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Crisis In Italy Sharpens Under Parri Cabinet

Special to THE MILITANT

ROME, June 28 — Italy has a new cabinet, Bonomi has given place to Ferruccio Parri, leader of the Action Party—the Italian equivalent of the British Common Wealth Party. The Stalinist and reformist press hail the new government as a "victory for the working class." In fact, nothing has been changed. A few cabinet posts have been juggled about, the Action and "Socialist" parties are now in the government instead of giving "critical support" from without. Otherwise it's the same old faces and the same old policies—or rather, lack of policies.

"Two issues held up the formation of the new government for 52 days. First, there was the question of the premiership. Both the Christian Democrats (speaking for the Vatican) and the "Socialists" wanted the post. Parri, representing the radical wing of the middle class, was pushed forward as a compromise."

Then the fight started all over again. The Christian Democrats



PREMIER PARRI

and the "Socialists" again pushed forward their respective candidates—this time for the key position of minister of interior. In view was the forthcoming elections for the Constituent Assembly. The minister of interior would be in a position to manipulate the votes. Thus the parties which constitute the Committee of National Liberation openly showed their distrust of each other.

Throughout the crisis there

Trotskyists Speed Aid To European Comrades

By FARRELL DOBBS

Campaign Director

A general sentiment to raise as quickly as possible the full amount of the Party's \$5,000 International Solidarity Fund is indicated by the first reports from the Socialist Workers Party branches. Reading, Pa., has already sent in its full quota. Allentown-Quakertown has sent 67 percent. Both San Francisco and Los Angeles have sent in almost one-half of their quotas. A total of \$1,104 has been raised to date by the branches and sympathizers.

Prompt action of this kind is urgently required for us to meet the appeals for aid from our Trotskyist co-thinkers abroad. Trotskyists in Europe are subjected to arrest and their papers suppressed by the puppet governments of the Allied counter-revolution. No less than 250 revolutionary fighters have been murdered in Greece.

Throughout the world our comrades are compelled to endure not merely starvation and disease, which is the plight of the peoples everywhere in the war-torn countries; they are singled out for special persecutions which make it even more difficult for them to obtain the material means of existence and to fight for revolutionary socialism.

Is That News?

"One amusing product of the strike (of newspaper deliverymen) was the sight of a well-known member of the N. Y. Stock Exchange seated in his chauffeur-driven car at the station reading a copy of the Daily Worker." — N. Y. Times.

War's Hardships

POTSDAM, July 17 — American, British and Russian engineers have created a dream community for the Big Three meeting. Potsdam is a shambles, but barely a stone's throw from the wreckage is the conference compound with clipped lawns and well-tended gardens... Imposing residences are occupied by President Truman, Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin.

Luxury is the keynote. Official parties get eggs, fresh fruit and vegetables. Ten-ton mobile refrigerators are packed with meat. An ice plant is operating for the sole purpose of icing drinks. Thirteen dining halls have been set up for the American delegation." — United Press dispatch.

So There!

"More than 5,000,000 earn below 50 cents and 10,000,000 below 65 cents. Those who have been screaming so much about wages being high today, ought to put those figures in their pipe and smoke them." — Daily Worker editorial.

Workers in Argentina Denounce Wall St.

Hundreds of posters denouncing "Wall Street imperialism" appeared on the streets of Buenos Aires July 19 to advertise a memorial mass meeting for victims of a recent Chilean copper mine fire. The posters were construed, says AP, as an oblique attack on U. S. Ambassador Spruille Braden, inasmuch as the name of the Chilean firm—Braden Copper Company—was featured prominently.

The company was owned formerly by the ambassador's father. Proclaimed the posters: "Braden means exploitation and crime in Chile."

Premier Demands Return of Fascist Empire's Colonies

Events in Italy last week cast a glaring light on the reactionary character of Allied Military Government and the new puppet regime of Premier Parri which it supports, besides revealing anew the revolutionary temper of the Italian workers.

In the northern industrial city of Milan a 20-year-old anti-fascist fighter, Fermo Lini, was sentenced to death by an Allied military tribunal on charges of banding together with other anti-fascists to kill two fascists and seize their property. Lini did not actually kill the two men, but witnesses alleged that as leader of the band he gave orders for their

REACTION STRONGER

In actual fact, the forces of reaction have come out of the crisis considerably strengthened. It was precisely such recurrent

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14,000 Jam Protest Rally Against California Fascists

Peace Scare Hits Stock Market



Wall St. Peace-Lovers Horrified

"MARKET WRITHERS IN PEACE JITTERS... The stock market could not down yesterday... the Japanese peace rumors... the market had a peace scare of considerable proportions... peace reports... imply fear that the Japanese phase of the war may not last long enough..." (New York Times, July 19).

"STOCKS SHAKE OFF PEACE-BID COMPLEX — WORRY OVER RUMORED OFFER BY JAPANESE DISAPPEARS... The Japanese peace talk jitters evaporated yesterday as a securities market obstacle and stocks managed to recover a portion of the sharp losses suffered in recent sessions." (N. Y. Times, July 20).

Wright Workers Take Protest Action As Grievances Pile Up

WOOD-RIDGE, N. J., July 23 — Seething resentment caused by piled-up grievances of the workers against the Wright Aeronautical Corporation, coupled with the refusal of the corporation to grant Local 669, CIO United Automobile Workers of America a new contract, precipitated virtually a 100 percent work stoppage July 20 when the 17,000 workers in Plant No. 7 flocked to picket lines in front of the plant in powerful mass protest demonstration.

The immediate issue which touched off the protest was the ruthless firing of a union shop steward, John Potts, without cause and in violation of the union contract. This was the latest

PICKET LINES GROW

Represented at the meeting were union members from all five Wright plants in the New Jersey area. They voted for a continuous 24-hour membership meeting to be held until further notice, in order to inform all the thousands of Wright workers about the facts in the case. A steering committee of six men from each of the five plants was elected.

On Saturday the picket lines increased, workers taking turns in front of the plant throughout all six shifts. By Monday, Plant No. 7 was out virtually solid.

All day Monday, at the continuous membership meeting, the workers crowded into Butler Hall, Lodi, N. J., to give voice to their pent-up grievances and to demonstrate again and again their determination to remain out until the Wright Corporation reinstated Potts and opened negotiations with the union.

By late Monday afternoon the demonstration spread to include other Wright plants.

Irish Aircraft Workers Want Jobs

Demonstrating for full employment, 3,000 aircraft workers marched in demonstration in Belfast, Northern Ireland on July 20, and proceeded to Stormont where the newly-elected parliament was meeting in its first session, says a Reuter dispatch.

The procession was led by men bearing the Stars and Stripes, the Union Jack and Soviet Russia's Hammer and Sickle emblem. A large placard was inscribed: "Full employment! Remember your promises of June 4." (parliament was elected on that day).

Barney Malone, one of the original organizers of Local 669, speaking for Plant No. 2 strode to the platform and declared: "We support you 100 percent! Three-quarters of our plant is now out! Together with you we will let Wright Corporation understand that we have a union and refuse to be pushed around any longer!" The entire member

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LABOR TAKES LEAD IN FIGHT TO STOP GERALD L. K. SMITH

LOS ANGELES, Calif., July 20 — More than 14,000 persons answered the call of the anti-fascist united front organized during the past week to demonstrate against Gerald L. K. Smith and his fascist movement by attending a mass meeting at the Olympic auditorium tonight.

CIO Takes Lead In United Front Against Fascists

By Lois Saunders

LOS ANGELES, Calif., July 19 — The initiative in calling for tonight's great anti-fascist demonstration at the Olympic auditorium was taken by the Los Angeles Industrial Council, CIO after widespread agitation by the Socialist Workers Party, Los Angeles Local, which called for the creation of a broad united front of labor to stop Gerald K. Smith and his fascist organization.

The Executive Committee of the Council passed a resolution on July 13, calling for a mass meeting. A similar resolution was passed by the Hollywood Democratic Committee. Almost simultaneously, action was taken by other organizations, including the Citizens Political Action Committee, the Council for Civic Unity and various Jewish organizations.

