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DOBBS CALLS ONWALLACE TO BACK 18

Farrell Dobbs released to the press the following letter, which he had sent to Henry Wallace concerning the campaign for a presidential pardon for the Minneapolis Case defendants, the first victims of the undemocratic Smith

Dear Mr. Wallace:

In response to a question by Norman Thomas, Social-

ist Party presidential candidate during the Progressive

Party Convention in Phila-

delphia, you stated that you would support the restora-

tion of civil rights to the 18

defendants in the Min-

neapolis Labor Case. These

18 members of the Socialist

Workers Party and Min-

neapolis Truckdrivers Local

544-CIO were the first vic-

tims of the Smith Gag Act.

your opposition to the

You immediately stated



FARRELL DOBBS second important set of indictments under that vicious Act, the indictment of the 12 Communist Party

On August 14 the Civil Rights Defense Committee addressed a letter to all presidential candidates asking them to state their position on the pardon petition of the 18. To date, no reply has been received from you on this

It is common knowledge that the Communist Party leaders have sabotaged from the first any efforts to assist the defense in the Minneapolis case, because of their hatred of Trotskyism. Their followers blocked the efforts of some delegates at the Progressive Party convention to put your party on record in favor of pardon for the 18.

In view of the charges made that the Communist Party followers determine the policies of the Progressive Party and in view of your statement to the press in Philadelphia, it would appear imperative that you make your position absolutely plain on this question.

The Minneapolis Case is a vital test of civil liberties. It set the precedent whereby the 12 CP leaders have been indicted; Over 500 CIO, AFL and Independent unions representing over 5 million workers have endorsed the CRDC campaign on behalf of the 18.

You have frequently criticized President Truman for his do-nothing attitude on important questions of civil liberties. Here is one case where he can act to rectify an injustice. It is all the more necessary that you state your position since this frameup and railroading to prison of the 18 occurred while you were Vice President under the Roosevelt administration.

Very truly yours,

FARRELL DOBBS, Socialist Workers Party candidate for President of the U.S.

QUILL, STALINISTS GIRD FOR SHOWDOWN IN TWU

International Executive Board of power is slipping from their the CIO Transport Union has hands, they are attempting to occupation. The diplomatic and just concluded its regular session "play militant," hoping to refur- propaganda campaign is designed where it attempted to bolster the bish their reputations. rapidly waning Stalinist strength by a series of resolutions blasting of the Stalinist-dominated facunion president Michael Quill. tion, Austin Hogan, who had The Board denounced the pro- voted for condemnation of the fer moves. Truman stand of Quill.

top committee is their last fac- at a Public Service Commission tional stronghold, and they face hearing as spokesman for a TWU the loss of that in the approach- committee urging that the com- Russia. ing national convention of the mission grant a fare increase to union scheduled for Chicago on the private bus lines. Dec. 5.

Quill predicted at the Board meeting that the Stalinists will Quill answered with several blows matter how desperate they may be outvoted by 10 to 1 at the convention. The Stalinist-controll- local, Local 100 of New York. The fensive in character, designed to by the adamant refusal of the ed Board tacitly conceded Quill's Local executive board dismissed victory at the convention by rul- the union's attorney, Harry Sa- the path of the advancing war ing a change in the union's elec- cher, who supports the Stalinists. machine. tion procedure. They propose to The local's board also condemned take the power to elect officers the International Board for its away from the convention and decisions. substitute instead a membership referendum to run for 40 days.

solution attacking Quill's "wage has a considerable conservative in the administration of Berlin. policy." Quill called for fare in- civil-service-minded membership, creases on New York's city owned Quill finds solid support for his city government wholly under and privately owned transit lines attacks. during the recent wage negotia- The Stalinist leadership has gime could then try to offset the LONGSHOREMEN'S DEMANDS ment could and would be reached tions and maintained that fare no superior economic program to political effect of the Western increases provided the only basis offer and its record of leadership Regime and call for the unifica- longshoremen are as follows: 1) nounced that they were raising for continued benefits to transit is bad. It is commonly believed tion of Germany under its con- The hiring hall set-up as is. 2) 18 their original meager wage offers.

The Stalinists in the TWU ing defeat at the coming convenoriginated and supported all along tion.

"wage policy" at the Board meet-

In retaliation for the defeat he suffered at the Board meeting

Quill is fighting on Philip The Board further passed a re- Stalinist faction. As the TWU

that the Stalinists face a crush- trol.

New York Teamsters Strike



Trucking in New York City was tied up by a walkout of members of AFL Local 807, International Brotherhood of Teamsters after they turned down employer proposal of a 15-cent hourly pay boost by a 2 to 1 vote. Left, members announce results of vote. Right, at Holland Tunnel exit, strikers direct truckdriver to turn around and go back to New Jersey.

Conflict Over Germany Highlights War Trends

In Europe, Germany was the scepe of the final battles of World War II. Three years later, that rayaged land still remains a battleground. It would be a mistake, however, to consider the

bitter conflict now raging there 3peace will presently descend.

All the recent squabbles over Germany such as the organization of a West German regime, the dispute over currency "reform," the blockade of Berlin, ces at the disposal of the Westthe secret parleys in Moscow, the ern Regime reveal the dispropor-Stalinist demonstrations at the tion still more clearly. Before Berlin City Hall, the diplomatic the war, this part of Germany thrusts and counter-thrusts, the produced 86% of the country's jockeying and shouting and shov- steel, 80% of the coal, 61% of ing-all these can be understood all industrial products and 45% properly as nothing but tactical of the food. episodes in the "cold" war that Nevertheless, the attempt to ried out according to schedule.

U. S. STRATEGY

Having crushed their German founder issues at stake. rivals, the Anglo-American imperialists are now driving to convert Germany into a bastion Paris met in Moscow for a series Britain, the government form- local unions away from the Stal- breaker Truman, whooping it up. against the Soviet Union and ultimately a springboard for attack, this time with the German capitalists in the role of decidedly diplomacy, these meetings were with either the ruling oligarchy under complete Stalinist dominajunior partners.

All the moves of American im- capitalist powers nor the reacperialism and its satellites in tionary Moscow regime cared to further this aim. The organiza- listen in on their discussions. tion of a West German regime is the preliminary step to the constitution of a puppet government that will make a bid for all of Germany, including the regions now occupied by Russian troops. The currency "reform" is designed as an economic and financial blow against the Soviet to win the widest possible sup-As if to underline the duplicity port among the German people for the Allies as well as prepare public opinion at home for stif- tied-up as of midnight Sept. 1.

Anglo-American imperialism is Stalinist control of the union's ing, appeared the following day on the offensive and is moving Marine Firemen's Union and CIO from vast economic and military Marine Cooks and Stewards strength against war-weakened

This is understood by the Kremlin. The Stalinist regime stands in deadly fear of the western economic giant. Its moves, no higher wages. at the Stalinists in TWU's largest appear on the surface, are dewin time, to throw obstacles in ship operators and waterfront

KREMLIN'S MOVE

The raids on Berlin City Hall thus aim to weaken, undermine Murray's platform against the and, if possible, destroy Anglo-American control and influence If the Stalinists can install a Moscow's influence, such a re-

be judged from the fact that al- from \$1.67 to \$1.85. Overtime far as they were concerned. And

between Moscow and the Anglo- though Berlin is the traditional leys. At best they hoped to reach American powers as an epilogue capital and political center of a temporary compromise over on which the curtain of enduring Germany, the Western Regime Berlin. Some of the commentators in the capitalist press who set up by Washington and London rules over some 45,000,000 people, while the Stalinist-domin- in the Berlin dispute hoped that tion. But the appearance of Stalated regime rules over about 20,000,000. The industrial resourwestern powers might come out of the conversations. No commentator had the slight-

est expectation that the big questions of Germany's fate and of enduring world peace would be settled or indeed even discussed. REAL TREND

convert Berlin into a Stalinist and bargained in the dark, the atomic flames if the plans of fortress was the strongest coun- real trend was dramatically un-Thus the question of control over United States, the "peacetime" temporarily obscuring the pro- and the generation that has reached adulthood since the open-Against this background, ening of World War II began trainvoys of Washington, London and ing for World War III. In Greatof negotiations with the Krem- ally announced it had begun "re-

> lin's representatives. In the no- armament." torious tradition of imperialist ever, nor their mouthpieces ex- been excluded from the secret UE.

Lessons of the 13th Convention Of UE-CIO Union

Continued Stalinist Control of Group Shows Need for Reorganizing Opposition

By C. Thomas

With Stalinist influence in the American trade union movement definitely on the wane, observers focused their attention on the 13th national convention of the CIO United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, currently

meeting here in New York City. Claiming some 600,-000 members, the UE is the largest and most strategic union yet remaining under Stalinist domination.

After the first few sessions it became evident that the Stalinist leadership controlled about 75% of the voting strength at the convention. This is approximately the same ratio as the last convention indicating that the opposition led by James B. Carey, national secretary-treasurer of the CIO, had made little headway in the ensuing year.

The past year has witnessed a sharp decline of Stalinist influence in the unions. Completely louted in some unions they face an increasing opposition in others. It would seem, superficially at think that Moscow holds the edge least, that the UE was an excepa face-saving formula for the inist strength reflected at the convention is only a surface appearance. Underneath the cauldron is simmering!

SECESSION MOVEMENT

In the last year the secession movement in the UE has reached. alarming proportions. Led by extreme right wing elements, closetant sections left the UE and affiliated to other unions. The American Big Business are car- ter-move Moscow dared make. derlined by two events. In the ease with which they did so testified that the Stalinist leader-Berlin flared into the headlines, draft went ahead as blueprinted ship enjoyed little support in the ranks.

