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SWP Election Campaign Closes In Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, April 6-Despite the powerful opposition of the boss political machines and the trade union officialdom who supported the capitalist candidates, 580 Los Angeles workers voted for socialism by voting for Myra Tanner Weiss, Trotskyist candidate for mayor, in the April 3 primary. The Socialist Workers Party here has emerged from its first local election campaign with the slogan: "On to the 1946 elections!"

Since no political designations were permitted on the ballot in Myra Tanner Weiss could re-Trotskyist campaign.

The incumbent mayor, Fletcher Bowron, was reelected with a majority over 14 other candidates. In the absence of a labor party CIO Council joining the Chamber of Commerce in supporting the big business candidate, majority of the workers who voted saw no real alternative to the reelection of Bowron.

bureaucracy confused the issues up, prices have risen only imperand misled the labor vote by ceptibly, the cost-of-living has throwing their support to one or been "stabilized," and the "peoanother capitalist candidate. The ple" are rolling in wealth. This United AFL Interviewing Com- cheerful dish was cooked up by mittee endorsed Anthony P. En- the heads of the Office of Econtenza, a lawyer, but a number of omic Stabilization, Office of AFL locals supported Bowron.

INDEPENDENT LABOR POLITICS

The Socialist Workers Party also supported Charlotta Bass, independent Negro candidate, for councilman from the 7th District. cious fruits of "stabilization," we Although her program was are assured that the "people" are Stalinist, the Trotskyists urged accumulating "huge savings in her election to give expression to other forms, such as bank depthe policy of working class sup- osits and life insurance policies." port for independent labor and Negro candidates. The CIO Coun- years," the stabilizers inform us, cil backed her campaign. The CIO Political Action Committee, however, supported her opponent, And all this, of course, stems di-Rev. Carl C. Rasmussen.

Myra Tanner Weiss was the only candidate who upheld the wage increases principle of independent labor political action. She conducted an outspoken campaign on behalf of the rights of labor and oppressed racial minorities. She was the of "the people" such diverse eleonly candidate who dared to speak out against the wave of vigilante ers, farm laborer and landlord, terrorist attacks against the capitalist and wage earner. In Japanese-Americans in California.

from the trade union officialdom. the Trotskyist candidate carried "Corporation profits, both before her message to thousands of and after taxes, rose in 1943 even

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this "non-partisan" election, every one of the 580 votes for Roosevelt Report Demands

The stabilization witch-doctors are celebrating the "second anniversary" of Roosevelt's wage-freezing hold-the-line order. and with the Stalinist-dominated | To commemorate the event, a quartet of administration "stabilizers' have issued a report urging that the wage-freeze be continued and extended into the "post-war" period.

hold-the-line order, issued in ed to the highest levels in history. April 1943, has given rise to a condition of universal happiness The Stalinists and the labor and prosperity. Wages have gone Price Administration, War Food Administration, War Labor Board, and released with the blessing of the chief "stabilizer"

> In addition to enjoining the lus-"Over the past two and a half "they have saved close to 25 per rectly from Roosevelt's hold-theline order, which fixed the Little

er under the one mystic symbol the "first anniversary" report re-In the face of bitter opposition leased a year ago, for example, workers, white, Negro and Mexi- above the record-breaking levels of 1942." In 1944, corporations profits and capital reserves soar-

present only a conscious choice by a worker reached through the Trotskvist campaign. Extension Of Wage Freeze

By C. Thomas

According to their report, the

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On One Meat Ball, Too!

through huge stocks of food."

Fox-Hole Or Brass-Hat?

serving overseas."

Tough—Ain't It?

been predicting since the war. The

acres of beautiful landscaping,

orchid propagating and other

floral greenhouses, plus a com-

But no hint of this fact was permitted to mar the presty picture painted by the "second anniversary" report. THE REAL BENEFICIARIES "people" whose "pocket-books and checking accounts are bulging with money." With their snouts buried deep in the public in the White House.

How do these soothsayers arrive at such fantastic conclusions? Simply by lumping togethments as corporations and peddlthe "stabilizers" boasted that:

18 THANK 600 UNIONS

ceal the fact that the real beneficiaries of Roosevelt's hold-the-line order are the Wall Street plunderbund. These are the "people" whose "pocket beaks" Widespread Coal Strikes Show Miners Really Mean Business

By Joseph Keller

APRIL 10.—The nation's lighting soft-coal miners weren't fooling when they voted two weeks ago by an eight to one majority to authorize strike action if they didn't obtain an aceptable contract.

March 31 and despite a 30-day further extension of the former ing committee, with only one un-Writing on "facts behind the contract, an estimated 100,000 ion demand still in dispute. York daily PM, April 5, Ruth miners in some 300 m in es According to the first reports, Moore lists among the main throughout eight states engaged the proposed new contract will causes: "The U. S. A. over-ate in spontaneous strike actions to last year. The country went show the profit-greedy operators they mean business.

centrated in the "captive" mines Replying to a suggestion that of the steel corporations, tradicombat soldier represent the tionally the worst hold-outs "foxhole fraternity" at the San among the mine operators.

Francisco United Nations Confer-The boss press and government ence, Undersecretary of State Grew replied that Com. Harold spokesmen had tried to picture Stassen, who resigned as Republican Governor of Minnesota for to conceal the extent of the walka naval commission, as flag officer to Admiral Halsey, "has been appointed a member of the United Ickes' blustering demand last week. But Secretary of Interior States delegation. It is felt that Thursday for a government mine he will fully represent the point "seizure" and his admission of of view of men who have been the closure of over 200 mines disclosed the real situation.

"TENTATIVE AGREEMENT"

In Alabama, some 25,000 of The society column of the New 28,000 bituminous miners, memreported: "Jessie Donahue is were out in protest against the starting the parade of palaces operators' delay in signing an ac-Pennsylvania alone an admitted wealthy Woolworth heiress is 57,000 were out. Roving pickets placing her enormous ocean-front saw to it that there was no return to work.

villa on the market... With its Under this pressure, the hardboiled mine owners rapidly softened. On April 9, with 200 mines history.

Last week, following termina- still reported closed, spokesmen ion of their old contract on for the operators announced that a "tentative agreement" had been reached with the UMW negotiat-

creased daily pay, through the payment of time-and-a-half for two hours overtime beyond the Many of the strikes were con- regular seven-hour workday in the mines. The operators are said to be balking still at the de-

WLB STEPS IN On the day this was announced, the WLB intervened to declare that it has certified the mine disouts during the early part of last pute to Roosevelt, through War Mobilization Director Davis, recommending "seizure" of the 200 closed mines. During the strikes two years ago, such "seizures' meant simply making the mine operators government officials and running the mines still un-

der their control. miners whose contract expires a plebiscite on the restoration York World-Telegram, March 21, bers of the United Mine Workers, April 30, are waiting for an NL- of the monarchy. RB strike poll on April 26. They have presented the anthracite opthat Palm Beach's inner circle has ceptable contract. In Western erators with 30 demands, includincrease, because, as stated by John L. Lewis, they have received only a 15 per cent increase since 1923," and the owners are more

Trotskyists Arrested Gar' Act remains a law, no one of gardeners and other workmen In Belgian Dock Strike

Two Belgian Trotskyist long- | lockout was lifted and work began Lowet; have been arrested in basis the longshoremen com- able that the Stalinists would en-Scripps - Howard correspondent connection with the recent strike menced work or if they won their ter even this "monarchical-fas-Henry J. Taylor in a recent dis- of dock-workers in Antwerp, repatch from Paris described the ports the March Socialist Appeal of England. Their arrest le. "His first act on arrival in followed a vicious campaign in against "agitators" which, states the paper of the English Trotskyists, was "similar to that which preceded the arrest of our comrades here last year."

The strike was called by the test against their low wages. receive a bonus, the workers re- second strike." stration at the Town Hall, the Party of Belgium.

shoremen, Comrades Dielis and again. It is not known on what the opportunity, it is not improbdemands.

The two arrested Trotskyists QUISLING ROLE were charged with drafting the demands of the dockers as well ernment was precipitated by the ELAS. Paris was to regild the statue of the Belgian capitalist press sesto, reports the Socialist Apoof a letter written by Premier peal, issued before the second Nicholas Plastiras in 1941 to the trial: "These proceedings assume More than 100,000 persons were strike began, "explained to the Greek Minister at Vichy urging so farcical a character because arrested in Athens and Piracus in workers the dangers of returning that Germany be asked to medito work on the basis of promises ate the Greek-Italian war. Plasecuted for crimes of which the 35,000 of these are still held in only, without any agreement. tiras has admitted the authenti- British quislings, Plastiras and concentration camps in Greece This warning was amply justified city of this letter. Antwerp longshoremen as a pro- by the cynical way in which the bosses failed to implement their

turned to work. When the bonus A protest movement is under failed to materialize, however, a way for the release of the imprist the ruling class factions, confirms made it less difficult to do our 21 Textile Workers Union to- anticipates from five to seven new stoppage began. In reprisal oned longshoremen, according to the charges made by the Greek ly been arrested by the white ter- without charges for a period up time. For all these things, and gether with many scores of other years of history-making business a 15 day lock-out was decreed, Le Voie de Lenine, weekly organ Seamen's Union in Cardiff when ror dragnet of Premier Plastiras to two weeks. Those found with especially for your splendid spirit CIO, AFL independent labor activity starting with the end of but after a mass protest demon- of the Revolutionary Communist Churchill imposed the Plastiras is Zaimis, formerly the Republi- EAM affiliation are jailed indefin-

During the present soft coal miners contract negotiations, spokesmen for the operators proposed that the WLB ap-prove in advance the mine owners' counter-offer to the union. permitting the operators to obtain price increases at the same time, all to go into effect immediately while the WLB was considering the dispute.

A Generous Proposal

We wonder what the operators' reaction would have been if the union had proposed that last December, the WFA was being fostered by the employers' its demands go into effect immediately, pending a WLB decision?

Consider "Peace Charter" Merely A Scrap Of Paper

Auto Barons and Manufacturers Association Advance 5-Point Program to Destroy Unions

By Art Preis

Spokesmen for some of America's most powerful corporations revealed in Washington this week that they consider the labor-employer "peace charter," signed only two weeks ago by CIO President Philip Murray, AFL President William Green, and Chamber of Commerce President Eric Johnston, to be a mere scrap of paper.

Meat Profiteers Line Pockets With Government Funds

While the profiteering meat packing t r u s t continues its threats of imposing a meat "famine" unless the already gress a five-point legislative prohigh OPA price ceilings are removed, it has been revealed that in the first 17 months of its price subsidy operations the government has paid out \$592,-000,000 to the packers and slaughterers.

Over half a billion dollars in tax money taken largely from the low wage earners has been powered into the coffers of the meat barons whose profits before taxes last year were seven times as high as their peacetime "earn-

WANT NO PRICE CEILINGS including widespread diversion of which would so weaken the unsupplies into the black market, ions as to make them easy prey lies squarely at the door of the for total destruction. War Food Administration. Only

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While the union leaders seek to disarm the workers with the fiction of "post-war industrial "harmony," the National Association of Manufacturers and leaders of the automotive industry disclosed on April 9 that they have no intentions of accepting the "labormanagement accord." In fact, they are pressing before Congram designed to outlaw strikes even in peacetime and destroy the unions.

> This revelation was made by B. E. Hutchison, vice-president of the Chrysler Corporation and a Director of the National Association of Manufacturers, at a press interview in the nation's capitol. He declared that the labor-management code signed by Liurray, Green and Johnston was "full of ambiguities and omissions" and expressed surprise that "Eric Johnston made the

code public when he did." Hutchison further revealed that the NAM and Chamber of Com-Meanwhile, it has been charged merce have a joint committee that the present scarcity of meat, working on legislative measures The specific anti-labor laws

noising it about that there was organizations are: 1, outlawing

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mand for contract coverage of all mine employes except one mine supervisor and one foreman. Greek Reaction Ousts Plastiras In New Shift

By Harry Martell

The counter-revolutionary government of General Plastiras has fallen and been replaced by a cabinet, headed by Admiral retary of EAM. Voulgaris, organizer of the suppression of the Greek naval mutiny in April 1944. The new regime differs from its predecessor only in its more open Royalist character. The formation of the new cabinet was enthusiastically acclaimed by the Royalist Meanwhile, 72,000 hard coal and right-wing press which are now more insistently demanding

> The Stalinist policy of com- Militant, Feb. 24, 1945). romise with Churchill's reacporters, jailing them by the thou- ed down ELAS fighters. sands. In the past the Stalinists MUTUAL AID compared the Plastiras regime to the bloody prewar dictatorship of General Metaxas. But opposition to the Voulgaris regime is qualified by an appeal for an "all party" government, so that, given

The fall of the Plastiras Gov-

quisling role played by Plastiras the wrangling for power among master."

