

# WAGE-FREEZE CHIEFS GAIN PROMOTIONS

## Race Terrorism On West Coast Goes Unchecked

By Ralph Graham

LOS ANGELES, March 7—Incited by reactionary organizations of the ruling class, and encouraged openly by some of Roosevelt's "Democratic" henchmen in Congress, vigilante thugs are continuing to threaten and attack Japanese-Americans who have returned to the West Coast area from Roosevelt's concentration camps.

What is plainly an organized campaign of terror is now in full swing. Its purpose is to drive from California those Japanese-Americans who have returned and to intimidate others from returning.

A staunch supporter of the Roosevelt administration, Rep. Johnson (Democrat) of Oklahoma, has set the fascist tone for this thuggery. Taking a page from Hitler's book, he has proposed that Congress make an appropriation for the sterilization of all Japanese aliens held in U. S. concentration camps.

The suggestion of this stout defender of the "Four Freedoms" (including "Freedom from Fear") became public Feb. 27 in Washington in testimony released by the House Appropriations Committee regarding plans for the resettlement of enemy aliens.

Johnson told the Committee: "I will say for the record—and I want to be sure it stays on the record—that we should make an appropriation to sterilize the whole outfit."

**NAZI BRAND**  
Such are Roosevelt's "democrats" who would have the American people believe they are fighting a war to wipe out Hitlerism and all its works. Johnson's proposal bears the indelible imprint: "Made in Nazi Germany."

It can safely be said that Roosevelt will not repudiate Johnson and his dirty Nazi proposal. After all, he is on the best of terms with the Negro-baiting Congress.

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## Los Angeles SWP Election Rallies Feature Campaign

(Special to THE MILITANT)

LOS ANGELES, March 8—With a rounded program of election rallies, radio broadcasts, leaflet distributions, and bus advertisements, the Los Angeles section of the Socialist Workers Party is taking full advantage of the opportunities to present the Trotskyist program to the workers of this city in the municipal election campaign.

Concern over our success in bringing our program before new thousands of workers evoked a vicious attack in an editorial in the Stalinist "People's World" of March 1st, which called upon the FBI and police to suppress the Trotskyists. That is their reactionary answer to a Marxist analysis of the problems facing the Los Angeles workers, and a socialist approach to their solution.

Workers at the numerous union and other meetings where 20,000 copies of our election platform are being distributed have welcomed the Trotskyist program. Many have promised support, asked for additional copies of the platform for their friends, and congratulated us on our campaign.

### SCHEDULED SPEECHES

Similarly favorable reactions have been reported by those canvassing for subscriptions to The Militant in the drive for 2,000 new readers in this area. The Militant campaign and the election campaign have been coordinated so that they complement each other. Militant canvassers take campaign literature with them. They use the election campaign as a talking point in selling the Militant and the paper as a talking point in interesting people in the campaign, the rallies, and the radio broadcasts.

Myra Tanner Weiss, the Trotskyist candidate for Mayor, be-



gins a series of four Sunday broadcasts over local radio station KFAC March 11th at 8:45 P.M. She will present the Socialist Workers Party program each Sunday night through April 1st. The election takes place Tuesday, April 3rd.

Ten thousand attractive cards announcing the radio series, with a picture of the candidate and a summary of her platform, have been printed and are being distributed and mailed throughout the city. Placards advertising the series of broadcasts have also been placed in the buses in San Pedro, Wilmington, and Terminal Island—the industrial Harbor Area of Los Angeles.

The Trotskyist candidate will speak at three scheduled election rallies. South side—Sunday evening, March 18th, at 1672 East

## Insurgent Masses Fight Hitlerism Inside Germany

By Harry Martell

While the Nazi military machine is being shattered under the combined Allied offensive, the German masses are rising in great numbers and militant actions against the despised Hitler regime. From every major German city come reports of strikes, demonstrations and street fights against the Gestapo and the Nazi SS guards, of mutinies in the armed forces not only in Germany but in the occupied countries.

The Moscow radio said on March 7 that "riotous anti-Nazi demonstrations are spreading inside Germany and taking on the appearance of an insurrection." The same source broadcast the following.

BERLIN: "One official of Berlin's Nazi administration and two members of the Hitler youth movement were killed Sunday March 4 when street fighting broke out during two anti-Nazi demonstrations."

From the Paris radio: "Following the announcement of new rationing reductions to come, thousands of Berlin workers went on strike, and resumed work only under armed threat by the Nazis."

"Uprisings have started in the workers' districts at Neukölln and Wedding against the local authorities," declared a Swedish eye-witness. Neukölln and "Red Wedding," as it was known, were solidly communist before Hitler took power. The workers there voted for the Communist Party en masse. The Nazis did not dare enter these sections without the strongest military protection.

### MUTINIES IN NAVY

MUNICH and DRESDEN: "Rioting lasted for three days before the Nazis were able to restore order."—Reported by the Moscow radio.

STRALSUND (On the Baltic): "German sailors and SS Elite Guard troops exchanged shots. The sailors finally forced the SS men to withdraw. The riots started when SS guards led a number of shackled sailors through the streets. Crowds attacked the guards and freed the sailors."—Reported (March 4th) in the Stockholm paper *Aftontidningen*.

COPENHAGEN: "A second mutiny of German sailors occurred here. The outbreak occurred on Sunday (March 4th) among troops withdrawn from Norway. Machine-gun fire was heard for a half-hour, following which 150 disarmed Nazi troopers were marched from their barracks under guard and dispatched to an unknown destination." A similar outbreak among troops withdrawn from Norway and ordered to the eastern front was reported last week."—Reported by the British radio relaying a Swedish broadcast.

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## Graduation Day at Wage-Freeze Institute



## "Escape" Of Fascist General Rocks Bonomi Regime In Italy

By John G. Wright

The Bonomi government, whose precarious reign has been marked by increasing fascism, recurring scandals and political crises, tottered last week as thousands of Italian workers bearing Red flags demonstrated outside the Quirinal Palace in Rome. They later marched to the government headquarters to present a written demand to Bonomi that he resign.

The immediate cause of the demonstration and the resulting political crisis was the "escape" of the notorious fascist General Mario Roatta from a military hospital.

Roatta had been transferred there on the pretext of "heart trouble" in the midst of a month-old trial.

### ROATTA'S RECORD

All the circumstances surrounding the Roatta case serve to expose the cynical pretenses that the Bonomi government is conducting any sort of struggle against the fascists and their accomplices.

Roatta was one of Mussolini's most trusted henchmen. Italian workers know him as one of their bitterest enemies. He was one of the cruel butchers of the Ethiopians.

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the Yugoslav and Greek partisans.

Mussolini, in one of his last moves to preserve his rule, appointed Roatta as Chief of Staff.

In the revelations since Mussolini's downfall it has been established that Roatta was the bloody head of the secret spy machine whose assignment was the murderer of anti-fascists abroad. Specifically he is implicated in the assassination of the anti-fascist Rosseli brothers, organizers of the Action Party.

After the collapse of Mussolini, this criminal turned up not on the gallows but in the Badoglio government, where he resumed his post of Chief of Staff.

Despite vehement protests, he was not removed from this post until September 1944. Thereafter he escaped arrest for several more months.

When apprehended by the anti-fascists in November 1944, he was saved from summary justice

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## UAW-CIO International Board Meets As Auto Crisis Grows

By Art Preis

As Detroit shook with the mightiest auto strike wave since Pearl Harbor, the CIO United Automobile Workers' International Executive Board hastened into a three-day special session last week at the Hotel McAlpin, New York City. The frightened and hard-pressed UAW leaders faced a crisis of major proportions.

This acute crisis resulted from events on both the national labor scene and in the industry. Roosevelt's War Labor Board had just placed its seal of approval on the wage-freezing Little Steel Formula. Over 500,000 General Motors and Chrysler workers were denied longsought general wage increases and were granted instead a few picayune concessions. *Business Week*, a leading organ of Big Business, crowed: "CIO's United Auto Workers gains very little."

On top of these blows came a concerted, savage campaign of corporation provocations in the plants designed to cripple the

most militant UAW locals. Against this assault on their organizations, over 40,000 Detroit auto workers had gone on strike in defiance of their own national leaders and the no-strike surrender policy.