In addition, isolated opposition groups developed in many local- by J. B. Carey, "CIO policy" ities, taking control of numerous meant political support to strikeinists. Splits in the lower union for the reactionary Marshall Plan apparatus gave rise to opposition and supporting the get-tough-If the final decision remains movements in locals previously with-Russia foreign policy of the held in deep secrecy. Neither the of the USSR or the imperialists tion. All of these manifestations, of the west, it will be only a reflecting the growing disconquestion of time until shooting tent of the ranks with the pres-Germany today are calculated to have the people of the world war begins. But the final decision ent leadership, are indications still remains with the working that a wide-spread opposition None of the participants, how- people, the vast masses who have movement is boiling up in the UE-MDA and select another de-

pected much from the secret par- councils and parleys of the rulers. That the Stalinist leadership changing labels is not enough! an orphanage.

extreme right wing, particularly of Big Business. the ACTU elements, led the segressive opponents of Stalinism. OPPOSITION GROUP

gration was revealed at an opposition caucus meeting held the day before the present convention opened. At this meeting the opposition leaders admitted they had no idea what strength the opposition could muster at the convention. They were completelv out of touch with the local opposition groups throughout the

The most significant thing about the caucus meeting was the relative absence of red-baiting. It would appear the opposition leaders learned something from the UE-MDA fiasco. But if they ly allied with the Association of learned that red-baiting is no While the diplomats haggled Catholic Trade Unionists, impor- sure-fire "program" for rallying significant support they learned little else. They proposed to mobilize the opposition for struggle against Stalinism under the inspiring banner of strict adherence to "National CIO policy."

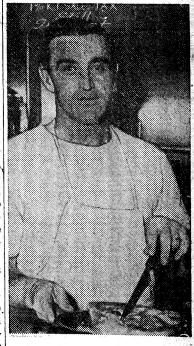
Translated into concrete terms State Department. Needless to say, this scintillating platform succeeded only in repelling the anti-Stalinist militants.

It was also decided at the first caucus meeting, to drop the name signation for the opposition. But the children, all under 12, from

has kept the lid on thus far is The opposition can be welded into due primarily to the inept leader- a powerful national group capaship and bankrupt policy of the ble of successfully challenging national Carey-Block opposition the reactionary Stalinist leadergroup. After the last convention, ship, only by breaking decisively the Carey-Block group, organized with the snivelling, bootlicking, as the UE Members for Demo- bellycrawling, policy of abject cratic Action, disintegrated. Its surrender to the political agents

To build a sturdy platform able cession movement. Relying prim- to encompass such an opposition arily on red-baiting as its main requires stouter timber than the stock-in-trade, the UE-MDA be- rotten planks offered by the prescame discredited among the pro- ent opposition leaders. It requires above all, as the keystone of that platform, a policy of independent and militant labor action on both The advanced stage of disinte- the economic and political field.

Eye for Sale



A carpenter by day and a restaurant worker by night, Victor St. Cyr of Woonsocket, R. I., still can't make enough to support his wife and 7 children. St. Cyr has offered to sell his right eye for \$10,000 as & last desperate measure to save

Maritime Strikers Solid on West Coast

Not a single ship moves as 12, 000 CIO longshoremen and 10,000 members of the independent march the picketlines. Even the tanker fleet is tied-up by striking CIO Oil Workers who have struck all refineries in California in an independent fight of their own for

The longshoremen and firemen and cooks were forced on strike employers to recognize the principle of the union hiring hall, or to budge from their position that the unions continue their nostrike pledge and tie themselves to the vicious compulsory arbitration machinery of the old con-

Major demands of the striking maritime unions all run along similar lines.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 4 after 6 hours at time-and-a-half. as regards working conditions, went down the line with the union Coast from San Pedro, Cali- clauses of the command, especially to maintain the status quo. clauses of the contract, especially impression that they were willing maneuver. work.

Negotiations lasting five months proceeded under the pall of government injunction and suits filed by the employers against the unions. As the period of the injunction ran out and the date set 5-cent an hour increase for longfor strike action drew near, the shoremen; an employer-run hiring unions compromised many of their hall and retention of all penalty minor demands, even making con- clauses to enable them to concessions on their modest wage requests. But they could not the job. afford to give way on the key demands without jeopardizing their continued existence as independent organizations.

The employers, on the other ide of the table, stiffened their resistence in the final hours of negotiations and reneged on many off-the-record commitments made in the earlier stages of bargain-

The whole employer strategy was clearly designed to create the impression that they were proceeding in good faith and that an amicable last-minute settle-The major demands of the through negotiations. They ancents an hour pay increase, The hiring hall question could be The weakness of this move can bringing the straight-time scale finally settled by the courts, so

"FINAL OFFER"

One week before negotiations blew up the employers showed their real intent. They presented their "final offer": a miserable tinue their speed-up tactics on

rank and file longshoremen over their first move in the open strugelected officials. Under provi- hailed in the local press as the vote was conducted on the waterfront. Not a single ballot was cast from the 12,000 longshoremen elegible to vote. The men now withdrawn. . .

Every port on the Pacific 3) Elimination of all penalty the employers tried to create the in ignoring this union busting held and no contracts will be

Farrell Dobbs, SWP Presidential Candidate, sent the fol-

'Socialist Workers Party pledges support to all maritime

The wire was addressed to the stop-work meeting of Local

lowing telegram to Harry Bridges and James Kearney, Presi-

dent of Local 10 ILWU in support of the struggle of west coast

longshoremen and maritime workers to defend their hiring

workers in fight to preserve union hiring hall. During present

tour as Presidential Candidate will urge support and solidarity

of all sections of the labor movement for your very just fight.'

hall and raise their standard of living:

10 called in defense of the union hiring hall.

This was the "offer" that the

to individual longshoremen against the union (and the same tactic flopped with the firemen and cooks), the employers showed their real hand. After making a few token gestures to revise their "final offer" in favor of the which have already signed the union demands, they abruptly broke off negotiations.

"GET TOUGH" POLICY

As longshoremen and seamen hit the picket lines the employers NLRB attempted to present to launched a red-baiting attack as the heads of their regularly gle to smash the unions. This is sions of the Taft-Hartley Law, a new "get tough" policy of the employers. These employers have now announced:

"All offers to all unions are

signed with any such unions Having failed in their appeal unless and until their officers have disavowed Communism."

This type of propaganda is not only released for general comsumption. It is a deliberate attempt to drive a wedge between the unions involved, some of Taft-Hartley non-communist affidavits. The Firemen, for example,

were among the first to comply with this provision of the law. The longshoremen and cooks unions have not signed the affidavits.

The employers now hope to palm this off as the reason for the strike on the waterfront.

Nothing could appear more hypocritical to the men on the picket lines. They know the important issues are defense of the hiring hall, protection against the post-war speed-up, and an increase in wages to meet the rising cost of living. In the struggle to defend their unions in open battle with the empirers, the old spirit of solidarity among seamen and longshoremen that prevailed during the days of the 1934 strike has been rekindled. The morale of the strikers is

Trade Unions Under Capitalism

By E. R. Frank

power." At the time of writing, perialist state. this conclusion may have ap- THE 1945-46 STRIKES peared premature for the American trade unions, particularly the CIO, which in 1940-41 was experiencing a new wave of insurgency and conducting militant thesis was fully confirmed.

trade union bureaucracy of the pledge sellout of 1942-45 was a Railroad Brotherhoods - Stalin- the exceptional circumstances of ists included—lined up to a man the war.

In one of his last articles, agency for integrating the trade the unions with the imperialist unions gained a victory and the Imperialist Decay," Trotsky restraining and disciplining work- relative independence of the trade bureaucracy rushed back into the wrote: "There is one common ers, stamping out strikes, impos- union bureaucrats in the 1945-46 arms of the capitalist state. It feature in the development, or ing the wage freeze, pushing the more correctly the degeneration, speed-up and initiating laborof modern trade union organiza- management committees. In gentions in the entire world: it is eral, it sought to convert the their drawing closely to and grow- trade unions into "labor bating together with the state talion" appendages of the im-

The 1945 - 46 historic strike wave, which saw four million workers manning the picket lines and American capitalism chalstrike battles on a dozen fronts lenged on an imposingly allagainst the industrial giants. national scale, refurbished the Scarcely a year later Trotsky's tarnished reputations of the trade union bureaucracy, and made it After "Pearl Harbor," the appear as if the "no-strike

ceptional circumstance.

unions gradually built up mass of its own membership. support until the left wing was able to swing 40% of the votes against the no-strike pledge at the 1944 convention of the auto union. At the same time, "wild bureaucracy to the capitalist cat" strikes became increasingly state is illustrated by the follow common in both the auto and ing crucial facts: steel industries and the authority of the leadership was waning. With the war's end, the ac- man Doctrine and shipped AFL cumulated grievances and resent- and CIO officials with the Ameriments of the workers, dammed can Military Mission to Greece to up hitherto by the wartime no- help put over Wall Street's pro-AFL, CIO, Mine Workers and temporary phenomenon, due to strike pledge, burst forth in a gram of military dictatorship and great cataract of strikes. The bureaucrats quickly placed cratic veneer.

behind American imperialism and The events that followed themselves at the head of this became the apologists and sales demonstrated that the bureau- strike movement to forestall the direct agency of the State De setting up, under Washington's trade union movement.

bureaucracy became the chief and their attempt to integrate icadership. But no sooner had the Pian as a "civilian rehabilitation The bureaucracy gave aid and strike struggles - was the ex- attempted to re-solidify its alliance in the vain hope of ward-During the war years, the ing off the blows of the extreme struggle of militants against the forces of reaction and for protecbureaucracy in the main CIO tion against the militant sections

