!

Election Rally Picnic and Trotsky Memorial Meeting

GEORGE CLARKE, Nation-

al SWP Campaign Mgr. WILLIAM E. BOHANNAN SWP Candidate for Congress from the 11th Dist. Dinner, Swimming, Baseball,

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

Southern California

Militant Readers!

JAMES P. CANNON National Secretary, Socialist Workers Party

Speaking on "THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN - THE MEN, THE PARTIES, THE ISSUES'

Friday, August 20th - 8 P. M. Assembly Hall, Embassy Auditorium Bldg. 837 So. Grand, Los Angeles

proletariat in each country against its "own" bourgeoisie—the struggle to smash all obstacles in the path of socialist revolution, further reconstruction proceeds, the further the rate of accumulation declines as a result of bureaucratic leadership, all the sharper will be the economic difficulties and all the more exasperating will become the social inequality. In the course of constant upheavals which Soviet society will experience, the young worker generations will gain consciousness of their own unavoidable, lesser evil. On the other hand, the partisan struginterests. With the assistance of the revolutionary movements in capitalist countries they will find the way to overthrow the tries of Europe have also undoubtedly increased the critical bureaucracy and will open up a new revolutionary chapter in the history of Russia.

Rebels in American History —

JOHN BROWN

By George Lavan

On the morning of December out of jail. His steps were slow because his wounds had not healed completely. All around him were soldiers with fixed religious. bayonets. On the road was a wagon with a pine coffin. The old man got up on the wagon and sat on the coffin. The procession finally reached the execution grounds. Around the scaffold 1,-500 troops were massed in a great hollow square with cannon trained on all approaches.

They put a hood over his head and led him onto the drop of the scaffold. The rope was adjusted around his neck. Then they made anti-slavery editor, was lynched him wait. They were still hoping for a display of weakness from the old fighter whom they hated and feared. Minutes passed as the troops were put through parade maneuvers. The old man with the hood over his head and the rope about his neck never flinched. Finally after 12 interminable minutes the commanding officer gave the signal and the trap was sprung. The body jerked and then hung quietly.

The colonel's voice rang out: 'So perish all such enemies of Virginia! All such enemies of the Union! All such foes of the human

SINGING HIS NAME

nation. And two years later Union troops marching to smash the

Mich. Candidate **Speaks on Fight** tion laws, which practically bar minority parties from the ballot, For Civil Rights

FLINT, Aug. 4 — William in this state. The Aug. 20 meet- H. Yancey, candidate on the ing will launch a campaign to place the name of Comrade Weiss Party ticket for Secretary of Party ticket for Secretary of place the name of Comrade Weiss Party ticket for Secretary of Party ticket for Secretary Party ticket for Secretary Party ticket for Secretary Party ticket for Secretary Party ticket for S on the ballot in the 19th district State, gave an inspiring speech Sunday, July 25, to a large audi- Kansas as settlers. They wrote 3,000 registered voters who did ence at Bethel M.E. Church, him of the rule of terror innot vote in the primary election. located on E. 12th and Liberty stituted by the slave power. "I welcome the opportunity to Streets, of which Rev. Arthur Brown went out to Kansas to

> Negro Struggle for Civil Rights." the hands of timid compromisers. Mr. Yancey wasted no time in Outrage after outrage was visited

Readers of The Militant and capitalism have been lulling us terror of the slave-owners was man-of-action in the struggle friends of the Socialist Workers to sleep with nothing but empty with terror. He led a raid upon against the slavocracy. He in-Party who are interested in aiding promises. We only get what we a slave settlement and executed spired a whole generation by his that struggle must be directed owners' list. The slavery men raid on Harper's Ferry did not Richmond 4644 or writing Miliagainst this capitalist system were quick in reprisal. They inaugurate the Negro uprising which breeds race prejudice, with captured two of his sons who he hoped for, but it was one of its horrible lynchings and shame- had not been in the raiding the sparks that ignited the powder ful persecutions,"

World War II, and said he needed guerrilla band, however. A genius in four years of bitterly fought no one to tell him about the evils of partisan warfare, Brown civil war. of imperialist wars. "I have experienced," he said, "the suffering, discrimination and jim crow that goes with imperialist wars.'

Mr. Yancey pointed out that the Socialist Workers Party was not out making promises of what Subs Make Possible would be done when they got in office, but stated they were actively engaged now in the fight Corainey James case of Flint, and the O'Day Short case of California.

He said, "The Socialist Work-Farmers Government, the abolition of capitalism, and the establishment of Socialism — the only political party on the ballot worthy of the Negroes' support."

WILLIAM YANCEY

(To be continued next week.)

slave power would be singing his | eluded pursuers and struck when

had died in the Revolutionary Black Jack under Captain Pate. War. He was brought up on the Ohio frontier, and was deeply solved the situation in Kansas.

witnessed the horror of slavery. cautious. Kansas' status as a He was then 12 years old and free state was assured. The forewas delivering cattle to the army. most leader of the free-soilers There he saw a boy slave, with later said of Brown: "He was whom he had become friends, the only man who comprehended cruelly manhandled. As he later the situation, and saw the abwrote, this "made him a most solute necessity of some such determined Abolitionist, and led blow and had the nerve to strike him to declare, or swear eternal it." war with slavery." In 1837 Elijah Lovejoy, an

by a mob at Alton, Ill. This murder convinced John Brown with his plan for an invasion of that the slave power could be the slave country itself. "I have destroyed only by force. It was only a short time to live," he said, in this period that he first con- "and only one death to die, and South and freeing the slaves.

merchant. On business trips east he visited leading Abolitionists carry the war to Africa." and sounded them out.

AROUSED THE NATION His plans were interrupted by

the passage of the Kansas-Nebraska Act which opened the territories to slavery until the settlers should vote on the issue. The opening of hitherto free John Brown was dead. But his territory to slavery aroused the indomitable spirit was to inspire nation. Northern settlers went to the anti-slavery forces of the Kansas to make it a free state while the slave owners sent hordes of hired gunmen to insure a victory for human bondage.