500 ORGANIZATIONS

Plans for a tremendous demonstration began to take shape, and within the next 48 hours some 500 organizations had signed their desire to participate. The American Federation of Labor, the Railway Brotherhoods, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People were among the organizations collaborating.

An organizing conference was called for July 17, and was attended by more than 300 delegates. Assemblyman Albert Dekker was chairman. Main speakers were Raymond Booth, executive director of the Council for Civic Unity, and George Stiller, consultant, who has been placed in charge of coordinating plans. The president of the Central Labor Council (AFL) spoke briefly.

Chairman Dekker threw the floor open for discussion and suggestions. Many hands went up.

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GERALD L. K. SMITH

against "the Jews and Communists" at the Olympic. Demagogically appealing to the aged members of the Ham and Eggs movement and the fanatically religious sects who provide the only base he has been able to secure here thus far, Smith screamed: "There's ham and eggs for Russia, and ham and eggs for Britain, and now we're going to get ham and eggs for America!"

PROMISE TO RETURN

He announced that he has business in the east that will take him out of town for a few weeks but promised to return to Los Angeles.

W. J. Bassett, representing the AFL Central Labor Council, and Philip Connelly, secretary of the

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CPA-TAMMANY DEAL SCORED BY SIMPSON

NEW YORK, July 21 — Louise Simpson, dynamic young Trotskyist candidate for City Council, in an interview with a staff writer of The Militant today scathingly denounced the "unholy political alliance" between Tammany and the Stalinists which yesterday netted the Stalinist candidate Benjamin J. Davis, the endorsement of the corrupt political machine for re-election to the Council.

"By accepting this endorsement, Davis has betrayed the Negro people," she declared. "Tammany never endorses a candidate unless the crooked political bosses have a secret understanding with him that he will play ball according to their rules. What did Davis promise the rotten, moth-eaten Tammany tiger?"

The Trotskyist candidate pointed to Davis' recent record. "He is a notorious Stalinist. He follows the party line like a blind horse led by the halter. When Browder was slated for the mothballs and the Stalinists took a tactical turn to the left, Davis voted with Foster, the leader they are now busily shining for public display. The new line was supposed to correct the past policy of openly supporting Wall Street."

"But only a few weeks later, Davis went down to the Board of Elections and registered as a member of the Democratic Party



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John Potts, Fired Shop Steward, Tells How Wright Aero Mistreats Union Men

By Evelyn Atwood

About 100 pickets were marching in front of the huge B-29 Wright Aeronautical Corporation plant No. 7 in Wood-Ridge, N. J. on Saturday afternoon, July 21, when I got off the bus. Veterans of both wars were leading the pickets. The action grew out of a mountain of accumulated grievances, topped off by the persecution and ruthless firing of a union steward, veteran of the First World War.

A picket captain came off the line to greet me. He led me to John Edward Potts, 585 Isham St., New York, the victimized veteran. Calm and collected, Potts was very willing to tell his story, unknown as yet even to all the workers in the plant. "I have worked in Wright's on engine assembly since November, 1942," he began. "Never, until last Wednesday, has there ever been the slightest criticism of my work. I am union steward of both the green and final assembly lines."

PROTEST ACTION

We sought refuge from the hot afternoon sun in the shade behind the lunch dispenser across the road from the plant, and sat down on some loose lumber and concrete blocks. "Trouble has been brewing here for a long time now," Potts continued. "Our contract with the company expired last October. This action is also a general protest against working without the company abiding by the contract." In the meantime provocations against the workers by the "lead men" (straw-bosses) in charge of supervision have increased, aggravating the grievances to the point where the situation is explosive. (The lead men, he pointed out, are company men, not controlled by this union.)

"My own case dates back to last Wednesday," said Potts. "At 4:30 in the afternoon, having finished my operations, with quota completed for the day, I was approached by a new worker here, John Lynch. He is a man who was retired by the U. S. Army last February after 33 years in its service."

"Lynch asked me if something couldn't be done for him. His lead men were pushing him around pretty bad and he wanted a transfer to another department, if possible. After talking to him for a few moments, I found out that he had a legitimate grievance. But I also found out that he was not in my jurisdiction, so I introduced him to his own steward, Benny Carpinelli. I might add that Carpinelli is also a veteran, and a former Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Then I left for the day."



JOHN EDWARD POTTS

TEXTILE UNION BOOSTS WAGES IN 20 PLANTS

NEW YORK — Putting an additional \$3,000,000 a year into workers' pay envelopes, a new contract has been negotiated by the Textile Workers Union of America, CIO, and the American Woolen Company, Emil Rieve, general president of the union, announced July 11.

The agreement, which will run until February 1, 1946, the uniform expiration date of all TWUA-CIO contracts in the woolen and worsted industry, covers about 24,000 workers in 20 of the American Woolen chain's 24 mills in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York and Kentucky. Principal provisions of the new agreement follow:

1. Four cents an hour premium pay for second shift workers and 7 cents for third shift workers. This will give workers about \$600,000 more a year.

PAID VACATIONS

2. A second week's vacation with pay, giving the workers an additional \$650,000 a year in their pay envelopes.

3. A minimum wage of 60 cents an hour.

4. Group insurance paid for by the company. The union and the company agreed that the company shall set aside 2 percent of its payroll annually to pay for group insurance for all workers. Details of the insurance are being worked out by the two parties. Cost to the company is estimated at \$900,000 a year.

5. Wage brackets for specific job classifications. This will give the workers an additional \$650,000 a year.

Maintenance of union membership, check-off of union dues, protection of workers seniority, arbitration of disputes and other standard provisions which have been part of previous agreements between the Textile Workers Union of America, CIO, and the American Woolen Company are also included in the new agreement.

The advisory council has unanimously approved the agreement and is now in the process of submitting it to the 20 local unions for ratification by the general membership.

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Wright Workers In Protest Action Over Grievances

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ship present roared its approval of this action.

From the meeting held on the floor below of Plant 7 Supervision, a delegate was sent up to present their support. "We belong to a union, too," he said. We had a strike once and at that time your union president made a pledge to us. That pledge was: 'There will be no operators' work done by us while you strike.' All we want you brothers and sisters to know is that we are making that same pledge to you right now."

Shouts of applause greeted his speech. From all sides was heard the refrain: "We're going to show that we have a united Local 669!"

STOOD ON RIGHTS

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with an offense, his committee must represent him at the hearings. "But the foreman's attitude from the very first was distinctly prejudiced and hostile. When I requested that John Lynch and steward Carpinelli be brought in to verify my statements, he refused. He said he had a 'job' to do and as far as he was concerned the incident was closed. He shouted profane language at me, issued the warning slip and FOREMAN HOSTILE stalked out."

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President

Reproduction of the letter of thanks received by the New York local of the Socialist Workers Party, for its help on the picket line of the Newspaper and Mail Deliverers' Union during the 17-day strike against the powerful Publishers' Association in New York.

Ration-Starved Workers Strike For Decent Meals

Workers in Ohio and Illinois are beginning to protest meat shortages in the most effective way that labor knows, by strikes and picket lines. Some 9,700 miners were striking on July 17 near Springfield, Ill. because "they can't dig coal on lettuce sandwiches."

These miners have decided to put a little red-hot dynamite under the corpulent seats of the government officials to get the kind of food they must have if they are to work. They have done this in the form of strike action. The coal bosses, they reason, are the main enemies. So by striking them they compel the owner-capitalists to get action from their government servants.

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Shipowners Drive Wedge In Union Hiring System Of San Francisco Longshoremen

Bridges Concedes Drastic Revision Of 1934 Gains

By Robert Chester

SAN FRANCISCO, July 9—San Francisco longshoremen have suffered a major blow at their most valued possession, union control of hiring, as a result of the recent series of negotiations with the bosses and government boards. Union control of hiring, won in the great 1934-1936 strikes, has now been undermined with the active consent of the Harry Bridges leadership, by the introduction of a decentralized hiring hall that upsets the former system of dispatching.

This move was introduced under the pretext of easing the excessive burden of work on the union apparatus. The June 22 Labor Herald, official organ of the California CIO, followed this line in its news article, which stated, "A drastic revision in this port's manpower utilization measures will go into effect next Wednesday, taking from the hiring hall most of the burden of dispatching more than 7,000 longshoremen."