GROWING SUBSERVIENCE

This basic, direct and growing subservience of the trade union

The Murrays and Greens have been tub-thumping for the Truimpart to it, a labor and demo-

The bureaucracy enrolled as a

job" and a prize package of comfort to the red-baiting cam-"Trade Unions in the Epoch of unions with the war machine, state—was the norm; and the strike wave subsided, than the "humanitarianism," and lead paign unloosed at home by the within the world labor movement government and the capitalists, the counter-offensive against the and they themselves actually Stalinist attacks on the Plan. flooded the union movement with They emerged as direct flunkeys this same anti-labor poison.

and timeservers of Washington, To all this is added their present desperate attempts to performing innumerable chores to facilitate the execution of Wall prop up the Democratic Party Street's imperialist program and and prevent its disintegration, the intensification of its "cold coupled with their attack on all war" against Russia. Among a third party adherents. The burfew of the more notable achieve- eaucracy is determined to uphold ments of the bureaucracy along and keep the unions tied to the this line are: Helping to split the two-party system of capitalist Stalinist - dominated trade union politics. Thus, to properly appraise the

ederation in France and setting up a rival trade union body with frends and relations in the Amera pro-American State Department ican trade union movement, we orientation; intervening in the must start with the towering fact Italian elections and advising the that the trade union bureaucracy Italian unionists to vote for the has deliberately and consciously Christian Democratic Party—the allied itself with the imperialist capitalist party of Wall Street state, seeks to act as its "labor and the Vatican; splitting of the agency" both at home and abroad Stalinist-dominated Latin American trade union federation and mines all big questions in the

Campaigning With **Dobbs and Carlson**

By George Clarke, SWP Campaign Manager

representing more than twice the 15 minute news summary. total number required by law and at least 150 signatures for each thus far is contained in a clipping of 61 counties in the state, three from the Youngstown Vindicator times the number needed and which features an interview with more signatures than was filed Grace and her picture. Among by the SP and the SLP. The New other things Comrade Carlson is York Organization is now awaiting news of certification by the Secretary of State.

ceived from our campaign worklot have been filed in Salt Lake have the Harvard accent and City. They tell us that the peti- flowing language." tions were in tip-top shape and they should receive official notification in short order, Historians will record two significant dates in the history of Utah: 1847 when the Mormons arrived and 1948 when the Socialist Workers Party got on the ballot.

Two of the biggest publicity tems of the campaign made the ress in the last week. The first vas in the Detroit News where W. K. Kelsey devoted most of his column on the editorial page o us. Under the caption "A New licket in the Field," Kelsey inroduces his column by saying, A few days ago the Commentafor (title of the column) remarked How the Socialist Party leader-Parties over local politics. ship has changed since the days of Eugene Victor Debs!' Now omes Howard Lerner, the Socialst Workers Party candidate for Governor of Michigan and deposes. . ." Then after a lengthy quotation from comrade Lerner omparing Dobbs and Carlson with Debs and contrasting him with Norman Thomas, Kelsey writes brief biographies of Dobbs and Carlson and concludes with a summary of the main planks in the SWP platform.

up in Time magazine of the SWP campaign accompanied by a picture of Dobbs. Naturally the write-up was in the usual cynicalnasty Time style.

And while we are on publicity, mention should be made of an editorial devoted to us in The Pontiac (Mich.) Press. The editor Robert Chester, SWP candidates finds our presence as an "org- for State Assembly and Frank anized minority" a good thing Barbaria for Congress in the San and proof of the existence of the Francisco Bay Area is well undemocratic process. He would do der way. As of Sept. 4, 1,047 sigwell to send his comments to Attorney General Tom Clark of 1,500 signatures were collected whose blacklisting proceeds from for Harry Press. the opposite point of view of suppressing the minorities.

MINNEAPOLIS: Farrell Dobbs' parting shot as he left Minnesota was a press statement denouncing the egg-throwing at Wallace during his southern tour. His statement reads in part: "President Truman and the

Republican politicians deplore remain in management and are ing evident in clashes over the this treatment of Wallace only continuing to rake in profits question of management of in- because they are fearful that he will become a martyr in the eyes bodies are demanding that the of large sections of the Negro . The British capitalists were in workers have a voice in the man- people and thus win their votes. a bad way at the end of the war. agement of the "nationalized" in- They are not concerned about the rights of Wallace, the Negroes The government on the other or anybody else. In fact, the de-

> OHIO: Akron reports a lively and interesting meeting for Grace Carlson. They report good publicity in the Beacon-Journal and

Irving Beinin, New York Cam- was interviewed over Akron's paign Director, filed nominating largest radio station, WAKR petitions last Saturday in Albany which also carried a five minute for Dobbs and Carlson. The peti- round-up of Grace's statement of tions contained 21,967 signatures, the party position in the station's

The news from Youngstown quoted as saying:

"Henry Wallace. . . manages to keep his hands on hard cash despite support of the Communists. . .Roosevelt was slicker than UTAH: Word has been re- President Truman in trying to pass off the Democratic Party ers that petitions for Dobbs and as the labor party. Truman isn't Carlson to place on the Utah bal- so good a faker, and he doesn't

> From Columbus, we received a report that a writ of mandamus has been filed with the State Supreme Court to compel the Board of Elections to place Harry Braverman on the ballot as Trotskyist candidate for Congress in the 19th district.

The report states that the Ohio Attorney General had caused the reversal of a similar decision made against the SLP in 1946. Braverman left Columbus with assurances from the Attorney General that the legal points on which the SWP case is based are solid. The writer is certainly correct that the "SWP here is making a determined effort to break the monopolistic stranglehold of the Republican and Democratic

The Flint comrades deserve a rousing cheer for their alerthess which resulted in obtaining onehalf hour of free time for Farrell Dobbs on Oct. 11 over station WFDF to answer Truman's Labor Day speech in Detroit.

Genora Dollinger, our candidate for U.S. Senate from Michigan, writes that they are distributing 10,000 leaflets at plant gates, using the sound car for The second item was a writemeeting, placing ads in the local papers and doing extensive telephoning on the meeting and radio broadcast.

> CALIFORNIA: The petition drive to put Harry Press and

> From Los Angeles, Jean Blake writes that the petition campaign for Myra Tanner Weiss for Congress is in high gear. On Sept. 5 they had a total of 1.215 signatures. Jean writes: "The house in the 19th Congressional District which serves as headquarters for the campaign is like an old CIO strike headquarters - comrades dropping in right after work in the evening or during the day; eating in shifts, napping in shifts. . ."

Dobbs-Carlson Tours

The following are the next dates of Dobbs' tour:

Sept. 17-18 Toledo Sept. 19 en route Sept. 20-21 Cleveland

The following are the next dates of G. Carlson's tour:

Sept. 16-20 Buffalo Sept. 21 en route Sept. 22 Morgantown, W. Va.

THE MILITANT ARMY

1,400 Subs Expiring; sub. Give them a hand by getting Send Your Renewals!

This is notice to 1,400 Militant | The election news that only subscribers that they will have The Militant publishes becomes to renew their subscriptions by more crucial every week. No mail or at Socialist Workers other paper carries such a chal-Party headquarters, if they want lenge to the police-state thoughtto follow The Militant through control methods and war plans changed fundamentally. So far as understand the mechanics of this most spirited election cam- of Wall Street's Democratic-

1,200 will expire next month. all labor and pulls no punches There is ample time to renew without missing any numbers. the working class. The Militant's Notices are stuffed in this issue, fight did not begin with this channels back into the old sewer under capitalist management. conscious that the worker has cialist program of expropriation but even if you don't get one, watch the expiration date that end Nov. 8. appears on every address label. beside or under your name. If the mailing machine has cut it off, check a previous issue.

The most active sub-getters will be busy electioneering from now to Nov. 8, and will not be able to call back on so many subscribers.

friends to subscribe or renew.

Republican coalition government. 200 subs expire this month and The Militant fights the cause of because its only allegiance is to election campaign and will not

"Send me 50 copies of the Labor Day issue," writes a Minnesota railroad worker, enclosing \$2. "I'll make good use of them

Philadelphia sent "51 subs from our three street meetings this week. The meeings are working Give your sub-getter friends a out so well that we may try four breather, by renewing your own or five a week."

The Socialist Workers Party Stands for Class Politics

By Art Preis

receiving more publicity in capi- American workers. talist newspapers than ever be- DECEIVE WORKING CLASS fore in its history. A favorite sideswipe of the capitalist writmad at everybody—they're equally against the Democrats, the Republicans, the Wallaceites, the Norman Thomas Socialists, the Stalinist Communist Party and all the top leaders of the unions, from Murray and Reuther to Green and Tobin.

This is deliberately designed to give the impression that the Trotskvists are just a bunch of

SWP and all the other parties. That is the CLASS line.

throttle unions.

enormity of this case.

miles and employs 1,500 persons.

backing of the notorious Asso-

In the course of the fight, the

union filed charges with the Na-

unfair labor practices by the

employer. It also petitioned the

NLRB to conduct a collective

The NLRB threw out both the

ground that it had no jurisdiction

to consider them. It cited the

wording of the NAM-Taft-Hartley

not include any individual em-

ployed as an agricultural

But wait! Came another day

with the NLRB of unfair labor

of farm labor from the law.

laborer. . ."

The term employe . . . shall

Chamber of Commerce.

majority of the workers.