Greek people. (Published in The

But these Quisling actions tionary puppets reached new were not by any means confined meeting under the "democratic" ing one for a 25 per cent wage depths when the EAM press op- to Plastiras alone. In the Athen's regime that Churchill boasted he posed the removal of Plastiras, trial of John Rallis, Greek Pre- was bringing into Greece. The denouncing the new regime as mier during the German conquest, Stalinists have cabled their pro-"monarchical-fascist." The Plas- it is now revealed that most of test to the Regent Archbishop tiras regime has been conducting the reactionary politicians assist- Damaskinos. "prosperous" than in all their a ruthless reign of terror against ed in the creation of the fascist the ELAS fighters and EAM sup- "security" battalions which hunt- the Stalinists signed the treach-

helped Papandreou escape to ent. Damaskinos appointed Plas-Cairo to become Premier of the tiras as Premier-Dictator and Greek government-in-exile. In under him repressions were carreturn Papandreou shipped arms ried out against tens of thousupplied by the British from sands of militant workers. Egypt to Rallis who used them | Following the appointment of

On March 10th we wrote in The of firing anyone remotely sympa-Militant concerning the Rallis thetic with ELAS. Papandreou, are equally guilty. and the Middle East. EAM pa-This documentary proof of the Both gangs of rascals tried to pers are not circulating legally subjugate the workers of Greece now and the National Guard is under the heel of native capital- searching homes in Athens and Greece, now made public through ists serving a foreign imperialist Piraeus and arresting all those

dictatorship by force upon the can leader on the island of Samos, itely.

and Mrs. Demetrios Partsalides, wife of the Stalinist general sec-

Samos has been indicted for the murder, not of a Greek or a Briton, but of an Italian gendarme! Obviously this deed was done during the Italian occupation of

DRIVE AGAINST ELAS

Mrs. Partsalides is charged with participating in an illegal

It should be remembered that erous agreement in January whereby ELAS was to lay down its arms in return for the ap-Witnesses testified that Rallis pointment of Damaskinos as Reg-

to equip these fascist organiza- Plastiras which came on the heels tions. Papandreou was the of the Stalinist capitulation all Churchill-supported premier of civil servants who had sympath-Greece during the civil war car- ized with ELAS were discharged ried on by British troops against and large and small companies immediately took up the practice

found with illegal EAM litera-Among those who have recent- ture and throwing them in prison

Through the Civil Rights Defense Committee the 18 members of the Socialist Workers Party and Minneapolis Truckdrivers Local 544-ClO, who served from a year and a day to sixteen month sentences in federal prisons under the vicious Smith "Gag" Act, have sent a letter of appreciation to the more than 600 trade union and progressive organizations which supported their defense.

signed by James P. Cannon, Grace | felt thanks. Carlson, Jake Cooper, Oscar Coover, Harry DeBoer, Farrell Dobbs, V. R. Dunne, Max Geldman, Albert Goldman, Clarence son, Karl Kuehn, Felix Morrow, Edward Palmquist, Alfred Russel, Oscar Shoenfeld, and Carl skyists were released on January 24, 1945 and the other six were released October 20, 1944.

The letter stated: "May we take this opportunity to tell you how much your support meant to us. Your help enabled us to fight our convictions in every court. Then, when the U. S. Supreme Court three times refused to review our case and we were imprisoned, your help made it possible for the Civil Rights Defense Committee to conduct its campaign for our release Employees, CIO United Transport More Bull Than Bullish and to awaken the labor and progressive movement to the dangers of the Smith 'Gag' Act.

of working class solidarity, we bodies.

free. Our civil rights were taken plete beach colony of cottages, away. Moreover, the precedent set | cocktail lounges, tennis courts by our conviction remains a and solariums fronting the manvicious anti-labor law must be wiped out! We sincerely hope that you will continue to cooperate with and support the Civil Rights Defense Committee in its further

The letter, dated March 30, was want to extend our most heart-"Now we are out, but not yet

> The labor and progressive or-6,000,000 members which support-CIO Textile Workers Union of or potatoes." America, CIO United Retail, Wholesale & Department Store

Hamel, Emil Hansen, Carlos Hud- threat to the entire labor move- sion, it is the island's most lavish ment. For so long as the Smith residential background... An army is safe from prosecution for their have proved a drain on even the Skoglund. Twelve of these Trot- opinions and union activity. This Woolworth millions." Let Them Eat Gilt! fight to repeal the Smith Act." REPEAL THE SMITH ACT!

Service-Employees and the AFL International Ladies Garment Workers Union. Among the 5: "Financial district's major After a promise that they would promises, and which led to the during the Axis invasion of "The knowledge that through locals are 70 locals of the CIO disappointment of the day was your help our families were taken United Automobile Workers, 25 failure of response to a bullish care of, eased our minds and United Steel Workers, 24 ILGWU, story from Bernard Baruch. He

activities of Gen. Charles deGaulganizations representing almost Joan d'Arc, but there are limits to how far gilt will go when ed the case of the 18 include the there is no coal, transport, meat

Stock market comment from the New York Daily Mirror, April the war."

By Joseph Keller

To Scuttle Convention

the auto workers to be on the alert after a bombing mission over Geragainst a move to scuttle the CIO many. United Automobile Workers annual convention, scheduled for so incensed when the labor-hating next September. That this warn- dollar-patriots fired him that they ing was well-founded is confirm- protested by an almost solid ed by a report in the April 6 walkout. A hell of a lot the boss-Toledo Union Journal, official or- es care about the "boys in the gan of northwest Ohio's 58,000 foxholes" - about their working CIO members, mainly auto work- fathers, mothers, brothers and

In a special front-page story, ports: "Opposition to Grand Annual Wage "Study" Rapids, Mich., as the 1945 UAW- When Roosevelt wanted to side-CIO convention city is on the in- track union pressure for increascrease. Announcement of Grand ed wages, he suddenly announced Rapids which was the scene of that he was assigning the chore the 1944 convention as again hav- of "studying" the guaranteed aning been chosen for this year's nual wage plan to a subcommittee meeting was made here last week of the advisory board of the Ofby George F. Addes, International fice of War Mobilization and Re-UAW-CIO secretary-treasurer. | conversion.

calling off the convention alto- U. S. Chamber of Commerce, who gether. Application was made by last week signed a labor-capital the UAW-CIO secretary-treasur- "peace charter" with Philip Murer to the Office of Defense Trans- ray and William Green, heads of portation for permission to hold the CIO and AFL. the convention. It was felt by It is interesting, therefore, to some union officials that the move note what this capitalist dove of would lead to a rejection by the peace, Eric Johnston, thinks of ODT because of the government the annual wage idea which policy of discouraging conventions Roosevelt has assigned his comduring wartime

convention speaking of the choice of Commerce, of Grand Rapids for the 1945 con-Johnston declared: ference said, 'I don't imagine George Addes would care too much if the ODT refused to grant force annual wages down the the permission for the conven- throats of management by govtion. After all, it would mean ernment order... By forcing busithat he wouldn't have to worry ness into a straitjacket the job about getting reelected and that regularity attained might be more in itself would make the refusal than offset by the loss of our of the government to hold the freedom. If everyone must pay meeting worth while'."

last year at Grand Rapids, be- the government would be temptcause of the lack of housing and ed to step in and become the emeating facilities for the delegates ployer, as is the case in Russia and visitors who usually number many thousands. First choice of available hotel accommodations went to the pals of Addes and other top UAW leaders.

Seamen Back Miners

in their present struggle for bet- onable" severance pay. ter wages and conditions.

A lead editorial by Harry Lundeberg, SUP secretary-treasurer, in the union's official organ, West have worked for six months to Coast Sailor, March 16, declares:

"If the leadership of the American Labor movement had any guts, they should come out NOW, 100% behind John L. Lewis and the United Mine Workers in their fight for their rights! It is the duty of the American Labor movement to stand behind the mine workers in their fight. They have a JUST fight!"

Father of Heroes—Fired!

As usual, the corporation kept press hypocritically raved about the "boys in the foxholes" when almost 5,000 Packard workers, members of UAW-CIO local 190 in Detroit, went on strike on March 28. The strike was called when the company arbitrarily discharged a union shop steward John Krulock, for allegedly "fomenting" a brief stoppage on March 12.

Just two days before he was fired, Krulock and his wife had been informed that one of their

In Detroit, Mich.

You can get THE MILITANT at the FAMILY THEATRE NEWSSTAND

opposite the theatre

Auto Workers Fear Move | sons had been wounded in action in Germany. On March 13 they had received the sad news that Last week this column warned another son was reported missing

> Krulock's fellow-workers were sisters, either!

"Some UAW officers see in the Addes move the preliminary to Eric Johnston, President of the

mittee to "study." Last December "One delegate from the 1944 6, in a speech before the Wis-

"I hope we can avoid learning the hard way. It is a mistake to an annual wage many will hesi-Great dissatisfaction prevailed tate to engage in business. Then

Severance Pay

One of the important union demands these days is for severance pay in anticipation of mass unemployment during the coming period of extensive production cut-The Sailors' Union of the Paci- backs. The War Labor Board fic, West Coast section of the two weeks ago, in a decision in-Seafarers' International Union, volving American Type Founders, AFL, has called for 100 per cent Inc., Elizabeth, N. J., set the patlabor support to the coal miners tern for what it considers "reas-

> The American Type plan, approved by the WLB, calls for one week's wages for employees who one year; two weeks after one year, three weeks after two years, and four weeks after three to five years. Under this plan, a high percentage of the present war industry workers would receive not more than two weeks wages as severance pay to meet months of unemployment.

Peacetime Militarism

Condemning plans for peacetime military conscription as "a severe threat to the free activity of labor, because it can be used to break strikes," the March Joint Board News, organ of the Greater New York Board of the CIO Textile Workers, declared:

"The smart boys who argue that

cipline will make our young men healthy sound amazingly like Hitler did, ten years ago. In case our political friends don't know it, America's youth could become strong and healthy if they were hours, lived in homes instead of slums, and given access to recrea- friends. tional centers... Peace-time conscription is the slick way of getting out of the problem of providing 60 million jobs, because we can stick our surplus labor into army camps and forget about emphatic 'yes' for an answer, he took 12 more cards." them. But it is the dangerous way, the fascist way..."

I enclose 25c (coin or stamps).

TRADE UNION Branches Maintain 1200 Weekly Average In Campaign For New 'Militant' Readers

By Reba Aubrey, Campaign Director

During seven weeks of the Militant Subscription Campaign, branches of the Socialist Workers Party have maintained an average of 1,200 new subscriptions every week. Even though we are only half-way in the campaign, ten branches have fulfilled their quotas and 85 percent of the national quota for 10,000 new subscribers has been completed.

FROM THE BRANCHES

George Grant, New York Local: "Here are our branch totals as of March 30. Brooklyn 91 percent with 457 subs; West Side 67 percent with 505 subs; East Side 67 percent with 504 subs. The Trotskyist Youth Group had 37 percent with 185 subs.

"Last Sunday the comrades returned from the most successful city-wide mobilization to date for a 'Mid-Campaign Dinner.' Eloise Black, one of The Militant Trail-Blazers, gave a first-hand report of their experiences as a feature of the affair. We missed reaching our 2,500 quota by a hair's breadth but we are sure to go over by the next scoreboard. We are aiming at 5,000 subs."

8,000

7,000

6.000

5.000

500

4,000

H. Newell, Allentown: "We went to a steel workers' area right next to the mills, so close you could hear the forges and see the flames. The paper was well

D. Hilson, Akron: "A subscriber told us that when the mail man delivered her paper this Tuesday, he asked her what it was, commenting that he had delivered a similar paper to almost everyone down the hill. I have just started covering the same project that we covered last year and already I can feel a new warmth toward our paper."

Maggie McGowan, Toledo: "Nine of the enclosed subscriptions were sold after our Charles Jackson meeting last night-and I might add, they were the most enthusiastic subscribers! Two of our new readers assured us that they were going to join the Militant Army."

Libby Jones, Buffalo: "One of our agents sold a sub to a dozen or more AFL truck drivers. Many of them are in Tobin's union. One of them said, 'Do the Dunne brothers write for this paper?' Our agent said, 'Yes,' whereupon the truckdriver, without saying another word, tossed over a quarter."

Rose Russo, Reading: "Note the importance we place on renewals. Our drive for renewals from the last subscription campaign has now reached about 70 percent. The new readers praise The Militant very highly. Our Pace-Setter, Elmer Oakie, has reached the 50 mark and all these subs come from the railroad shop where he works."

I. Cope, Youngstown: "Well, this is and another woman attempting pecially as to qualitative results. Auto." it—we're passed our quota and are now to take care of the children and Concretely, on last Sunday I folwell on our way to doubling it. Actually help woman No. 1. They express- lowed up in a small poor territory we're over 200 percent but according to ed interest in the paper but said where The Militant had been left they had little free time in which after midnight of the preceding to read. This comrade opened Friday. On my first call I was —that the men on the railroads centage is about 103. One of our com- to read. This command of the paper to Grace Carlson's ar- invited inside and at once saw had built their organizations in rades sold ten subs to ten Negroes in an hour and a half—everyone is having the busy housewife and said, 'It's gin of the Family, etc.). The man, nation's most powerful corporational forms of the busy housewife and said, 'It's gin of the Family, etc.). The man, nation's most powerful corporational forms of the family, etc.). every other house."

indication our work in the Italian neighborhoods will prove extremely profitable. This is the second week that we have been in this area and very few Italian workers turned us down. There is a real spirit among the comrades. A good number intend to obtain at least

100 subs. All fraction quotas will be met and surpassed." Al Lynn, Los Angeles: "Last Sunday we went into Councilmanic District 7 in accord with our tactic of critical support to Charlotta Bass. We obtained 91 subs in this area and distributed many leaflets announcing our program and our reasons for supporting her. Additional subs obtained during the day brought the total up to 112."

FROM OUR SUBSCRIBERS

Many of our subscribers have joined us in our campaign to a little exercise and military dis- get The Militant into 10,000 more working class homes. We would like to mention a few.

> A. B. of Kenmore, N. Y. sent us trial subscriptions for ten of his fellow-workers, stating, "Thank you. I hope this paper shows these men the light."

A. Maesso of Detroit sent in subs for six of his friends with paid decent wages for decent this note, "I wish you lots of good luck," Mr. and Mrs. W. W. of Toledo also sent us subs for six of their

> Our agent in Detroit reports that "One of the leading militants in a plant turned over five subs to a comrade filled in with chief stewards' names. He then asked the comrade if it was permissible to sell subs to rank and file members. When he received a most

> You can help us in this campaign too. Pass on your copy of The Militant to a friend and ask him to subscribe.