The planters openly campaigned to win Kansas by force. Southern Senators and military men called for the wiping out of all opposition in Kansas. General Stringfellow, addressing a band of gunmen about to leave for Kansas, stated, "I tell you to mark every scoundrel among you who is the least tainted with Seven of Brown's sons went to

lead the fight. He found the Yancey's main theme was "The leadership of the free settlers in began a week after his capture. Yancey stated, "For 150 years "border ruffians." Brown saw

he chose. He astounded Kansas Brown was born in 1800 and by defeating and capturing a 2, 1859, they led the old man named after his grandfather who larger force than his own at

> Brown's methods finally re-The free-soilers took heart and During the War of 1812 he the slavery elements became

> > "ONLY ONE DEATH"

With victory sure in Kansas, the old fighter decided to get on ceived his plan of invading the I will die fighting for this cause. There will be no peace in this He kept his plan secret and went land until slavery is done for. I about his business as a wool will give them something else to do than to extend slavery. I will

> He collected picked Negro and white men, who were fighters and ready to die to destroy slavery. He collected arms and ammunition. He tried to raise money from wealthy Abolitionists Then he marched his band from Iowa to the mountains of Virginia His plan was to take a town and arm the slaves with pikes using his camp in the mountains as a

> With 21 men he started towards Harpers Ferry. By early morning the town and the heavily stocked arsenal were in his hands. To avoid harming civilians he permitted a train to pass through. The news thus spread and quickly brought federal troops and the Virginia National Guard on the double. For two days Brown and his men held out, with half of his men, including two of his sons, dead or dying. Finally the troops, led by Robert E. Lee, broke into

The Virginia authorities, panicstricken by Brown's raid abandoned all pretense of judicial calm. Brown, badly wounded in the raid, was carried to the courthouse on a stretcher and the trial

The verdict of guilty predetermined from the beginning of the trial. But Brown's utter fearlessness and his noble bearing in the courtroom impressed the whole nation.

Brown was the revolutionary rganize and struggle for, and five men named on his slave- dauntlessness and heroism. His force and massacred them. They barrel of the slavery system and Mr. Yancey is a veteran of could not capture Brown's finally destroyed the slave power

THE MILLIANT ARMY

2 Michigan Branches at 25c and two at \$1 each. This

Two new Michigan branches of for civil liberties and rights of the Socialist Workers Party are Negroes. He cited cases like the in prospect as hundreds of new Hickman Case of Chicago, the Militant readers in Pontiac and Saginaw are being signed up in subscription campaigns. Philadelphia, Seattle, San Francisco and campaign," writes Sarah Ross of Los Angeles are also getting into ers Party is for a Workers and high gear in sub drives, while radio listeners throughout the country continue to pour in their own subscriptions.

> Detroit branch has already sold 73 subs in Pontiac and plans to set up a branch there.

"Sixty-four of these (69) subs were obtained on a trip to Saginaw last Saturday," reports Genora Dollinger of Flint branch. 'Most of these new readers had never heard of The Militant or our party before. However, they displayed great interest in socialism and our program for attain-

comrade called at 17 houses and obtained 15 subs! Another stood on a corner by put the SWP on the ballot are neighborhood stores and sold 20 subs. Our comrades ran across many auto workers who wanted to attend meetings and classes. One woman who answered the door replied 'Oh yes, I read The Militant. I get it in Chicago. I'm from the Convention; 14 in Memjust visiting here.'

fort we have every reason to be Gene. We're sure some of your confident that by the end of our election campaign a new branch of the party will be blossoming out in Saginaw."

Philadelphia "had two mobilizaions this week, one in the rain. sent five regulars and a Militant-

| inghouse union meeting and in a short time sold four subs, two makes six sold at distributions in the last two weeks," reports George. He sent 16 subs.

"Here are 24 subscriptions obtained at the opening of our sub San Francisco.

Los Angeles East Side branch sent 18, "results of first mobiliza-

Fourteen from Seattle included subs donated to the library of the University of Washington and to the Pacific Dispatch. "We are experimenting with door-to-door sales of individual copies of the Special Convention Issue and returning one week later to get subs," writes Dan Roberts.

Subs from radio listeners came from Florida, California, Washington state, New Jersey, New York and Connecticut. New York comrades obtaining petition signatures in upstate counties to also selling subs in many com-

Gene P. of LOS ANGELES sold 19 subs on his way home phis, three in Chicago and one "From this first campaign ef- in Cleveland. Congratulations, experiences getting these subs would make interesting reading. That gives L.A. a good start on the Presidential Campaign drive. E. Smith of L. A. South Side Three comrades went to a West- Fourth International combination.

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

LEON TROTSKY, Copenhagen Speech, 1932.



LENIN

Univis Strike and Labor Solidarity

One consequence of supporting the Taft-Hartley "yellow dog" oath is revealed in the • Dayton to smash the strike, the CIO Council Oppenheim Collins strike, as reported on Page 1. In this case, an AFL union has taken advantage of the Taft-Hartley Act and is scab-herding against a striking CIO union. The AFL leaders justify their scabbery with the pretext that the striking union is "com-

What damage such a viewpoint can cause the labor movement is further shown in the case of the Univis Lens strike in Dayton, Ohio. In this instance, the workers went on strike May 5 after the company discontinued recognition and demanded an NLRB decertification election. A bitter struggle ensued, lasting over three months. The issue was unionism or non-unionism.

Because the striking union was a local of the CIO Electrical Workers, which is Stalinist-led, the right-wing controlled county CIO Council for months denied support to the strikers, in spite of repeated appeals for aid. Only when the police began slugging strikers right and left, when an NLRB "Ja" election was held decertifying the established union and when Dayton CIO workers were outraged by the CIO Council's conduct, did the right-wing leaders permit the Council to vote support of the strikers on July 20.

But just as the crucial moment of this bitterly-fought strike was reached on the day

the Governor directed National Guards into leaders announced the cancellation of all further demonstrations in aid of the Univis Lens strikers. The CIO Council leaders preferred to have a CIO local smashed rather than support a strike whose leaders they oppose politically. The strikers have been forced to return to work, with eleven of them victimized and without union recognition.