As one result of its first na
all hostile to the political class advertisements run in leading dead set against any genuine reganization of the workers. The newspapers last November by the party of labor, run by and for the tional election campaign, the SWP in contrast, stands four- powerful McGraw-Hill publishing workers through their mass org-Socialist Workers Party is square for a class party of the company. Under a huge head- anizations, the unions.

The Republicans and Demcerats stand for capitalism "as went all out in warnings to the istence and merge in the broader ers at the SWP goes something is." Some, like the Wallaceites workers not "to let their union stream of a party uniting the like this: The "Trotskyites" are and their Stalinist supporters, leaders lure them down the blind proclaim "progressive" capital-ism as their aim. Others, like exist for collective bargaining, Norman Thomas both seek the Norman Thomas, even claim they not politicking." are for socialism. But all of them, in one way or another, strive to keep the workers from uniting politically as a class and from and the other big capitalists building their own independent aren't against class parties at THE REAL FACT

class party. No matter how "progressive" er "radical" a political group may disgruntled crackpots and chronic | claim to be, no matter how much gripers, against everything and it professes to serve the interests everyone just for the hell of it. of the workers, it all boils down The fact is there is a definite, to deception and lies if they deny and Democratic parties are. clear-cut fundamental dividing to labor its own class political line of principle between the instrument, its own class party.

ruling capitalists are trying to ority, the workers. While all the other political sell to the workers is that this groups which the SWP opposes country is different from any in position to a "third party"—right American scene today. We show have differences among them- history, that here there are no now-is fear that once the "twoselves—a fact that the SWP does real class divisions and, therefore, party" myth is destroyed and the tics and call on them to act acnot at all dismiss—they have no basis for class politics.

nevertheless, a common position We saw one frank expression of

Out in California, members of | Issuance of the injunction by the struggling National Farm Federal Judge Pierson M. Hall Labor Union (AFL) who are on petition of the NLRB restrainengaged in a bitter life-and- ed the union from engaging in an death battle with the 20,000-acre alleged secondary boycott. The Di Giorgio ranch have just learn- court order was based on a ed by bitter first-hand experience charge that union pickets induced how the viciously unfair NAM- members of other AFL unions Taft - Hartley Act operates to not to handle the "hot cargo." This was about the only effective It is necessary to know a little way the union had of fighting the of the background to grasp the use of strikebreakers imported from Mexico who are held in These workers have been on virtual peonage conditions on the

strike for almost a year trying ranch. to obtain recognition of their Union attorneys attempted in union so it could negotiate livable vain to introduce before Judge conditions and wages for the Hall facts in connection with hard-pressed men and women who the Di Giorgio strike and evidence harvest the fruit and vegetable that the NLRB had refused to crops from the vast Di Giorgio hold a collective bargaining ranch which covers 18 square election. Introduction of such evidence was barred by Judge The employer has the complete Hall on the ground that it was not relevant to the secondary ciated Farmers and California boycott charge.

Stating the union's intention to appeal the injunction case, H. L. Mitchell, president, hit at the use tional Labor Relations Board of by the employer of strikebreakers revealed that less than 15% of "private enterprise." and child labor brought in to the ranch in violation of state and with the organized labor movefederal laws. He also reviewed bargaining election to settle the the efforts of the ranch owner to issue of whether it represents a bust the strike by any means and Reuther. The CIO auto workers British industry is not comparable the shooting of James Price, local union president. Mitchell then the ground. He knows the work- management modern improvecharges and the petition on the said:

"Now the power of the United States government, represented structure. He sees sentiment de- half a century behind the times. by the NLRB and the federal courts, has been turned against these defenseless farm workers who are excluded from any of the benefits but are subject to the penalties of the NAM-Taft-Hartley Act."

This seemed a definite exclusion So, here is a case where the law dees not apply if it could help the and the employer filed charges union, but does apply if it could hurt the union. All of which seems practices on the part of the to be a new law for even the unions. Then the same board that NAM-Taft-Hartley Act. Yet this had denied the union even a hearis a proceeding being pushed by ing on jurisdictional grounds turned a complete about face and the Truman Administration, and we have heard no protests from charge with a formal complaint any rival candidates, including not only backed up the employer's under the NAM - Taft - Hartley proclaimed friend of farm labor. Act, but rushed into federal court to ask for an injunction. And it | (Reprinted from the United Mine Workers Journal.)

on one decisive point: They are this fear in a series of full-page Wallace and the Stalinists, are "POLITICAL ACTION-

publishers of Business Week and dozens of big trade magazines can wind up its independent ex-

OK FOR THEIR CLASS

But the McGraw-Hill interests all. On the contrary, they have, as they have always had, their class parties, which they have capitalists and their various consciously developed and maintained to serve their class inter- elementary fact of the realities ests. That is what the Republican of political life. It is the contrary

politics, all right. They are only The biggest political myth the against class politics for the maj-

The root of the capitalist oppresent two-party political mono- cordingly by building their own poly is broken, the way will be open for a class party of labor.

That doesn't mean the capitalists aren't ready to put forward a "third party" of their own when they feel it to be to their interests. During their progressive period, back in 1854, the American industrialists organized a "third party"—the Republicans to fight against the two old parties, the Democrats and Whigs. Today, the reactionary capitalist class has another "third party" up its sleeve-the fascist party. The American capitalists press is the nationalization of will be all for this "third party" -as were their class brothers in Germany and Italy-when they feel they can no longer maintain their rule through the "two-party

HAMSTRING WORKERS

The Wallace party, despite its pretensions to progressivism, is to lower those losses by increasin 100% agreement with the ing the speed-up. other capitalist parties on one This is supposed to illustrate thing: Don't let the workers build the advantages of capitalism and their own party! The Wallace to show that Socialism won't happened in this country when party is dominated from the top work. According to the editorial by capitalist-minded liberal poli- writers of the capitalist press, ticians who have no connections the British experience proves that ers had previously mulcted huge with or responsibility to the the working class is incapable of profits out of the subway sysreport at their recent convention Britain had better go back to the delegates had any connection

stands for "enlightened" capital- British industry. ism, is determined to seize hold of the independent political ac- Socialist Government in Great tion movement in labor's ranks Britain is the reconditioning of of capitalist politics. His proposal is for a "third party" of all so-call- which British industry is found of industry." ed "progressive" elements now in today rests squarely on the capi-The only difference between what of their mismanagement. Reuther proposes and the Wallace party is a difference over

Have you asked your Friends to Help the Dobbs-Carlson Campaign?

As for the so-called "socialist" LABOR'S BLIND ALLEY," the party of Norman Thomas, it is just living for the day that it "progressive" capitalists and same type of party the Stalinists have everywhere tried to build and to which they give the name, "People's Front."

But all politics is class politics. It is to the interests of the ruling agents and dupes to conceal this purpose of the Socialist Workers The capitalists believe in class | Party to strip the veil from politics and reveal its true class na-

> It is in this that we differ from all other political parties on the the workers the true face of policlass party.



Fascism in the South

Dixiecrats inspired by the Ku Klux Klan greeted Progressive Party presidential candidate Hehry Wallace with a barrage of eggs, tomatoes and epithets of "nigger-lover" as he attempted to address unsegregated audiences in North and South Carolina during his current southern tour. Splattered eggs lie at Wallace's feet in Burlington, N. C., as police captain watches the exchange.

The Real Meaning of **British Nationalization**

By Joseph Hansen

A standing subject for deindustry in Great Britain.

currently being shaken down by Big Business from American industry, the capitalist press points to the losses recorded by the nationalized British industries and the fear of the British government

WRECKED BY CAPITALISM

At the first touch of the facts, Or take the case of Walter this fabrication falls to pieces. union president has his ears to to industry here. Under capitalist ers are pressing hard against the ments lagged in Great Britain so plains in its June 19 issue, "naold, decrepit two-party political that the bulk of the plants are a veloping for a class party of Major replacements and re-orglabor. Reuther, who like Wallace anization are needed throughout the workers are concerned, "the capitalist rule. From this they paigh.

One of the first tasks facing a authority."

were not expropriated. They still ing class over this is now becomnunciation in the capitalist through the government bonds dustry. More and more union awarded them.

In contrast to the lush profits They faced bankruptcy. "Nation-dustries. alization" saved the coal barons anteeing them returns from their workers from going ahead with genuine socialist measures. LIKE NEW YORK'S SUBWAYS

"Nationalization" in Great Bri- ing wages. tain resembles most closely what the New York City government took over the subway. The bankhuge debts and permitted the equipment to run down. Then

they unloaded the obsolete rail system on the city and received, in return, guaranteed city bonds, ican capitalists against British thus continuing to draw their nationalization is solely designed As the conservative British

old enemy remains in immediate sharper. "Organized labor," says ernment program of capitalist naand direct it away from class industries run into the ground The Economist, "feels deeply tionalizations, but a genuine so-Thus the blame for the shape in too little to say in the direction

When the working class kicked the two old parties in coalition talist class and not on the work- the Churchill regime out of office with the top union bureaucrats. ers who suffer the consequences and voted in the Labor Party, they expected an end to the Now we come to another hard capitalist system and the institufact. The British "Labor" Gov- tion of Socialism. For three years foreign policy. But Reuther, like ernment is NOT socialist. Capi- now the Labor Party leadership talism remains in Great Britain. has refused to carry out this man-The so-called "nationalization" of date. Instead it is acting as the industry was not a genuine so- caretaker of British capitalism. cialist measure. The capitalists The growing anger of the work-

and other industrialists by guar- hand insists on keeping the for- magogue Wallace is only accidenmer capitalists in the front of- tally a victim of persecution. holdings and preventing the fice and is now preparing to go Actually he has a 15-year record even further. Under prodding of doing nothing at all for the from Washington, they talk people while holding public ofopenly of instituting speed-ups on fice." the "American" model and lower-

BATTLE LINES FORMING

The battle lines are clearly shaping up. As reported in last the Informer. Comrade Carlson week's Militant, 17,000 Austin workers in Birmingham staged a labor movement. The credentials running industry efficiently and tems, saddled the system with protest strike recently against a dompany attempt to speed up a gear-box cutter from 280 boxes a day to 360. The propaganda of the Amer-

> profits out of the city treasury. | to confuse the American working class and to turn it away from magazine, The Economist, ex- any support of Socialism. The American workers have the duty tionalization" simply meant "Old of studying the British experience Boss Writ Large." Nothing was as it will enable them to better will learn that there IS an answer to capitalist exploitation and an-This issue is now becoming archy. Not the British Labor Govof the capitalists and government ownership and operation of industry under workers' control.