The new plan went into effect under Order No. 16 of the Pacific Coast Maritime Industry Board with the full approval of the labor members of this Bridges-sponsored labor-management outfit. It establishes four separate hiring pools, one for the Army, one for the Navy, one for the War Shipping Administration, and the fourth as a reserve pool. Once gangs are assigned to a pool the central hall loses control over them and they become steady gangs working for the given organization, in most cases through the medium of private companies.

Old-time members of the union view this change with alarm. To them it represents a dangerous step backward toward the pre-1934 system of "preferred gangs." Their fears are confirmed by two items which many of



BRIDGES

them are discussing. In a letter accompanying Order No. 16, the PCMB stated that "it intended to permit each gang some choice in selecting which pool its members wish to work in." (my emphasis, R.C.) The other item is the statement of a War Labor Board special panel which published its record of recent contract negotiations, that the employers "hold the restoration of steady gangs to be the most important of their demands."

BRIDGES' POLICY

Meanwhile, in a tricky "now you see it, now you don't" sleight-of-hand between the special panel of the WLB and the Waterfront Employers, the union demands for increased wages and other benefits seem as far from realization as ever. So far, the workers have been doing all the sacrificing without achieving any gains. As The Militant has consistently pointed out, these results flow directly from Bridges' "consolidation" policy with the bosses.

The longshoremen have been demanding a wage increase for the last three years. Their present wages, though constantly referred to as high, are but 16 percent above those achieved in the depression year of 1934. Politely requested by the Bridges leadership for a 15 cent per hour raise made in 1942 and 1943, were just as "politely" rejected by the bosses. In August 1944, the union reopened its contract with the employers to obtain, in addition to a wage increase, "vacations with pay, sick leave, increased rates for handling explosives and damaged cargo, and a guaranteed work week."

The negotiations traveled, step by step, through 12 points of procedure involving negotiation, conciliation and arbitration, finally ending in hearings before the special War Labor Board panel. After four months of deliberation the panel issued re-

Five Maritime Unions Insist On Wage Rise For Seamen

NEW YORK, July 23—Spokesmen for five maritime unions argued before the National War Labor Board July 19 and 20, for an upward adjustment of wages to offset the pay slash suffered by merchant seamen when war risk bonus cuts ordered by the Maritime War Emergency Board became effective on July 15.

THREATS DON'T IMPRESS

These "after the war" threats of strikes do not impress the WLB and will have little bearing on its decision. This agency was established to meet the wartime needs of American big business. Its job is to hold the line on wages during the war when there is a scarcity of labor and a docile labor movement is of such vital need to the war profiteers.

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The five unions, representing the organized unlicensed personnel on both coasts—the National Maritime Union, and the Marine Cooks and Stewards Association of the Pacific (CIO); the Marine Firemen, Oilers, Water-tenders and Wipers Association of the Pacific (Independent); the Seafarers International Union, and the Sailors Union of the Pacific (AFL)—each presented separate briefs, but their appeals to the WLB were essentially the same. All are bound by the no-strike pledge. They supported the Little Steel formula, asked only for fringe increases, and staked their case on WLB "policy."

THE UNION'S BRIEF

The following from the SIU brief sums up the basic argument of all the unions: "The fringe increases now become very important to the seamen if they are not to go all out to break the Little Steel Formula."

"The Board has the power and is requested to increase the seamen's base wage where it should do so in lieu of establishing a 48-hour work week."

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OLD TIME STEVEDORES SCORE HARRY BRIDGES

By E. Harris

SAN FRANCISCO, July 10— "Harry has fixed it up again for the bosses!" This is the opinion of many old-time longshoremen, after weighing Bridges' promises against the recent actions of the War Labor Board special panel and the Pacific Coast Maritime Industry Board.

The Militant reporter found that the old-timers who built the union in 1934 and 1937 are particularly bitter. Many of them are beginning to speak up. Here is what they say:

HELPERS BOSSSES

One old-timer, eating his lunch in front of an American-Hawaiian pier: "You want to know what I think, young fellow? Oh, you mean not just cutting us but real explanations? Well, I think that agreeing to this Order No. 16 is playing right into the bosses' hands."

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"I'm a walking boss for Mitchell Stevedoring Co. The company gets certain gangs assigned to it—called navy gangs, really Mitchell gangs. As a matter of fact you might as well say Mitchell gangs, Grace gangs, Flood Brothers gangs, etc. because that's what it's going to be."

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Huge Los Angeles Meeting Protests Provocation of Smith's Fascist Gangs

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OIO Industrial Council, made the most significant speeches at the anti-fascist mass meeting.

Bassett exposed Smith's demagogic references to his membership in the AFL by explaining that years ago this fascist demagogue had "confused some AFL unions in Louisiana into giving him life memberships" and has been exploiting them ever since. Bassett was the first speaker to emphasize the special interest of labor in stopping Smith, who is "attempting to divide all working people and do away with organized labor." He pledged that "the AFL will go to every extreme in cooperating with other organizations to do away with Gerald L. K. Smith."

DOUBLE TALK

Connally's speech, as full of double talk as the Stalinist line which he follows, explained Smith's presence in Los Angeles as an attempt "to disrupt the war effort in the Pacific." He then touched on other reasons: "to hurt reconversion... to create storm troops and to mobilize returning veterans against labor when reactionary employers decide to reopen the fight for the open shop."

Then, touching a basic truth for once, he said: "This is the reactionary big business method of solving postwar problems."

CIO Leads Fight Against Fascists

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AMONG those called upon was Myra Tanner Weiss, who spoke as the organizer of the Los Angeles branch of the Socialist Workers Party.

THREE PROPOSALS

Comrade Weiss made three proposals, all designed to deepen the content of the counter-demonstration against Smith and to give the movement a more definite working-class leadership and orientation.

She proposed that labor speak-

it, intends to lead the way for the youth in the struggle against the menace of Smith and his fascist gang. Appeals are being made to the organized youth of the city, including racial minorities, student groups, working class youth organizations, etc. to form a united front with the labor movement.

The first organization appealed to was the American Youth for Democracy (Stalinist), during their local convention. Refused a

point on the convention agenda by AYD officials, the Socialist Youth Club then sent a telegram to the convention proposing a united front against fascism.

The telegram was not read or answered. However, the Socialist Youth Club will follow up this appeal by attending AYD branch meetings and speaking to the membership. Similar action will be taken to reach other groups, to as large an extent as is possible with the SYC's resources.

ers be given the key spots on the Olympic auditorium program; that the united front committee that is being established continue to function so as to be in constant readiness to meet any moves initiated by Smith; and that the Olympic auditorium meeting be short and followed by a dramatic but peaceful march from the Olympic past the Shrine, a march of about a mile.

Comrade Weiss, in making these proposals, nevertheless underscored the intention of the Socialist Workers Party to abide by the decision of the united front. She also outlined the activity carried on by the SWP to make the Olympic rally a success.

ON THE JOB

She mentioned that SWP members had spoken at numerous churchs and meetings on Sunday; had immediately gotten out 10,000 leaflets, the first leaflets announcing the meeting to be distributed; were carrying on an intensive telephone and mailing campaign; were plugging for the demonstration in shops, factories and unions; and were holding open-air meetings for the same purpose on Thursday, the night

L.A. Police Break Up Anti-Fascist Meeting

LOS ANGELES, Calif., July 20 — Local police dispersed a street meeting of the Socialist Workers Party last night amid strong protests from workers in the audience of 150 which gathered to hear an appeal for support of the mass anti-fascist demonstration at the Olympic auditorium tonight.

The police broke up the meeting on the pretext that the speakers had no written permit, despite the fact that that particular corner, Brooklyn and Breed Streets, in Boyle Heights, is traditional for outdoor meetings without permits of any kind.

FREE SPEECH FIGHT
Several workers told the speakers they wanted to defend their right of free speech and asked to be notified of any way that they could help.

On July 26 the SWP will hold

another meeting at that corner to discuss the fight against local fascist movements and to defend its right of free speech.