SCOREBOARD

Branches of the	0	Color	Descent
Socialist Workers Party	Quotas 50	Subs 153	Percent
Allentown	250		301
Akron	85	. 222	261
San Diego	50	91	182
Flint	50	89	178
Milwaukee	100	136	136
Toledo	250	316	126
Buffalo	350	391	111
Reading	75	78	104
Youngstown	300	309	103
Detroit	1000	1020	102
Chicago	1000	834	83
Minneapolis	300	248	82
Boston	200	163	81
New York	2500	1994	79
Philadelphia	150	107	71
St. Paul	100	70	70
Cleveland	200	136	68
San Francisco	350	210	60
Newark	350	203	58
Los Angeles	2000	970	48
Bayonne	150	70	46
Rochester	50	22	44
Seattle	400	175	43
Groups, Members-at-			i 4. ""
Large and Friends	140	114	81
Eloise Black and Rudy			
Rhodes (Trail-Blazers)		375	
TOTAL-	10,200	8496	85



with illustrations by Ruth Wilson, closed is \$2 for four six-month are finding an appreciative audi- renewals of trial subs. Our proence among working class women. portion of renewals (four to one) The following report by Doris is good. The comrade who got Hilson, our agent in Akron, is one the renewals reports that the paof many similar incidents report- per is usually read by more than workers. With the latter we first ed: "One of our comrades had an one member of the household and interesting experience on last that it is liked." Sunday's mobilization. He went were two young children clamor-

Ruth Haddon, agent for San Francisco, sent the following en-"This person was one of the local members of the Machinist Union black-listed by the Navy because of his militant union stand. The branch here sent him a trial sub last September. Now he renewed and purchased the pamphlet, American Workers Need a Labor Party.'

We quote some of the experiences of our agents in their doorto-door canvassing for subscriptions to The Militant.

Nadine and I acquired the 18 subs in 2½ hours. It was our first experience in this working class On World War II section. One remark as we opened up the pages of our Militant sample was, 'Oh yes, I'd like to have that paper. While you were opening it I saw several columns I'd ike to read'.'

Fred Nomen, East Side Branch, N. Y. Local: "One young worker who reads the New York Daily Militant, said, 'I am tired of the

The articles by Grace Carlson, | Bill Crane, Milwaukee: "En-

K. Karl, Philadelphia: "Cominto one house in which there parative observations from my Briggs and Dodge Auto strikes own experiences on the past three of recent date, and then pointed ing for attention, a woman get- Sundays convince me that pre- to the small item in Trade Union ting herself ready to go to work distribution has distinct value, es- Notes entitled Hush-Hush in munist L e a g u e. He recog- ed to The Militant. nized The Militant as a desirable way 'to know what the Left Wing couraging comment with a six- is doing.' He volunteered \$1 for the other the mother of seven month renewal to The Militant: a year's sub even after I told him The former told us that she was he could get it six months for a instructed to change her regisquarter.'

> a helpful counterbalance to the on the care given to 'Mrs. Fala' the working class, destroy its orcapitalist press."

L. Porter, San Diego: "Comrade Lecture Series

NEW YORK, April 11 - The sequences of World II" are sched- working men and their wives. The perspective ahead in the U. S. It sequences of World II" are sched-uled for Wednesday, April 18 and Wednesday, April 25. These lec-tures will discuss "Capitalist Bule" people, but the horrors of capitures will discuss "Capitalist Rule talist depression have certainly in Germany and the U. S. A." left their mark. Among the 17 News, after looking through The World Socialism — The Coming subs we sold here this evening, News, after looking through The World System." They will be several were taken by Negro 146 University Pl., New York 3, News. I'd like a change. I don't Science 146 University Pl., New York 3, News. I'd like a change. I don't Science 146 University Pl., New York 3, News. get anything out of it. I want a paper like thish"

Social Science, 116 University Place, at 8 p.m.

Interesting and lively discussions followed the first two lecttures of the series, which were both well attended. Comrade Mark Braden, labor secretary of the Newark branch of the Socialist Workers Party, made a fine presentation of his subject. He analyzed the points of view of the capitalists, the "liberal" apologists for capitalism, and the Marxists - the Socialist Work ers Party. The lectures are open to all readers of Militant.

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'TRAILBLAZERS' REPORT **ON LATEST SUCCESSES**

The Militant Trail-Blazers, Eloise Black and Rudy Rhodes, have wound up their three weeks campaign to introduce The Militant to new readers in the Allentown and Bethlehem, Pa., area with 317 new workers added to our subscription list. On March 28 they wrote: "On a revisit to a housing project, two women who have read their first copy of The Militant told us that our paper has circulated all over the project and is being discussed over the back fence. 3-

"Two young workers who sub- | no exceptions we introduced The scribed are so interested and fired Militant as a fighting socialist so many questions at us regard- paper, and this led them to subing our program and purpose that scribe. we let them have the copy of "Among the Bethlehem work-James P. Cannon's 'Socialism On ers, a great many are dissatis-Trial' which we had brought fied with the SWOC leadership. along for another subscriber. They are beginning to sense that They promised to circulate the the struggle in the economic field pamphlet, and judging from the has to be supplemented by poliway The Militant gets around, tical action on the part of labor. we think this pamphlet, will be Their present leaders offer no read by dozens of steel workers. program other than compromise

Need a Labor Party' with some of the subscribers. These work- Socialist Workers Party. ers had read their papers thoughtfully and were eager for us to remain for further discussion. One young steel worker had found the name of the Allentown 'Pace-Setter' on the campaign page, and asked us if he could meet him. We had explained to him that Rudy and I would be leaving soon, and he wanted to be sure that he could maintain contact with someone who represents The Militant, Several workers expressed a warm enthusiasm for the idea of a discussion group on the project where they could hear more of our ideas and pro-

NEW SUBSCRIBERS

"Among our 26 new subscribers today are three more railroaders, several from Bethlehem drew their interest when we showed them how The Militant had covered the story of the

"One of the railroaders, recentsimilar successes—averaging at least like this, isn't it?' The women now a foreman in aircraft, had tions. To date every railroader very other house."

Jerry Kirk, Detroit: "This past week looked at the illustration and assented. The comrade sold the Party youth organization prior to hausted to give us an audience) the formation of the Young Com- that we have seen, has subscrib-"Two widows subscribed today

one the mother of nine children, tration to Republican before she could get the \$20 monthly coun-D. I. H., a subscriber in Welles- ty relief! The latter told us that against them must take - these ey, Mass. makes this appraisal: she receives the munificent sum are questions which every work-I value The Militant for its of \$10 a week 'mothers' assistforthright utterance on racial dis- ance' to feed her seven children! able to answer. For, as Leon crimination and for its concern Needless to say, both of these Trotsky wrote, "The with the workers' cause. I find it women were struck by the article function of Fascism is to smash compared to the treatment of ganizations, and stifle political workers' infants."

LOOKING FOR NEW PROGRAM

Trail-Blazers reported: 'We Trotsky. The pamphlet includes worked in an area where a class excerpts from Trotsky's writings consciousness, developed by the on the subject, analyzing the naactivities of the old Unemployed ture and development of fascism two remaining lectures in the League, remains high among the in Italy and Germany, and the

"We left copies of Joseph and retreat. They are seeking Hansen's 'American Workers both a program and a leadership. We are sure they'll find it in the

> "We were able to note down the occupation of about half of the 317 subscribers and the following are fair approximations

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ing on to Rochester, New York, for the next stop in their cam-

Pioneer

"Attacks on the labor movement go hand in hand with armed assaults on Japanese-American citizens, some of whose homes have been shot up and burned by undercover terrorists." This sentence was censored from a scheduled radio speech of Myra Tanner Weiss, SWP candidate for mayor of Los Angeles. "Here in Los Angeles," she said, "we can observe all the symptoms of an incipient fascism."

What is the connection between terrorism against Japanese-Americans and assaults on the labor movement? How are these "the symptoms of an incipient fas-

The real nature of fascism, how fascist tendencies and symptoms can be recognized, who are the organizers of fascism and what form the workers' struggle er wants to understand and be This quotation is from the

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	New York	67	
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My Life In A Mining Town -- A First-Hand Account Of The Struggles Of Those Who Toil In The Pits

MARC DAUBER

Born October 24, 1922 -- Killed in Action November 18, 1944

By Felix Morrow

Readers of Fourth International in 1941 and 1942 knew him under the pen name of James Cadman, our outstanding writer on military questions. In 1941 he was 19 years old! Yet this boy wrote on modern warfare with a mature, analytical mind, the mind of a trained Marxist. He had joined the Socialist Workers Party at 17 and thereafter lived for the movement with that intense, single-minded concentration which is the power of selfless, idealistic youth.

COMRADE MARC DAUBER

his classroom-him and legions

like him, and steeled and temper-

ed them in battle. The tragedy of

Marc's death is that it was not

given to him to come back to

fight in the class battles in which

he would have been so eager a

easy phrase that others will take

Marc's place. They will not, we

shall go forward with his place

forever, this amazing boy who,

at an age when most youngsters

are having trouble writing a

high-school theme, was writing

and thinking like a mature

It is astonishing to go back and

read his four Fourth International

freakish maturity in military

science on his part, but that he

had the capacities of a rounded

he who, carefully following the

German officers' organ, Wehr-

must have been in 1941-an item

complaining that Italian prison-

ers-of-war were singing "Bandie-

ra Rossa," one of the very first

important bits of evidence of what

was to come in Italy. Marc's discovery, first published in The

Militant, was reprinted by re-

volutionary and labor papers

Such are the few pieces of work

which this boy-comrade had a

chance to do, indubitable evidence

of the bigger things he would

have done had he been spared.

throughout the world.

macht, discovered in it - this

HIS UNFINISHED WORK

Marxist thinker.

His father, who was a front-I line soldier throughout the last war in the German army, writes

"When I brought my boy at four years of age to this country, I thought I brought him to a 'Shangri-la' remote from all the hates and rivalries and war of Europe. . .

"Mare was our only child and had no brothers except those whose bloody lot he chose to

"He was a quiet and lonely boy at Brooklyn College and when he became befriended with you he felt he found comradeship in his life, as he found it out there on the front. He always spoke about his friends while at home, just as he remembered you as his friends out there to his bitter end. I want you to know he was happy among you and whoever in his life gave him moments of happiness may count on me. . ."

After 18 months in the Camouflage Engineers, Marc was transferred to the 16th Infantry Regiment of the First Division on the eve of D-Day. Wounded on the Normandy beach, he recovered. But soon he was back at the

MARC'S OUTLOOK

In his very last letter, written three days before his death to a in the ranks empty. He is gone non-party girl friend, Marc explains his revolutionary outlook: "I did what the 'Old Man' (Trotsky) would have expected from me. What he expected of his students and followers: total and uncompromising, but not unquestioning, acceptance of his creed and an unflinching determithe past and today, in Russia, in last full-length article that he Spain; in concentration camps and prisons everywhere, millions more suffer because these ideas haven't materialized in- Imperialist Myth," and there he ternationally. When I took up his showed it wasn't simply a banner, I took upon myself responsibilities, commitments which countenance no retreats or hesi-

"The successful completion of our task will require the unbending efforts of hardened cadres who can confront and undergo the most extreme physical and social exigencies. . .

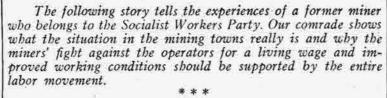
"Does this seem to you to be a very harsh, monastic creed akin to asceticism? Not at all; it allows for richer, more vibrant and poignant emotional expression, is more pregnant with thinking and feeling than any other course of life which anyone can counterpose."

PREPARED FOR STRUGGLE And in another letter to her

he writes:

"You've just turned 20, haven't you? I was just 22 the other day, not much of a difference, just two years. In my own life, though, these last two years have marked almost a qualitative growth in my entire outlook-how could I help but grow? It took a war to tear me from the classroom; maybe it's better thus-the events of the future, the rumblings and tremors of which can be felt in every chancellery, will not be decided in the schoolroom but in the streets and on the barricades. I that now in every sense."

Yes, Marc understood this battles for a socialist world. The war tore our Marc from to do what Marc wanted to do.



They're always talking about the big money the miners make. Well, they don't make big money. The average miner is damned lucky to make 45 dollars a week-even nowadays. What they make they work like hell to get. Union conditions? Yes, they've got union conditions. And many a miner and miner's wife and kids got killed getting those conditions. We

had to fight the owners as far 3-

was a hard fight. I don't remember the big strike the company opposed the most of in 1919 very clearly. I was just a little shaver then. But in '21 there was another in our district. The kids didn't mind it very I remember the coal and iron podidn't last very long. So we didn't of the fence we lived on.

The first strike I was in myself fifteen then and had been working for two years. We had been to stone the bastards — police, trying to negotiate for a closed scabs and all. shop and some halfway decent

Most miners are on contract. here in the factories. So much thirty-five for a 3 ton car of ma-3 tons "shot out of the solid." In a way, it's worse than piece-work. At least on piece-work you're sure of getting something. A bad conditions such as "stuck shot" (a dynamite stick fails to volunteer and not a conscript. It damp, bad roof, water seepage, is impossible for me to write the

COMPANY TERROR

A miner could work for a there was coal in it. whole week and still get less than ten dollars if he has hard luck. money and higher rock yardage. very much. But most of all we wanted a clos-

mach? Do you suffer distress

No, the answer is not what you

might think from reading the

fake patent-medicine ads in the

newspapers or listening to the

"cure-all" pill programs on the

radio "to slip an Alkaid Tablet

on your tongue." The best scien-

tific solution to problems involv-

ing stomach and intestinal disord-

ers, as given by a Mayo Clinic

Speaking before a meeting of

the International Medical As-

sembly in Minneapolis some time

ago, Dr. Walter Alvarez said that

if the average man with stomach

ulcers were left an income of

\$250 per month for the rest of

his life, he would soon be cured

people, he added.

ulcers, too. The strain of making

profits and of keeping these

profits away from their under-

paid workers may cause some in-

they do break down, how soothing

and comforting and healing their

wrote that "wealth and poverty

are merely mental pictures,'

never stopped to think what a

beautiful picture wealth can paint

from the nerve-wracking cares of

the job, good medical and hos-

pital care, extensive opportunities

This is what Dr. Alvarez meant

when he said that the possession

of wealth was the best way for

for rest and relaxation.

specialist, is to inherit wealth.