The logic of this policy is borne out to its inevitable conclusion in the Seattle Boeing strike. This strike involves the International Association of Machinists, a conservative union which was one of the first to sign the Taft-Hartley affidavits. But if you can scabherd against allegedly "communist"-led unions, you can always find a pretext for strikebreaking against any other union. And that's just what Daniel J. Tobin's lieutenant, David Beck, has ordered the AFL Teamsters to do against the Boeing strike.

Union leaders who advocate a policy that encourages or condones scabbing and strikebreaking for any reason should be branded as moral lepers and quarantined from the society of healthy union men. The great principle from which organized labor has always derived its strength is: "An injury to one is an injury to all." That is the principle the workers must always uphold, regardless of organizational or political differences, when any union is under boss attack.

CP Convention

The French have a saying, "The more things change, the more they remain the same." This just about describes the recent national convention of the American Communist Party.

There was a lot of loud ballyhoo about the new Marxist line of the Foster-Dennis leadership and a lot of cussing about the revisionism and pro-capitalism of the past leadership of Browder. But beneath the radical-sounding catch phrases everything remains as before.

Stalinist politics are still Peoples Front politics—that is the politics of an alliance between the workers and the capitalists on the basis of a pro-capitalist program. Under Browder this alliance was carried through by backing Roosevelt and the Democratic Party. Now that the Democratic Party is part of the bi-partisan coalition pushing the "cold war" against Russia, the Stalinists attempt to carry through the policy through their alliance with Wallace and the creation of a new pro-capitalist Peoples Front under his leadership.

The old Browder line was a direct sellout of the American workers and their class interests. It was simply designed to cement an alliance between the Stalin regime and American imperialism. The new Foster-Dennis line is no less a sellout of the American working class. It is a variant of the same policy designed to aid Stalin in forcing through another deal with Washington.

The phony character of the CP's new "left" policy is shown up in the ludicrous incident in connection with Browder's reapplication for membership. The convention—unanimously, it goes without saying-rejected Browder's application for readmission because he was still supporting a pro-capitalist policy and among other things, believe it or not, because his very "request for readmission was in itself a disguised form of anti-party activity." At the same time the Foster-Dennis leadership expelled another prominent Stalinist. Max Bedacht, formerly leading theoretician of the party, because he had the temerity to declare that the Wallace movement was capitalist and opposed the CP policy of sup-

The unregenerate character of the Stalinist party is further illustrated by the convention's conduct on the Smith Gag Law. At the very time that 12 of their own leaders are under indictment and face possible jail sentences, the convention is not permitted to even discuss the united front offer of the Socialist Workers Party to form a broad committee representing all tendencies of the labor movement to fight the indictments and seek the nullification of the Smith Act.

In the same way the convention ignored the communication of the Civil Rights Defense Committee, which called upon the convention to record itself in favor of a presidential pardon for the 18 SWP and Minneapolis CIO Truck Drivers Union leaders, who were the first victims of the Smith Gag Act, and whose conviction is the precedent for the present indictment of the

Thus at a time when the CP is under fierce attack from the American capitalists it reveals itself again as a hard-boiled foe of the solidarity of the working class; as an organization that puts its own unworthy factional interests above the interests of the broad labor movement and as a venal agency of the reactionary, anti-internationalist Stalin regime in Russia.

The National Guard

Many youth have been fooled by the "out" given them in the Selective Service Act. They are joining the National Guard in the belief that it provides a "lesser evil" te conscription for possible overseas war duty.

They are going to find out quickly enough that by joining the National Guard they are signing up for possible military duty against their own fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, relatives and neighbors.

The capitalist military machine has a twofold function. One is for foreign conquest. The other is for the subjugation of the American people themselves. The National Guard is specifically organized for the latter purpose.

We have had two proofs of this very recently, last spring in Minnesota and Iowa. and last week in Dayton, Ohio.

During the CIO packinghouse workers strike, the National Guard was sent in to subdue under-paid meat packing workers demanding a decent wage. They were sent in to protect the profits of the meat trust, now demanding as much as \$1.50 a pound for

We have just witnessed the shameful spectacle of 1,500 National Guardsmen armed to the teeth and led by a tank unit, sent against a few hundred strikers in Dayton, Ohio, who were whipped back to work without a contract.

No, those who conceived the Draft Act, didn't do the youth any favor by putting in the tricky "escape clause" on the National Guard. They understood full well that they were preparing the instrument for a twopronged war. Against the working people abroad — and the working people at home.

Contributions Average \$2500 a Week As Election Fund Reaches 3000 of Quota

By William F. Warde, National Fund Director

It's 30 per cent of the total on the third scoreboard of the \$25,000 SWP Election Campaign and Party Building Fund. The branches have been raising?

Philadelphia goes to the top of pace-setting.

Youngstown leaped in one the grave. bound from zero to tenth place its quota. Milwaukee expects that ments quite a bit.

comrades are making every effort to get the money in early. We'll open our local election camraign with a meeting on August others to follow their example. 22 at which James P. Cannon will | Help the voice of socialist truth be the featured speaker."

In New York City the Painters securing contributions from their shopmates and fellow-workers on the job. Over \$30 taken in to date. Dobbs-Carlson collection lists

have been sent out to all branches. Use them for circulating among your neighbors and fellow-workers and for mailing to contacts. In response to our appeal, Militant readers are mailing in contributions. Here are a few of the

encouraging letters received. H. Anderson of Chicago writes: To show you my appreciation for the courageous work you are doing in educating the workers to know their economic interest in society in times like these when there is so much confusion, misunderstanding and misinformation in the press and over the

Attention Flint & Saginaw Readers

GRACE CARLSON SWP Vice-Presidential Candidate will speak

Thursday, Aug. 19 - 7:30 P.M. COLUMBUS HALL 201 N. 6th Street SAGINAW, MICHIGAN Friday, Aug. 20 - 7:30 P.M. 11th floor, CIO BUILDING FLINT, MICHIGAN

> Auspices: Socialist Workers Party

tions, criticisms and inquiries

coming into our office in

response to radio broadcasts,

we are printing these excerpts

day night. I wish to request a

copy of his address and your

party platform. I know you will

not win in this election, but some

day enlightened Americans will

choose between the Socialist par-

ies instead of from the rotten

Also would you kindly send me

the address of your party head-

From South New Berlin, N.Y.