In addition to the meeting in Boyle Heights, with its predominantly Jewish and Mexican population, a street meeting was held at the same time at Central Avenue and 45th Street, in the heart of the Negro neighborhood. Over 50 Negro workers heard speakers call for mass participation at the Olympic meeting, explain the SWP program of action to stop the growth of fascist movements in Los Angeles.

At the conclusion of the meeting on Central Avenue, workers in the audience bought copies of *The Militant* and the pamphlets "Fascism," and "The Negro Struggle for Equality." Some asked to be notified of further meetings.

Bethlehem Workers Are Invited To Penn. Picnic

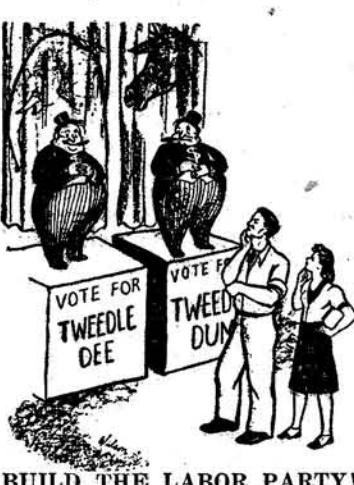
BY H. NEWELL

BETHLEHEM, Pa., July 22 — Comrades from the Eastern Pennsylvania area today visited many of the 350 new *Militant* readers in Bethlehem to personally invite them to our August 5 picnic at Stump Farm. Although time did not permit us to see all our new friends and readers, the enthusiastic response we received was ample assurance that many Bethlehem workers will join the all-day outing.

In spite of the fact that we were primarily interested in publicizing the picnic, our warm reception made it very easy to sell \$4.50 worth of our pamphlets.

The Allentown - Quakertown branches, which include the Bethlehem area, are sponsoring the picnic jointly with the Reading and Philadelphia branches of the Socialist Workers Party. Admission is free, with refreshments

and food provided at prices that cover only expenses. The 30-acre Stump Farm is close to Liberty Bell Station 84, Quakertown. All *Militant* readers are invited.



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Nailing Another Anti-German Lie

Slanders hurled against the German people as "militaristic" are proved false by American history—and by the ancestors of the American commander in Europe, General Dwight Eisenhower himself, states a press release of the Workers Defense League.

"Those who claim that Germans have always been militaristic should be reminded that many Germans came to this country because they objected to peacetime conscription. Among those freedom-loving Germans were the ancestors of General Dwight D. Eisenhower, who is now backing the campaign for the very policy which drove his forebears to this land of the free," says the WDL.

The General's uncle, Francis T. Miller, in a recent biography of the general, wrote: "The Engles, Hoffmans, Musers, Brubakers, Eisenhowers, and many others, became what is called the Pennsylvania Dutch. The Pennsylvania Dutch left Germany because of military requirements."

They are not surprised at being kicked out, but what they especially resent is being maneuvered out of the \$20 a week unemployment compensation they had expected to get for a few weeks. What the management does is to offer them jobs as mopping janitors.

SWP Protests British Role in Nigerian Strike

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peared on July 13. It states that "workers of the Public Works Department went on strike at Ibadan for one day, leaving the town without light, power or water, but the next day returned to work." The report goes on to state, however, that the strike

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Reign Of Terror In Greece Continues Unabated; Thousands Of Workers Deported To Ethiopia

By Paul Abbott

The reign of terror in Greece continues unabated. Thousands of workers who resisted the Allied troops are now being deported to Ethiopia, according to the Mid-June Socialist Appeal, organ of the British Trotskyists.

In a protest to the Greek Embassy at Washington against the continued terror, the Macedonian American People's League declared: "The tragic civil war in Greece ended in the complete victory of reaction and fascism. The very same elements which had collaborated with the Germans, reinforced by discredited foreign agents, are today subjecting the whole Greek population to the most outrageous terror."

JAILED, MURDERED "According to neutral UNRRA sources, some 33,000 Democrats are languishing in prison. General Ares, one of the outstanding heroes of the Greek liberation struggle, and hundreds of his followers have been brutally murdered. The fascist regime of Metaxas has reappeared under a new name. Without foreign interference, these tragic developments would never have occurred."

The Stalinists, in particular, are lamenting the bloody reign of terror. Nikos Zachariadis, secretary-general of the Greek Communist Party told PM's special Athens correspondent, Roi Ottley, that "freedom exists in Greece today for black reaction. Only the monarchist-fascist elements put into power by force of British arms hold authority and are using UNRRA supplies placed at their disposal to propagandize for a return of the monarchy."

HANDPICKED GANGSTERS The Stalinists in New York issued a leaflet that declares: "At least 30,000 partisans are in jail. Hardly a day passes without a monarchist raid on EAM headquarters in one town or another. The islands are again the hellholes which they were in the days of Metaxas. Reactionary bands roam the country, equipped with

British arms.

Practically the entire Greek Army is today a hand-picked force of gangsters, many of them the former Security Battalions for the German occupation. And the royalists — perhaps fearful of the results in the British elections — are known to be planning a putsch against the Vougaris government which does not satisfy them because it does not proceed murderously enough against the democratic forces."

By declarations such as these the Stalinists attempt to whitewash their own perfidious role in Greece. They were the ones who welcomed British troops to Greece. They were the ones who engineered a deal agreeing to give up the arms of the Greek partisans. They were the ones who murdered hundreds of the most militant fighters, slandering them as fascists. They betrayed the Greek revolution.

How demagogic are their cries against the bloody reign of terror can be judged from the fact that they are still abiding by the terms of the agreement they made with the British counter-revolution.

DAMNING CONFESSION

In the July 24 New Masses, weekly organ of the American Stalinists, the Greek Stalinist Kostas Karayorghis, editor of Rizopastis, published in Athens, writes: "The Varkiza agreement, the signing of which was so necessary to the EAM as well as to the British, could have constituted a point of departure for a normal political life in Greece. But that agreement, which has been fully observed by the EAM, has been for the Greek reactionaries and the British tories, who

Cut off from contact with sister parties of the Fourth International since 1939, the Greek Trotskyists nevertheless waged a valiant struggle against the Nazi conquerors and the Greek capitalists who collaborated with them. Through individual German soldiers they learned a Trotskyist organization in Germany was fighting against Hitlerism from the underground.

The Greek Trotskyists publish two weekly papers in Athens, Workers Front and Workers Struggle. Although they are divided into three groups, two in Athens, one in Salonika, they collaborate on many questions.

Queues Unpopular In Great Britain

Board of Inquiry. The Navy Department has repeatedly refused to grant the NAACP a copy of the record of its own findings.

ATTACKED BY MARINES

For weeks, Mr. White revealed, the white Marines had been throwing hand grenades and smoke bombs, bricks and empty beer bottles into camps occupied by the Negro navy men. No attempt whatsoever was made by the authorities to stop the attacks or to punish the attackers. Finally on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day of last year a truckload of white Marines descended upon the Negro camp with ugly threats and provocations. When the Negroes tried to defend themselves from physical violence, the Marines opened fire upon them, killing one Negro sailor and wounding others. Following this incident, 43 of the Negroes were court-martialed.

The Negroes in the Pacific, said Mr. White, have "built with lightning speed hundreds of miles of roads, B-29 airfields on Guam, Saipan and other islands, have handled thousands of tons of supplies, including the landing in amphibious trucks of ammunition, food and medical supplies close on the heels of beachhead invasion troops." They have done dirty, hard and dangerous work.

Reward for their participation in the war for "The Four Freedoms" is Jim Crow attacks, physical violence, and now the railroading to prison of 43 of them.

Navy Brass Hats Encourage Vicious Jim Crow Practices

Vicious Jim Crow attacks by white Marines upon Negro Navy Base Company men stationed in Guam last December, and concealed by the authorities for months, has resulted not in the severe punishment of the white provocateurs but in the recent court-martial by the Navy Department of 43 Negroes attached to the U. S. Naval Depot. They were convicted on charges of "rioting and unlawful assembly."