He was almost as much at home after meals - distress before

in German as in English. It was meals? Then the answer for

you is-

back as I can remember. And it ed shop so we would have some real strength. And that's what

The kids didn't mind it very in remember the coal and iron pomanaged to get food somehow. It was summertime and the strike into a striker's house in a town notice it so very much, except that we began to learn which side father. Raped the mother and daughter.

They brought in scabs to load was the strike of '25—'26. I was out a column bank into gondolas

It wasn't so bad at the beginning, in the fall. People still got food from kitchen gardens and That's the same as piece-work up here in the factories. So much began to run out, and folks that per car of coal. It was a dollar didn't have gardens were awful hungry. But that wasn't the chine-cut coal or two dollars for worst. The cold was the worst. People didn't have any coal to

ten million tons of it. But none guns out. But everybody just store in town. The owner was miner is never sure. He might hit of it was ours. We couldn't see our families freeze to death. So about a hundred men got together and decided to go and pick had a stick in his hand. He clamparea alone for a while), black coal out of the slate bank near ed the cap on the fuse, stuck it the mine. The operators never in the stick - split the fuse had thought it was profitable to open, ready to light in a hurry. work. It was the waste the kids "Now if you guys are gonna had sorted out in the breaker. But shoot," he said, "some of you are

About fifty or more women and boys came along too. Of course harder to get the coal afterwards. He takes the financial risk as when the super got wind of it he There was no relief or welfare the company to time the union well as the physical. We wanted a came down and tried to chase of any kind. The only thing we would be busted, and they'd all be basic guarantee for a day's wages. everybody away. Gave us all a had was the little money in our We were asking for more timber | bawling out. But nobody listened | local treasury, the money we got

Miners Casting Strike Vote



Showing that they mean business in demanding concessions equivalent to increases of \$2 a day, the soft coal miners on March 28 voted 8 to 1 for strike action. In the photo above, miners are casting their ballots at the Pittsburgh Coal Company Mine at Library, Pa. On April 26 votes will be cast by 72,000 anthracite miners, with even the bosses conceding in advance that their vote will be; "Strike-if we don't get our demands."

And he ordered the people away again. The troopers had their stood there.

The coal was frozen and we were using dynamite. One guy

That settled that. But it was from the international, and the Then he went away and came sacks of flour the international

back again with state troopers. passed around to the miners. But

a little Jewish fellow that gave the whole town credit. The company tried to run him out. But they couldn't. Finally, ten years later, they got even by claiming that a foot of his store was on the expense of moving the whole building.

Some got too desperate, though, and they scabbed it. The union was going to suspend them for ninety-nine years. But we felt week off sick," he added. sorry for their families, and fined to a thousand dollars, which they paid over a period of years. But

away, old miners meet and get to shout old times and soand-so's name comes up. And they say, "Why that - of a -- is dead, didn't you

How did that strike end? Why we got our main demands. Coolidge "interceded" for us, as he called it. He pulled some slippery ones. But we got our closed shop. We knew he didn't give it to us We knew it was because we'd held on so desperately during the long winter months.

The companies and the government are still fighting the miners. And they're using slicker tricks than ever. The miners have learned a few things, though. And mainly that the workers are on one side and the bosses are on

enough "milk, cream, eggs and lean meat?" In the tragically-But what happens to the poor small food budget of so many millions of American workers, there is very little allowance for expensive foods. Usually what ever there is of this rich, nourishing food goes to the small children in the family. What worker will see his child suffer

> health? And with the lengthened hours of work and the wartime speed-up in the factory, how can the worker avoid overwork? With the short lunch hour, how can he keep from eating when he feels "hurried?" Where will he find a plant in which he can lie down

from hunger if he can prevent

it—even at the risk of his own

after each meal?" Doctors are in agreement that portance of getting enough rest, of worry and work. Such a 'worrier" will find plenty more a way to follow his doctor's orders!

they didn't come too often. There was one independent on-not his regular pay."

The town as a whole never April 1941. But that was after the biggest series of steel strikes worse than slaves.

Even now, thousands of miles

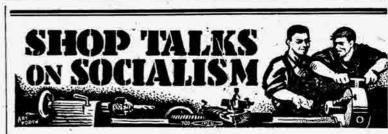
Foremen in Akron **Rubber Plant Go** On First Strike

AKRON, April 16 - Several hundred foremen went out on strike today in reply to the B.F. Goodrich company's refusal to bargain over a long list of grievances. This is the first major struggle of the Foreman's Association of America in the rubber industry.

The walkout, which was precipitated by the firing of a Foreman with 27 years service, was the culmination of a long battle by the Foremen's Association to achieve recognition in Goodrich. The walkout was almost complete with very few departments working shortly after the beginning of the first shift this morning.

Workers reported for work, but with no supervision present, most the typical stomach ulcer patient of them merely waited to be sent is an intense, conscientious, hard- home. By noon practically the working individual, whose attacks whole plant, including the entire have been brought on by excesses | tire division, was closed down. Local 5 URWA followed a cautious policy of taking no responsibility to worry about in trying to find for the foremen's strike, but not interfering with it in any way.

The Foreman's Association has What the many thousands of been organizing in the rubber inulcer patients in the working- dustry for many months and it is class need is-freedom from want | believed that a sizeable majority Then the worker takes this and freedom from fear. But they of the foremen at Goodrich are



= By V. Grey =

It was Monday morning. The older fellows already had their work clothes on. They were sitting on the benches smoking. Shorty hardly got his locker opened when he said, "Any of you guys read that blank blank Drew Pearson's column yesterday?" "No. What'd he say?" a couple of fellows asked.

to me in bed on Sunday morning and wanted to know where I spend all my pay check. Next thing I know she'll be coming down to the gate to meet me on pay day." This made the other fellows more serious. "What's the matter?

"Don't talk to me about it," Breezy said. "My wife read it

What did Pearson say, anyhow?" they pressed Shorty. "Why he said the steel workers are making an average of a

dollar seventeen an hour." "But that ain't all," Shorty went on belligerently, "he says we went up to that from an average of 76 cents an hour in 1939-

all because Murray was polite to the War Labor Board.' "What?" Slim turned around from his locker.

"Sure. Here's the article," Shorty persisted. "I've got it right here if I can just find it. Here it is!" He read it out loud.

"Average hourly rate for steel workers in September 1939, while Lewis was still CIO president, was 76 cents. The average wage in the mines was higher-89 cents.

"Through the war period, Lewis has ranted and raved against the War Labor Board . . . and was the first important labor leader to repudiate the no-strike pledge. Phil Murray meanwhile, has

fought his battles through the WLB rather than by strikes. "By last November nowever, Phil Murray had quietly boosted the average hourly earnings in steel until they were above the miners. Bituminous miners got \$1.16, anthracite \$1.15 and steel workers \$1.17."

"What do you think of that?" said Pop Philiber. "So we're getting a dollar seventeen an hour. And we got that over 76 cents an hour in 1939. Forty one cents an hour increase from the War Labor Board. That's pretty good."

"Now wait a minute. Don't joke about it," Shorty protested. "Are any of you guys getting \$1.17 an hour?"

Nobody was.

"I know a fellow down in the open hearth that does," Tony said after a minute. "But that's the tonnage rate he's making it

"Forty one cents an hour increase from the War Labor Board since 1939," said old George, slightly dazed. "But the War Labor Board didn't start, till 1942, did it?"

"That's right," Slim commented.

"Well, I only remember one raise they gave us. June 1942 it was. Four and a half cents an hour. I can't remember any other their land. And he had to go to raise the WLB ordered. Can you fellows?" Nobody could.

"Of course," Slim pointed out, "we did get a ten cent raise in

wavered one bit. The feeling was since 1919. Phil Murray might have been 'quiet' then. But us always against the company. fellows weren't so quiet. Breezy over there was one of the boys that They knew if they didn't bring got dragged off the picket line and landed in the hoosegow."

"But what I want to know," complained Shorty, "is where the hell that so-and-so gets that \$1.17 an hour stuff."

"Well look at all the sixteens they're working down at the other end," Tony put in. "That's a lot of time-and-a-half. A young cousin of mine worked five sixteens in one week. . . Took the next

"Yeah," Breezy threw his old overalls into the trash can. "All them anywhere from five hundred the time-and-a-half brings the average up, don't forget."

"We didn't get time-and-a-half by Phil Murray keeping 'quiet' either," Slim said. "An awful lot of working men got measured they'll never live it down, even early for coffins because they fought for the eight hour day. They were getting knocked off by big business long before Phil Murray discovered how kind-hearted the War Labor Board was."

"I tell you what I think," Shorty concluded, finally calming down enough to put away the clipping and get his work clothes on, "This Drew Pearson is just trying to show where the no-strike scabbed it" or "Why that scabby pledge is a wonderful thing for labor. And he doesn't care how he

At that moment Scissorbill Sam (the bosses' man) came in at the last minute, with Sunday's editorial section under his arm. "Did any of you guys read Drew Pearson's column vesterday? Some of the radical screwballs around here might learn something if they did."

"Why Sam," replied Slim, "I thought Westbrook Pegler was your favorite columnist!" "He is," said the bosses' man, "But Pearson's good sometimes

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In the American Army, and in all the other armies, there are many other Marcs, of different talents, but richly endowed. They are sharing the tragedy of their generation with millions of others who are not yet our comrades but to whom they are linked with unbreakable bonds and who will this world of icy mud and deadly think I'm amply prepared for fire. It was not given to Marc

Dauber to use his ample preparathing: that only those who share | tion. But he knew that only with the tragedy of their generation that preparation could the great will be morally qualified and task be done. That preparation accepted as leaders in the coming is deep in the bones and minds of the other Marcs who survive

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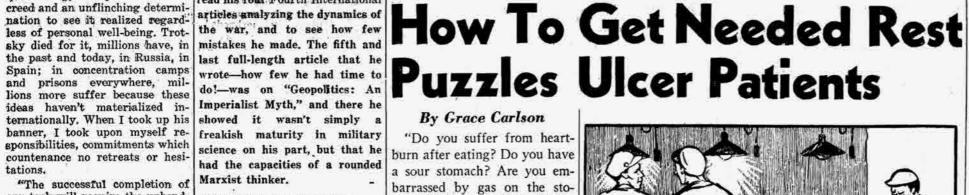
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"He's following the doctor's prescription One Hour of Complete Relaxation After Each Meal.'

and would never have ulcers himself good health and a long to use it. Where can he get

Worry and fear are the leading causes of "stomach trouble" Dr. man who has an ulcer—as so Alvarez declared. Between 60 and many thousands of them have? 75 per cent of a group of cases Usually, he does not see a doctor examined showed no physical until his case is fairly serious. help them learn the way out of causes of the disorders. Prac- When he first feels soreness and tically all of these cases were discomfort in his stomach, he brought on by fear, frustration, tries to "doctor" himself, either worry, anger, nervous and mental by taking some patent-medicine. exhaustion. These, in turn, were or by eliminating certain foods due to the tremendous speed-up from his diet. If the pain in his of modern industry and to the stomach persists and begins to terrifying problems with which sap his energy, he may, at last, the war confronts the American decide that it is necessary to spend some of the family funds Big businessmen may have for medical care.

HOW TO REST?

His doctor will give him a diet list, in which milk, cream, eggs dustrialists to break down. But if and lean meats predominate. The doctor will urge the ulcer victim to avoid overwork. He will advise him not to eat when he is worried, wealth can be! The poet, who tired, nervous, hurried or angry. Above all, the doctor will try to impress his patient with the imfor the sick man . . . plenty of rich, nourishing food, freedom point, Dr. Logan Clendening says point, Dr. Logan Clendening says decisively, "they (ulcer patients) should rest on a bed or loungethat is, in the recumbent position -for half an hour to an hour after each meal."

sound medical advice home with will not find them in capitalist members of the independent the ulcer sufferer to guarantee him and tries to figure out how prescriptions!

for "half an hour to an hour

Los Angeles SWP Fights Radio Censorship

LOS ANGELES, April 5.—The Socialist Workers Party here, with the aid of the local American Civil Liberties Union, is planning to seek legal redress for the arbitrary censorship of a radio address by Myra Tanner Weiss, Trotskyist mayoralty candidate, over station KFAC last Sunday night. The Federal Communications Code prohibits radio stations from censoring speeches of political candidates except for libel.

Every reference in the speech regarding the SWP's position of critical support for Charlotta Bass, independent Negro candidate for city council from the 7th District, was deleted. Her name could not even be mentioned. This is the second instance of such censorship of Mrs. Weiss's scheduled four radio talks during her election campaign. Previously, as reported in The Militant, March 31, station KHJ mutilated the text of a talk scheduled for March 26, which Mrs. Weiss was compelled to deliver in censored form over another station, KNX.

Widespread advance publicity had been given to Mrs. Weiss's last talk. It had been announced that she was going to discuss her support of Mrs. Bass's candidacy Mrs. Weiss was compelled, in or der not to disappoint completely her radio audience, to deliver the sections of her speech dealing with the American workers' need of a labor party, but omitting the censored portions on independent Negro political action and support of Mrs. Bass.

Before making her talk, the Trotskyist candidate delivered a letter to the station manager in which she protested the deletions as "arbitrary, illegal, damaging to my campaign as candidate for Mayor of Los Angeles, and a violation of the rights of free speech, I reserve all my legal rights in this matter.'

of the address stated: "The Negroes in Los Angeles, doubly oppressed, are leading the way toward independent political action. population. They selected Charbeen endorsed by the CIO Coun- the Negro community." cil. Although the Socialist Workers Party is opposed to the policies of Mrs. Bass (she is an advocate of the Stalinist line) we wholeheartedly support the fight of the Negro population for representation in the Council. So the Trotskyists urge all workers in District 7 to vote for Charlotta

After explaining why the program of Charlotta Bass, who subordinates the struggle for Negro equality "for the duration," did

For the first time news has

penetrated the tightly sealed cen-

sorship indicating that the treach-

erous Stalinist agreement to de-

mobilize and disarm the ELAS

fighters has met with consider-

able opposition and resistance

from the rank and file. The

tion agreement) a traitor."