I am writing for a copy of the

speech which was delivered over

NBC August 6 by your candidate,

I have a copy of The Militant

where your party platform is out-

lined, but if you would send a

few copies of it, I would be very

happy to distribute them for you.

In conclusion, I wish to say I

think your party is just what this

country has needed for a long

time. I've gotten very tired of

wondering where the next penny

is coming from. I am the daughter

of a construction worker, but you

I am extremely interested in

the platform of your party. I

loathe Henry Wallace and almost

feel the same about the Democra-

tic and Republican parties. It is

my opinion that the people don't

can't build roads in the winter.

From Rochester, N.Y.

and Dewey.

quarters here in St. Louis.

presidential candidate last Fri- cause.

of a number of the letters.

From St. Louis, Mo.

capitalist parties.

Mr. Dobbs.

radio, I'm sending you \$10. Hope the good average of \$2,500 each I could send you more. Yours for the emancipation of the workers."

John Miller of Harrisburgh. he list this week with \$340 of Pa. urges our candidates to "Keep its \$500 pledge already collected. Fighting. Wall Street Monopoly Congratulations, Phillie, on your Capitalism must go." And he's doing his bit to hustle it toward

From far-off Wiseton in Canawith a money order for \$290 da, Jim Seward encloses \$5 to which represents 36 per cent of help Dobbs and Carlon. "It thrills me through and through to read its picnic will boost pledge pay- their speeches which are so full of courage and determination and San Francisco-Oakland reports loyalty to the working class. They that "by all appearances we will will not go down to any disgracego over our \$1,500 quota. The ful defeat. Their aim and object is a noble one."

We want to thank these readers for their donations and urge to be heard by sending your dimes and dollars to the Dobbs-Carlson Branch has been successfully Fund, 116 University Place, New

> Support the **Dobbs-Carlson** Fund!

Letters on Broadcasts

From the flood of apprecia- | what I know of it I like it and I | us know in plenty of time if you

improve this nation and not cater

I'm 26 years of age and have

like information on your party

and its platform and if it is suit-

able, as I think it is, I will be a

I enjoyed very much your

speech on Friday night on NBC

and I wish all the workers, farm-

ers and small businessmen of the

words don't open their eyes and

ears at the same time, nothing

Would like for you to send me

a copy of that speech, I consider

it a masterpiece. If you can spare

me several copies of that speech

some friends to bring those true

words to the people who should

know the facts and realize that

the commentators, dramatizers on

the air and would-be writers on

the editorial pages are only for

the oil interests, trusts and cor-

country but all over the world.

Will you please send me

copies of Mr. Dobbs' address

tion today and a copy of the

your party different from the one

From British Columbia, Canada

led by Norman Thomas?

From Houston, Texas

true words you spoke. If those want it!

I will appreciate it and give it to 15, 1948.

From Pensacola, Fla.

to monopolies.

I heard a broadcast by your vigorous campaigner for the

B.K.K.

P.T.

think it is a sincere effort to get more time on the air.

D.T.D.

been going to college 5 years. At Fourth International program,

the quickest possible time I would and it is our responsibility to

entire country had listened to the poor socialist system, we don't

Also enclosed is \$3.00 toward

Election and Party-Building Fund

I see no hope outside of the

prevent World War III. We have

the program but we still have to

get it to the masses. The elec-

tion campaign will meet with a

FROM SAGINAW, MICHIGAN.

aims and platform of the Socialist

If it's anything like England's

Please send me information as

to what the Socialist Workers

Party stands for and your presi-

dential candidate's speech of May

Please send me a copy of the

acceptance speech of the nominee

for president on the Socialist

FROM VINELAND, N.J.

FROM ISANTI, MINN.

The Picket Line

Don't give up an inch...

Hold what you've got.

Let the bosses blab,

Stay On

Like hell!

That's swell...

heard over a Houston radio sta- Stay on the picket line and fight,

party's platform. Wherein is Workers black and white unite,

Mrs. G. H.

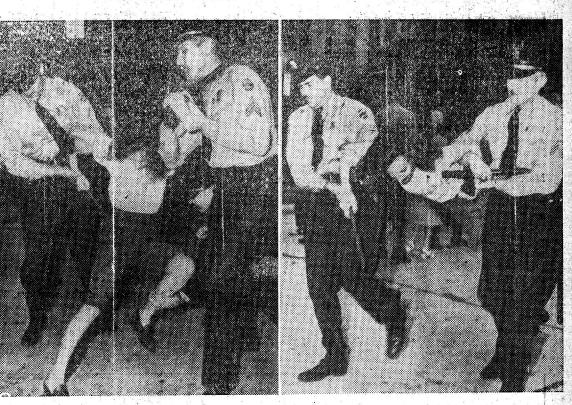
A.J.P.

Please send me a copy of the

good response.

Workers Party.

Forces of "Law and Order" in Action



Three cops hauling off to jail picket Marylin Hasselbeck, member of the CIO Electrical and Radio Workers, on strike at the Univis Lens Co., Dayton, O. "Send her to the morgue," yelled Federated Pictures

SCOREBOARD FOR \$25,000 SWP ELECTION FUND

Branch	Quota	Paid	Percent
Philadelphia	500	340	68
St. Louis	50	34	68
Tacoma	50	30	60
Allentown	50	25	50
West Virginia	100	50	50
Reading	150	75	50
Flint	400	160	40
Detroit	1,600	610	38
Minnesota	2,000	767	38
Youngstown	800	290	36
Milwaukee	400	140	35
New York City	7,500	2,584	34
San Francisco-		*	
Oakland	1,500	473	31
Baltimore	50	15	30
Chicago	2,000	596	29
Newark	750 ,	200	27
Los Angeles	2,500	510	20
Pittsburgh	200	35	18
Cleveland	400	70	18
Boston-Lynn	400	, 60	15
Toledo	200	31	15
Seattle	600	70	11
Buffalo	1,000	37	4
Akron	400	1.0	3
Connecticut	250	0	0
Rochester	25	0	0
San Diego	50	0	0
General	1,075	69	6
otal thru Aug. 11	\$25,000	\$7,581	30

FROM OAKLAND, CALIF.