Announcement of the sentences imposed upon the 43 Negroes, ranging from four years to four months, was insolently publicized directly after a broadcast on July 7 by Walter White, secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Over the Columbia Broadcasting System, Mr. White reported his findings after serving as defense counsel for the victimized Negroes on a Navy

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The Big Three Meet Again



Crisis In Italy Continues Under The Reshuffled Cabinet

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governmental crises which enabled Mussolini and the Fascists to play on the theme that democracy was bankrupt and unable to create "stability." Of all the parties, the Stalinists have suffered the greatest loss in prestige. For weeks Togliatti (top Stalinist leader) was the target of ribald comment in the right-wing press. Wrote the Christian Democrat Doniani d'Italia: "Since when has Signor Togliatti been so particular about the governments he served in. Not only did he serve in both Bonomi cabinets, but he also participated in the Badoglio government, under the rotten King Victor Emmanuel III."

It is generally agreed that both the Socialist and Action Parties have gained considerably at the expense of the Stalinists. The wing of the Socialist Party led by Ignazio Silone (author of the anti-fascist novels "Bread and Wine" and "Fontamara"), which is opposed to fusion with the Communist Party, has also been considerably strengthened and within the C. P. the anti-Togliatti feeling is growing.

The prestige of Nenni ("Socialist" leader) has soared considerably. His arrest by the British authorities did his reputation no harm, especially as Togliatti was left unmolested, though he, too, broke the "no speeches" ban during the same period.

Nenni stamped the country with a series of demagogic speeches which evoked ready response among the workers. Prophetically, Nenni declared: "I have no intention of playing the role of a Noske" (Leader of the German Social-Democratic Party which crushed the revolution of 1918). He said nothing about playing the role of a Kerensky (head of the Russian government after the February 1917 Revolution, who attempted to preserve capitalism).

Meanwhile workers have begun militant action to secure living quarters. During the night of July 13, three vacant London apartments were seized by service men. An organization called the "Vigilantes" initiated this tactic in the seaside town of Brighton.

John Preen, leader of the London Vigilantes, who superintended the installation of the families of the servicemen in the vacant apartments, declared: "We are going on every night putting hard cases into empty places until the council acts properly and gives service men a square deal."

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DEMANDS COLONIES Meanwhile real power remains in the hands of Anglo-American imperialism. The key posts of ministers of the army, navy and air cannot be filled without Allied approval. This gives the Allies complete control of the Italian armed forces, as an auxiliary to the occupation troops. In the North, AMG remains in virtual control. There is no way in which the new government can solve the grave economic crisis.

THE REAL POWER The Stalinists are carrying on their usual anti-working-class tactics. Their official organ, the Daily Worker, declared that "fascists" are active among the Vigilantes! If fascists are able to make capital of the unbearable situation facing returning veterans, the Stalinists bear major responsibility. For all these agents of the counter-revolutionary Kremlin have to offer the housewives and homeless families of veterans is slander!

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Parri Demands Return Of Colonial Possessions

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In Rome, Ferruccio Parri, the new puppet premier of the Allied "liberators," demanded the return of the colonies formerly exploited by the Italian capitalists under Mussolini's regime. "There are many vital interests at stake," he said. "We had 120,000 colonists in North Africa and we feel that the opportunity for colonization should be held open."

DEMANDS COLONIES Parri enunciated the policy formerly proclaimed by Mussolini: "As a Mediterranean power we feel the need of harbor facilities there. Our future depends on being able to trade in the Mediterranean." He especially emphasized the importance of the colonies in North Africa, "for both political and economic reasons."

He likewise mentioned the "great investments" in West Africa. He even included a "port" on the Red Sea, and "hoped" that parts of southern Ethiopia "as yet unexploited" might be opened to the Italian capitalists.

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SHOP TALKS ON SOCIALISM

By V. Grey

I see by the papers that the Japanese "GI's" aren't very good soldiers. According to Lieutenant-General Geiger, as soon as they get into a tight corner, they commit suicide. Of course, you couldn't expect them to be very enthusiastic about fighting for Japanese capitalism. But you wouldn't think they'd be such dissolute characters as to go and kill themselves.

That's taking the easy way out. Anybody can kill himself. You're not going to get hurt killing yourself — because no one's going to hit back at you. Why, when you look at it that way, it's lower than attacking a little child! The child can raise its hand against you. But how can you fight back against yourself when you're using both hands already — to kill yourself!

It's a mean trick all right, and nobody but the lowest of the low would do it. Here they have chance to surrender and give their bodies a break by living in a prison camp. And they're so mean to their bodies, they go and kill them!

GREEKS AND ROMANS THOUGHT IT BRAVE

Of course the ancient Greeks and Romans used to think it was a brave thing to commit suicide rather than surrender. But after all, they used to think heaven was a gloomy place — and it took lots of guts to face it. Nowadays, with the Japanese and American heavens such happy places, no one but a coward who wants to get away from the shooting would think of doing himself in to escape.

And of course when General McAuliffe was asked to surrender at Bastogne, he said "Nuts." He didn't commit suicide; he just sent in a few hundred more American soldiers to get killed by the Germans. You might say he did commit suicide by proxy — if you wanted to be nasty.

All of which reminds me that Scissorbill Sam, the bosses' man, got a letter from his brother in the Pacific Islands telling of the dirty tricks the Japanese soldiers use when they fight. Scissorbill said:

"My brother says three or four of our boys will be in a fox-hole and it's pitch dark, see? A Jap jumps into the hole with them and shoots one of them. So they all begin shooting and they all kill each other. That way one Jap kills three Americans. Oh, the Japs gets killed, too, of course. But hell, he don't give a damn!"

BARBADIANS DUPED, ROBBED BY PHILLIPS PACKING CORP.

The workers of Barbados are among the most poverty-stricken of all the people of the Caribbean. Principally colored, they suffered segregation and discrimination as well as the ravages of unemployment. Most of them, consequently, are eager to go to the United States where they have been told democracy reigns. When 300 of them were offered jobs with the Phillips Packing Company at Salisbury, Maryland, they eagerly seized the "opportunity."

By July 5 their disillusionment had reached an explosive point. Paid only 50 cents an hour, deductions reduced this miserable sum to the vanishing point. Out of each pay check the following subtractions are made: U. S. income tax, a 25 percent British "saving" tax, social "security" tax, and \$9 a week for board and room. On top of this, conditions in their "barracks" were so bad and the food of such poor quality, they could no longer endure it.

And so they called a strike. The company immediately ordered out the police and sent for a British liaison officer to "arbitrate" it.

The company is thoroughly confident it will win, for under the terms of the contract, the Barbadians, like laborers under the Nazi regime in Germany, may not be employed by any other person except Phillips Packing.

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Buffalo	125	45	36
Seattle	350	100	29
Youngstown	85	20	24
Chicago	500	106	21
Members-at-Large and Friends	245	10	4
New York	1000	32	3
Akron	75	0	0
Bayonne	100	0	0
Boston	125	0	0
Cleveland	75	0	0
Detroit	400	0	0
Milwaukee	30	0	0
New York Youth Group	15	0	0
Pittsburgh	25	0	0
Rochester	15	0	0
St. Louis	25	0	0
San Diego	25	0	0
Toledo	100	0	0
TOTAL	\$5000	\$1104	22

BRITISH WANT WEST INDIAN FEDERATION TO BLOCK U.S.

The British Colonial Office has proposed the federation of its West Indian colonies in a letter addressed to its colonial governors, according to the N.Y. Times of June 14. These colonies consist of the Bahamas, Barbadoes, British Honduras, Leeward Islands, Trinidad, Windward Islands. Two principal reasons motivate the proposal.

1. During the present war American imperialism was granted air and naval bases in many of these West Indian possessions in return for lend-lease supplies to England. This, coupled with the

economic and military superiority of the United States, has enabled American imperialism to extend its influence and begin supplanting the present British masters. The Colonial Office letter obliquely recognizes Wall Street's growing power, declaring that "under modern conditions, it has become more difficult for small units to maintain complete independence in all aspects of government."

2. Recent events in the Bahamas ended in the resignation of the Duke of Windsor as governor. Growing discontent against low wages, starvation and exclusion from government is creating a widespread movement among the West Indian natives in opposition to British colonial exploitation.

The British imperialists undoubtedly see in their federation a means of concentrating and strengthening means of repression.