This opposition and pressure of

the ranks was reflected in the

UAW executive board within the

major policy question. That was

the question of the War Labor

Board, whose pro-corporation

actions had exasperated the auto

workers to wide-spread revolt.

The minority of the UAW board, which opposed the idea of withdrawing the labor members from the WLB, was led by R. J. Thomas, President, and George Addes, Secretary-Treasurer. The majority, which renewed a recommendation passed originally several weeks ago for withdrawal of the CIO members from the WLB, was headed by Walter Reuther, a vice-president.

### BASIC AGREEMENT

An examination of the opposing

position, however, reveals that

their differences are minor com-

pared to their essential agree-

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# TRADE UNION NOTES

By Joseph Keller

## Treason to Labor

Daniel J. Tobin, AFL Teamsters' Czar and initiator of the Minneapolis Case frameup, has maintained himself in the forefront of the labor traitors by endorsing the wage-freezing Little Steel Formula through an editorial in the March International Teamster, the personal organ he operates in the name of the union.

Tobin's mouthpiece spouts that "you can't scrap the Little Steel Formula without scrapping the entire stabilization program." It means that politicians and profiteers who "want to see all economic controls removed" are "encouraging some labor leaders to break the Little Steel Formula" and advises that "labor better do some serious thinking" before attacking Roosevelt's wage-freezing formula.

Evidently, Tobin was subsequently quickly apprised of the fact that labor has already done "some serious thinking." The workers think that the Little Steel Formula was designed by the corporations and Roosevelt to put the squeeze on labor while protecting the war profiteers. At any rate, Tobin issued a hasty "repudiation" of the editorial, claiming it had "escaped" his attention before publication.

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Textile Strike Vote

Over 100,000 cotton-rayon textile workers, member of the CIO Textile Workers Union, will take a strike vote in 150 Southern mills on March 18. The announcement of this largest strike vote of any CIO union during the war was made by Emil Rieve, the TWU's international president, on March 8.

This is a sequel to the recent decision of the TWU Executive Council revoking the no-strike pledge for this large section of the exploited textile workers, and the resignation of Rieve from the WLB. The WLB after 19 months of stalling released "recommendations"—not yet approved by the Economic Stabilization Administration—granting meager "fringe" increases and a 55¢ an hour minimum wage. The union had demanded a 10¢ hourly general wage increase and a 65¢ minimum wage.

## Lockout in Detroit

The latest union-busting corporation provocation against UAW locals in Detroit is the firing of 35 officers and shop stewards and the "disciplinary" lay-off for one week of 140 workers, at the Thompson Products plant for alleged responsibility for a strike 10 days previously. Thompson Products is headed by Frederick Crawford, former President of the National Association of Manufacturers and a leading shopkeeper.

The UAW-CIO international executive board, meeting in New York, when informed of this move to smash the Thompson Products Detroit local, declared the firings and lay-offs a lockout by the company and stated that unless all workers are reinstated plant operations will not be resumed. The board also called on Roosevelt to "seize" the plant.

## Where Was PAC?

The lead editorial in the February 28 Midwest Labor World, official organ of the St. Louis Joint Council, United Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Employees, CIO, asks the question "WHERE WAS PAC?" during the height of the Roosevelt-brass hat campaign to put over the forced labor bill.

"There is a phase to the labor draft fight that will surprise many workers. It is a fact that up to the time this was written, after weeks of struggle in Congress by CIO, AFL, the miners and the railroad brotherhoods, PAC—the political arm of CIO—was silent. They have money, organization and paid spokesmen. Why weren't they used? The millions of workers who supported PAC with their dollars are due an explanation of why the bureaucrats of this organization sat on their expensive hind ends while labor's liberties were at stake."

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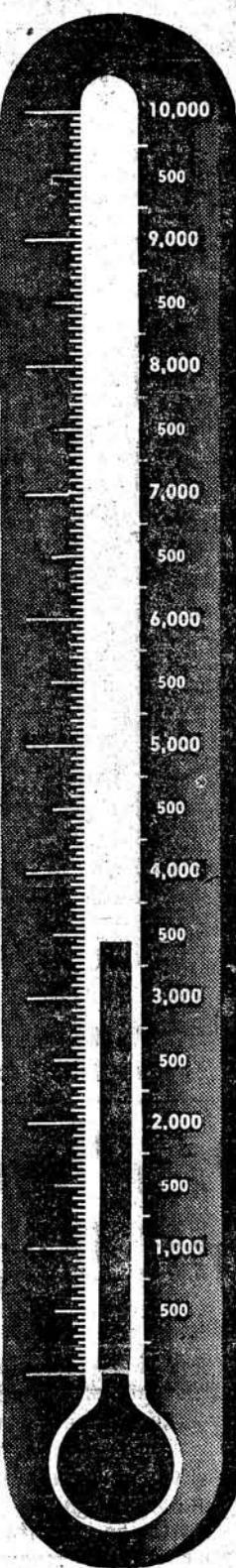


# Branches Maintain Over 1000-Per-Week Pace In 'Militant' Subscription Campaign

By Reba Aubrey, Campaign Director

## SCOREBOARD

BRANCH	QUOTAS	SUBS	PERCENT
Akron	85	92	108
Allentown	50	42	84
Toledo	250	183	73
Milwaukee	100	61	61
Flint	50	32	60
Buffalo	250	216	60
Philadelphia	150	67	45
Youngstown	300	125	42
Detroit	1000	395	40
New York	2500	914	37
Los Angeles	2000	649	32
St. Paul	100	28	28
Bayonne	150	41	27
Minneapolis	300	77	26
Newark	350	89	25
Boston	200	49	25
Chicago	1000	246	25
Reading	75	18	24
San Francisco	350	43	12
Cleveland	200	17	9
Seattle	400	9	2
Rochester	50	0	0
San Diego	50	0	0
Groups, Members-at-Large and Friends	140	33	24
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,200</b>	<b>3426</b>	<b>34</b>



# SENATE BILL EMBODIES FORCED LABOR SCHEME

By C. Thomas

The Senate last week adopted the Kilgore "labor service" bill, giving the War Manpower Commission statutory authority to enforce the compulsory labor regulations and controls now imposed by executive decree. "Passage of the Senate measure," reports the *N. Y. Times*, "came with a rush, a few hours after President Roosevelt, meeting with Congressional leaders, again had urged prompt action."

The bill "legalizes" the forced labor Allentown Plan which has met increasing opposition from labor's ranks in those areas in which it has been applied. It is a "work-or-starve" substitute for the "work-or-jail" May-Bailey bill previously passed by the House. Widely touted as a "voluntary" manpower mobilization plan, the Senate bill employs the threat of starvation to force workers into jobs designated by the War Manpower Commission.

The compulsory features of the Kilgore bill are embodied in two provisions. One gives the WMC authority to establish employment ceilings under which employers could be required to release workers. The other compels workers to seek employment through the WMC-controlled U.S. Employment Service. "Under the bill," explained Senator Kilgore, "no man can get a job without a certificate issued by the U. S. Employment Service showing that he has honorably cleared his last job, it having been finished, or having good reason shown before an appeal board. No employer can employ him."

Although expressing a preference for the May-Bailey bill, Roosevelt has indicated that the Kilgore measure would be acceptable. All he demands is speed. In his haste to get a forced labor law enacted before the military collapse of Germany, Roosevelt has intervened time and again to urge speed and more speed. "Prompt action is much more important," he urged, "than perfecting of details."

The drive for additional repressive legislation for use after the end of the war against Germany is an ominous threat to the labor movement. It is part of the "post-war" plan to smash the unions. With the termination of the imperialist war in Europe, the employers and their government are preparing to intensify their war against the American working class.

## Paris Commune Is Forum Topic

NEW YORK, March 11—The significance of the Paris Commune, its meaning for the workers of Europe today, will be the topic of the next Sunday Night Forum to be held at the New York School of Social Science on March 18. Comrade Harry Robinson, organizer of the Newark Branch of the Socialist Workers Party, will be the speaker.