Listened to your program over the air. Please send literature and working very hard in order to all information. I would like to make a decent living. work for this party in the campaign. Will the candidate be on the ballot in November?

FROM SEATTLE, WASH.

Thank you for sending me your literature. From it I find that I could not support you if you were the only candidate running. How anyone can bear so much hate in their hearts is beyond me. If I were as unhappy in this country as you are then I would get out of it and go to Russia where your kind would be welcomed, as it per week. would be a more fertile field for would be a more recommendation would be a more recommendation with the world beautiful to the would be a more recommendation with the would be a more recommendation with the world beautiful to the world bea

FROM HAMBURG, N. Y. Oddly enough, I first heard of

the Socialist Workers Party in a list of organizations classified by the Department of Justice as "subversive or un-American," and | them on to friends and relatives. I got your address from the 1948 World Almanac. It interested me third capitalist world war. to find three political parties on the list: the Communist, SWP and the Proletarian Party. I don't know what classification the SWP is under, but if it is "subversive" and "un-American" to oppose the control of the government by a handful of quasi-Fascists of Wall Street, and if it is "reactionary' to fight the NAMzis, J. P. Morgan and the Du Ponts who would push us into World Fraud III, then the Socialist Workers Party should be on that list! I heard Farrell Dobbs' speech

last Friday on NBC and it was excellent. You are getting some fine radio publicity.

Ex-Veteran Addresses Buddies

My advice to Ex-Servicemen: I am an average fellow, 25 years of age, married, and a veteran of three years, including 2 years of verseas service in the U.S.

All my life has been spent in loing right, by living within

"broad united front" against the Smith Act, under which 12 top CP leaders have been indicted. Dobbs recalls that in 1941 the SWP had been the first vic-

tim of the Smith Act and 18 SWP leaders were tried and jailed. He recalled that the CP at that time "ignored the danger inherent in the conviction" and "sought to obstruct all efforts to arouse the labor move-"While you did not ment." come to the defense of the Trotskyists, we have already made public our opposition to your indictment," Dobbs said. (Reprint from CIO News, August 9, 1948.)

rules and regulations set up by

the ruling capitalist society, and

I returned home from the ser-

vice and have since contracted a

disease which required imme-

diate hospitalization. As a re-

ward for my service for "dem-

ocracy," I was informed by a

government agency that I would

have to wait on a long list before

I could be hospitalized in a gov-

ernment hospital even though my

condition required immediate

As a result, my family has had

to work extra hard to pay the

high hospitalization fee of \$45

After reading The Militant,

I came to the conclusion that it is

the only workingman's paper

that fights for labor's advance-

ment and against capitalist ideo-

If all my fellow ex-servicemen

would realize my views, and pass

we would be able to prevent a

SWP Chides CP

The Socialist Workers' Par-

ty, through Farrell Dobbs, its

Presidential candidate. has

called on the Communist Party

to forget "our profound politi-

cal difference" and form a

Ex-Army-Sgt. L.

Liberty, N. Y.

logy and capitalist domination.

hospitalization.

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lines. We had worked the night shift and driven straight out to the creek, for we were off the next day and could afford not to sleep for a while. So there we sat, talking when we felt like it and enjoying the warm morning

sun on our backs. After one very long pause, Jimmy pushed a hand into his pocket and said, "Hey, I been meaning to show

I took the crumpled bit of paper. It was a newspaper photograph of a tombstone, one like I had never seen before.

It was a large stone. Near the top were the words, "WORKERS OF THE WORLD UNITE." Also at the top was a five pointed star with a hammer and sickle cut into it. Beneath the star was the name of the man who lay in the grave, Morris Wohansky, 1882-1934. The inscription read, "Mourn not the dead, but rather mourn the

apathetic throng, who sees the world's great

anguish and its wrongs, yet dare not speak." Jimmy watched me with a cynical smile as I read the little news item that accompanied the photograph. It seemed that the Canadian Legion had found out about Comrade Wohansky's gravestone in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Waterloo, Ont., and it had displeased them. They didn't act like the Nazis; they didn't steal into the graveyard in the dead of night and smear it with paint or oil or hack it with hammer and chisel. Had it been necessary, they probably would have done so, but it wasn't necessary.

They protested to the authorities. With the logic of red-baiters, they showed how a dead man and ordered the hammer and sickle removed. However, with the liberalism of these times, they otherwise left the tombstone intact.

"You think they'll dig him up to stand trial?" Jimmy asked. I shook my head. "You got to be careful even

after you're dead nowadays," I said.

"Who was the guy?" "I don't know, Jimmy," I said, "I don't know who he was, but he was my friend. Any guy that will have 'Workers of the world, unite!' on his tombstone is sure as hell a friend of yours and

Jimmy spat into the creek, and we watched the widening circles move slowly down toward the lake. "I got mad when I saw that," Jimmy said. "What are you going to do when people act like

I grinned. "You know what we're going to do all right. We're going to build the kind of world that won't produce half-witted slobs who want to desecrate tombstones and rob the dead. But there's something in that picture that's pretty wonderful to me.'

"What's that?" Jimmy asked, looking at th clipping.

"You won't see it there," I said, "but there's the picture of the victory of the workers. When the ruling class and the scummy elements who do its thug work begin to fear the dead and the ideas of the dead, it shows the great power of the ideas of our movement. It shows that not even death itself can stop us.'