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6,400 Names Needed To Put Dobbs On Ballot

NEW YORK, July 23 — 8,600 signatures have been obtained to date on the petition to place Farrell Dobbs on the ballot as Trotskyist candidate for mayor. This is 1,100 more signatures than the number legally required. Since the Election Board has the habit of discounting large numbers of signatures on the petitions of minority parties, Local New York of the Socialist Workers Party has set a goal of doubling the legal minimum. This leaves 6,400 signatures to be obtained.

"We are sure that if friends of the SWP continue to help us as they have in the past few weeks we will secure the 15,000 signatures before the deadline of August 11," declared Caroline Kerr, manager of the campaign.

July 29 the campaign begins for signatures to place Louise Simpson on the ballot as Trotskyist candidate for City Council.

The next mobilization of campaigners for signatures will be held July 28 at 6 p. m. at 116 University Place. Friends of the SWP have been invited to join in this important work.

Gatherers of signatures report a warm response from workers. R. Spangler, for instance, declar-

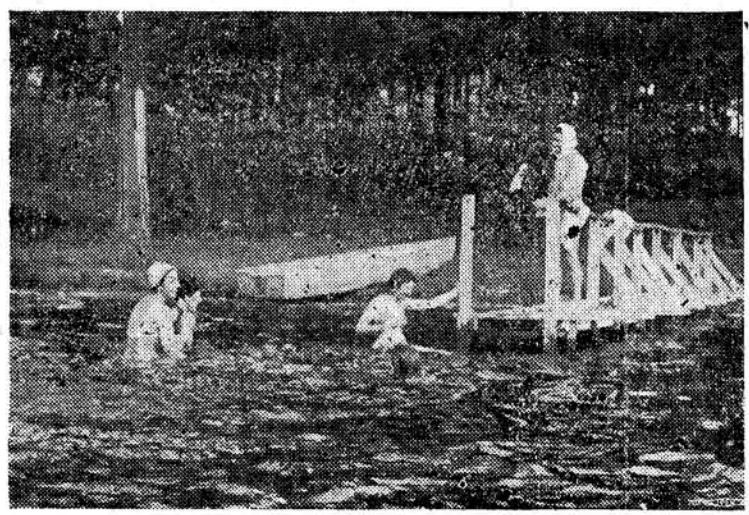
ed: "I ran into a number of men from the Newspaper and Mail Deliverers Union and it was a real pleasure to learn how familiar they were with our election campaign. They signed and insisted that we come to their next union meeting. They were sure that all the other brothers of the local would want to sign."

Bob Stewart had a "very interesting discussion with a man who eagerly signed the petition and looked over *The Militant*. He immediately wanted to subscribe and when I told him I didn't have a subscription blank he pointed to the blank in the paper, tore it out and took a one-year sub."

Pauline Barth got into "heated discussions with a number of members of the Communist Political Association. They all finally signed our petitions, for they were forced to admit that Labor should have its own independent candidates to vote for."

For a Rising Scale
Of Wages to Meet
Rising Living Costs

Scene at Vacation School



Swimming and fun are combined with serious study at the Mid-West Vacation School. Above, girl students frolic in the lake

Michigan Summer School Appreciated By Workers

By William F. Warde

GRASS LAKE, Mich. — All is proceeding smoothly, as another week of the camp school ends today, with the hustling and busting of departing guests intermingled with arrivals of the next contingent.

It is hard to say which part of the program evokes the most enthusiasm and praise: our material provision of food (meat and butter included) or the intellectual provender we provide. Like good dialectical materialists, we satisfy both pressing needs of the comrades — nourishment for the body and for the mind.

A woman worker from Chicago, in the party nine years, said: "What I got, above all, from the courses was mental stimulation. They made me want to read and study more. Working in the shop for long hours not only makes you tired, but lazy-minded after a while. And while I was a housewife, I didn't have the urge to

read much. My week here has done a lot to change that. I hope all the Chicago comrades take George Collins' course on the history of our movement because it's so full of lessons useful to us at the present time."

A newly-recruited brewery worker from Milwaukee told us: "Now I really begin to understand how the capitalist clique operates in robbing and holding down the workers everywhere. I'll be able to explain these things to the workers in my shop after what I have learned from the courses here this week."

Last night we had the second edition of the Midwest Camp Follies. Representatives of every branch from Seattle to New York presented improvised skits and songs. It was surprisingly good entertainment.

Reservations for August can be made by writing to Oscar Cover, Camp Director, Mid-West Vacation School, Grass Lake, Mich.

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In the Coming New York Elections

Among other important issues, the Socialist Workers Party Election Platform advocates:

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The forces of native fascism are lying in wait for the veterans. They want to turn them against racial minorities, poison them against the labor movement, organize them into fighting detachments and establish fascism in America. The trade unions must act in time to save the people from this fate. Make the struggle for the veterans' rights a union fight!

Mid-West Workers Hear Grace Carlson

By JACK O'CONNELL

MILWAUKEE—Convinced that the Socialist Workers Party is a party of fighters, more than 50 workers left the meeting for Grace Carlson at the Pfister Hotel July 17 with a much clearer vision of the socialist future. Among those present were auto workers and their wives from the most militant UAW local here.

The audience was visibly moved when the speaker "got tough" with a "freethinker" who indignantly attacked her sympathy with the women victims of social injustice and the stray girls thrown into Federal prison and branded for getting an extra serviceman's allotment. She insisted that we fight the "big criminals," the robber barons and their system that breeds crime.

The meeting adopted a resolution on behalf of William Patterson, militant miner framed-up and imprisoned under the Smith-Connally Act. A collection of \$20.00 was taken and several workers expressed their desire to join the SWP.

Local newspapers quoted her statement: "When I am asked what the women in prison are like, I can only reply to the questioner, 'What are you like?' They are just human beings, a little more confused and resentful, much more frustrated and lonely than the rest of us."

interest with which the audience listened to her speech. Forty-two dollars was contributed by the audience toward the work of the SWP and five dollars worth of pamphlets was sold.



GRACE CARLSON

INDIANA HARBOR, Ind. — A meeting of steel workers heard Grace Carlson speak on "Women in Prison" here July 16.

Grace Carlson's expose of the conditions in American prisons, and the hypocrisy of capitalist justice, was received with great interest by the assembled workers.

Questions and comments came thick and fast after her speech and finally had to be concluded because of the lateness of the hour. One worker told of his own experiences with the "law enforcement" agencies to verify Comrade Carlson's condemnation of the capitalist institutions of "justice."

GRACE CARLSON'S TOUR SCHEDULE

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Los Angeles	Thurs to Wed.
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HOW GENUINE MARXISM WAS RE-BORN AND TOOK ROOT THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

By James P. Cannon

revolt in America. In the darkest hour of the Opposition's struggle, they learned that fresh reinforcements had taken the field across the ocean in the United States, which by virtue of the power and weight of the country itself, gave importance and weight to the things done by the American Communists.

Leon Trotsky, as I remarked, was isolated in the little Asiatic village of Alma Ata. The world movement was in decline, leaderless, suppressed, isolated, practically non-existent. With this inspiring news of a new detachment in far-away America, the little papers and bulletins of the Opposition groups flared into life again. Most inspiring of all to us was the assurance that our hard-pressed Russian comrades had heard our voice. I have always thought of this as one of the most gratifying aspects of the historic fight we undertook in 1928—that the news of our fight reached the Russian comrades in all corners of the prisons and exile camps inspiring them with new hope and new energy to persevere in the struggle.

As I have said, we began our fight with a rather clear vision of what we were up against. We didn't take the step lightly or without due thought and preparation. We anticipated a long drawn-out struggle against heavy odds. That is why, from the very beginning, we held out no optimistic hopes of quick victory. In every issue of our paper, in every pronouncement, we emphasized the fundamental nature of the fight. We stressed the necessity of aiming far ahead, of having endurance and patience, of awaiting the further development of events to prove the rightness of our program.

"The Militant" Is Launched!