Tonight the forum audience heard Ruth Johnson speak on "Child Labor in the Second World War." Her exposures of conditions under which five million children are working today were discussed with interest during the question period.

All readers and friends of The Militant are invited to attend these weekly Sunday Night Forums, presented at 8 p. m., at 116 University Place.

## LOS ANGELES ELECTION RALLIES

for

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SWP Candidate for Mayor

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## Pioneer Notes

A letter from a socialist of long standing pays tribute to In Defense of Marxism (Against the Petty-Bourgeois Opposition) by Leon Trotsky.

"Purchasing one of the works of the great Marxists is not like purchasing an ordinary book, which is read, cast aside and forgotten—sometimes better forgotten. A fine Marxist work is a life-long possession to be read and re-read many times. With each reading our understanding of events is deepened and enriched."

"Such a remark, I am aware is a commonplace, but the truth of it was brought home to me recently as I re-read Trotsky's In Defense of Marxism. In this collection of letters and articles, Trotsky brought to bear his great penetrating Marxist insight upon the Burnham-Shachtman opposition in the Socialist Workers Party, tracing its development from its earliest beginnings, analyzing and revealing the significance of each step, each twist and turn in its progress. This book, a clinical analysis, as it were, of the petty-bourgeois malady which broke out in the SWP simultaneously with World War II, is an exceptionally important contribution to Marxist literature and one which no Marxist can afford not to own, to read and to study."

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to A. Field, our agent in Minneapolis: "They were obtained by one of our railroad comrades from the contacts he has made on the job. Another of our railroad comrades reported this evening that he had short time ago sold a one-year combination sub to a Jehovah's Witness. At first this subscriber bought a trial sub but after a little more conversation he asked for his quarter back and took a one-year sub."

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"We urge all of our readers to follow the above example. Get your friend who is reading your copy of The Militant to send in a subscription."

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This note was sent by Maggie McGowan of Toledo with 66 trial subs: "You will notice that one of the subscriptions is for a 6-month introductory subscription. He attached a note saying:

"I am enclosing an extra 50 cents for which please send the following trial subs—T. W., Dragerton, Utah and A. W., Auburn, Wash."

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Justine Lang, sub-letter in New York, illustrates the fact that often a sale can be clinched by pointing out the various columns in The Militant: "The woman in the house came out and invited us in. We started to talk about the paper and when we spread it out to show her some of the features the column 'Diary of a Steel Worker' caught her eye. She eagerly took the paper and started to read the article. When she finished she told us, 'I originally come from Youngstown, Ohio, the steel center, and I am very much interested in reading about it.' She subscribed to the paper."

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Bob Stewart, New York reports that on a warm day recently he sold subs on the sidewalk to groups of young fathers who were out sunning their infants. He approached groups of two or three, and had great success obtaining subs.

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Bill Crane, Milwaukee: "We decided to hit a 'hard' neighborhood to test the response. It was formerly a high socialist vote ward with a German skilled worker composition. We sold 16 subs. At our next Red Sunday we plan to cover the highly industrial neighborhoods around Allis-Chalmers."

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# Program Published By The Italian Trotskyist Party

As our readers have been informed in *The Militant* for Sept. 30, 1944 and Dec. 30, 1944, the revolutionary banner of Trotskyism has been unfurled in Italy. We reproduce herewith two issues of *Il Militante*, the official organ of the Workers Communist Party (Italian Trotskyists). In the October 1944 issue, together with its resolution of adherence to the Fourth International, the Workers Communist Party publishes the following program for Italy today.

It is clear from this material that our Italian comrades stand upon the principles of the Fourth International. They irreconcilably oppose the class collaborationist policies of Peoples Frontism and call the workers to struggle for the Soviet power in Italy and the Socialist United States of Europe.

They mercilessly condemn the false course of the Committee of National Liberation and the Socialist and Stalinist support of and participation in the puppet Bonomi government. In its agitation the party is now concentrating upon the slogan: "For a Socialist-Communist Government" to replace the present Bonomi regime in order to further expose the incapacity and treachery of these two parties in the eyes of the working masses and to hasten the reconstitution of the revolutionary vanguard under the banner of Trotskyism.

## PROGRAM OF WORKERS COMMUNIST PARTY OF ITALY

The Workers Communist Party affirms its position of struggle against collaboration with the Government or with the Committees of National Liberation and for the formation of a socialist-communist government upon the following transitional program:

(1) Abolition of the monarchy and the institution of a democratic republic.

(2) Freedom of speech, press, freedom to organize, strike, demonstrate, etc.

(3) A Constituent Assembly and the holding of immediate elections with the participation of all parties.

(4) The right of universal, direct and secret suffrage for all citizens, soldiers and members of both sexes 18 years of age and over.

(5) Complete separation of Church and State; application of a progressive tax on the wealth and property of the Church.

## For Workers' Control of Production

(6) Compulsory free education, with no religious instruction until 18 years of age. Free technical education for all—without taxation.

(7) Progressive tax on all capital revenue.

(8) Monetary stabilization.

(9) Abolition of the black market and all powers of distribution to the cooperatives, trade unions, and consumers' councils.

(10) Stabilization of salaries and a minimum wage and stipend, corresponding to the economic needs and guaranteed by the state, on a sliding scale in relation to the cost of living.

(11) Workers' control of industrial production, insurance, banking, transportation, land, through internal commissions.

(12) Confiscation without indemnity of all industries and capital of Fascist proprietors and societies and their operation by the state under the direction of the trade unions and workers' councils.

(13) Construction of experimental stations upon state territory.

## Abolish the Peasants' Debts

(14) Expropriation without indemnity and nationalization of all fascist landed property; such properties to be assigned to the Agricultural Workers' Councils and poor peasants. The same applies to rich landowners.

(15) Abolition of all peasants' debts and interest owed to banks and rich proprietors.

(16) Industrialization of agriculture with a new scientific system of work and cultivation under the direction of Agricultural Workers' Councils and poor peasants.

(17) The state must assure just prices for agricultural products, and enlarge subsidies for direct cultivators and agricultural workers.

(18) De-fascistization of all administrations under the direction of the trade unions and workers' councils. Abolition of social distinctions. The military is to receive pay equal to that of the industrial workers. Military schools are to be under the direction of trade unions and workers' councils.

## Form Workers' and Peasants' Militias

(19) The partisans must be considered as regular soldiers and must keep their arms.

(a) Formation of armed squads of workers and peasants under the direction of trade unions for the defense of all democratic liberties and against reaction.

(20) Immediate publication of the armistice terms between the Allies and Italy.

(21) Independence for all Italian colonies.

(22) For an immediate, just and democratic peace for all peoples. At the conclusion of the war, we must demand a socialist peace as against the aims and decisions for an imperialist peace; and the constitution of a government of workers', soldiers' and peasants' councils.

(23) The constitution of the Socialist United States of Europe as part of the World Socialist Federation.

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Viva il nuovo Partito Operaio Comunista, che sotto le bandiere della IV Internazionale, continua l'opera e l'azione rivoluzionaria dell'Internazionale Comunista dell'epoca di Lenin e Trotsky, degenerata, oggi nel burocratismo staliniano.

La guerra imperialista, l'unione sacra ed il proletariato di Germania

Il nuovo congresso, con la partecipazione di un rappresentante della IV Internazionale, è stato proclamato la costituzione del Partito Operaio Comunista d'Italia.

Il nuovo congresso è stato delegato al Centro Mondiale della IV Internazionale.

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# The 62nd Anniversary Of Karl Marx's Death

March 14 marks the sixty-second anniversary of the death of Karl Marx, the founder of scientific socialism, who showed the workers of the world the way to their liberation.

For almost a hundred years, since the publication of the Communist Manifesto of 1848, the capitalist rulers and their servants of all countries have recognized in the ideas of Marx the doom of their system of exploitation, wars and repression. And in every country in the world, the most politically educated workers have recognized that Marxism provides the indispensable methods of struggle for a world of freedom and security.

Armed with the weapon of Marxism, the Russian masses in October 1917 under the leadership of Lenin and Trotsky broke the first link in the world chain of capitalist domination. Today, the masses of Europe are turning once again to the teachings of Karl Marx, to the program of socialist internationalism, for the revolutionary way out of imperialist war and savagery. In the richest capitalist country, the advanced American workers too are learning about the program of Marxism through the Socialist Workers Party and preparing to meet the coming economic crisis and deepening political reaction with the fight for socialism.