Clashes between ELAS sup-

ants were killed and 100 wounded.

ELAS leaders, the government is

obliged to support order by all

means... it will authorize provin-

cial authorities to arm certain

citizens who will support the pol-

ice." 'Are these "certain citizens" Stalinist GPU detachments?

'A new series of strikes broke

Greece

Nurses Arrested for Acts of Kindliness

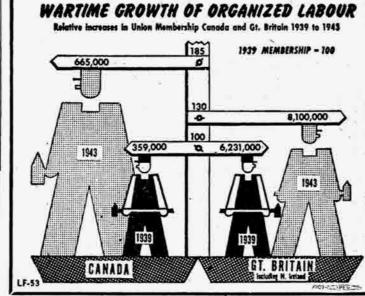
Five young British nurses are under arrest, charged with kindliness to German prisoners, while Allied generals and the AMG give every consideration to high-ranking Nazis and Fascists.

According to the March issue of Socialist Appeal, organ of the British Trotskyists, the nurses "were to be charged under the Prisoners of War and Internees Access and Communications Order," for the "alleged crime" of "giving cigarettes, scarves and socks to German prisoners of war undergoing treatment at the hospital-a simple, humanitarian act."

"At the top," says the Social-ist Appeal, "the ruling class are able to fraternize with leaders of the 'enemy nations,' as has been reported on many occasions in the capitalist press. Nazi officers are shown every consideration, and the 'Daily Express' now publishes the 'inside dope' given by the notorious fascist Count Grandi, for which we have no doubt he was well paid. But the poor little nurse cannot give a packet of fags to plain 'Fritz Schmidt' without being hauled up in court as a

Part of the censored portions not answer the urgent needs of the Negro people, the Trotskyist candidate's speech explained that nevertheless "we regard the struggle to elect Charlotta Bass Negro organizations in District as of greater importance than her 7 held a conference to select a individual record or program. It Negro candidate for the City is the first step toward independ-Council who they felt would de- ent political action for the Nefend the interests of the Negro groes. We march with that movement, confident that experience lotta Bass, editor of the Califor- will lead it to a program which nia Eagle. Charlotta Bass has can truly serve the interests of





The forces of organized labor in Canada almost doubled in the first four years of the war, as the above chart shows. Whereas in 1939 there were only 359,000 organized workers, by 1943 there were 665,000 members of Canadian trade unions.

Union-Busting Drive Continues At Briggs

By Jeanette Lane

DETROIT, March 30-Since the 10-day strike several weeks ago in its seven plants here, the Briggs Manufacturing Company has been concentrating all its forces on breaking the union, Local 212, CIO United Auto-

classification and draft into the

The company has submitted a

nine-page document of "charges"

against Local 212 which was read

to a meeting of all Local 212

plant committemen. Melvin

member, and Clark Hutchison, In-

ternational Representative, while

admitting the company was re-

theless contended that the locals'

This contention that the seven

fired militants were "out of line"

provides a pretext for the com-

pany to refuse to reinstate them.

Actually the seven were "guilty"

"straightened out."

UNION-BUSTING DRIVE

mobile Workers. Because of the failure of the army. At the Mack Avenue Plant, international union to put up a three out of the five committeereal fight in defense of Briggs men are now subject to the draft. local, the company has intensified the provocations and violations of contract which led to the strike after 15 militants were fired. Six chief shop stewards and a committeeman are still out.

In all the plants, workers, stewards and committeemen are threatened, intimidated, on, timed and constantly reported. Jobs are being arbitrarily reclassified, shifted from sponsible for provocations, neverone department to another and speeded up. If a worker takes a committeemen and stewards who grievance to a steward both are fought the provocations have been timed by a company lackey who stands nearby with watch in hand.

The cases of the fired shop stewards and committeeman which went to arbitration a month ago have not been settled. The company and union officials are still "looking for a suitable arbitrator."

The corporation is now getting rid of union stewards and committemen by withdrawing draft deferments. All eligible commit-

cause that would encourage a

be stopped by MP's and herded

into camps where food would be

than in their long years of peon-

As in Greece, it is now again

being demonstrated in Albania

how food is being used by the

months war-torn starving Alba-

nia has been appealing for food,

clothing and medical supplies.

The British are prepared to heed

the appeal and allow UNNRA to

bring in assistance on one condi-

tion: that 1200 British army offi-

cers be sent in to supervise dis-

The Albanians have demurred

because they know full well that

these troops will insure British

domination over Albania. "The

Albanians," Pearson says, "see

no excuse for exchanging one set

of foreign troops for another

this is not an exceptional propos-

al but is based on an agreement

that in "liberated" countries re-

lief must be handled through Al-

lied military control and UNNRA

Drew Pearson also reveals that

tribution of relief.

(the Nazis)."

must work under it.

age to Nazi Germany."

to happen.

Albania

the mighty.

told their international officials that the present conditions are teemen are now subject to redue solely to the "do-nothing" policy of the international officers and their no-strike pledge.

These international officials are to Local 212 which for the first time contains an "umpire" clause. This would turn the bargaining rights of the union over to a socalled "impartial" arbitrator or called "impartial" arbitrator or SWP Concludes umpire. This contract will be presented to the next local mem-

The Briggs union-busting drive "Mud was caked on their thin is part of a general offensive of militants during the past months "We said we didn't know. We strikes throughout the auto her talks were viciously mutilated hadn't the heart to tell them the plants. 12,000 Hudson workers by the radio censors. army specifically had ordered are out at this writing and there drivers to pick up no civilians behave been strikes this week at Packard and Ford Bomber plants.

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April 22

"THE MYTH OF POST-WAR PLANNING"

URGE LABOR INQUIRY ON STALINIST SLANDERS

LOS ANGELES, March 28 .- In a widely-distributed fourpage leaflet, the Socialist Workers Party here this week publicly challenged six local CIO officials to furnish factual proof before an impartial labor commission of slanders they circulated against the Trotskyists.

The six union officials permitted the circulation of a letter, ponsible tools of the Stalinist bearing their typewritten signa- frame-up machine." tures, which endorsed the Stalinist pamphlet, "The Trotskyite 5th Column in the Labor Movement," is part of a campaign to curb the as the "best expose of the Trotskyists in the labor movement ever called to our attention." Among other scurrilous lies, the of Hitler." (See the March 17 the whole 'equality of sacrifice' issue of The Militant for our re- fraud. ply to this poison-pen product.)

Their letter was part of a reactionary campaign in the unions, led principally by the Stalinists, in opposition to the election campaign of Myra Tanner Weiss, Socialist Workers Party candidate for mayor. It bore the signatures bor movement." of James L. Daugherty, Utility Workers Organizing Committee; Carl Brant, United Electrical Workers; Oliver Boutte, National Maritime Union; Wyndham Mortimer, Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers; William S. Lawrence, Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union; and C. R. Brown, Marine and Shipbuilding Workers

DEMAND PROOF

The Trotskyist answer to this latest Stalinist attack under a trade union cover is titled "Union Democracy or Stalinist Frame-Jps - which Shall Prevail?"

"The 'six' now face a ticklish problem; how are they going to Bishop, UAW regional board prove the vile slanders and charges they have made against devoted members and leaders of the CIO?" declared the SWP statement.

"George Morris's pamphlet which they endorse is simply a compilation of all the lies and "out of line" and must be slanders previously peddled against the whole militant labor movement with some new poisonpen fabrications. But George Morris is accountable to no one but his Stalinist paymasters.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST MILITANTS

only of attempting to force the "The 'six' must answer to the company to live up to the terms of the union contract. The meetvorkers in the CIO. Clearly; they hope that no one will call the 'six' explain for what reason ing of the plant committeemen them to account. They hope the his own Local 9 of the Industria Stalinist machine will provide im- Union of Marine and Shipbuildhopes are in vain! Members of of the Trotskyist leaders.' the CIO are demanding proof. Concluding with an appeal to The 'six' have taken responsibility the CIO membership, the SWP w attempting to sell a contract for charging their opponents in statement says: "The life of the ra the labor movement with being labor movement depends on the Nazi spies. Present your proof! maintenance of union democracy. Back up your slanders with evid- Irresponsible slanders and ruth- of the meat packers, who are ence or remain branded as irres-

In Los Angeles

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can, who had never before heard the socialist program of Trotskyism. She addressed numerous workers rallies and spoke over has led to a widespread series of the radio four times-although

On the night before elections she spoke before UAW-CIO Local 218. Last Friday she addressed a neighborhood rally on the west side, and on Sunday night she spoke at a final central rally at the Embassy South Hall. At the last two rallies, the workers contributed \$192 to her campaign.

WIN NEW FRIENDS

On election day itself, the Trotskyist candidate "took Pershing Square by storm." Rising to speak in the busy square in the center of town, she soon had an audience of several hundred workers. All other groups were

A significant development of her campaign was the success in breaking down the Stalinist barriers to reaching the Negro and Mexican workers. At an election rally conducted by the Stalinists, at which all candidates were supposed to speak, the Trotskyist candidate was informed by the chairman who had invited her that "the committee" had decided to give the floor to all candidates but the Trotskyist.

However, the insistence of an nfluential local Negro leader that she be given the floor, backed by the sympathetic support of the audience, forced the chairman, a Stalinist fellow-traveler, to yield. She then explained the Trotskyist policy of critical support for Charlotta Bass.

The campaign has won hundreds of new friends and supporters for the Socialist Workers Party which will give a big impetus to the next election campaign the Trotskyists plan to conduct here on a bigger scale in 1946.

The SWP statement explains is part of a campaign to curb the no-let-up attack of big business, pamphlet calls the Trotskyist the rising cost of living and taxfighters against fascism "agents slashed paychecks; in a word -

> "There is good reason why they single out the Socialist They have not been on a large Workers Party for attack. This is the party to which the militant regime. workers are turning. This is the party of revolutionary socialism - the vanguard of the world la-

> The SWP leaflet recites a 'Los Angeles CIO union locals ing the revolt of 1918? and officials who are at present challenging the Stalinist domination of the CIO in California." This even went to the extreme of labelling as "Trotskyists and ers Council who refused to vote powerful repressive instruments support to the Yalta Conference decisions "before knowing what these decisions were."

> lions in the labor movement for well organized, superbly armed the 18 Trotskyists imprisoned in and excellently trained. The S.S. the Minneapolis Labor Case, the corps of militant Nazis has been SWP statement asks: "If the trained for the very purpose of Trotskyists are spies why have quelling any revolt. It is a mobile 41/2 million workers rallied to unit ready to be thrown against their support through 600 unions, any sector of the internal front. liberal

> of the 'six,' explain how three lo- in the necessity for preparing cals of his union, the Longshore- for such an eventuality. men, including Harry Bridges' own Local 1-10 in San Francisco, powerful instrument of repression also supported the Trotskyist would hardly suffice to explain defendants on the labor defense issue and donated over a hundre dollars to the defense.

"Let C. R. Brown, another o munity and protection. But their ing Workers endorsed the defense

> to appear before a special comtheir proofs — if they have any. treasury. If they fail to do so, the labor movement will have every right to call them by their right name - tools of the Stalinist frameup machine!"

at a number of union gatherings this week, including a meeting at ceilings. the Philharmonic Auditorium to hear IJAW President R. J. Thomas report on the World Trade Union Conference and to the quarterly UAW West Coast Confer-



Hits the Jackpot

The American - Hawaiian Steamship Company has just been handed \$7,000,000 for eleven old tubs sunk during the war, reports the March 30 Seafarer's Log, organ of the Seafarers' International Union. After a generation of use in piling up profits, the old ships, launched between 1911 and 1920, were paid for by the government at the lush rate of \$650,000 per relic.

Incidentally, 34 seamen were lost on these ships. Their beneficiaries, if any, got \$5000 insurance per life lost.

THE MILITANT

may now be purchased at 242 Broadway, San Diego, Cal.

What Is Holding Back The German Revolution?

By M. Morrison

What is the explanation for the failure, up to the present, the German workers to rise and overthrow the Nazi power? The demoralization of the Nazi army, as a result of the military defeats, has reached a point where one would expect the suffering masses to rise and destroy every vestige of Hitler's power. When a dictatorship suffers such military reverses as the Nazis have suffered, when the masses have been subjected to such grueling punishment as has been the lot of the German people, a revolt and the wiping out of the slave drivers is to be ex- the failure of the masses to

pected. There have undoubtedly been anti-government and pro-peace demonstrations in various parts struggles of militant labor of Germany. Even if we discount against "the WLB runaround, the some of the reports about demonno-strike pledge in the face of the strations that emanate from Moscow, Stockholm and Berne, it is highly improbable that all of the reports are baseless rumors. But whatever demonstrations have occurred have been suppressed and many participants executed. enough scale to topple over the

In 1918 the defeats suffered by the German army were not nearly so serious. German soil was not invaded. And yet the German masses rose and destroyed the number of cases of Stalinist power of the Kaiser. What frameup and slander against prevents the masses from repeat-

MEANS OF REPRESSION

One of the factors explaining of the United Automobile Work- to now (April 6) is the very which Hitler has at his disposal. The Kaiser had his police but he did not have a group of hundreds Pointing to the support of mil- of thousands of young fanatics and Negro organiza- It is absolutely ruthless and trained to perfection in the uses of barbaric violence. The very DEFEND UNION DEMOCRACY fact that the masses revolted in "Let William S. Lawrence, one 1918 taught the Nazis a lesson

But by itself the existence of a

Meat Profiteers Line Pockets With **Government Funds**

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a surplus, and less need for

meat supplies. This was in line with the desires less frame-up methods must be deliberately fostering the policy stopped. The 'six' must be called of meat scarcity to put on pressure for additional price rises and mission of inquiry to present bigger subsidies from the public

In response to the demands of the packers, the OPA has already conceded further subsidies on both beef and hogs to the slaughterers But the meat profiteers are not This statement was distributed satisfied. They demand nothing less than the elimination of price

Crying that the OPA, which has permitted the greatest profits in all history, holds a "social philosophy that regards profits as sin," Wilbur La Roe, general counsel of the National Independent Meat Packers Associa tion, ushered a long line of wailing meat packers through a recent hearing of the Senate Agricultural Committee.