A 100 Percent American

By Art Preis

The "Four Freedoms"

By Dinah Sanders

The Chicago Tribune's biography of John Parnell Thomas observes: "He seems to have been molded by life for the job he now faces." That job is chairman of the House Un-American Activities Committee, first made notorious under ex-Congressman Dies and which is currently seeking to hold the spotlight in whipping up the spy

In a more critical appraisal of Thomas, "White Knight or False Prophet?" by Milton Lehman, published by the Aug. 1 N. Y. Times, the job for which "the stocky, florid Congressman" has been molded is as "a hunter . . . he tracks down people he considers subversive, un-American and dangerous to the national welfare"—as defined by J. Parnell Thomas.

"In his hunt," says Mr. Lehman, "he is usually flanked by a battery of photographers and reporters, and when he fires, he sometimes brings down a few of his quarry. But his buckshot has also hit a number of innocent bystanders."

Congressman Thomas has a very simple definition of "Americanism." He told Mr. Lehman that "Americanism is conservative. We've got to stop the radicals and stop them now." You'd better not differ with his definition, either. Several who have done so in his presence are now studying his definition in jail under a conviction for "con-

When Mr. Lehman asked Thomas during an interview to define such terms as "communist," "fascist." "subversive" and "un-American." the man who can smear you at will and send you to jail for any of these things "buzzed for his secretary and asked her to bring in 'that list on ommunism and the rest of it I always use.' He wagged his finger. 'Every time I define them,' he said, 'I do it differently.'"

This flexibility in defining terms like "com-

August marks the anniversaries of two proud

Roosevelt and Churchill met

aboard a battleship some-

where in the Atlantic Ocean.

and announced with great

fanfare the signing of the

"Atlantic Charter" guaran-

teeing the "four freedoms"

to the peoples of the world

forever. This was supposed to

represent the great principles

for which millions were asked

While the muddleheaded

to shed their blood.

achievements of American imperialism-the "At-

lantic Charter" and Hiroshima! In August 1941,

munism" and "subversive" is a wonderful aid to Thomas and his colleagues of the Un-American Committee. He can make these terms fit just about anyone he dislikes or who disagrees with him. Moreover, Congressional immunity gives candidate for Governor or the him the right to question, accuse, smear or otherwise "expose" anyone, without fear of suit for libel or even cross-questioning.

The two terms Thomas seems to have most difficulty in defining are "fascism" and "democracy." He told Mr. Lehman: "Fascism--I guess I've never been asked to define it. I'd say it's just like communism, dangerous to America. And democracy-why, everybody knows what that is."

With respect to fascism, Congressman Thomas is in the same position as a man with halitosiseven his best friend won't tell him. His subcommittee on fascism recently reported there was "no danger of fascism in America" and declared that such organizations as the Columbians of Georgia and the Ku Klux Klan are "native-American institutions and not subject to investigation by the committee." Which just goes to show how nature blunts people to their own

We might add to this portrait of a 100% American---who looks like a Laura Gray cartoon cf a Wall Street capitalist-that his zeal for hunting down "subversives" was undoubtedly to make up definitions as he goes along, is anybody who makes trouble for J. Parnell Thomas

their first taste of the "four freedoms" in the

form of tear gas and bullets from Churchill's

Aug. 1943. ITALY: Allied leaders through

AMGOT prevent Italian masses from driving out

the fascists and setting up their own government. Aug. 1945. BERLIN: "The Big Three" (U.S.,

Britain, Russia) completed plans for enslaving

the German people by dismembering the country,

permanent strangulation of its economy and in-

In 1945 U.S. imperialism staged a special

commemoration ceremony in honor of the "four

freedoms"-especially freedom from fear-by

dropping the first atomic bomb as an "experi-

ment" on Hiroshima's 344,000 inhabitants. Four

days later they dropped the second atom bomb

on the 250,000 men, women and children of Naga-

saki. Just before the bombs were dropped, Wash-

ington assured the world that "We do not intend

that the Japanese shall be enslaved as a race

On Aug. 18, 1945, The Militant's banner head-

PEACE!" This warning has unfortunately been

confirmed over and over again in the past three

years-in China, Indonesia, Indo-China, Burma,

Palestine, Greece, in the "cold war" between the

U. S. and Russia and the ever more feverish prep-

In this seventh year of the "Atlantic Charter,"

the world has less of the four freedoms proclaim-

ed by Roosevelt than before the second world

greater perspective of freedom, but a new world

war-this time of annihilation. That is why the

fight to take power out of the hands of the im-

perialists and place it in the hands of the work-

ers and farmers has become a life and death

question for the American people and mankind.

The prospect under imperialist rule is not a

definite military occupation.

or destroyed as a nation."

arations for the shooting war.

holocaust began.

THE MILITANT

had no right to have such a symbol on his tombstone. And the authorities gave ear to their protest. They saw the indecency of the situation and ordered the hammer and sickle removed. A. Transit Interests Move To Put Over New Fare Steal

Against Police Loudspeaker Ban

VOLUME XII

NEW YORK CITY - The opening of the presidential election campaign period in New York City finds the Socialist Workers Party, the Americans for Democratic Action and the American Labor Party engaged in a struggle with the police over the right to use loud-speakers at street meetings without police permits and the payment of big fees: The police have been making arrests, issuing summonses and otherwise harrassing the street speakers of the minority parties in brazen violation of the June 7 Supreme Court ruling on this

"Loudspeakers are today indispensable instruments of effective public speech," states the ruling written by Justice William O. Douglas, "The sound truck has become an accepted method of political campaigning. It is the way people are reached. Must a Congress depend on the whim or caprice of the Chief of Police in campaigning? Must be prove to ing to people?

On the strength of this decision, the SWP, ADA and ALP have been holding street meetings without applying for special police permits. There have been numerous arrests. But when the cases, which were in the nature of tests of the police ordinances on sound devices, were brought into court, the Police Department, fearing adverse court decisions, deliberately pressed for postponement. At the same time, the police continue to insist on their arbitrary rulings and restric-

Under pressure of the continued which the ruling represents. The Socialist Workers Party in New York City is demanding that the Mayor call a public hearing at which spokesmen of all organizations concerned with this legislation can present their views.