We here reprint the farewell speech which Friedrich Engels, the intimate co-worker of Marx, made at the grave of his dead friend in 1883. The words of Engels sum up truthfully and straightforwardly and in simple words what Karl Marx was to mankind, and what he will always remain.

## By Friedrich Engels

"On the afternoon of the 14th of March at a quarter to three, the greatest living thinker ceased to think. Left alone for less than two minutes, when we entered we found him sleeping peacefully in his chair—but forever."

"It is impossible to measure the loss which the fighting European and American proletariat and historical science has lost with the death of this man. Soon enough we shall feel the breach which has been opened by the death of this tremendous spirit."

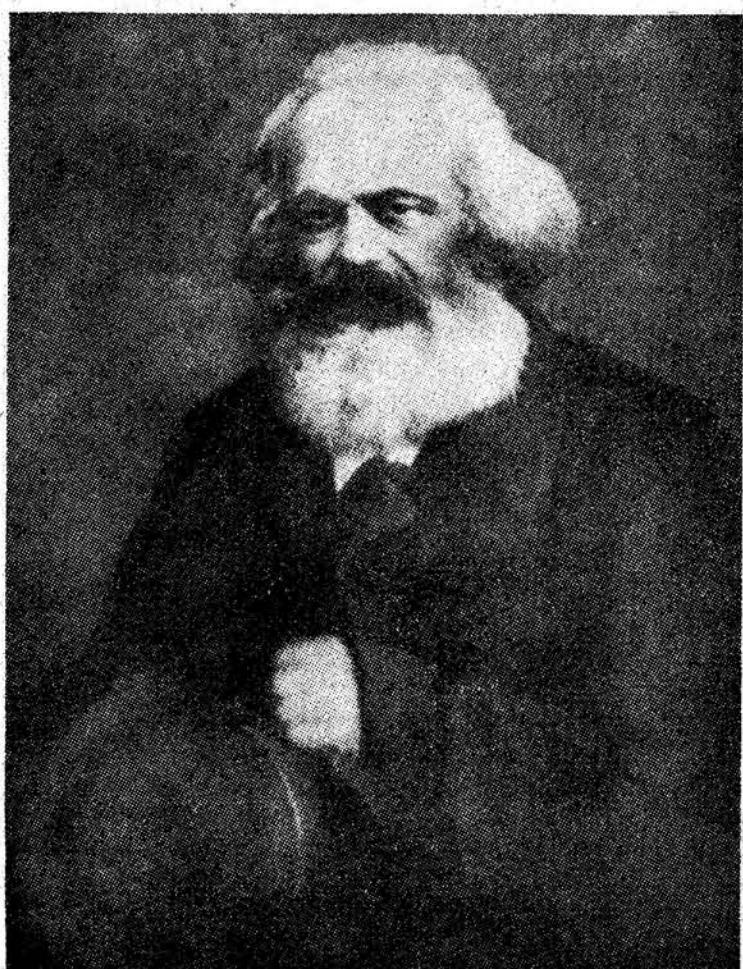
## The Scientific Discoveries of Marx

"As Darwin discovered the law of evolution in organic nature, so Marx discovered the law of evolution in human history: the simple fact, previously hidden under ideological growths, that human beings must first of all eat, drink, shelter and clothe themselves before they can turn their attention to politics, science, art and religion; that therefore the production of the immediate material means of life and thereby the given stage of economic development of a people or of a period forms the basis on which the state institutions, the legal principles, the art and even the religious ideas of the people in question have developed and out of which they must be explained, instead of exactly the contrary, as was previously attempted."

"But not only this, Marx discovered the special law of development of the present-day capitalist mode of production and of the bourgeois system of society which it has produced. With the discovery of surplus-value, light was suddenly shed on the darkness in which all other economists, both bourgeois and socialist, had lost themselves."

"Two such discoveries would have been enough for any life. Fortunate indeed is he to whom it is given to make even one. On every single field which Marx investigated, and there were many and on none of them were his investigations superficial, he made independent discoveries, even in the field of mathematics."

"That was the man of science, but that was by no means the whole man. For Marx, science was a creative historic and revolutionary force. Great as was his pleasure at a new discovery on this or that field of theoretical science, a discovery perhaps whose practical consequences were not visible, it was still greater at a new discovery which immediately affected industrial development, historical development as a whole in a revolutionary fashion. For instance, he closely followed the development of the discoveries of the field of electrical science and toward the end the work of Marc Deprez.



1818 - KARL MARX - 1883

"For Marx was above all a revolutionary, and his great aim in life was to co-operate in this or that fashion in the overthrow of capitalist society and the State institutions which it has created, to co-operate in the emancipation of the modern proletariat, to whom he was the first to give a consciousness of its class position and its class needs, a knowledge of the conditions necessary for its emancipation."

### "Marx Was Above All A Revolutionary"

In this struggle he was in his element, and he fought with a passion, tenacity and success granted to few. The first *Rheinische Zeitung* in 1842, the *Vorwärts* in 1844, the *Brüsseler Deutsche Zeitung* in 1847, the *Neue Rheinische Zeitung* from 1848 to 1849, the *New York Tribune* from 1852 to 1861—and then a wealth of polemical writings, the organizational work in Paris, Brussels and London, and finally the great International Workingmen's Association to crown it all. In truth, that alone would have been a life's work to be proud of if its author had done nothing else.

"And therefore Marx was the best-hated and most-slandered man of his age. Governments, both absolutist and republican, expelled him from their territories, while the bourgeois, both conservative and extreme-democratic, vied with each other in a campaign of vilification against him. He brushed it all to one side like cobwebs, ignored them and answered only when compelled to do so. And he died respected, loved and mourned by millions of revolutionary workers from the Siberian mines over Europe and America to the coasts of California, and I make bold to say that although he had many opponents he had hardly a personal enemy."

"His name will live through the centuries and so also will his work."

## BEHIND THE STALINIST CAMPAIGN OF SLANDER

By Joseph Keller

Earl Browder's strikebreaking Communist (Stalinist) Political Association recently published a pamphlet entitled the "Trotskyite 5th Column in the Labor Movement," written by the *Daily Worker's* specialist in anti-Trotskyist red-baiting, George Morris. It is being distributed wholesale, especially in Minnesota where the Trottskyites won great renown as the organizers and leaders of the famous Northwest drivers movement.

This latest anti-Trotskyite stink-bomb, as its title indicates, compiles all the lies and slanders previously peddled against the Trottskyites and the militant labor movement generally, with some new poison-pen inventions for good measure.

Why have the Stalinists issued this pamphlet and intensified their ferocious slander campaign at this time?

### STALINIST MOTIVES

The Stalinists have sold their services to American Big Business, its government and chief political agent Roosevelt, as part payment for the diplomatic and military accord between American imperialism and the Kremlin bureaucracy. They are frantically endeavoring to convince Wall Street that they can be its most reliable tools within the labor movement.

This traitor's chore has become increasingly difficult because the worker's resentment against the imperialist war and its consequences, particularly the anti-labor policies of the Roosevelt administration, grows fiercer each day.

With the growth of this resentment, the ideas and program of the Socialist Workers Party appear more clearly as the only answer to the workers' problems. For the Trottskyites represent the only serious political opposition within the working class to the labor-hating capitalists, their government and imperialist war program.

The Trottskyist prestige, moreover, has been tremendously enhanced as a consequence of the Minneapolis Labor Case framework in which Roosevelt railroaded to prison 18 leaders and outstanding trade unionists of the Trottskyist Socialist Workers Party who refused to surrender their socialist principles or to suspend their fight in defense of the workers' interests.

### ATTACK ALL MILITANTS

Now that the Trottskyist leaders have been released from prison, the Stalinists are more than ever alarmed and fearful. They are hysterically attempting to counteract the growing influence of the Trottskyism and the widespread working-class admiration for the courageous stand of the Trottskyists. This has been especially evidenced by the support given the imprisoned Trottskyists by over 600 labor unions, representing more than 4,500,000 workers.