The burden of their lament was that they would be "ruined" if they didn't secure the "products standard" of fixing prices. This means that meat packers would be guaranteed not only huge overall profits, but profits on every single item or line they handled regardless of how great their total profits.

MORE PROFITS They pulled out a lot of figures

which they read through with much haste and misleading explanation, trying to show they were sustaining big losses. Actually, a careful reading of the same report of 15 companies shows that their first half of 1944 profits were 271.3 per cent above their 1936-39 average profits.

The federal courts have stepped in to load still more on the gravy train of the meat trust. A recent decision of the Emergency Court of Appeals ruled that an 80 cents per hundredweight subsidy to beef slaughterers allowed by the OPA did not permit an "equitable and reasonable" profit. This blasts a wide hole in the public treasury for the meat packers to grab more subsidies.

The same court also held that the "overall profit" method of determining ceiling prices was also "inequitable," thus paving the way for the "product standard" method. This method already applied in the steel in-\$300,000,000 added profits.

revolt. A half-million armed thugs can not be ignored but they could not stand up against tens of millions of determined and militant workers, especially those workers who are in the armed

German fascism has been in power for twelve years. During those years it has by hounding, torture and murder eliminated the flower of the working-class militants. There are undoubtedly many revolutionary workers still left but so many have been killed. incapacitated and exiled that the German masses have been left leaderless to an extent where a successful uprising becomes extremely difficult if not impossible.

SITUATION IN 1918

In the First World War many revolutionists were jailed but there was nothing remotely comparable to the suppression practised by Hitler. There were countless militants who kept silent durthe failure of the German masses ing the war but lifted their heads a bunch of spies" the members to overthrow the Nazi power up as soon as the Kaiser's war machine began to crack. Left-wing Socialists following the revolutionary Spartacus group and the centrist Independent Socialist Party were in the factories and in the army and were agitating the masses to come out on the streets. The leadership furnished these revolutionary workers was not conscious enough and strong enough to give the masses victory against the opposition of the Social - Democrats but it was strong enough to overthrow the Kaiser. Hitler's terror has successfully eliminated from the scene a vast number of conscious militant workers and the masses, without leadership, are unable to

> One must add to the abovenentioned factors the fear of the German workers that they will receive no help from the workers. of England, France and the Soviet Union. When Hitler was victorious we did not expect a revolution because he had too much support from the middle class and sections of the working class. Now that the Allies are dealing Hitler's armies terrible blows, the German masses see before them the dark future of the military rule of Stalin, Churchill and Roosevelt. There is no incentive for them to run the risk of slaughter at the hands of Hitler's

storm-troopers. What a difference between the present and 1918! Then the German masses had the inspiring example of the Russian Revolution. They felt confident that the Soviets under Lenin and Trotsky would do all in their power to help them. Now they hear only words of hate and vengeance coming from the Stalinist bureaucrats. They hear threats of enslavement-millions of them are afraid of being dragged from their native soil, from their homes and families, to be compelled to work under the whip of Stalin's G.P.U. They hear no voice coming from east or west to give them encouragement and assurance of

KEY TO GERMAN REVOLUTION

But the German masses may vet make a desperate effort to overthrow the yoke of Hitler and prevent further slaughter. What then? Can they stop the imperialist forces and Stalin's Red Army from occupying all of Germany? Not without the help of the English, French, American and Russian workers.

And what if the Allies seize all of Germany? History has shown how difficult it is for workers to take power when a foreign army whose soldiers have not been infected by the revolutionary virus is stationed in their country. The workers of Northern Italy have been compelled to bow beneath the yoke of the Nazi army. Unarmed or poorly armed masses do not have much of a chance gainst a disciplined modern army with all its deadly equipment.

The German Revolution will assure the success of the European Revolution but the key to the German Revolution is in the hands of the French, the English, the Russian and the American workers. One thing is certain. The problems of the German working masses can not be solved by the Allies just as they could not be and were not solved by Hitler. From this it follows that the workers of Germany are bound to attempt a revolutionary solution of their own, which means taking power into their own hands and calling upon the European masses dustry netted the steel barons to aid them in establishing a Socialist United States of Europe,

Great Britain

out in Northwest England in Mecklin, PM correspondent with three factories to secure an abolition of piece work and a 100 per cent production bonus. The struggle was taken up by 30,000 workers in eight of the Avro aircraft plants who voted a two-day token strike and scheduled a mass demonstration in Manchester on April 6th. In Sunderland, a city of 190,000 population, a bus drivers strike tied up transportation.

India

As a result of mass protests in various parts of India a Nagpur court ordered a stay of execution for seven men who were sentenced to be hanged for killing a magistrate and a policeman dur-

Turkish radio reported on March his friends as worthless and that ceased to exist and whose deci-

tinue to occur in the mountain Eight others were given commuregions. In one such encounter tations after thousands had signin Verris, Macedonia, four peas- ed petitions in their behalf.

cy reported on March 23rd: "The

Italian Communist Party."

DETROIT

SUNDAY NIGHT FORUMS Aprill 22 "JOHN L. LEWIS AND THE MINERS" Speaker: A. RICHARDS

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he considers Siantos (Stalinist sions were therefore no longer leader who signed the demobiliza- effective. Nineteen persons were originally sentenced to death. Appeals porters and Plastiras troops con- reduced the sentences of four.

Greek Minister of the Interior "C u r z i o Suckert Malaparte, serious incidents recurring in sev- theoretician of the Italian Faseral districts caused by various cist Party, author of many books groups breaking away from praising fascism and urging fascist revolts in other lands, is the latest of many ex-Fascists to be welcomed into the ranks of the

Germany

What fate is in store for the

THURSDAY NIGHT STUDY

ing the struggles for freedom of the Allied armies in Germany. India from British imperialism He writes: "But for the foreign workers,

The charges date back to mass 'liberation' thus far has been an actions in protest against the ar- empty word. We talked to dozens rest of Indian National Congress of them today who had no idea leaders in 1942. Crowds had beof where they were going, except
bership meeting on April 8. It

Election Campaign sieged the police stations in the it was away from the war. It was will unquestionably receive heated provincial villages of Ashti and a day of driving rain and cold opposition from the militants. Chimur. In Ashti five policemen wind and they shivered in their and five demonstrators were kill- sodden rags as they talked.

ed. In Chimur four officials lost "It appears that the demobili- their lives. The demonstrations ersatz shoes. Their faces were the auto corporations, whose prozation was not carried out in full. were provoked by police violence chilled and bitter. They asked gram of wholesale firing of union General Velouchiotis, l e f t i s t against Indian women. Defense why they were unable to ride commander of the ELAS, has in- attorneys in the trial pointed out empty supply trucks returning formed the government that he that the sentences had been passwestward from the front. considers the agreement signed by ed by a special tribunal which had

The French official news agen-

millions of foreign workers now 'liberated" by the Allied armies from slave labor under Nazi overout in Great Britain last week. seers in Hitler's Germany? One 10,000 aircraft workers walked small intimation is given by John

migration that wasn't supposed "We hadn't the heart to tell them that long before they got Notice To to the German border they would

better but home no less distant Allied imperialists as a weapon of the counter-revolution and a device to subjugate the small nations to the will and control of Drew Pearson reveals that for

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The NEGRO STRUGGLE by CHARLES JACKSON

"Labor with a white skin cannot emancipate itself where labor with a black skin is branded." -KARL MARX

Significance of The Gibson Report

No statement concerning Negro troops since the outbreak of this war has aroused such concerted ire in the Negro press and from Negro leaders as the infamous Gibson report. The report, allegedly made by Truman Gibson, Jr., Negro civilian aide to the Secretary of War in Rome, Italy, carried slanderous inferences as to the integrity of the Negro as a soldier. His remarks gave his impressions of the "all-Negro" 92nd which he had previously inspected. According to Gibson, while white formula. It is again being used soldiers frequently desert individually in the face of the enemy,

whole platoons and Negro of-ficers showed "more courage Northern colored boys. (5) than judgment."

gressman Powell. Even hopped- our 100,000 college graduates in up super-patriotic Michigan the Army and many lawyers, Chronicle, former blind apologist dentists and doctors are confined for everything and everybody to the quartermaster and enginconnected with Roosevelt and his eering corps shoveling mud and war "against fascism," tempor- cleaning latrines. arily took off its rose-colored (7) The use of a black smokeglasses in an editorial entitled screen in the form of Uncle Tom are not fighting in this war," pro- Bishop Gregg, Channing Tobias claims the editorial, "to perpe- and Truman Gibson who give tuate Jim-Crowism, second-class left-hand support to the Army citizenship and the present pat- brass hats. terns of discrimination which make Negro life in America a humiliating and dog-like experience." Training its guns, for once, in the right direction, it

him." (Emphasis ours). TOP UNCLE TOM

knows full well his duties will in- ican "democracy." clude covering up for Army Jim And just what would be the period is an ominous move to Crow by attacking his own peo- motive for such a conspiracy, you drive the living standards of the ple. This makes him a selfish may ask? Simply this. The War workers to still lower levels. Cutopportunist and an enemy of the Department, like all other gov- backs of war production are Negro masses. Far more impor-ernment agencies, is part of the again becoming prevalent. The tant, however, than demanding State. In the United States it is elimination of overtime and downthe resignation of Truman Gib- a capitalist State. The State, his- grading, shortening of the work son (or any other little "Gibsons" tory has shown, invariably carries week, etc., will further reduce who are sure to follow) is recog- out those policies which benefit take home wages. To defend its nizing and exposing the present the rating economic class - in living standards, labor must reconspiracy which is being cooked this case the capitalist class. And gain its independence of action in Department to discredit the Negro tended oppression of the Negro

policy of placing Negroes in sep- against itself.

in the Southern camps where talism.

the Negroes "melted away" in "cracker" civilians are given the whole platoons and Negro of-Courts-martial and long senten-Branded as a modern Uncle ces at hard labor for "mutiny" Tom who blamed the Negroes' at the first signs of protest lack of "morale" on the Negroes against these reactionary policies. themselves rather than on well- (6) The use in the 92nd combat known Army policy of segrega- division of 17% illiterates and tion, Gibson was asked to resign 75% semi-literates (Time, March by the Chicago Defender col- 26th) while most of our million umnist George Schuyler and Con- Negro high school graduates and

"The Gibson Folly." "Negroes "observers" like General Davis,

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Proneer Paragraphs

USELESS CAPITALIST CLASS PREVENTS SOCIAL PROGRESS Capitalist economy is marked hand and brain and the toiling

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in the history of the world. The capitalists produce nothing — What's Happening to It" ing of any value at all. An infiby C. Charles, page 16. Pioneer nitesimal minority of the popula- Publishers, 1943, 32 pp., 5 cents. tion, they consume a large part Order from Pioneer Publishers. of the wealth which the really 116 University Place, N. Y. 3, essential classes, the workers of N. Y.).

Mankind could not only manage The capitalists solemnly pro- ists, but once freed from capital-

The workers must learn to

(From "Your Standard of Liv-

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Wage-Freeze Extension Is Planned

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trough they grunt their approval of Roosevelt's "wage stabiliza-

tion" policy. The "anniversary" report constitutes a brazen rejection of labor's demand for wage increases to catch up to the rising cost of living. The original hold-the-line order was issued on April 8, 1943 during the first coal miners' strike to bolster the War Labor Board's sabotage of the miners' struggle to gain a wage increase. It has since become a major weapon of the administration in staving off union demands for an upward revision of the Little Steel to strengthen the hand of the coal operators in their current negotiations with the miners.

While the cost of living has continued to rise, wages have remained frozen. Exorbitant taxes on the workers' income has reduced take-home wages. Rising prices further reduced real wages and steadily lowered the workers' standard of living, With the administration "holding-theline" against wage increases, the dollar patriots amassed fabulous profits out of war contracts. The Price Control Act has been riddled with loopholes. The Food Trusts engineered one pricesqueeze after another: the most recent is the "meat strike" of the packers aimed at removing price ceilings on beef. The record of the OPA has been one of constant appeasement of the pricegougers. . .

This is the REAL record of the past two years, under the "hold-the-line" order and no

wage-freeze into the "post-war"

5-Point Program To Smash Unions

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strikes to "coerce" government agencies into speedy action on cases before them; 2. outlawing strikes against "technological advances" resulting in unemployment; 3. making individual union members "liable" for "unlawful" acts of the whole union; 4. penalizing workers who strike while negotiations are in progress or in jurisdictional disputes; 5. "protecting" employes who refuse to comply with a union decision to

In short, this is a program to destroy the right to strike permanently. It would enable the government and employers to stall negotiations indefinitely without fear of effective union action, to frame up individual of the whole union, and to provide government protection for

What the big corporations 'peace charter" was explicitly also held by the government and ing under the plea that profits stated by Hutchison, whose views motivate the government's laws, are first and basic. The fact that were echoed the same day by C. the capitalists will have to curtail E. Wilson, General Motors presi-The assertion that the capital- some luxury if the workers re- dent, and other leaders of the Hutchison declared that the

> fourth point in the code-recognition by management of the right to collective bargaining-might mean to "freeze" the existing laws, specifically the Wagner Act. The employers are opposed to this. The bosses don't mind the labor leaders agreeing to the 'sacred rights" of private profit-but they have not and never will agree to the principle of collective bargaining rights.

The automotive barons were in Washington to fight the decision of the NLRB two weeks ago recognizing the right of collective bargaining for foremen and other supervisory employes. Far from accepting any "peace charter," GE's Wilson told press representatives that the auto corporations are going to do "everything in our power" to prevent unionization of foremen, even though the government itself recognizes the right of foremen to organize.

Thus, the employing c l a s s makes clear that any "truce" with labor is merely a cover for anti-labor operations.

"Mrs. Roosevelt is right-it certainly pays to buy good clothes."