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In the past, America has known more than one stormy outburst of revolutionary or semi-revolutionary mass movements. Every time they died out quickly, because America at every time entered a new phase of economic upswing and also because the movements themselves were characterized by crass empiricism and theoretical helplessness. These two conditions belong to the past. . . American capitalism will enter an epoch of monstrous imperialism, of an uninterrupted growth of armaments, of intervention in the affairs of the entire world, of military conflicts and convulsions. . . These radical changes permit us to predict with certainty that the inevitable and relatively rapid, revolutionary transformation of the American proletariat will no more be the former, easily extinguishable "bonfire," but the beginning of a veritable revolutionary conflagration. In America, Communism can face its great future with confidence.

Leon Trotsky, "Germany: The Key to the International Situation," 1931.



Kutcher Case and Civil Rights

Two events last week gave fresh emphasis to the importance of the James Kutcher case as a rallying point in labor's defense against the current assault on democratic rights and civil liberties.

The first was the announcement by Congressman Richard M. Nixon, Republican of California, that the House Un-American Committee is considering legislation to circumvent the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution which provides that no person shall be compelled to be a witness against himself in any criminal case.

Under protection of this Amendment a number of victims dragged before the Un-American Committee as "witnesses" in its "spy" inquiries, have refused to testify. The Committee consequently regards the Fifth Amendment as a stumbling block in its witch-hunt.

At present the Committee hopes that the Supreme Court will rule out this protection of the Fifth Amendment. In case the Committee is disappointed, however, it intends to push for a law to get around the Fifth Amendment.

Equally ominous is the passage of a resolution at the convention of the American Bar Association to expel any member who refuses on grounds of the constitutional protection provided by the Fifth Amendment to state whether he is or was a Communist.

These two incidents vividly point up the growing danger of the witch-hunt. The Bill of Rights is under direct fire from many

This mounting witch-hunt and "purge" is like cancer. If nothing is done about it in the early stages then it spreads insidiously until it is beyond cure. The labor movement must take prompt measures if it wishes to preserve democracy in America and along with it its own integrity and existence, Fascism and Nazism in Europe fed on precisely the same kind of red-baiting that is now sinking deep roots in the United States.

By standing up and defending his right to hold a government job no matter what his political views may be, James Kutcher has set a stirring example of the fighting spirit needed to win in the struggle against the witch-hunters. His case can serve to arouse the entire labor movement to action and set in motion a great wave of mass protest against the "loyalty" oaths, the purges, and the whole drive against democratic rights and civil liberties.

Already the CIO News has favorably reported how the New Jersey CIO is backing James Kutcher. This encouraging action is a step in the right direction. Every supporter of democratic rights must now do his utmost to bring the James Kutcher case to the attention of the widest possible audience. Let James Kutcher become the symbol of labor's defense of democratic rights and civil liberties in America today.

Peacetime Conscription

Another milestone on the road to World War III was passed last week when the youth of America were compelled to register in Truman's "peace-time" draft.

The Brass Hats rubbed their hands in satisfaction over this fresh human levy which they have been demanding since the end of World War II. And the capitalist press, through editorials and cartoons about "Uncle Sam's" gratitude to the youth for their "willingness" to "defend America" and "fight for democracy," likewise expressed its joy over dragging these young men from their homes, class rooms and jobs into the military

They had reason to gloat. A short time ago they promised that American participation in World War II would bring "four freedoms." Now, within three years after that frightful slaughter, they find it possible to move full steam ahead in Prussianizing the youth of America.

A big share of the responsibility for the shadow of militarism now darkening America lies with the top trade union bureaucracy. These officials have taken a public stand against conscription, thus responding to the sentiments of the membership, who fear the growth of militarism. But insofar as effective action is concerned, this opposition of the top officialdom has proved to be nothing but empty phrases.

The struggle against capitalist militarism

is a long and difficult one. In an epoch of wars and revolutions, it means challenging capitalist control in the field of military training as well as in all other fields. To permit Big Business and its military representatives to shape American youth as they see fit means to acquiesce in the construction of an anti-labor military machine, one that can and will be used to intimidate and even smash the trade union movement.

Let us not forget that in Germany, under the democratic Weimar regime, the military representatives of Big Business were permitted to get away with full control over the military training of German youth. The military forces became a hotbed of those antilabor tendencies which later took the shape of Nazism and engulfed democracy in Ger-

To avoid a fate similar to that of the German labor movement, the trade unions must oppose with all their energy the growth of capitalist militarism in America. This does not mean rejecting military training in and of itself. What it does mean is developing a positive program in this field that will safeguard labor's interests and by that token the historic interests of America.

The first points in that program should be "End capitalist conscription! Place military training under full control of the trade

The Election Laws

The current election campaign has dramatized the existence of scandalous electoral laws throughout this country. Millions are beginning to realize that so-called "free elections" in the U.S. are but a catch phrase to cover up the present near-monopoly of the ballot by the two capitalist-dominated parties. Under Republican and Democratic rule, authoritarianism has struck deep roots in America.

Two recent incidents illustrate this.

In Illinois the State Election Board ruled Wallace's Progressive Party and the Norman Thomas Socialist Party off the ballot on patently false technical grounds.

In Truman's home state of Missouri, the Secretary of State struck the Socialist Party, the Socialist Labor Party and the Christian Nationalist Party off the ballot and told the press, "I am not certifying a ballot for the Progressive Party at this time."

Thus the right of a political party in opposition to the Republicans and Democrats to appear on the ballot has been denied in two more states. Likewise denied is the right of the voters in these two important states to support parties at the polls other than the bi-partisan coalition, if they so choose.

In the Bourbon South, the poll tax, in-

timidation and terror restrict the vote to a tiny ruling minority. When Wallace toured these states, open fascist-like methods were used to break up his meetings and deny him

The bi-partisan coalition is more subtle in the North. Here they rely on a maze of legal technicalities and red tape to keep new parties off the ballot. These "qualifications." varying in detail from state to state but not in arbitrariness, were deliberately concocted by the Republicans and Democrats to maintain their monopoly of the ballot. When it appears that opposition to the two-party set-up has become powerful enough to meet the unreasonable demands, then the Republican and Democratic legislators pass new laws making the barriers still more difficult

In the face of the Democratic and Republican boasts about "free elections" in America, the facts reveal an ominous trend toward Hitler-style elections.

Clearing the anti-democratic election laws off the statute books is one of the tasks facing the trade unions in the struggle to build labor's own party. This job can and should be started right now.

SWP \$25,000 Election Fund Drive Passes Over the Half-Way Mark

By William F. Warde, National Fund Director

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We want to begin this week with the report of a tribute ogether with a contribution—from one woman to another. Dr.

Rosa Sullivan of Pensacola, glad to see a woman running for will be elected. Send me three copies of your Party Platform, as I want to give them to my friends. . .

"We do wish Dr. Carlson success. We know she has the courage, and if she doesn't succeed this time, let her try again. She is paving the road for some woman, some time, to become President of the United States, and if we do have more women in high office, I am sure we will have fewer wars and more neare.

othing forward in this campaign to help Grace spread the message of socialism, which will make a world without wars and with nduring peace. San Francisco and Minnesota

We're glad to see many women

vacation period to send in sizeable contributions last week. San Francisco's Fund Director Ann Chester comments that the sity Place, New York 3, N. Y.

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lighted in the break between

the Communist Party of Yugo-

slavia with the Cominform is

being duplicated to a lesser ex-

tent in the Stalinist parties of

Latin America, particularly in

Previously splits have taken

lace in the Stalinist parties of

Colombia, Venezuela, Cuba, Peru

Two more serious splits had

occurred recently in Mexico and

Peru. In Mexico, the break from

the CP was directed by such lead-

ing elements as Carlos Sanchez

Cardenas and Alberto Lumbreras.

The split-off group calls itself

the "Committee of Restoration"

and publishes a paper called El

Machete, which is also the name

of the CP organ. In Peru, the

District Committee of Lima broke

In neither Mexico nor Peru did

the splits take place around a

clear-cut political program of

revolutionary anti-Stalinism, al-

though there is no lack of accusa-

tions of "Trotskyism" on the part

of the Stalinists. The leading ele-

ments of the opposition belong

to the "Third Period" school of

Stalinism. Although their pro-

gram is highly confused, it does

take its point of departure from

the class struggle in contrast to

the present Stalinist policy of

"People's Frontism" and "national

unity" — that is, of avowed class

This is the second crisis that is

convulsing the CP in Peru. In the

previous one. Ravines, who was

the recognized leader of the Com-

munist Party of Peru, developed

the Stalinist program of "na-

tional unity" to its ultimate con-

clusion of collaborating with the

capitalists. After the new Stalin-

ist turn, he decided to leave the

ranks of organized Stalinism and

to practice "national unity" on

The conflict between the "Third

Period" Stalinists and the "Peo-

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Florida, writes: "We are very branch is concentrating on the task of collecting signatures to vice-president. Hope and wish she get their three local candidates on the ballot during the next three weeks.