Morris even has the audacity to present as his chief witness against the Trottskyists will be accused of "consorting with the enemy." But workers who know the score are not likely to be fooled or intimidated by such threats or slanders. For they can see with their own eyes that it is the Stalinists who today join with the profligate capitalists, the real enemies of labor, in every attack on the workers. The Stalinists advocate the permanent no-strike pledge. They support Roosevelt's slave labor demand. The workers are fast learning that the Stalinists themselves are the most cunning and sinister agents of Wall Street within the labor movement.

The Trottskyist attack is directed not only against the Trottskyists as the most conscious vanguard of the working-class, but at every militant endeavor of the workers to better their conditions and defend themselves against the union-busting offensive of the corporations.

This is shown by the pamphlet's emphasis on the particular aspects of the Trottskyist program which coincide with the militant sentiments of increasing numbers of American workers. The Trottskyists, Morris complains, want to "smash the no-strike pledge," "sneer at joint labor-management committees as 'speed-up' instruments."

"Despite the almost unanimous opposition against driving workers to forced labor for the benefit of the profit-hungry bosses, Roosevelt has renewed his demand for a slave labor law."

"The only reason Roosevelt can make appointments like that of Stettinius and demand a slave labor law is because Hillman, Murray and other labor lieutenants of Wall Street delivered him the labor vote and blocked the organization of an INDEPENDENT LABOR PARTY."

"Labor must break from Roosevelt and the so-called 'friends of labor'."

"The Labor Movement with its 13,000,000 organized workers must rely on its own strength for jobs and security by building its own political party."



By V. Grey

"I was talking to my corner grocer," said Shorty. "He says Socialism is all right, but it doesn't respect the rights of the individual."

The fellows swapped arguments back and forth a while on this theme. And then it came out that Shorty's grocery store was an A and P Tea store. That's a big chain, in case you don't know it. And the manager is only a forty dollar a week errand boy for the district manager, who's an errand boy for somebody else.

So I don't know just what individual rights this storekeeper thought he had that us working people might take away under socialism. Maybe he thought he knew what he was talking about. And maybe he was just a big-mouth and a show-off, repeating the lessons the bosses' stooges taught him in school. You never can tell.

Anyhow, the way for a workingman or woman to look at it is this. What rights have we got right now under this free and democratic system we're supposed to live in? And what rights would we like to have? And will we have them under a working people's government?

You don't have the right to freely change your job. You don't have the right to take a day off. You don't have the right to bring a steak sandwich every day in your lunch. You don't have the right to criticize the boss. You don't have the right to stand on your own two legs like a real individual human being should.

"Why everybody has those rights! This is a free country!"

No. That's not so. Only a handful of people at the top have those rights. The working people don't, because they can't afford to have them. It would mean losing money, or what's worse—losing their job. Then they would only have the right to starve.

Look at the way everybody in the shop is tied to his or her machine just as though an individual chain was welded to the machine and riveted around their wrists. And the chains of wage-slavery are worse than real chains in a way. Your hands work faster and pile up wealth faster for the boss when iron chains are not in the way.

Only NEED chains us all. Only cringing poverty before mighty wealth of ONE individual. But it's a wonderful chain—for the BIG BOSS. We don't all wear the exact same uniform of the chain-gang prisoner in the South. But it doesn't take long for dust and hard labor to do its work and make us all look alike—inside and out.

So where is your individual? Where is he under this so-called system of the individual, this capitalist system? Why, his individuality is buried in the mines, and it's crushed out of him and pushed and pulled out of him in the factory.

Only a slobbery fool at the top sitting uselessly on the sands of Miami, while his managers run the business, is "free." Only a parasite, living drunkenly and aimlessly off the backs of a million slaves, has any "rights." Only this rum-pot has the nerve to call himself an "individual" under this system.

### CROWN OF CAPITALIST INDIVIDUALISM

There's your individual. There's the crowning glory of individualism. A bored and jaded imitation of the rest of his society. His main activity is to find newer thrills and taste rarer foods. His main accomplishment is a final softening of the brain. And this is the mark we are told to aim at to become an individual!

When we working people take over production, we'll have some real rights for the first time in history. The main thing we'll do is make enough and more than enough goods for all. Then a man or woman won't have to look the other way when the foreman passes—or keep his mouth shut when he wants to open it. The fear of starvation and poverty which makes us about as "individual" as an animal will be gone.

People will then have a different idea of what makes you outstanding, excellent, or "better" than somebody else. They won't figure that the biggest thief or his heirs are so hot. Not the person who steals the most, but the one who creates the most, and the best, will stand at the "top" of OUR society.

And we're going to see to it that a person who wants to be a pattern-maker, or engineer or whatever else gets a crack at it. And I don't mean just a three-day trial like in the present contract seniority clause, either. We'll filter the ore dust, coal dust, polishing powder, welding smoke, grinding dust, paint-spray fumes—draw them right out of the air. So people will keep their clothes clean and different, and LOOK LIKE individuals.

We'll make the work easier by using the many inventions that capitalists buy up and bury. And we'll encourage far more inventions from people who can hold up their heads for the first time and look their machine and the whole factory over from top to bottom. Instead of us all being one tired-out bunch of workers, drab, grey, and regimented by the power of Capital, we'll BE individuals.

## Briggs Local Votes To End Militant 10-Day Walkout

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conference to organize a united defensive campaign against the state legislature to invoke the death penalty against strikers. Selective Service hastened to re-classify all the fired Briggs workers into IA. At the WLB "show-cause" hearing, the WLB regional chairman took it on himself to "refute" the union spokesmen, before the company even spoke.

Once more the auto militants observed the role of the government as the agent of the corporations. They have experienced another treacherous blow from their own international union officials, who have no other program but surrender to the government's anti-labor policies. They are more keenly aware than ever that a successful resistance to the corporations requires militant and united action of all the auto workers.

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Cafe Zanzibar, followed by an hilarious party at a friend's apartment—one can't get to bed at 12:00 o'clock, curfew or no curfew—she feels the need for "healthful recreation."

"Sit down on the floor and play with your child." "A charming idea," she thinks and perhaps after two-year old John Pierpont Van Rensselaer III has had his lunch and been cleaned up by his nurse, she will go into the nursery and play with him. Anyhow, getting down on the floor and playing with the baby will probably be good for the waistline as well as be "relaxing."

To the already long list of tasks, which make up the life of working class mothers—washing, cooking, sewing, scrubbing, watching over the children—are now added the problems of housekeeping in wartime. Trying to make the ration points stretch to fit the food needs of the family; shopping around for the lower-priced children's clothing, which has almost disappeared from the stores; attempting to

But what thoughts went through the minds of the working-class mothers in this radio audience as they listened to instructions on how to relax?

11:45 A.M.—Saturday morning. The baby in the high chair, crying to be fed. Three-year old Jackie, just in from play, struggling with the worn-out zipper on his handed-down snow suit. The half-cooked meal on the stove, but no butter in the ice-box. Should she let seven-year old Joan finish setting the table or should she send her to the store for butter? Perhaps, if she went to the store, she could persuade Mr. Engelmeyer to bring out a pound of oleomargarine. This would save precious red ration points and still more precious money. Maybe, she could even buy a package of cigarettes and save Bill a trip downtown after he gets home from the shop.

TWO KINDS OF MOTHERS  
Into her thoughts comes the voice of the radio lecturer, "Learn to relax"—and the weary housewife sighs to herself, "RELAX! Where, When, How?" But the "Cafe Society" mother, sitting before her mirror, patting astringent on her face finds inspiration in the radio speech. Just out of bed after a hard night at



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The failure of the local union officers to carry through the program of contacting other locals, gaining outside support and organizing wide-spread resistance to the general corporation campaign of provocations, despite encouraging resolutions of support that came from other locals, seriously weakened the position of the Briggs workers. This was particularly the consequence of the failure to tie in the Briggs strike with that of the Chrysler-Dodge workers, who were induced to return to work while the Briggs members were on the picket lines.