NEWS ITEM: Mrs. Roosevelt, wearing a 5- year old dress of hand-woven cloth, advises American housewives to "get good materials, well made, well cut and well sewed." N.Y. Times, Apr. 5.

The Real Price Policy Of The A and P Stores

Living near an 'A & P Super Market seems to the average housewife like being "next door to heaven." Landlords often make note of the fact that a vacant house or apartment is located near an A & P store in order to attract tenants. There are few large cities in the United States which do not have one or more

is not surprising. Here is a practices of the A&P. large, airy, well-lighted store,

But The Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company is not in business because of its devotion to American workers. The A&P store is no charitable insti-

HUGE FOOD MONOPOLY convince housewife-buyers that all around.

year by year.

Pacific Tea Company, 11 of its grocery store. the federal anti-trust laws. The prices. union members for the actions trial will open in Danville, Illinois, on April 16 and may contin-

I see by the papers that soldier

Mickey Rooney arrived in Paris on

March 23, after performing for 3

months in the Roer River sector.

And now all the soldiers are hap-

"I performed in barns and bomb-

ruined houses," Mickey told a re-

porter. "But what does it matter

The way I get it is that Amer-

ica's "bad boy" usually has an

easy chair near the cameras, and

a plush-lined dressing room on

roller skates to relax in. So he

after a few weeks of it, though.

such adverse conditions.

water and a roof, too.

as long as the GIs are happy?"

That the A&P Super Market is have gathered considerable evisuch a popular shopping center dence about the criminal trade

Writing in the April 1 issue of with wide aisles, and spacious PM, Harold Lavine lists some of shelves, which even in this period the charges against the A&P of food shortages are fairly well- which will be brought out in the stocked. Before the present res- trial. "The Dept. of Justice is trictions on food purchases and convinced," says Lavine, "that if before gasoline was rationed, The Great Atlantic and Pacific hundreds of thousands of Ameri- Tea Company of New York, and can working-class families drove its affiliates keep expanding as long flistances to an A&P Super they have until now, within 15 Market in order to buy their years Americans will eat only puts out both of these commo weekly supply of groceries. Even with the gracious consent of the now, workers who are still able A&P; they will eat only what the to keep their cars running are A&P lets them eat; and they likely to include a weekly trip will pay what the A&P asks."

to the A&P store in their gas ILLEGAL MONOPOLIST PRACTICES

> back up this position are promised by the Dept. of Justice. A few interesting pieces of evidence like the following are offered by Lavine. 1. The A&P sometimes sells

Although the publicity depart- below cost in some cities in orment of the Great Atlantic and der to drive its competitors out Pacific Tea Company tries to of business — then raises prices

groceries are being sold in A&P People in Dallas, Texas were stores almost at cost, the facts able to buy food cheaply in A&P are very different. Even the U.S. stores a few years back until Department of Justice, which is Myer & Sons, Wyatt Food Stores, slow in such matters, has finally Clark & Johnson and Morris Ruadmitted that the A&P is a huge bin closed their doors. After food monopoly, growing larger, that, A&P got together with its wealthier and more powerful remaining rivals and "stabilized prices." From then on the Dal-In a not very widely publicized las people did not buy cheaply at case, The Great Atlantic and the A&P or any other Dallas

affiliates and 16 of its officers | 2. The A&P puts pressure on will be tried by the Justice De- competitors who undersell them partment on charges of violating and forces through an increase in

A store in Long Island, N. Y. was selling Green Giant peas at ue for a year because govern- two cans for 23 cents and Del ment spokesmen say that they Maiz Niblets at 8 cents a can.

Mickey Rooney's War Performance

A Note from V. Grey

had a pretty tough time pepping up the boys' morale under

make the best of a bomb-ruined house! Maybe the people

who used to live in it could learn a lesson by his spartan ex-

ample. Maybe they'll learn to get along without running

But what the hell! He's a good scout, isn't he? He'll

Maybe. But they won't be able to go to Paris and relax

Maybe he's right about the soldiers being happy, too.

But it looks to me like the happiness of the steelworkers on

a Saturday night. They're so glad to be out of the mess

and sweat for a few hours, and so worried about going back

to it again-they try to forget with a drink and a good laugh.

JPIERPONT MONEYBAGS THAT'S THE WAY TO BEAT THE BLACK MARKET

sota Valley Products Co., which dities, to do something about it. Because A&P is one of the largest buyers of the Minnesota Valley Company's products, the necessary pressure was put on the by the rest of us? store in Long Island to raise its

cess to the commodity; then fixes prices.

The A&P has often bought up Brazil's entire coffee crop six the year. In the words of the Department of Justice this action resulted in the A&P "cutting off from their competitors and cornering the principal supply of coffee available for importation into the United States during said the factories. six-month period and artificially increasing the prices of coffee in the United States."

The following figures, giving the wholesale market prices for coffee, prove this charge:

Aug., 1940 51/2 cents per lb. Nov., 1940 6.66 cents per lb. Mar., 1941 10.23 cents per lb. May, 1941 10.60 cents per lb. July, 1941 11.37 cents per lb. Aug. 1941 13.25 cents per lb. A multitude of other charges

as to "short-changing, shortweighing and marking up prices on store tags" are also being made by the Department of Justice. There is evidence too that the A&P has bought up farmers' organizations, women's clubs, etc. to spread the lie that A & P prices are lower than those of their competitors. Over the years, by these super

cut-throat policies, the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company has become a gigantic food trust In 1914 this company operated only 585 stores and had sales of \$31,000,000; in 1941, there were 6,400 stores, with sales of \$1,378 It is not the "bigness" of the

A & P chain that is undesirable It is the fact that under capitalism this increase in size, with its greater operating efficiency and lower costs, has not meant proportionately lower prices for the consumers nor better wages for the A&P employees. It has simply brought bigger profits to the corporation-owners.

If what has happened in other "trust-busting" cases is any indication, the Department of Justice will not really curb the profiteering and price-fixing manipulations of this powerful food trust. At most the A&P may be given some chicken-feed fines which they will then pass on to their customers.

Diary of a STEEL WORKER

By Theodore Kovalesky _

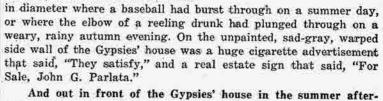
Sometimes you see a thing, and you think it's a story; but then, it isn't really one. It's just a little thing: it's just something that happened, and you saw it happen, and maybe it's happened ten million times, or maybe it never happened before in the same way. But you saw it, and you think about it and wonder about it, and somehow there seems to be a story in it that people should hear about. . . if only you could tell them.

That's how the Gypsies struck me.

I don't know exactly what Gypsies are, but that's what I used to call the people at one of the bus stops on my way to the steel

They lived in an old corner building that used to be a saloon. It was a dilapidated, warped building made of gray clapboard. There was no paint on the walls, but snow and sun, rain and burning sunlight had stained and burned the boards into a sad shade of gray. The front windows were wide and covered with thick curtains and pasted paper to shut out the glances of the passersby, and over in one corner, blocking as best it could the rain, the snow, and the howling,

piercing, savage winter winds, was a wooden box, shoved tightly against a shattered cavity in the window, a hole a foot and a half



noons, sitting dressed in strange, gay colors in the sunlight, were the Gypsy women. They sat in curious and patient silence on cheap, green painted kitchen chairs. They sat there, hooknosed and slender, black-eyed and patient, sometimes watching the passersby, sometimes, with eyes clouded over, watching things unseen by the rest

Then, one day as I came to wait for the bus, I saw that the curtains had been torn down. Inside the grimy windows I saw one large, gray, dingy room, in one corner a sink, in another a broken. chair. On the floor was sprawled a worn, broken slab of cheap linoleum, and on it, in a little, bright explosion of color, lay a red and yellow cloth, perforated with small stars, through which yet another color had once shined. It was part of one of the strange, bright dresses of the Gypsy women.

What Were the Gypsies Looking for Here?

But that was the story. That was all of it, and in a way that's not a story at all. There they were, and now they're gone, swallowed up by the city, hidden somewhere in one of the little cracks in the earth of America, in one of the little dark passages of the great ant

hill that is America. But there is something more. Who were they? Why came they here, looking for . . . what? And what did they see when their eyes were clouded over and they looked inward at things unseen

"Mountains of evidence" to King Kullen, finally had to agree the highways and over the ocean, back to a sunny land of soft to raise his prices to A&P levels. grasses and deep forests, of fair valleys of rich earth, of mountains 3. A&P often buys up a whole that rimmed the darkening evening skies with a shaggy border of year's output of some growers; blackness. I think they looked back at a life that was simple and deprives its competitors of ac- clean, filled with sweat and toil, perhaps, but also with violins and dancing in the night-time.

> Did they come here seeking riches in the great land of opportunity? Is that why they left their mountains and deep valleys? months before the beginning of Is that why they left their evening violins and dark, bushy forests?

I hope not. Because, here in the richest land of all the world. they found only a sad-gray, worn and warped, rainrotted, snowdecayed saloon building to live in. They found only cheap, greenpainted kitchen chairs on which to sit on concrete sidewalks, while they waited for the Gypsy men to come home from long days in

And now this wealthiest land of all the world has swallowed them up again into its depths. But I do not think that they have even yet found the riches whose golden glow drew them here.

For I have grown from boyhood in this land. And my brothers have grown to manhood in this great land of gold and opportunity. And we, in all our millions, have found only the sweat of the factories and the hurt worry of hard times.

So I don't think the Gypsies have found it either.

10 Years Ago In The Militant

APRIL 13, 1935

NEW YORK-Revealing in cold figures the madness of the capitalist system, The Militant reported on the waste of its peacetime "normalcy." In 1934, statistics showed, "2,400,000 men and women died of starvation and 1,200,000 committed suicide because they had no means of existence," while capitalists were raising prices by creating artificial shortages. In the same year "1,000,000 wagon loads of wheat, 267,000 trainloads of coffee, 516,000,000 pounds of sugar, 50,000,000 pounds of rice, and 50,000,000 pounds of meat" were destroyed.

POLEDO-Blazing the path to unionization for a million auto workers, the Toledo Chevrolet employes voted three-to-one for entry into the federal auto union of the American Federation of Labor. Their vote wiped out company-government attempts to establish a company union at Chevrolet, and inspired hundreds of Willys-Overland workers to sign up. Demands for a 6-hour day, 30-hour week, union recognition, and wage increases were drawn up as the workers prepared for strike action.

AKRON—At Goodrich, Goodyear and Firestone, 30,000 tire workers massed their forces to demand union recognition. Support was pledged by the Cleveland Federation of Labor and the Cleveland Metal Trades Council by F. J. Dillon, head of the AFL auto workers simultaneously organizing at Toledo, as well as by William Green. While the workers prepared flying squadrons and strike committees to wrest their demands from the rubber bosses, however, Green and his associates were running to Roosevelt, trying to sell out by arbitration the strike they publicly supported.

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Only the world revolution can save the USSR for socialism. But the world revolution carries with it the inescapable blotting out of the Kremlin oligarchy. - Leon Trotsky

JOIN US IN FIGHTING FOR:

- 1. Military training of workers, financed by the government, but under control of the trade unions. Special officers' training camps, financed by the government but controlled by the trade unions, to train workers to become officers.
- 2. Trade union wages for all workers drafted into the army.
- 3. Full equality for Negroes in the armed forces and the war industries-Down with Jim Crowism everywhere.
- 4. Confiscation of all war profits. Expropriation of all war industries and their operation under workers' control.
- 5. A rising scale of wages to meet the rising cost of living.
- 6. Workers Defense Guards against vigilante and fascist attacks.
- 7. An Independent Labor Party based on the Trade Unions.
- 8. A Workers' and Farmers' Government.
- 9. The defense of the Soviet Union against imperialist attack.

Austria's Future

On the eve of the conquest of Vienna, Stalin's government in Moscow and the Red Army Marshal Tobulkhin issued official declarations promising not to "change the social system in Austria," but to "facilitate the restoration of order existing in Austria before the Nazi Anschluss," and guaranteeing "the independence of Austria."

This means that Stalin plans to prop up capitalist rule in Austria on the same counter-revolutionary pattern he has already followed in the Balkan countries and Poland. "Independence" under capitalist domination can only serve to aggravate tenfold the present suffering and poverty of the Austrian people. After the last war the victorious Allies set up a small "independent Austria" separated from industrial Germany and the agricultural regions of eastern and southern Europe. In .this straitjacket Austrian economic life was strangled.

The Austrian workers have been among the most class-conscious and revolutionary in Europe. The most advanced have long known that their emancipation and security could be achieved only through a Socialist Austria incorporated in a Socialist United States of Europe. In 1919 they established soviets seeking a link with the shortlived Hungarian and Bavarian soviet republics. But they were deceived and driven back under the yoke of capitalism by the treacherous Social-Democratic leaders.

Capitalist reaction became more aggressive and unbridled as the country staggered from crisis to crisis. In 1934 Dollfuss ordered his mercenaries to bombard the working class districts. The Austrian workers put up a heroic armed resistance. Nevertheless the labor movement was crushed; trade unions and workers' parties were illegalized; thousands hurled into prisons and concentration camps. After the assassination of Dollfuss by Nazi agents, his clerical fascist regime was continued under Schuschnigg. This is the kind of "order existing in Austria" which Stalin has promised to restore.

Under continued capitalist rule the Austrian masses certainly cannot expect anything better than their pre-war oppression and starvation-and most probably in the ruined Europe of today they will receive much worse. The class conscious Austrian workers who, under Austrian and German fascist . rule created one of the most virile revolutionary socialist underground movements, realize this. Despite Stalin's counter-revolutionary designs and GPU terror they will find a way to continue their struggle for a Socialist Austria and a Socialist United States of Europe.

Prepare For Battle

Almost all workers today wonder and worry about how they and their families will manage with prices rising and wages frozen. They are looking to their trade unions to help them secure living wages and decent working conditions.

But Roosevelt's wage-freeze, enforced through the War Labor Board on which sit the union representatives, denies them the wage increases they need so desperately. And the no-strike policy, together with governmental compulsory arbitration red-tape, ham-strings and effective labor struggle.