> We want to acknowledge a \$10 contribution from that staunch Socialist fighter, H. Courts of Cincinnati.

> Tacoma takes top honors by being the first of all the branches to pass beyond its quota. We need more members of the 100 Percent Plus Club.

There was a decided drop in the total last week, owing in large part to the holidays. Contributions amounted to \$583.

From now on, every branch should determine how much it has to send in weekly in order to fulfill its quota. The last half of the \$25,000 Fund should come in faster than the first. Roll in the dollars and we'll keep the Dobbslefied the holidays, heat wave and | Carlson campaign rolling from coast to coast!

Send your contributions to the Dobbs-Carlson Fund, 116 Univer-

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latin American Notes

By J. Gomez

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Food symbols on this chart show what your money bought in 1939, in comparison with current purchasing power. In a recent survey of major cities, meat prices were 25% higher than last year and 200% over 1939; bread up 17% from 1947, 75% over 1939; milk up 90% over 1939 and canned (Federated Pictures) tomatoes 133% over pre-war.

WORKERS FORUM

A Criticism

Editor:

Enclosed please find \$1.00 emittance for the continuation of my Militant subscription for another year. I find the paper extremely interesting, although should like to register a criticism. In the August 9 edition, in an article by Art Sharon under the title "Quill Opens War On Stalinist Faction in Transport Union," two officials of that union, Hogan and Santos are exposed as being Stalinists. Also a union attorney, Harry Sacher, is mentioned as a Stalinist. I don't know whether these people are recognized as authoritative spokesmen for the CP. If they are, I guess my criticism becomes invalidated, but if they aren't, couldn't this expose be considered as fingering political opponents? If such is the case, I am sure that it is due to an oversight, but nevertheless, a careful editing of all articles of this nature, should be made to prevent any recurrence of this.

R. H. San Francisco

Ed. Note: Our designation of Hogan, Santos and a number of other officials of the Transport Workers Union as "Stalinists" is a political designation of the policies that they openly and avowedly practice, and not an ex-

Venezuela, young revolutionary anti-capital-

Although these struggles and On the other hand the continental

splits are thus lacking in pro-grammatic clarity and objectives, have heretofore been organiza-

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considerations: 1) The organized more splits are bound to occur.

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The political lesson to be drawn

posure of their political affilia- Old Man of the Sea tions. We did not say or imply that they were or were not memhers of the Communist Party, or any other organization.

Impressed With SWP

Election Campaign I have received my copy of the special SWP Convention issue of The Militant and, boy, I can say that I have never before seen the like of it, with its bold declaration of program. For the first time I now see in print the transitional demands as the basis of an election program and after our experiences of the Labor Party back in Blighty it is a treat for tired eyes.

My very best wishes for success of campaign and I am even more eager now to get back to Blighty and get my feet planted squarely in British section's struggle for emancipation of workers.

> With British Forces in Egypt

NEWARK FORUM The Truth About

James Kutcher

An answer to the Newark Star-Ledger attack on the legless veteran fired from the Veterans Administration for belonging to the Socialist Workers Party. speaker:

GEORGE BREITMAN SWP candidate for U.S. Senate

chairman:

WM. E. BOHANNAN **SWP** candidate for Congress FRIDAY, SEPT. 17 at 8:30 p. m. 423 Springfield Ave. auspices: Socialist Workers Party

Editor:

The Old Man of the Sea is one of the most highly entertaining stories of the Arabian Nights. It portrays the plight of Sinbad the Sailor after he rescued an old duffer from the sea-the result being that Sinbad was burdened night and day by the old barnacle clinging around his neck. The working people of the U.S. at present carry on their toilworn and overtaxed necks, an Old Man of the Sea burden which they should shake off. It is the enormous number of adult persons who do no useful productive work of any kind.

We should take a long sobering ook at the state of the nation. We support a UN with its 2,500 bureau employes each drawing more salary than any railroad engineer or coal miner and whose Chief receives an income larger than the U.S. President with more emoluments, too. Yet the entire UN outfit has not been worth a

nickel value to any taxpayer. Preaching has become almost as highly profitable a business in the U.S. as spy hunting and union

strike-busting.
But it won't be long boys, it won't be long. The Old Man of the Sea must

e made a castaway!

Central Islip, N.Y.

"CIO News" Reports On Kutcher Case

CIO News for Sept. 6th carried the photograph which appeared in last week's issue of The Militant featuring James Kutcher, Carl Holderman, President of the No J. CIO Council Rev. John Daniel and George Novack of the CRDC. The CIO News' caption reads: "CIO Fights for Vet: The New Jersey CIO joins in the fight to win the reinstatement of Joseph Kutcher, legless war veteran, fired from his job at the Newark, N. J., Veterans' Administration office because of his membership in the Socialist Workers Party."

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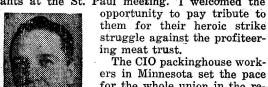
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By Farrell Dobbs

here was the large turnout of packinghouse militants at the St. Paul meeting. I welcomed the opportunity to pay tribute to them for their heroic strike

TWIN CITIES, Sept. 3-High point of my visit



ers in Minnesota set the pace for the whole union in the recent nation-wide strike. They stood their ground against court injunctions, police clubs and national guard bayonets. They fought in the tradition of the famous

Minneapolis truck drivers' strikes of 1934, which smashed the union-busting Citizens' Alliance and opened the road to unionization throughout the

In their ranks were a number of veterans of the 1934 battles who are now employed in the packing

When Philip Murray and other CIO leaders failed to come to their aid, the packinghouse workers were starved into returning to work with only a small wage gain. But they went back with their colors flying above firm ranks.

The packinghouse workers came to hear me speak both as the presidential candidate of the Socialist Workers Party and as a leader in the 1934 Minneapolis truck drivers strike. We quickly found a meeting of minds on the need for militant union policy backed up by independent labor polit-

My appearance at the SWP election rally in Minneapolis was the occasion for a reunion of the men who built General Drivers Local 544. After the meeting, we sat up until 4 A. M. discussing the problem of smashing the Tobin dictatorship

Under Tobin's present iron rule, the rights of the membership are ruthlessly violated, working agreements with the employers are only a poor imitation of a union contract and little is

done to enforce them. I challenged Tobin's henchmen to meet me in a deals with the employers to fire workers who op-

portunity comes, history will again be made in

I also talked with a group of railroad workers. They informed me that sentiment for independent labor political action is gaining momentum in the ranks of the rail unions.

There is much indignation among railroad workers over A. F. Whitney's endorsement of Strikebreaker Truman.

We got in some licks in defense of James Kutcher, legless war veteran, fired by the callous bureaucrats of the Veterans' Administration because he is a member of the Socialist Workers Party. Both in the press and over the radio this outrage has been made known to the people of Minnesota.

A former conscientious objector, whom we met in the Sandstone penitentiary, attended two of the public meetings. Then he joined the Party. At the same time, the wife of a Local 544 militant came into our ranks to stand shoulder to shoulder with her husband in the fight for socialism.

The Minnesota comrades are now squaring off for the petition campaign to put the party ticket on the ballot. You may be sure there is going to be a first-class SWP campaign in these parts.

My report would not be complete without mention of the efficient local preparations for my visit. Every detail, from the preliminary press releases to the organization of physical facilities for the meetings, was handled in the Trotskyist manner-it was done right.

From the Rubber Capital

By Grace Carlson

Now and again, every speaker is startled by some questioner in the audience. Last week in Akron, I was especially surprised by one of the questions. It was a mild enough question. Immediately after the chairman announced that the

question period was open, a worker stood up and asked, "Could you tell me what time it is?" After ferreting out the time on the watch I had borrowed for the occasion, I told him that it was

9:45 p. m. Then he said, "I'll have to get back to work. I just took off a couple of hours with this brother here. But I want to tell you that I'm going to join up. What I heard here tonight are the things I've been thinking about for a long

time. I don't always get a chance to say them that way, but I believe that you're on the right path, and I want to add my weight."

That was certainly a very gratifying conclu-

It was made doubly gratifying later when another rubber unionist came up and expressed his desire to join the Socialist Workers Party.

Yesterday I met these same workers at an oldfashioned political picnic held by the Ohio State section of the Party. With the zeal of the new comrades, one of these workers had brought out a friend to meet our people and to learn about the Socialist Worker's Party's program.

It was a good introduction to Trotskyism, because this was a real working class gathering. Baseball rivalries engressed the attention of a large part of the group. It was Akron against the rest of Ohio-9 to 6! No one ever asks me my advice about baseball, but I don't mind saying that what this game lacked in professional technique, was more than made up for by the vim, vigor and vitality of the players.

Games and contests for the children, an auction of a super-special smoked ham and a short speech by the vice-presidential candidate rounded out the day's program. And a good time was had by the candidate—and I think by all.

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public debate on the question of democracy and general policy in the Teamsters' Union. They didn't dare accept the challenge. Because the only "arguments" they have are blackjacks and shady Rank and file resentment against Tobin and his goons is widespread. At present the militants are biding their time, preparing to seize the first chance to deal Tobin a real blow. When that oppositions will again be made in

Special to THE MILITANT

DETROIT, Sept. 5—The most turbulent convention the Michigan labor movement has seen since 1937 reached a climax on Saturday afternoon when Adolph Germer, representative of the national CIO, acting on authority of Philip Murray, dictatorially took over the Wayne County CIO.

capita to the national CIO.

workers, who had been forced to

shall Plan.