The political agents of the cor-

## The NEGRO STRUGGLE

by CHARLES JACKSON

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

### When Black and White Look Alike

The series "When Peace Comes... What?" continues to appear in the *Chicago Defender* each week. Through these articles we can see more clearly that the so-called spokesmen for Negro rights who attempt to solve this problem within the confines of the capitalist system are capable of offering no concrete programmatic solution to the impending unemployment and further oppression of the Negro people which will be staring us in the face in the very near future.

Mary McLeod Bethune, President of the National Council of Negro Women and obliging stooge for the Roosevelt administration, holds the federal government responsible to "make effective and real a policy of non-discrimination..."

By saying "should maintain," she admits we all know — that this present government does not do so. Why, then, does she continue to actively support the acknowledged enemy of equal rights for her people? Why then, does she not fight for a counter-program which would enforce those rights which she claims to cherish?

### NEGROES AND LABOR

Mrs. Bethune fully understands that the Negro worker "must learn increasingly about political organizations and techniques." It is the "concern of every man and women with a job to hold and a family, to feed" to take political interest in his community, state and nation and also to "carry his thinking on into problems of international relations."

"The voice of organized labor is fast becoming one of the most powerful in the land," she states, and "we must be a part of that voice, or our people will not be heard." Logically, then, not only "membership and support of Labor unions," but also the projection of the working class onto the political field in the form of an independent Labor Party should have been advocated in her article. Mrs. Bethune, however, continues to support the Roosevelt administration, which is now, more than ever, the open agent of Wall Street and therefore a basic enemy of the labor movement and the Negro minority.

If Mrs. Bethune would withdraw support from the agents of capitalist exploitation and advise us to fight for a Workers and Farmers Government, future history would record her as having been a true Negro leader.

The author of the seventh article in this same series is Senator Joseph Ball of Minnesota, whom the *Defender* characterizes as "one of the foremost liberals in Congress." If he is one of the "foremost liberals" in the present Congress, then the outlook for the Negro people under this present capitalist "democracy" is really gloomy.

He first of all tries to direct us down the road of Uncle Tomism

by reminding us of the "ancient (?) prejudices" which will be so "difficult" to overcome.

He would tie us to spreading American imperialism by stating that we are achieving our rights by fighting and dying in Wall Street's war — incidentally, in the official status of Jim-Crowed GI's. We are also making racial progress, he would have us believe, by faithful service in the factories of the capitalists — notwithstanding the fact that the bosses almost always discriminate against the Negro in either hiring or upgrading.

As if to give us fair warning that we shouldn't expect him to introduce or support firm equality legislation with real teeth in it, he opines that the passage of federal anti-poll-tax and anti-lynching legislation "would help" the civil rights issue but would "not cure" it "by any means."

The cringing political impotence of these so-called "liberals" in which many Negroes still have misplaced confidence is exposed by the Senator's own comments on a federal FEPC. He believes its chief value should be "educational." It would mainly "acquaint the public with bad situations." Shhh! It's a deep, dark secret that the Negro is denied full equality in employment here in America!

### VIEWS OF A "LIBERAL"

This strange "liberal" would consider the official mandatory rejection of the myth of racial inferiority as "government coercion" which, he says, does not strike him "as a very effective tool to eliminate economic discrimination." Here this political chameleon shows his true colors and his fangs are bared for all but the blind to see.

### PHONY "FRIENDS"

"There is very little that can be done about social discrimination by law," he says, emphasizing the task of the Negro leaders to "see to it" that Negroes measure up to their "responsibilities." Here, again, another one of our phony "friends" concludes that it is a Negro's own fault when the capitalist government officially denies the Negro first class citizenship and economic equality.

It is politically impossible — regardless of one's color — to support capitalist exploitation and, at the same time, be a true fighter for Negro equality.

Unconditional defense of the USSR signifies, namely, that our policy is not determined by the deeds, maneuvers or crimes of the Kremlin bureaucracy but only by our conception of the interests of the Soviet state and world revolution...

How and why could the interests of maintaining the nationalized property be in "conflict" with the interests of the world revolution? Tacitly you infer that the Kremlin's (not our) policy of defense can come into conflict with the interests of the world revolution. Of course! At every step! In every respect! However our policy of defense is not conditioned by the Kremlin's policy. This is the first misunderstanding. But, you ask, if there is not a conflict why the necessity of subordination? Here

is the second misunderstanding. We must subordinate the defense of the USSR to the world revolution insofar as we subordinate a part to a whole.

In 1918 in the polemics with Bukharin, who insisted upon a revolutionary war against Germany, Lenin answered approximately: "If there should be a revolution in Germany now, then it would be our duty to go to war even at the risk of losing to Germany." If he is one of the "foremost liberals" in the present Congress, then the outlook for the Negro people under this present capitalist "democracy" is really gloomy.

A strike in Chicago at this time could be unreasonable in and of itself, but if it is a matter of helping a general strike on the national scale, the Chicago workers should subordinate their interests to the interests of their class and call a strike. If the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics is involved in the war on the side of Germany, the German revolution could certainly menace the immediate interests of the defense of the USSR. Would we advise the German workers not to act? The Comintern would surely give them such advice, but not we. We will say: "We must subordinate the interests of the defense of the Soviet Union to the interests of the world revolution."

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# UAW International Board Meets In Attempt To Curb Auto Upsurge

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point new public members who are unbiased." Thomas gave no assurances that the new Roosevelt appointees would be more "unbiased" or less "busy" than the old.

But he opposed scuttling the WLB as such by withdrawal of the labor members — because then "there would be no means for adjusting grievances." Thomas just closed his eyes to the method of direct and independent collective bargaining with the employers, through which all the major union gains have been secured and maintained.

Reuther and his followers had no fundamental disagreement with the Thomas-Addes group. They wished, however, to ride the crest of the auto workers' dissatisfaction while achieving the same aims as the executive board minority. Their resolution called for resignation of the CIO members from the WLB and urged Roosevelt, who founded the WLB and dictates its policy, to replace the WLB "with a new tripartite agency, representing labor, management and Government, which shall have full authority to grant labor equity."

### A NEW WLB

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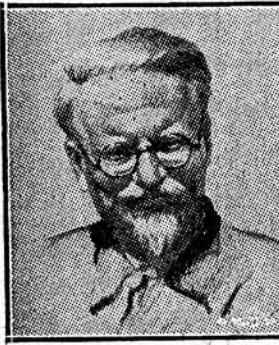
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— LEON TROTSKY

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8. A Workers' and Farmers' Government.
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## Kremlin And Greece

Throughout the civil war in Greece which erupted as a consequence of Churchill's plot to impose a military-monarchist dictatorship on the Greek people, the Kremlin maintained a studied silence. Last week this silence was suddenly broken and the Moscow radio apparently woke up to the fact that the Government of Premier Plastiras was repeating "all the horrors of the Metaxas dictatorship and of the German occupation."

What is the explanation for this belated interest in Greece as well as Stalin's previous complete lack of concern? Both flow from the double-faced policy of the Kremlin which poses as a friend and champion of the masses while in reality utilizing the mass movements everywhere as so much small change in diplomatic deals with the imperialists.

While Churchill's troops, planes and tanks were massacring the ELAS insurgents, the Kremlin had nothing to say. For, as Churchill publicly declared, Stalin had agreed at Teheran to hand over Greece to the mercy of the British imperialists in return for favors in kind elsewhere in the Balkans. Furthermore the conference at Yalta was still in prospect at that time, with additional agreements in store. So the Kremlin kept its part of the bargain.

Following Yalta, however, the British proceeded to "encroach" on Moscow's "spheres of influence" by filing objections to the Kremlin's course in Rumania. The U. S. State Department followed suit. Moscow has now parried these by its broadcasts on Greece. The Anglo-American capitalist press does not hesitate to cynically link these maneuvers in the game of power politics.

At the same time the broadcasts on Greece serve Stalin in still another way. He must constantly seek for some devices to refurbish the prestige of his usurping bureaucracy. To utilize the Greek masses as pawns he must from time to time find some face-saving formula or gesture. In this way the Stalinist sellouts can be perpetrated all the more successfully, in Greece as elsewhere. The

masses throughout the continent of Europe are learning on their backs and bones that in Stalinism they have not an ally but a mortal foe. This enemy is all the more dangerous because it is an enemy within their own ranks.