Taking advantage of their present opportunity, the bosses are conducting a vicious nation-wide campaign of provocations designed to cripple the unions and victimize the best militants. Moreover, the workers face the imminent prospects, following the close of the war in Germany, of mass unemployment and drastic wage-slashes.

What are the official heads of the labor movement proposing to do? Are they seeking to regain independence of action for the unions? Are they teaching the workers to prepare for struggle? Are they organizing labor's forces to combat the union-

Quite the contrary. Murray and Green have shown they intend to continue the same disastrous policies which have led the unions into their present blind alley. Instead of conducting a real fight against the wage freeze, they go hat in hand to the White House begging for favors-which Roosevelt does not even bother to consider.

While Big Business prepares for war against the unions, Murray and Green have just signed a "peace charter" with the spokesmen of Big Business. By fawning upon Big Business, these labor leaders hope to get a few concessions to appease the workers and protect their own positions. Such false and treacherous policies not only will win nothing for the workers, but will disarm the unions before the increasing assaults of their worst

The workers are not going to accept these false policies of further retreat and surrender without a fight. But it is up to the conscious union militants to give them the organization, leadership and program to make their struggle effective. They must lead a genuine organized battle to scrap the no-strike policy and remove the labor representatives from the War Labor Board.

The industrialists regard "peace charters" with labor as scraps of paper. Right now, they are pressing for more anti-labor legislation from their pliant, capitalist-controlled Congress. To ward off these anti-labor political moves and secure progressive legislation the workers require a political instrument which they can truly call their own, an independent labor party based on the trade unions.

Blows At Jim-Crow

The fight against the Jim Crow policies of the U. S. Army and Navy recently registered two victories when higher military bodies were forced to withdraw harsh and discriminatory penalties inflicted upon four Negro Wacs and fifteen Seabees.

The reversals in these cases were not brought about by any burst of generosity or love of fair play on the part of the military authorities but through the militant stand taken by the nineteen Negro servicemen and women involved. These courageous Negro men and women used the method of militant protest, the only avenue left open to anyone who wants to fight the oppressive Jim Crow set-up of the armed forces.

The Seabees were part of a much larger group of Negroes who were dishonorably discharged for a sitdown strike in 1943 against Navy Jim Crow policies. Fifteen petitioned for a review of their discharges. Legal representatives of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the American Civil Liberties Union and the CIO War Relief Committee aided the Seabees in their hearing before the Naval Review Board. As a result the "dishonorable" discharges were changed to discharges "under honorable conditions" for fourteen of the fifteen petitioners.

The protest of the four Negro Wacs took the form of a refusal to return to work under discriminatory conditions at Lovell General Hospital in Massachusetts. Earlier attempts by these and scores of other Negro Wacs to get an adjustment of their grievances against the Army officials, who were assigning all the "dirty work" to the colored Wacs, had been unsuccessful. Their refusal to work brought down upon them court martial sentences of a year. This verdict has now been overruled by a higher military court, the prison sentences voided, and the four Wacs ordered restored to duty.

Credit for this latest set-back to Jim Crow must go, not only to these nineteen brave service men and women, but to millions of fighting members of Negro, labor and liberal organizations, who supported their cases. Not a "hat in hand" policy of begging favors, but militant, uncompromising struggle gets results in the fight against Jim Crow! Although Jim Crow in the U. S. Army and Navy has yet to be defeated, these two victories point the way. We salute the four Negro Wacs and fifteen Negro Seabees, who at great personal risk carried through this front - line fight against Jim Crow—a genuine fight for democracy,



WORKERS' FORUM

Praise Articles By Grace Carlson

This is just a note commending the articles by Grace Carlson which The Militant has been publishing recently. We are reaching more women with The Militant today than ever before. Both women who work in the factories and those at home. And such articles make the paper much easier to sell.

The average housewife is burdened down with children, scarcities of food, rising costs of living, etc. She feels that although the workers in the shop have a constant struggle to keep up their standard of living, the housewife's burden should by no means 27th to April 3rd, the Lockbe neglected.

them up with the emancipation of the rest of the working class.

Detroit

Labor Shortage?

The radio, newspapers and bill been passed in December, 1943. posters all tell us that there is a terrible labor shortage. In fact, in my town they are going around 26th the War Labor Board issued Of Mass Protest from door to door soliciting even housewives to work in war jobs. On the job, however, layoffs are all the work they seem to have. My entire shipyard was closed. This yard, the East Coast Shipyard, employed between 5,000 and 6,000 skilled workmen - pipefitters, welders, machinists, etc., and if they are having the same luck am coming up against, then this "manpower shortage" must

be a laugh to them too. At the U.S. Employment Service there are jobs at 65 cents, 60 prices and profits high. A "cartel" cents, 70 cents an hour. There is the same as a trust; but "caris no shortage of jobs at that kind tel" is frequently used to desigof pay, but work at liveable wages nate international combinations, is hard to get. It just puts a man while "trust" is used to mean nain a position where he can't be- tional ones. Both cartels and lieve anyone in high places any trusts are formed to create a more. Anyway, it's a crying monopoly - to eliminate compeshame how people in charge of tition - in the production and these papers, etc. can get away sale of commodities. with such stuff.

> Shipyard Worker Jersey City

What One Student Learned in College

One Negro woman who bought a subscription to The Militant from me is a student at college. Being an intellectual and better off than the ordinary Negro worker, she felt-or rather was under the illusion-that she was being treated as the equal of the white students.

This falsehood was unveiled to her only after a party held at the college. She had looked forward to attending it, but much to her chagrin, she found herself barred from the social activities of the college. She protested to cism during the war? the professor, and since words are satisfaction she received.

She knows now that discrimination is commonplace, and that from Europe was 63,138.

without the unification of all the creases and eliminating specialist Negro workers and all the con- rates for Southern California Airwhite workers their equality will never be granted by the capitalists. Discrimination and race hatred are the best instruments of power the bosses have, and the sooner the workers for higher rates-80 cents per learn the meaning and the reasons hour for beginners, up to \$1.60 behind discrimination, the sooner for skilled workers. we can wipe it from the face of the earth, and live like free human beings in a better world.

Youngstown

Lockheed Workers Take Strike Vote

At meetings held during March heed Aircraft workers belonging With more and more housewives reading The Militant and
becoming more politically conscious, it is good that The Militant
ous, it is good that The Militant

Med Aircraft workers belonging
to Lodge 727, International Association of Machinists (AFL)
passed a strike vote under provisions of the Smith-Connally Act. is publishing articles directly concerning their problems and tying stating that no leader of the union was to rescind the strike tion against the corporation. The vote without the approval of the Pauline and Esther, membership. The second resolution was passed because in January, 1944 the conservative leadership, against the interests and desires of the membership, revoked a strike vote which had

> The present strike vote was taken because on Monday, March a directive denying all wage in-

Q: What is the difference between trusts, cartels, and monopolies?

A: A "trust" is a combination control the market so as to keep

Q: When were the Knights of

Labor organized? A: In 1869 as a secret organ ization. By 1881 it became an

open mass organization, recruitindustrial union basis.

Q: What union does William Green belong to?

A. The AFL American Federation of Musicians, to which he was admitted after his expulsion from the United Mine Workers Union. His expulsion occurred after the AFL in November, 1935 expelled the unions which later formed the CIO.

Q: Has the United States admitted many refugees from Fas-

since the war began. In 1939, the ing everyone out. last pre-war year, immigration

craft Workers. During October, 1943, Lodge 727 of the IAM, together with the UAW-CIO and the United Independent Welders petitioned the War Labor Board This denial of wage increases

coincided with the anti-union drive of the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, Provocations included downgrading, transferring of workers, attempted intimidation of workers filing grievances. Flight technicians who had asked for flight bonuses because their jobs involve exposure to injury or death while testing planes in the air have been locked out. Under these provocations the skilled workers put pressure on the con servative leadership of Lodge 727,

forcing it to consider action. The aircraft workers at Lockneed are beginning to move. The leadership is trying to prevent the workers from taking job actime is long overdue to rescind the no-strike pledge and withdraw all labor support from the WLB.

Los Angeles

Some Results Editor:

The recent mass protest of 2,000 Jewish parents in one of the Junior High School auditoriums on the North Side of Minneapolis relative to the beatings to which Jewish boys and girls have been subjected has opened the whole subject of discrimination in this city. Every day the press carries articles on this subject-and what was previously only spoken of of manufacturers organized to privately has now come out into the open.

> The politicians are making use of this problem—the "outs" saying what they would do if they were the "ins." One North side aspirant for the position of Alderman from the third ward openly states that the incumbent is deliberately using the issue to secure his re-election. His accuser, however, does not spare any words in attempting to push his opponent out of office on the same

One good thing the mass meeting accomplished was to put the Minneapolis Police Department in ing thousands of workers on an the spotlight. From now on they know that they are being watched by an aroused citizenry. Another thing - the pussy-footing and policy of silence of Jewish "leaders" has once and for all been broken. The Jewish people angrily pushed their "leaders" into this meeting which the "leaders" entered reluctantly. They had to take the leadership of the mass meeting or be discredited once and for all. To their shame let it be said that they tried to soft-pedal the negligence of the police department and the mayor. But after the meeting hundreds of people stood around A: 'In 1944 the United States hurling questions and making cheap and no doubt plentiful for admitted only 4,509 immigrants demands, until the janitor turned the professor, words were all the from Europe, the lowest figure off the lights and started order-

'Good Neighbor' Policy of **United Fruit Company**

What American imperialism's "good neighbor" policy really means in Latin America is indicated by the letter of Thomas H. Uzzell in the Spring 1945 issue of The Key Reporter, organ of Phi Beta Kappa, honorary fraternity. Uzzell writes in part:

In the Winter issue of The Key Reporter I notice a news item about the new School of Pan-American Agriculture in Zamorano, Honduras . . . It is indeed interesting news but not as "evidence of inter-American good will" as you state in your lead.

I don't know whether this noble-sounding sentiment was given you by the United Fruit Company . . . but I am writing to say that in any case the sentiment is false, that the enterprise is in no sense noble. The "good will" allegation is merely window-dressing for the merciless exploitation of a helpless little nation by a powerful American corporation.

The United Fruit Company since its founding in 1900 has extracted some three billion dollars in fruit and produce from Carribbean countries. Its original stock has averaged 17 per cent earnings for 44 years. The little countries themselves, receive practically nothing, while at the same time they give away their rich lands, under diplomatic pressure, in return for promises to build railways and roads which are mainly useful to the exploiters. They also, our "good neighbors" in the hot lands, furnish laborers who stagger under the most grueling farm work in the world under constant risk of disease and for coolie labor

Please note that the new school in Honduras is for the study of agriculture and not of history or economics or government and that it is free. This is all part of the company's policy to attract the keenest and best educated of young men coming from our colleges and bribe them to assist the entrenched savage exploitation of our helpless good friends to the south of us. These fine boys who enroll for the new school will be groomed as experts, superintendents, bosses of the poor, illiterate mestizos who will do all the dirty work and if the boys show any sympathy for these poor natives, the "wiser" fruit company heads will tell them that the "spiggoties" are born stupid and drunken and are generally hopeless and not to worry about them.

Some of these facts were extracted from a reluctant official of the company. Most regrettable of all is the hypocritical attitude of our State Department about our trade imperialism in South and Central America. Exploitation such as I have described is possible only with the connivance of our government. . .

Officer Court-Martialed For Defending Mexican

Because he was "too zealous" and "obstructed Army justice" by his defense of a Mexican private falsely charged with "rape" by an Army courtmartial, a young second lieutenant, Sidney Shapiro, was himself court-martialed and dismissed from the

Shapiro had been named to defend Pvt. Fausto Agredano at Grand Island, Neb., Army Air base, in the 1943 case. Agredano was accused of assaulting a 15-year old girl who claimed to identify him.

Contrary to customary practice, Shapiro actually took an interest in defending an accused privateand a Mexican, to boot. He became convinced that Agredano was innocent. The lieutenant brought in another man at the court-martial. This "ringer" was identified as the assailant by the girl and police. A mistrial was won for the Mexican private.

Shapiro's aggressive conduct of the defense-a customary legal means of testing the credibility of witnesses-riled the brass hats. It was contrary to army "procedure." In June, 1944, Shapiro was courtmartialed and dismissed from service, tantamount to dishonorable discharge. Shapiro was given just 80 minutes to prepare his defense.

The brass hats court-martialed Agredano once more, convicted him and sentenced him to five years in prison. The authority of Army "justice" was

Shapiro appealed his discharge to a federal district court, which ruled it had no jurisdiction, but admitted that the young lieutenant had been denied "due process" of law at his court-martial. He appealed last week to the U. S. Court of Appeals.

Veterans Discover Jokers In Promises About Loans

Tens of thousands of returned war veterans taken in by the administration's rosy promises about loans to aid them in establishing homes, farms or small businesses have been learning what the real score is in the past nine months since the so-called G.I. Bill Of Rights was passed.

Out of an already huge volume of applicants, only 1608 loans have been approved by the Veterans Administration-three for farms, 23 for businesses and 1582 for homes,

Contrary to what the soldiers are led to believe, the government itself makes no loans. It merely guarantees up to 50 per cent of private loans up to \$2000-with provisions for attaching anything the veteran owns if he defaults.

The conditions under which the government will partially guarantee loans are so stringent that a veteran who can qualify will have no difficulty usually n getting a bank loan on his own without all the government red-tape. In fact, writes the Cleveland Press, April 2, "bank terms are easier than those of the (GI) bill."

Even the promise of "free interest" turns out to have a hook in it. If the veteran finally qualifies, the government offers one year's free interest up to \$80 -subsequently deductible from such adjusted compensations as Congress may authorize for veterans in the future.

Actually, according to a Scripps-Howard report from Washington on April 4, "the administration is trying to discourage veterans from seeking loans unless they have a reasonable chance of paying out." In short, these loan guarantees are given more to protect the banks and loan companies than to help Minneapolis | the veterans.