L. A. School Board Hit on Prejudice

By Al Lynn

LOS ANGELES, July 20. -The reactionary Los Angeles cision by refusing to invite Gold-Board of Education twisted into man. Again they were voted its opposite charges of racial down. prejudice and anti-labor sentiments brought against one of its principals at a hearing last night.

A committee to Combat Racial Discrimination in the Los Angeles Schools brought to light several months ago, a confidential memowhich she wrote her superiors line warned the world that "THERE IS NO that she wanted "to separate my union clique if possible," also "please do not send me any more Jewish teachers who want to re-

> She also asked for "a Caucasian teacher as all of my primary teachers, with one exception, are

colored.' The Board of Education, elected despite labor opposition at and protested against the arrest the last elections demonstrated of the Communist Party leaders. the necessity for labor to aggres- A number of students present, sively enter the political field. It however, were surprised to hear reprimanded Mrs. Haas for being Goldman state that he would "indiscreet and unwise in the use even defend the "rights" of of certain terminology." But its fascists, a point of view that has real fire was directed against nothing in common with Marxist Harry Jung, CIO representative class politics. Goldman's position and Harold Orr, president of on this question was warmly AFL Teachers Union, Local 430, who were accused of acting in an unfair and undemocratic manner and of circulating "false, malicious and un-American slurs on the good names of the ladies and gentlemen who teach and who the same time that he decided to administer the Los Angeles City

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AFL Raiding



York exhorting management to "Negotiate, Don't Redbait." The Stalinist-led union is trying to save its bargaining rights from a joint employer-government-AFL attack.

caprice of the Chief of Police in order to use his sound truck for Seattle SWP Plans Extensive the satisfaction of that official that his noise will not be annoying to people? Program for Dobbs on Visit

By C. Kaye, Wash. State District Campaign Mgr.

To Campaign for

CHICAGO, Aug. 3—Stalinist

disruption and rule - or - ruin tactics were displayed last week ranged by the Washington State at the University of Chicago. A District from Aug. 18 to Aug. 21. Civil Rights Committee was or- A public mass meeting will be violation of these police rules by ganized and met on Monday, July held on Friday evening, Aug. 20, new legislation on the use of law — this time against 12 lead- the public is invited to a receparound the Supreme Court ruling, to sponsor a public meeting on while withholding the concession Wednesday, July 28 in defense of civil rights.

The Stalinists present were voted down on their attempt to prevent the selection, as a scheduled speaker, of Albert Goldman, defendant and attorney in the Minneapolis labor trial for the 18 leaders of the Socialist Workers Party, the first to be imprisoned under the Smith Act. The majority voted to invite Goldman and several other speakers, including a spokesman for the Communist Party. On Tuesday, the Stalinists again tried to get the committee to reverse its de-

On Wednesday, the day of the meeting, signs were posted everyspeakers and mentioning that a would be present. At the last principal of the 28th St. School, in | ing. They then attended the meeting on Wednesday evening and Yesler. proceeded - as only Stalinists know how - to disrupt the meeting, to smear Goldman, and to at the Frye Hotel. whoop it up for the Communist

GOLDMAN'S STAND

Both Goldman and a speaker for the American Civil Liberties Union condemned the Smith Act praised by the spokesman for the ACLU, an organization that has frequently given legal aid to fascists. Goldman's decision to defend

"even fascists" came almost at quit the Shachtmanite "Workers Party" in order to stump more freely for Norman Thomas in the election campaign. Actually, this was not necessary, since Chicago Shachtmanites are currently engaged in circulating petitions to get the Socialist Party's Maynard Krueger on the ballot.



CIO members picket Oppenheim Collins Dept. Store in New

SEATTLE, Aug. 5 — The

sprawling city of Seattle, Wash., "This is America . . . I hold scene of the 1919 General Strike and currently the site of the 110-day-old Boeing strike, will play host to Farrell Dobbs for the opening lap of his nation-

wide tour as the presidential candidate of the Socialist Workample to cover increased costs is no crime under capitalism.

ers Party. A full schedule has been arnurtured in his years as a successful Wall Street bond and insurance salesman. He also managed to get through the University of Pennsylvania's that its Legal Bureau is drafting that its Legal Bureau is drafting the latest use of that infamous the latest use of the latest use of that infamous the latest use of the latest use of

> Maynard Building, First Ave. at Washington St. Students at the University of Washington will have the opportunity of hearing the SWP candidate on Thursday afternoon, Aug. 19 at 3 P.M., in the lounge of Eagelson Hall, the YMCA building across the street from the university campus. In the evening, Dobbs will speak in Tacoma, Wash., in an informal session. Tacoma readers are urged to

write or call Campaign Head-

quarters in Seattle for informa-

tion concerning this meeting. On Wednesday evening, Aug. 18 at 8 P.M., Mr. Dobbs will speak before the Yesler Terrace Summer Forum. This is a series

of nine forum sessions organized by the residents of Yesler Terrace, a government housing project. One evening has been devo- in Western New York State. The where listing Goldman among the ted to each political party, as well as to speakers on housing, spokesman for the Stalinist Party and Mr. Dobbs will have the opportunity of presenting an anamoment the Stalinists pulled out lysis of the SWP platform. The randum from Mrs. Nell Haas, and decided to boycott the meet- forum will be held at the Yesler Child Care Center, Broadway at A press interview is being ar-

ranged on Wednesday, Aug. 18

Mr. Dobbs will also seek to address several local union meetings, and he will participate on the picketline around the strikebound Boeing Aircraft plant.

A sound truck to advertise the filled. Dobbs appearances is in construction and huge banners and pictures are being prepared for use on the truck and at all meetings.

Readers of The Militant who live in the state of Washington are invited to these meetings and are urged to mail or bring in their campaign contributions to Campaign Headquarters.

Tax the RICH, not the poor!



By Art Sharon

NEW YORK, Aug. 9 - and still maintain the rate of re-Fourteen private corporations turn on their invested capital. controlling practically all surface transportation in the city are again reaching into the pockets of the city's working class population. They reason that if the city and the little coterie of bankers on the inside track of the city's subways could raise their fares then they too are entitled to more.