## Nationalize Mines

No American workers have a longer and more consistent record of militant struggle for better conditions than the coal miners. Their union, the United Miners Workers of America, has been cemented with the blood of thousands of martyrs since its founding 56 years ago.

For long decades, the miners have fought unremittingly to improve their hard, dangerous and impoverished lives. For militancy, loyalty and devotion to union principles, their record is one to inspire all honest workers.

Only two years ago, through four bitter general strikes, they fought the unholy alliance of the operators, the corporation press and the Roosevelt administration. Single-handed they nearly smashed the wage-freezing Little Steel formula.

But the miners today—after all these years of heroic struggle—are still confronted with poverty, endless abuses, needless danger to life and limb, insecurity and the prospects of "post-war" breadlines.

To secure a pittance increase in their miserable wages for going down into what John L. Lewis called the "fetid atmosphere" of the mines, the miners have had to turn out the greatest production—and the greatest profits for the operators—in American history. Some 7,000 miners have died, over 300,000 have sustained injuries during the past five war years, due to profiteers' neglect of safety devices and conditions. With the end of military hostilities, the miners face a return only to the bleak existence of unemployment—to be thrown on the slag-heaps along with the mine refuse.

Surely it must be clear that the struggle for piece-meal concessions, however courageously waged, in the end will not win for the miners what their toil and hardship has earned. They are up against a system of private ownership for private profit which will continue to steal from the miners the fruits of their labor and drain their lives away.

How the bought press and the mine owners howl when the UMW proposes a 10-cent a ton royalty for a miners' health and welfare fund. The mine-owning leeches think they have the sole "right" to the coal in the earth which the miners alone extract by their sweat and blood. The miners are more than entitled to this demand. They ask, in fact, too little. They should be demanding an end to the private ownership and control of the mines for the benefit of profiteering bloodsuckers.

The British miners, who like their American brothers have an inspiring record of struggle, are demanding such a fundamental solution to their problems—the complete nationalization of the British mines.

The British miners have given a good lead to their American fellow-workers. For decent wages, safe conditions, secure employment, the American miners must begin to fight now for nationalization of the mines and their operation under workers' control.

## Navy Jim-Crow

The hunger strike of a Negro Seabee battalion has again thrown a spotlight on the outrageous practice of race discrimination in the armed forces. Negro men and women are assigned the hardest and dirtiest chores. They are segregated in Jim Crow barracks and messrooms. They eat Jim Crow food and drink Jim Crow water. They are constantly subjected to the most humiliating mistreatment by white officers, many of them from the south, with deeply rooted prejudices against the colored people. Indignity is heaped on humiliation until the human spirit is driven to desperate protest.

The 34th Construction Battalion, an all-Negro Seabee unit, just returned from two years service in the South Pacific. Its commanding officer is a white supremacist from Mississippi. Instead of promoting men on the basis of qualification and merit, white men were brought in from other units to serve as petty officers. The ranks were subjected to every degrading form of discrimination and segregation.

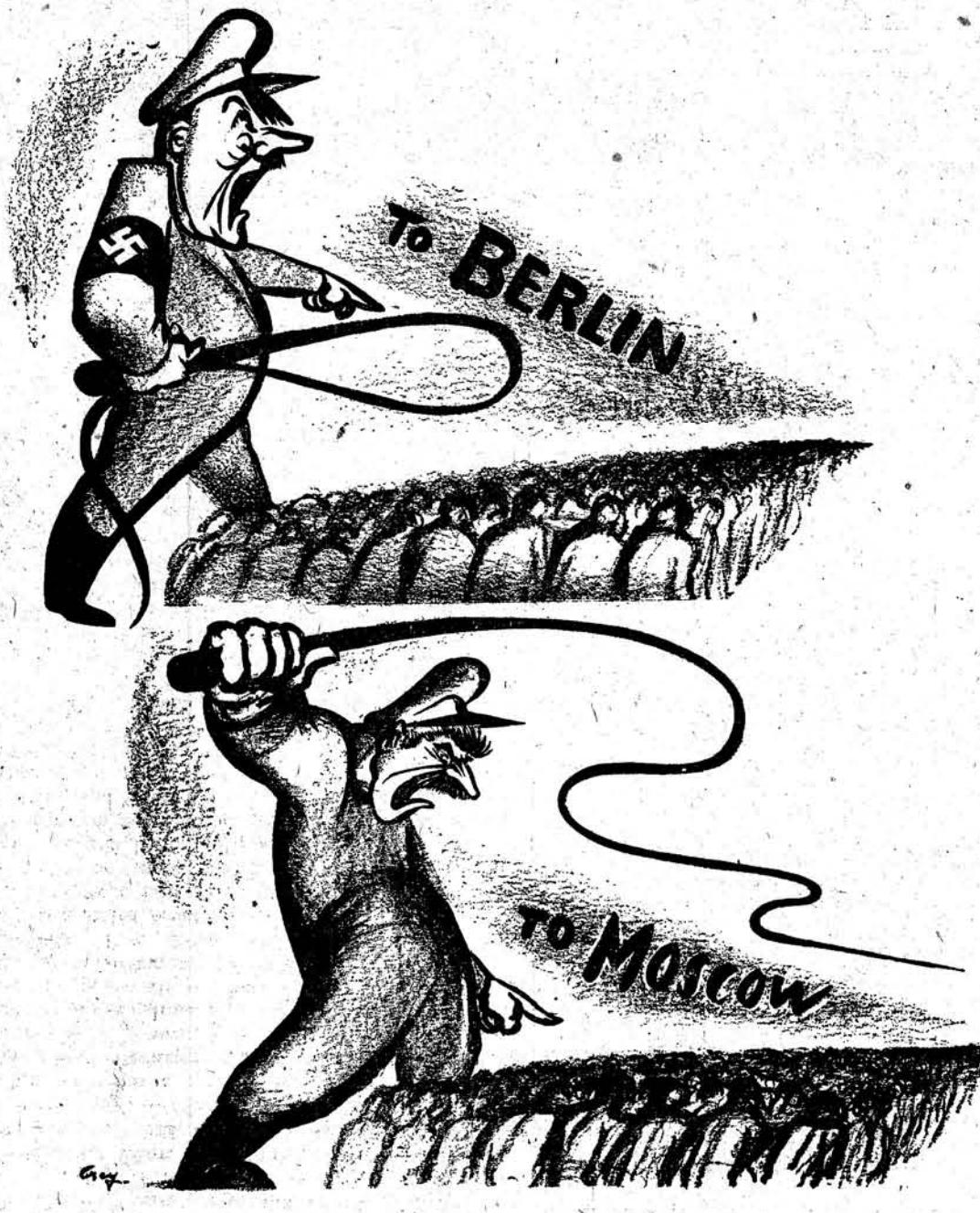
An NAACP investigator disclosed that "even, while serving abroad they were subjected to the most brazen and humiliating forms of segregation. Not only were they required to wait until white enlisted men were given food, but even the drinking water tanks were set up on the basis of color. It is reported that one Negro Seabee was kicked by Lieut. \_\_\_\_\_ for drinking from a tank set aside for white personnel."

This incident, one of hundreds which remain hidden behind the heavy veil of military censorship, has come to light only because the victims resorted to a hunger strike to make their protest known. "The hunger strike," reports the NAACP, "brought to a head the trouble that had been brewing for a long time, for which there appears to be no solution except to remove the officer in charge, Cmdr. MacBean, who apparently doesn't seem able to forget he is from Mississippi."

A necessary step toward a solution to the problem of race discrimination in the armed forces is to extend to the Negro serviceman the elementary democratic right of selecting officers of his own race. The white supremacist in a brass hat is simply a representative and symbol of the entire capitalist setup of exploitation and oppression. The navy is a mirror of this social system which produces and thrives on race hatred and persecution of minorities.

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### Slave Labor -- Before Yalta and After



## WORKERS' FORUM

The columns are open to the opinions of the readers of The Militant. Letters are welcome on any subject of interest to the workers, but keep them short and include your name and address. Indicate if you do not want your name printed. — Editor.