Reutherites to stampede the convention failed.

The issue which shaped the pattle and dominated this convention is one of the most vital confronting the labor movement -the question of democracy within the unions. The constitution of the Wayne County CIO Council provides for representation and voting strength to local unions in accordance with the per capita they had paid over the previous 12-month period. The constitution further states that local unions affiliated with the Council for less than three months be entitled to one delegate with one month per capita at least 30 gan last Thursday night. days previous to the convening BATTLE JOINED date of the convention.

CONSTITUTIONAL CLAUSE

These sections of the constituunion West Side Local 174, a proval for a resolution in sup-proposal carried by a margin of Reuther stronghold, stopped pay- port of the DeSoto Local 227 172 to 165. ing per capita to the Council a year ago, when the local was strike because of the firing of unsuccessful in electing its slate workers for leaving their jobs these was a resolution condemnof officers. A number of smaller during the record-breaking heat, Reuther-dominated locals like- was interrupted by Horace Shefthat time. Over 95% of the CIO Unit of Local 600, whose credenmained affiliated and continued grounds of fraud in his unit electo pay per capita to the Council. tions. Sheffield, in an hysterical Un-American Activities Commit-Local 174 had once before with- speech, charged that the resoluofficers. In an effort to maintain mediate report of the Credentials

at the auto union convention last compelled to adjourn the session November, the Reuther-Murray until the following morning. forces served an ultimatum on When the convention reconthe Wayne CIO Council that it vened, only delegates whose cretake positive action in support of dentials had not been challenged the Marshall Plan and in con- were permitted on the floor. The demnation of Henry Wallace. This Sergeant-at-Arms staff had been the Council delegates refused to tripled in an attempt to maintain declared the ultimatum an in- The first test of strength came

fringement on the democratic on the report of the Rules Com-

This action came after a two- rights of the Council and its mittee. This Committee had unaand-a-half day battle which members. However, at no time nimously agreed on a set of rules saw the power machine of Reudid the Council take formal acpatterned after those used at the ther and Emil Mazey stalled in tion in direct violation of this Reuther-dominated Michigan CIO its tracks. The attempts of the ultimatum: It has not endorsed Convention several months ago. Wallace or repudiated the Mar- At the last moment, without the knowledge of the other members After a series of further skir- of the Rules Committee, two mishes, a "peace" ultimatum was Reutherites on the Committee anissued by Allan Haywood and nounced they had a minority re-Philip Murray, ordering the port to present to the convention. Council to call a convention and The Reutherites renewed their to include the non-affiliated locals disruption, demanding that the with full voting strength upon minority of the Committee make the payment by these locals of their report to the convention, one month's per capita to the without even acquainting the Council and three months per majority of the Committee with the points in dispute. With bed-Facing the alternative of con- lam on the convention floor, the vening a convention on this basis | Rules Committee met and heard or having an administrator as- the proposed changes of the minsume control, the Council officers ority. No agreement could be reluctantly and under protest con- reached on the disputed point one vote, providing they had paid vened the convention, which be- and two reports were then presented to the convention. The majority proposal, in accordance with past practice at CIO con-From the moment the convenventions, called for an expression tion was called to order by Presi- of 40% of the convention to secure dent Tracy Doll the battle was a roll call vote. The minority protion assumed importance in the joined. An attempt by the Reso- posed that 20% be sufficient to

The convention then adopted a by a vote of 1,403 to 1,108. number of resolutions. Among ing the use of injunctions and troops to break strikes, which resolution condemning the House ray decree! hitchhiking policy of Local 174.

Following the Reuther victory

out anew. The turmoil was so bad that Chairman Doll was finally ment." Later a resolution contact the title of the official CIO. guilty-was passed over some dent, in the chair.

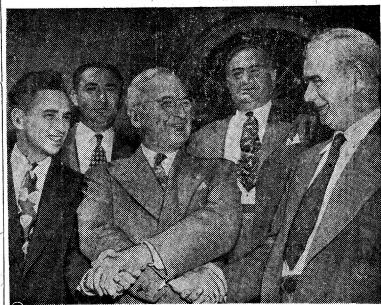
CREDENTIALS REPORT

delegates. The Committee unani- for a continuation of the convenp.m. The tellers, representing need of continuing the fight for both points of view, then retired democracy within the CIO. from the convention to tally the vote. The voting strength of the CUNNINGHAM MOTION individual delegates varied from Finally, delegate Tom Cun-

uled for final adjournment in the 174 Hall. Lloyd Jones, president rules, the tellers had not yet re- of Murray Local 2, Ned Coleman, vote. Vice-President Smith, who 205; Richard T. Leonard, presiwas in the chair at this time, dent of DeSoto Local 227 and thereupon adjourned the conven- chairman of the newly formed tion to reconvene Sunday morning at 10 a.m.

At this point, apparently fear- port of this position. had assumed authority over the Germer convention was put sebitter fight did the International worked while the strike was in scalling the convention for two carried with the understanding leaders succumb to the pressure progress. The only other plant in and a half days, the Reuther that the question of attending of the other locals and give slight Local 1217, employing less than forces used the inability of the the Germer convention was up to financial aid to the strikers. On 200 workers, was notified by the convention to complete its busi- the individual delegations themthe other hand, the workers from company a few weeks ago that it ness on schedule as an excuse for selves. other locals, chiefly Sperry, gave would no longer recognize the Germer taking over as adminis- The bulk of the auto delegates vigorous aid on the picket line 1217 representatives as bargain- trator. Germer's assumption of then proceeded to the Germer authority even violated his man- convention. As they entered the shead. Because of the non-Stalinist date from Philip Murray. The hall with Richard T. Leonard in

CIO Leaders Back Strikebreaker



President Truman, who holds a record for breaking strikes and issuing anti-union injunctions, gets a double handshake from CIO President Philip Murray (r.) and Secretary-Treasurer James B. Carey (l.) following endorsement of the Democratic ticket by a 35-12 vote of the CIO executive board. In background are Secretary-Treasurer Emil Mazey (1.) of the United Auto Workers and CIO-PAC chairman Jack Kroll. (Federated Pictures)

with full voting strength. Ironi- Board member of Briggs Local convention fight because auto lutions Committee to gain ap- obtain a roll call. The Reutherite cally, the roll call vote showed 212 UAW-CIO, and one of the that the delegates had rejected leaders of the opposition to the the Credentials Committee report | bureaucratic decree of the nation-

DICTATOR GERMER

Germer thus took over the convention as administrator just as wise pulled out of the Council at field of the Production Foundry named President Truman by the convention, by roll call vote, name; a resolution on discrimina- indicated by a narrow margin its took the mike and made a statelocals in the area, however, re- tials had been challenged on the tion against minorities; and a willingness to accede to the Mur-

> Germer ordered a continuation tee. In discussing this Resolution, of the convention on Sunday

was unable to elect its slate of convention and demanded an im- vers answered delegates who ex- Hall with himself as chairman. pressed approval of actions of On Sunday morning two conthe unity of the Council at that Committee. This action of Shef- this neactionary Congressional ventions met. At the Germer contime, Local 174 and a number of field touched off a near riot by Committee against the Stalinists vention, hand-picked committees other locals had then been per- the Reuther supporters, so that with the statement: "In my opin- were immediately chosen to mitted to reaffiliate with the the convention was unable to pro- ion the Communist Party should quickly run through the balance Council with full voting strength, ceed for 30 minutes. When par- be tried in a Court of Labor for of business. This convention had without payment of back per tial order was restored, the reso- the crimes it has committed approximately 300 in attendance, capita. However, at last year's lution was adopted with a num- against the labor movement. We including not only the Reuther convention, with the adoption of ber of Reuther delegates voting cannot, however, go along with forces, but also a number of opthe constitution of the Council. in opposition. As soon as this the un-democratic, witch-hunt, positionists. The latter, despite the delegates served notice that piece of business was off the smear campaign of this reaction the bureaucratic action, were rethey would no longer tolerate this floor, organized disruption broke ary Committee which is aimed luctant to break with the body,

> demning the raiding of legitimate At Local 157 Hall, the bulk of unions—of which the Reuther the opposition forces met on leadership has been particularly schedule with Doll, Council presi-

After hearing a report of the results of the roll call, the group bers. turned their attention to the pro-On Saturday morning, the Cre- blem of what to do in the face dentials Committee presented of the decree of the administratheir final report on the disputed tor. The Stalinists pushed hard mously recommended that dele-tion right to the establishment of gates be seated in accordance a dual body. Their proposal met with the Wayne County CIO Con- with the solid opposition of the stitution, and that those locals leaders of the anti-Reuther forces which had not paid their per in the auto union. Beginning with capita through the year, be seated | Claude Bland, president of Hudwith the delegate and one vote. son Local 154, speaker after A roll call vote was demanded, speaker took the floor to conwhich began about 2 p.m. and demn the action of Germer but was completed shortly before 4 at the same time stressing the pacify the delegates and to soften

local to local and in many cases ningham of Chrysler Local 7, conincluded fractional votes. From sidered for a long time to be a the approximate talleys taken close co-worker with the Stalinist, during the roll call vote it was took the floor to move that in apparent that the vote was close view of the results of the roll and only the final report of the call and the action of the admitellers could dispose of the issue. nistrator, the meeting recess and The convention resumed at 4:30 the delegates move in a body to p.m. At 5:30 p.m., the time sched- the Germer convention at Local turned with the results of the president of Amalgamated Local Committee for a Militant and

ful that the roll call vote had upheld the Credentials Committee, Adolph Germer announced he question of going in a bloc to the convention and would act as an parately. This proposal was ruled administrator for the national lost on a hand vote. The motion to had previously cooperated with CIO. Thus, after disrupting and adjourn the convention was then

Democratic UAW, spoke in sup-

al CIO, was placed in nomination for the Council Presidency. Additional oppositionists were nominated for the other major posts.