First in order, of course, was the launching of our paper, *The Militant*. The *Militant* was not a surreptitiously distributed mimeographed bulletin, such as satisfies many little cliques, but a full-sized printed paper. Then we set to work, the three of us—Abern, Shachtman and Cannon—whom they disdainfully called the "Three Generals Without an Army." That became a popular designation and we had to admit there was some truth in it. We couldn't help admitting that we had no army, but that did not shake our confidence. We had a program, and we were sure that the program would enable us to recruit the army.

We began an energetic correspondence; wherever we knew anybody, or whenever we heard of somebody who was interested, we would write him a long letter. The nature of our agitational and propagandistic work was necessarily transformed. In the past we, and especially I, had been accustomed to speaking to fairly large audiences—not long before our expulsion I had made my national tour, speaking to hundreds and sometimes thousands of people. Now we had to speak to individuals. Our propagandistic work consisted mainly of finding out names of isolated individuals in the Communist Party, or close to the party, who might be interested, arranging an interview, spending hours and hours talking to a single individual, writing long letters explaining all our principled positions

in an attempt to win over one person. And in this way we recruited people—not by tens, not by hundreds, but one by one.

N

o sooner had the explosion taken place in the American movement, that is, the United States, than Spector carried through his part of the compact in Canada; the same thing took place there: a substantial Canadian group was formed, and began cooperating with us. Comrades with whom we had been in contact came to our banner in Chicago, Minneapolis, Kansas City, Philadelphia—not big groups as a rule. Chicago began with a couple of dozen, I think. The same number in Minneapolis. Three or four in Kansas City: two in Philadelphia, the redoubtable Morgenstern and Goodman. In some places single individuals took up our fight alone. In New York we picked up a few here and there—individuals. Cleveland, St. Louis and the mine fields of Southern Illinois. This was about the range of our organizational contact in the first period.

The Pressure of Social Ostracism

While we were busy with our singlejack agitation, as we used to call it in the IWW—that is, proselytizing one person to another—the Daily Worker, with its comparatively big circulation, blazed away at us in full-page and sometimes double-page articles day after day. These articles explained at great length that we had sold out to American imperialism; that we were counter-revolutionaries in league with the enemies of labor and the imperialist powers scheming to overthrow the Soviet Union; that we had become the "advanced guard of the counter-revolutionary bourgeoisie." This was printed day after day in a campaign of political terrorization and slander against us, calculated to make it impossible for us to retain any contact with individual members of the party. It was made a crime punishable by expulsion to speak with us on the street, to visit us, to have any communication with us. People were brought up on trial in the Communist Party charged with having attended a meeting at which we spoke; with having bought a paper which we sold on the streets in front of the headquarters on Union Square; or with having had some connections with us in the past—they were compelled to prove that they had not maintained this contact afterwards.

A wall of ostracism separated us from the party members. People whom we had known and worked with for years became strangers to us overnight. Our whole lives, you must remember, had been in the Communist movement and its periphery. We were professional party workers. We had no interests, no associations of a social nature outside the party and its periphery. All our friends, all our associates, all our collaborators in daily work for years had been in this milieu. Then, overnight, this was closed to us. We were completely isolated from it. That sort of thing usually happens when you change your allegiance from one organization to another. As a rule, it isn't so serious because when you leave one set of associations, political, personal and social, you are immediately propelled into a new milieu. You find new friends, new people, new associates.

Bringing Trotskyism to the Vanguard

Our paper was aimed directly at the members of the Communist Party. We didn't try to convert the whole world. We took our message first to those whom we considered the vanguard, those most likely to be interested in our ideas. We knew that we had to recruit at least the first detachments of the movement from their ranks.

After our little paper was printed, then the editors, as well as the members, had to go out to sell it. We would write the paper. We would next go to the print shop, hovering over the printer's forms until the last error was corrected, waiting anxiously to see the first copy come off the press. That was always a thrill—a new issue of *The Militant*, a new weapon. Then with bundles packed in Union Square. Of course it wasn't the most efficient thing in the world for three editors to transform themselves into three newsboys. But we were short of help and had to do it; not always, but sometimes. Nor was this all. In order to sell our papers on Union Square we had to defend ourselves against physical attacks. (To be continued)

WORKERS' FORUM

The Workers' Forum columns are open to the opinions of the readers of "The Militant". Letters are welcome on any subject of interest to the workers. Keep them short and include your name and address. Indicate if you do not want your name printed.

From England

Editor:
We in England are awaiting the result of the election and we are hoping that the noticeable swing to the left will be seen by the election of a Labor Government.

The election has been a good field of work to us here in Sheffield, for it has enabled us to put our program before a very wide strata of the workers.

We came across many people, while working for labor candidates, who told us they had no faith in the reactionaries. This was very encouraging and you may be sure we used these opportunities to the full. We had two Stalinist candidates in Sheffield, the only town in England with more than one, and we have exposed them and their so-called policy and program at every opportunity.

I don't think either of them has a chance of winning, due in a lot of respects to our exposure of them. "Long live the 4th International!"

A. Russell
Sheffield, England

War's Vile Fruit

Editor:
I am enclosing a clipping from the Toledo Blade of July 14. It tells the story of war veteran Alfred Stoner of Fayette, Ohio who killed himself and his five children because he didn't want his children to see what he had seen in the war. Stoner had been hospitalized for a short time and then discharged.

The news item quotes Representative Weichel of Sandusky, Ohio who blames the Veterans' Administration for the tragedy. "The death of this veteran and his five little children is chargeable directly to the board of hospitalization and the Veterans' Administration," Weichel said. "The failure to provide for this sort of veteran (mentally unfit) is... an indictment on those who sit in the bureaus and are charged with the responsibility for the hospitalization of our veterans." He added that thousands of discharged veterans, mentally ill, are walking the streets of northern Ohio.

This is the care with which the capitalist-government rewards the workers whom its war has crippled in body and mind!

M. I.
Toledo, O.

Reconversion

Editor:
Two articles in the same issue of the morning paper certainly illustrate the different prospects for the bosses and the workers under reconversion and in the post-war period.

The first one deals with the Curtiss-Wright Corporation, now under Senate investigation for producing faulty planes, endangering the lives of members of the armed forces.

The article reveals that this huge concern produced in 1944 over 10 per cent of the nation's total aircraft output. Profits for 1944 hit new high, jumping 15 per cent above the record of the previous year. Net income after taxes was over \$14,000,000.

A Word to Our Correspondents

The volume of letters to the Workers' Forum is growing from week to week. We welcome letters dealing with any matter of interest to the workers. We want to publish them all. To enable us to do this, it is essential that letters be kept as short as possible. No letter should be longer than 300 words. Please keep within this limit so that every worker-correspondent may get a break.

THE EDITOR

and in addition more than \$8,500,000 was socked away for post-war "contingencies." On top of this the corporation will get \$8,500,000 from the government after the war in tax refunds for 1944 alone!

All this will make a nice little nest-egg to enable the Curtiss-Wright bosses to face the "contingencies" of reconversion (closed plants and unemployment) with complete calm and, of course, full stomachs!

Now, let's see how matters stand with the Curtiss-Wright employees. The second item states that the Curtiss workers, members of Local 585, International Association of Machinists, A.F.L. and of the United Office and Professional Workers, C.I.O., are demanding a 40-hour week with 48 hours pay. With additional layoffs staring them in the face, reconversion and post-war prospects don't look quite as rosy from where the Curtiss workers sit. Their demands indicate that they don't view the future with complete calm, and it would appear that they are not sure they will have full stomachs!

The two articles indicate that both the workers and bosses will have quite a lot of leisure in the near future. But it doesn't take a genius to see that only the bosses will have the means to enjoy it.

B. G.
Buffalo, N. Y.

Likes Summer School

Editor:
As one who spent one week at the Mid-West Vacation School I want to urge everyone who possibly can to attend before the summer is over. The fun, the sociability, the classes, yes, even the weather make it the best possible way to spend a vacation.

Warde's class on Dialectics stimulates one to really begin studying the subject. For workers, even though we are forced to use that method of reasoning through the pressure of history, the study of dialectics has been a neglected subject. So much of it is so obvious that it seems a waste of time to argue about it and the rest of it takes so much reading of the philosophers that the task of learning that, plus keeping our current reading up to date, seems such a hopeless, endless job that we keep postponing it. Warde simplifies it so much that a number of us have decided that it is a part of our education for that hell-conceived charter.