### Answers Churchill's Attack on Greeks

Editor:

I ask by what legal authority did Churchill send an English army into Greece to annihilate Greek peasants and workers? Answer: by the lawless authority given him by a mighty army backed up by our Lend-Lease military supplies.

In order to bribe Stalin, so the Great Liquidator will not come to the assistance of the workers and peasants of Greece, Churchill gives him all Eastern Poland and placates the Poles for giving away a large section of their country by giving them Prussia. It is already thickly settled with Germans but they will be driven out of their ancestral homes by Churchill's British bayonets in the greatest mass emigration in all history. Churchill has not decided yet where he will throw these millions off the English ships.

Churchill has a precedent in the mass emigration of the Acadians in 1755, who were herded onto English ships and thrown off the boats all the way from Maine to Louisiana. One of my ancestors, Paul Babin, was one of those exiled Acadians.

The Greeks had a beautiful halo around their heads while they were fighting with desperate heroism against the invading Italians and Germans. But now when they want to govern themselves in their own way, Churchill abuses them with vitriolic fury, calling them bandits from the mountains. Before they were the purest and bravest of patriots; now that they oppose Churchill's thrusting a German king down their throats, they have become the scum of Greece and must be exterminated by an English army armed to the teeth.

Churchill in his second speech in the House of Commons on the Greek slaughter accuses the Greek peasants and workers of being Trotskyists, and says "they are equally hated in Moscow." Let us examine that statement.

Lenin and Trotsky were the first great leaders of the Communists of Russia. After Lenin's death, Stalin having obtained control of the Communist Party organization, exiled Trotsky. Now before going any further, while Trotsky and Lenin were in full control of the Party organization, there was complete party harmony. Immediately after Trotsky's exile, Stalin, with no great personality standing in his way to supreme personal power, began liquidating all of

Trotsky's friends and political associates.

I have answered the Englishman Churchill's slur on the Greek workers and peasants' being Trotskyists, "equally hated in Russia." As if that were a crime, they will have to pay after the war, as a race, and as a part of the working class. Slowly but surely the Negro workers are learning that our problems are the same and that we all, Negro and white, must build a labor party on the road to a Workers' State.

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### Negro Workers

Editor:

It is a pleasure to discuss with Negro workers who are no longer deceived by Roosevelt's hypocrisy and who realize more and more the necessity of labor uniting and fighting for a workers' program.

At the beginning of the war, we canvassed this neighborhood with very little response. The

### QUESTION BOX

Q: What is the present membership of the CIO and AFL?

A: Official reports for 1944 give the AFL a record membership of 6,806,918. The CIO has not yet issued totals for 1944 but announced a gain of 650,000 members, which added to the 1943 list, would give the CIO 5,935,000.

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Q: What is the average family income in America?

A: According to the 1944 federal census, it is \$1221, or under \$24 a week. 10 million families have yearly incomes of less than \$1,000.

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Q: How many Haymarket martyrs were there?

A: Eight. Four men, Spies, Parsons, Engels and Fisher were hanged; Lingg, also sentenced to death, committed suicide in his cell; two, Schwab and Fielden, were sentenced to life imprisonment, and the eighth, Neebe, to 15 years.

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Q: Were there many mine disasters last year?

A: The last available figures from the United Mine Workers Journal of Feb. 15, 1945, lists 1,239 killed in mine accidents, with the reservation that final totals will probably reach 1,306. The worst single disaster was at the Pocahontas, Ohio mine, July 5, 1944, where a fire caused by faulty wiring took the lives of 66 miners. There were over 60,000 non-fatal accidents in addition to the deaths.

## What Leading Capitalists Think of Job Prospects

That "post-war" golden era of 60,000,000 jobs demagogically promised by Roosevelt and Wallace is viewed most sceptically even by the most optimistic big bankers and industrialists who control this country and dictate the government's policies.

W. Randolph Burgess, president of the American Bankers Association, believes the 60,000,000 jobs could be reached only by a monumental government expenditure, "a first-class plan for enlarging the bureaucracy and leading us down the road to totalitarianism in which the state owns all business." The bankers generally agree with men like J. Clifford Folger, president of the Investment Bankers Association, who thinks we might "possibly" work up to 55,000,000 jobs if we permit unregulated piracy by Big Business and don't do anything to "hobble and shackle business."

Rufus S. Tucker, General Motors "economist," in his report to the National Industrial Conference Board, places total employment at only 51.9 million in 1947 and 53.3 million by 1950, with a "normal" complement of 3 million unemployed.

Even these optimistic capitalists concede that "free enterprise" cannot provide sufficient jobs. Government projects would have to provide for some 25-30 million workers—a proposition which the capitalists bitterly oppose.

Besides, for all the administration talk about huge government projects to take up the employment slack, a recent survey by the Federal Works Agency, together with the Census Bureau, shows that the total of all federal, state and municipal projects "being considered" — not actually planned or approved — is less than 13 billion dollars.

Government war expenditures to achieve the present level of 53,000,000 employed total nearly 100 billions a year.

## Radio Networks Spread Anti-Labor Propaganda

For every favorable comment on organized labor over America's radio networks, there are no less than five unfavorable and anti-labor attacks. That is the score chalked up by the radio broadcasting monopolies, controlled by the Big Business interests, against the over 18,000,000 American unionists.

This conclusion is contained in a study made by Leila A. Sussman on the findings of 35 trained monitors reporting on 665 programs of the 33 leading news commentators between September 17 and November 5, 1944. Her report appears in the March issue of Common Sense. The entire project was sponsored by the CIO Political Action Committee.

During the 665 programs monitored, there were 22 favorable mentions of labor as against 105 unfavorable and biased comments — a ratio of almost one to five. There were 14 mentions listed as "neutral" and 25 as "balanced," that is, both for and against labor.

Top "honors" for the most consistent and vicious labor-baiting goes to such radio commentators as Fulton Lewis, of Mutual, Henry Taylor, Ray Heale and Baukage of the Blue Network, and Morgan Beatty, of NBC. CBS which follows a policy of "neutrality," nevertheless attacked labor in over 50 per cent of its comments.

So long as the means of communication and education, such as the radio and press, are owned and controlled by a tiny handful of profiteering monopolists, these powerful mediums of propaganda will be used as weapons against organized labor and the working class.

## Press Blackout Hides Profiteers' War Crimes

Any profiteering open-shopper or reactionary brass hat who shoots off his mouth against labor can usually rate a substantial slug of type in the leading capitalist dailies. But the "impartial" corporation press finds little "news value" in the astounding revelations before recent government hearings about the monumental swindling by the cost-plus patriots.

Newspapers found any amount of front-page headline space to smear the Detroit auto workers out on strike against corporation union-busting provocations. They pour out editorials to demand retention of the wage-freezing Little Steel formula. They instituted a virtual press blackout, however, on the exposure of corporation profiteering, price-gouging and depressed wages contained in official government reports at the recent Senate Banking and Currency Committee hearing on the Stabilization Act.

The fact that the big corporations which brag in expensive advertisements about their "sacrifices" to win the war received over \$10,000,000,000 profits after taxes in 1944, double the 1940 take, was not even reported in most papers. Such papers as the New York Times, with its motto of "All the News That's Fit to Print," and the New York Herald-Tribune, found it convenient to report briefly only the first day of the hearings, dropping all mention in subsequent issues. Neither the \$100,000,000 extra-profits of the textile manufacturers, nor the wartime department store profits jump of 1,046 per cent was found to be "newsworthy."

The capitalist press last week opened up its biennial barrage against the United Mine Workers for asking better pay for the exploited coal miners in the contract negotiations. But only one newspaper, PM, at the very tail-end of its story on March 4, reported: "O'Neil (spokesman for the soft-coal operators) admitted that the coal operators are making more money now than they have made in a long time."

Similarly, when the 25,000 striking Chrysler workers were being blasted in the press, the papers had room only in tiny items buried on the financial pages for the latest profits report of Chrysler Corporation. These were \$24,819,489 in 1944 as compared to \$23,222,566 in 1943. Current assets swelled by hidden profits to \$448,566,914 last year in contrast with a mere \$357,152,439 in 1943.

Angus McQueen  
New York