When the time arrived for acceptance or declination, Mazey ment on behalf of the group which had carried the fight for democracy and which was pledged to continue the fight within the drawn from the Council when it tion was an attempt to stall the Committee Chairman Paul Sil- morning at the UAW Local 174 CIO. After reviewing the developments of the previous days and the anti-democratic trend in the CIO, Mazey, declared:

"There are those who are ready to turn their backs on the CIO in protest to the terribly undemocratic actions we have witnessed in recent days. For my part, and for all those associated with me in this fight of the past few days who now sit in this convention, we say openly and clearly so all can hear: We do not inend to turn our backs on the fight to restore democracy in the CIO. We intend to remain within the CIO to continue the fight for a restoration of democracy, together with our fellow CIO mem-

"However, in view of the action of yesterday evening and this morning, in violation of the traditional democracy of the CIO, I must say I have no alternative but to decline this nomination in this undemocratic convention."

Mazey's remarks were greeted with an enthusiastic burst of applause and considerably upset Adolph Germer, who was on the platform at the time. He quickly took the mike in an attempt to the effects of Mazev's declination speech.

Tom Cunningham, nominee for Secretary-Treasurer, took the floor to decline and associate himself with Mazey's remarks. Paul Silver, nominated for Executive Vice-President, declined with the comment, "I refuse to be a candidate in this drama." Germer had referred to the battle for democracy at the convention as a

IMPORTANT GAINS

Although the immediate battle has been lost, important gains in the long-term fight for the restoration of militancy and democracy in the UAW and CIO have been registered.

The decisive defeat of the Stalinist attempt to set up a dual Council after the administrator took over in order to serve their own narrow, limited interests and the sharp break made with them on this issue by a number of them, must be recorded as an important gain.

Finally, the role at the convention of the recently formed Committee for a Militant and Demecratic UAW has won friends and supporters and set the stage for additional gains in the period

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Politics as She Is Played

– By Joseph Hansen –

William O'Dwyer, ex-cop who climbed the slippery rungs of the Tammany ladder to become Mayor of the world's largest city and win undying notoriety as the first stooge of the real estate interests willing to risk his political neck on raising New York's nickel subway fare to a dime, is currently conducting a crusade against "Communism and all else unholy" that Representative Vito Marcantonio of the 18th Congressional District "stands for."

O'Dwyer's crusade against the unholy specter of Marcantonio consists of firing every person placed on the city payroll through the political "influence" of the 18th District boss right down to \$1.080 a year laborers.

Now, Marcantonio, who wears the button of the American Labor Party and speaks with the voice of Stalin, was not known to be on the outs in the smoke-filled back rooms where Tammany Hall processes "influence" in New York. Didn't the Stalinists help grease O'Dwyer's way into office on the promise he would save the five-cent fare?

Marcantonio spilled the inside dope to the press as follows: One day, it seems, he gets a buzz on the phone from the Mayor and another political footpad, Hugo E. Rogers, head of Tammany Hall. How about kicking O. John Rogge off the ALP ballot, they proposition him; and put on a deserving Tammany ward-heeler instead; namely. Honest John A. Mullen, who is hungry to be Surrogate of New York County?

In return for favors rendered, they tell Marcantonio, who is listening all the time on the other end of the line, they will slip the knife on the QT to another Tammany ward-heeler; namely, Honest John P. Morrisey who is the unlucky "stiff" listed to run against Marcantonio himself. Morrisey is just a "dumbhead" anyway, the Mayor tells Marcantonio, and if the ALP boss will play along, why he and the Mayor and pal Hugo E. Rogers "can do plenty in this town."

Naturally, Marcantonio, a very pious politician when making a statement to the press, turns the proposition down "flatly" at once "as courteously as I could." First, he explains to the Mayor and Hugo E. Rogers, who are waiting on the phone

for his answer, that he has already proved his undying "friendship." Didn't he go out of his way to lift Hugo E. Rogers up "off the political junk pile" and make him Borough President? Hasn't the Mayor "time and time again asked for my

aid and received it?" But O'Dwyer is a true Tammany product with a thirst for blood like a tiger. He drops the "bribe" technique and tries to "intimidate me," Marcantonio explains to the press, insisting that Honest John A. Mullen be lifted up off the politi-

cal junk pile too. This time, however, the ALP boss can't see do by an overwhelming vote, and order. his way clear to "go along." So he bangs up his receiver and the Mayor and Hugo E. Rogers bang up the receiver they have both been using.

Nothing might ever have come out about what a rotten corrupt type the Mayor of the largest city in the world is if it had been left up to Marcantonio, because this Stalinist chieftain extended the Mayor the courtesy of not blabbing a word about this proposition to a single soul except a few bosom pals "to protect myself" just in case some reliable witnesses might be needed.

O'Dwyer didn't appreciate that courtesy. Instead, he stabbed the ALP boss in the back by lopping his henchmen off the city payroll. That's when Marcantonio's political integrity wouldn't let him remain silent any longer and he decided to let the people in on what a rotten type bum is at the head of their fair city. He called in the press and gave them a statement in black and white that O'Dwyer is a "double-talking, double-dealing, double-crossing hypocrite."

Don't get Marcantonio wrong though. He doesn't intend to start any crusades. He's just serving Corporation, due largely to the notice not to mess with his influence on the city payroll. If you can talk business, he's still available. For instance, on the very same day he called to the local from the Stalinistthe Mayor of the biggest city in the world a "double-crossing hypocrite," the 18th District boss let everybody know his machine is going "all out" in the 21st Congressional District for the election of Tammany's choice for Congress; namely, Honest Paul O'Dwyer, the Mayor's own brother.

Notes from the News

POLISH CRISIS—Apparently a crisis similar to that of Yugoslavia is convulsing the Communist Party of Poland. Wladyslaw Gomulka, Polish Vice-Premier, previously built



up as one of the major Stalinist "fuehrers," has been dismissed from his post as the Communist Party General Secretary and has been publicly castigated for "failure to un-

derstand the leading role of the Russian Party," for "nationalist tendencies" and for opposing the Cominform's denunciation of Tito. The difference is that in Yugoslavia Tito has the upper hand. whereas in Poland, the Kremlin agents isolated

VATICAN HISTORY - Pope Pius XII told German Catholics in a broadcast over the Vatican radio on the occasion of the Catholic celebration in Mainz that "your destroyed cities are speaking symbols" of the "slogan of violent overthrow of every social order, published 100 years ago." In other words Marx and Engels and the Communist Manifesto are responsible for the devastation of Germany. The Pontiff did not mention the extent of responsibility of Hitler, the German trusts or imperialism.

"YELLOW DOG" AFFIDAVITS — The NLRB reports that 81,953 officers of national and local unions have signed the Taft-Hartley affidavits. 30 out of 41 CIO unions, and 89 out of 102 AFL unions have complied. 45 Independent unions have

NLRB UNION BUSTING - The latest outrageous ruling of the Taft-Hartley NLRB is that accorded the pickets by the cops. tional union leaders stood by and that Germer would assume admiworkers striking for economic reasons are not They clubbed and arrested let the courageous workers battle nistrative authority if the con- was taking place as the new eligible to vote in an NLRB election held during pickets. In the last weeks, mount- practically unaided and thus con- vention refused to seat the dele- group entered the hall. The name

the walkout, if scabs have replaced them.

FAIRCHILD STRIKE LOST **AFTER 5-MONTH BATTLE** LONG ISLAND, New York | down pickets. Fifteen pickets -After a 20-week strike against were arrested and sent to jail. the company, Local 1217 of the chine workers of America called cinct station and herded into off the strike last week, when a buses there. At the plant gates,

CIO United Electrical and Ma-Fairchild Camera and Instrument aid of brutal picket-slugging cops, and the lack of effective aid dominated District and International leadership.

The 400 production workers at Fairchild went on strike in April in protest against the company's union - breaking contract which they were asked to accept. The main issue was one of union seniority. The question of signing Taft-Hartley affidavits was not brought up until the 7th week of

From the first days of the and contributed financially to the ing agents. courageous Fairchild strikers.

ed policemen deliberately ran demned the strike to failure. gates from the disputed locals of Ernest Mazey, Executive

Most of them are still awaiting trial, while out on bail. The scabs majority of the members voted the bus driver would give a signal, to end the hopeless struggle. It and the plant police opened a was a complete victory for the lane for the scabs to go through, protected from the striking workers by solid lines of armed police. This was repeated morning after

After the strike was lost came the most humiliating scene of all. The workers were herded into the plant yard, lined up against the plant walls, and the foreman of the plant came out and, under protection of plant policemen, pointed out one by one the workers he would consent to take back to work. Only about 70 were mockingly informed they would be notified when wanted.

Local 1217 is no longer in exstrike, the Stalinist International istence. The Fairchild workers leaders showed they were not will now be represented by a concerned whether the workers company-recognized "Independent won their battle or not. Only Radio and Machine Workers," a half-way through the long and union formed by 100 scabs who

The greatest scandal of the leadership of Local 1217, the instructions in the final Murray the lead, they received a standing long struggle was the treatment Stalinist District and Interna- dictum to the convention were ovation from the assembled dele-