This outrageous hijacking is being attempted in broad daylight. The excuse for a fare hike is the new 24-cent wage increase granted the transit workers organized in the CIO Transport Workers Union.

Simple arithmetic reveals the extent of the proposed steal. The largest of the transit corporations, the Third Avenue Line and the N.Y. City Omnibus and Fifth Avenue Coach Company employ 7,000 workers and carry 4,000,000 passengers daily. The companies

want to raise fares three cents. The additional daily take thus would come to \$120,000. The proposed increase in wages amounts to \$13,440.

In order to put this scheme ver, the transit corporations have to get the approval of Mayor O'Dwyer and his Tammany pals. The Mayor's board has tried during the course of several hearings to get the corporations to moderate their appetite. One corporation spokesman explained their point of view which bears repeating.

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bonds in this company and if it's any crime to hold a bond and seven cents recommended as the make a profit I don't know what

The Mayor and his cronies explained to the arrogant corpora- reveal the cesspool of corruption tion attorneys that they, too, wished to see them get a reason- on daily in every city of this A city expert had estimated a tion attorney boasted, fleecing cent increase as being more than the poor and gouging the public

The transit barons turned down the cent increase with scorn. When asked what they considered a fair return on their investment the leading spokesman answered: "We're entitled to an 8 per cent return and we're entitled to as much of a fare as we can get."

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The favorite financial swindle of public utilities is to load them down with paper debts, and thus drain off more than would come as a so-called normal return. In the case of the Third Avenue lines the Mayor's experts state that there is only \$11,000,000 invested. The Third Avenue's attorney claims that there is \$59.-000,000 more invested. "There were actually 59 million iron men that went into the Third Avenue Company," he declared.

WATERED STOCK

This is so badly fraudulent that it brought laughter from the witnesses at the hearing. The Mayor answered: "They went in, but they came right out again."

"How long do you expect the Third Avenue riders to carry that \$60,000,000 in water that you have up there?" the Mayor asked.

The corporation attorney had the unbeatable answer: "We wonder how much water there is in the city's bonds?"

Neither got an answer. Both quickly passed over to a less embarrassing point. With the hearings concluded

last week, the corporations can now take the next legal step with "compromise" fare.

These hearings simply served to momentarily lift the veil and and legalized thievery that goes able return on their investment. country. As the transit corpora-

Wharton Business School, where, he now modestly admits: "I was never a good student, but I could always tell a troublemaker." And a troublemaker that merely get always tell a troublemaker." And a troublemaker that merely get always tell a troublemaker." And a troublemaker that merely get always tell a troublemaker." And a troublemaker that merely get always tell a troublemaker. This may result to for Mr. Dobbs at the local party headquarters, fourth floor, Maynard Ruilding First Ave. at

By Irving Beinin, N. Y. State Campaign Manager

Aug. 11-A mobilization called Saturday night by the New York Local for petition gathering netted 3,200 signatures on Dobbs and Carlson petitions.

Signers of petitions included residents of all the boroughs of Greater New York. Friends of candidates from many upstate the party aided in the mobilization. One brought in 66 signatures support the party but offered to and joined the party the same

The New York State total now stands at 15,000. This means that in 15 days of a 30-day campaign 60% of the 25,000 goal has been reached.

The Buffalo Branch is doing yeoman's work in this campaign. Its members have successfully organized all SWP petition work reports show that three times the necessary minimum signatures have now been obtained in each county of Western New York. The comrades expect to concentrate their work in the city of Buffalo itself and turn in 1,500 additional

imum of 50 signatures per county the completion of the petition have been obtained in 53 of the work. The conference will map 61 counties of the state. Petition plans for an effective campaign work in the remaining counties to aggressively bring the party's has already been started and it program to the working class of is expected that all county re- New York and bring out the vote quirements will be shortly ful- for Dobbs and Carlson on elec-

Reports continue to come in of support for the SWP and its areas. Two new friends not only begin building the SWP in their localities.

PACE SETTERS

A pace-setter's squad captained by George Rock is sparking the campaign in New York City. Squad members circulate in factory areas at noon and gather signatures from hundreds of workers daily. With this and other special measures, petition work is expected to be concluded well within the 30-day period. Plans are now being made for wind-up demonstrations and street meetings in the working class sections where the bulk of the signatures was obtained.

An Active Workers Conference Three times the required min- is scheduled for August 29, upon tion day.

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liberals cheered themselves hoarse, The Militant denounced the "charter" as a fraud. Who was right? Four years later, when the application of the Charter was being questioned, Roosevelt blandly announced that actually there never was any such document. Millions had gone to their deaths on behalf of a non-existent "Char-As originally dictated to the press by Roosevelt, Point Three of this non-existent document read

stored to those who have been forcibly deprived The Militant files give an interesting account of how the imperialists have "celebrated" the succeeding anniversaries of this momentous proc-

"They (Roosevelt and Churchill) respect the

right of all peoples to choose the form of govern-

ment under which they will live; and they wish

to see sovereign rights and self-government re-

Aug. 1942. INDIA: On the first anniversary of the "Atlantic Charter" the Indian masses got

Notes from the News

PRESIDENTIAL STAKES — Whoever wins the presidential elections will have about 500,-000 federal jobs to dispense as patronage. H. Eliot Kaplan, Director of the Civil Service League, estimated that the total annual "patronage payroll" totals about one billion dollars.

SHAME-FACED SUPPORT-Jack Kroll, National Director of CIO-PAC strongly hinted that the CIO leaders would back Truman for reelection in November. He said the formal decision would probably be made at a meeting of CIO vice-presidents in Washington on Aug. 19.

that Greek War Minister George Stratos charged U. S. officials with failure to make good on their promise to deliver poison gas for use against the guerrilla forces. He claimed that American representatives, including Gen. Wedemeyer, made

CHINESE DOLLARS-100,000 Chinese dollars are now worth one United States cent, as inflation continues to rage in China.

POISON GAS — An NBC correspondent stated