But, inasmuch as the Wall Street thugs and cut-throats have complete control of our government and of the so-called American press (generally speaking) and of our "wonderful" two-party system, so that there may be occasional swings from one party to the other to deceive suckers, it looks very much as if our vile renegade Senate will vote overwhelmingly in favor of that infamous charter. No American can possibly vote for that hell-conceived charter.

I have been reading The Militant for some time and was curious to hear some of the lecturers, so I went down to Philadelphia to hear Grace Carlson. After being spellbound by her, I would certainly like to hear more. On Sunday, June 20 I heard Vincent Dunne speak at a picnic, and he had the same effect on me. I wish I could hear them over the radio—that would be swell!

I have just seen the propaganda movie "God Is My Co-Pilot." In the beginning of the movie, a farm boy started fooling with planes. He wanted to become a pilot—so all he did was go to West Point and become a cadet! When he came out he was a first-class pilot. But in the whole city of Reading, no one that I have talked to has ever known anyone in the city who ever had a chance to go to West Point. Why don't the movies show how a farm boy got that chance? Personally I don't believe it, do you?

I only had a little schooling, but with The Militant I am learning fast. I expect to go to the Quakertown picnic on August 5. If I had enough money, I would hire Grace to speak on the radio five hours a day! If someone like me can see the light at only one of her speeches, how they would affect all the working people!

B. N. D.
Reading, Pa.

WIN AN ORIGINAL LAURA GRAY CARTOON!

You have been following the trials and tribulations of the "poor rich" family in Laura Gray's feature cartoons on Page 8 of *The Militant*. If you have, you most likely have your own pet name for this family. With this issue, we launch a contest to find the most appropriate descriptive name for them.

Three originals of these feature cartoons, personally inscribed to the winners by the cartoonist, will be awarded for the three best names submitted. First choice of the originals will go to the first-place winner; second choice to the second-place winner; third choice to the third-place winner. In case of ties, all who submit winning names will receive an original feature cartoon, by Gray.

All readers of *The Militant* are eligible for the contest and there is no limit on the number of suggested names a contestant may enter. Just send in your entries, clearly written on a sheet of paper, together with your full name and address.

The contest will run for six weeks. All entries must reach *The Militant* office, 116 University Place, New York 3, N. Y. by August 31. Editors of *The Militant* will judge the contest and decide the winning entries. Their decision will be final.

Prisoner in Germany

Editor:

In the army, we had many discussions about who was really responsible for the war. Quite often, of course, there were those who said the entire German people were responsible for the slaughterfest in Europe. Contrast this with my experience:

I was captured immediately after being wounded in a small German town near the Siegfried line. Our machine-gun section was surrounded. We were lined up, Americans on the side of the street, Germans on the other, presumably imbued with all the doctrines of hate for one another. Several of us were wounded and we surrendered.

Upon being taken into custody, German soldiers immediately set about the task of giving us first aid. After applying a tourniquet to my wounds, two German soldiers placed their arms about me and very carefully assisted me to a vehicle bound for the hospital. My high-school German made it possible for me to talk with them. On the way, they told me that I was very lucky. They said, "We must continue this insanity, but for you the war is over."

Now, I was not too surprised to hear this because in the previous four months while stationed in German pockets in France, I had been hearing this from numerous German prisoners taken by our task forces. Almost to a man, upon being captured, they said, "For me, the war is over," and there was a definite gleam of international relations.

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Only the world revolution can save the USSR for socialism. But the world revolution carries with it the incapable blotting out of the Kremlin oligarchy.

— Leon Trotsky

"Peace" Pact Pay-Off

Not so long ago, with a great fanfare of publicity, William Green of the AFL and Philip Murray of the CIO signed a "peace pact" with Eric Johnston, president of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce. This pact, the workers were told, would insure industrial peace in the postwar world.

Now comes the payoff — in the shape of a virtual declaration of war on the labor movement by the selfsame U. S. Chamber of Commerce. This declaration of war takes the shape of a program adopted by the Chamber by a vote of 2,658 to 42 — not far short of unanimous.

The program calls for government regulation of the trade unions and an end to the closed shop. Evidently the Chamber, which maintains powerful lobbies in Washington and in the State legislatures, intends to drive through additional anti-labor legislation.

This is not all. The Chamber's program calls for an end to "Federal appropriations or participation in the financing of public subsidized or welfare housing." This in spite of the fact that there is an acute and country-wide housing shortage, that 14 million out of 37 million housing units lack modern toilets, that 12 million have no private bathtubs, 11 million no running water, 8 million no electricity.

The program of the Chamber also opposes adequate relief for the unemployed, whose numbers are growing every day. (The War Manpower Commission estimates that there will be two million without jobs by fall). Says the program: "If economic conditions compel expenditures for unemployment relief in the postwar period, reliance should be primarily on State and local administration and financing." That means starvation!

Regarding war plants built by the government with public funds, the Chamber demands that they be "earmarked for orderly disposal to private industry." That means handing them over to the war profiteers for closure and dismantling!

Naturally the Chamber's program did not omit the demand for greatly reduced taxes — not the taxes that bear down on the workers, but those which irk the capitalists, especially estate and inheritance taxes.

To corrupt and too cowardly to fight for the interests of the millions of workers they are supposed to represent, Green and Murray evidently thought they could head off the threatening offensive of Big Business by their "peace pact" with Johnston. The Chamber's newly-published program is the answer they have received to their belly-crawling tactics.

Browder And Foster

The discussion taking place in the Stalinist ranks, since the publication of the article in which Duclos denounced Browder, is typical of that "unanimity" which is so peculiar to the Stalinists. Every discussion article in the *Daily Worker* is cast in the mold supplied by Duclos. All the articles read alike; they all make the same arguments; they all use the same phraseology. "Unanimous" approval of Browder, which has been the rule in the Stalinist ranks for the past 15 years, has now become — "unanimous" disapproval! Today instead of Browder, it is Foster who receives the unanimous acclaim.

This unanimity with which Browder is now being denounced is, of course, part and parcel of the totalitarian Stalinist Party, its regime and its method of functioning. However, it would be wrong to minimize the degree of genuine resentment against Browder's line, resentment which has been pent up in the breasts of Stalinist workers. Many of them are sincere believers in Socialism. How they must have burned with shame at having to act as strikebreakers, flunks and fingermen for the bosses at Browder's command! What pariahs they must have felt themselves among militant workers fighting to defend the interests of the labor movement against the onslaught of Big Business!

With the replacement of Browder by Foster, they hope to see the dawn of a new day in their party. They hope that it will once more become a revolutionary party — the vanguard of the workers in their struggle for emancipation. But all such hopes are illusory. A party that has gone for so many years through the corroding, degenerating influence of Stalinism can never be reformed.

Before the Stalinist workers shout themselves hoarse for Foster as the new leader, let them pay close attention to Foster's line as he himself announces it.

On the second day of the New York State Convention of the Stalinists, Foster "emphasized," according to the July 23 *Daily Worker*, that the war against Japan "is a people's war of liberation." This is a continuation of Browder's support of imperialist war.

On the no-strike pledge, key question facing labor, Foster "maintained that Communists remained adamant in support of it." He added, it is true, the proviso that "Communists and trade unionists will have to analyze" strikes when they "do break out" but *adamant* support of the no-strike pledge clearly leaves little room for "analysis."

So what is the difference between the line of the newly-anointed Foster and that of the now disgraced Browder? The answer is that there is no essential difference. The old line of Browder has simply been dressed up in radical phraseology. That line is the line of subordinating the interests of the workers to the interests of the imperialist war-makers. It is a line which means sabotage and betrayal of the workers' struggle to preserve their unions and defend living standards.

Capitalist Generosity

Counter-revolutionary intent, sugar-coated with a hypocritical humanitarianism, formed the substance of an announcement last week by Secretary of Interior Ickes that 6,000,000 tons of American coal must be shipped to Europe by year's end to keep public utilities in operation, provide fuel for cooking and to keep the water from freezing in millions of homes.

Ickes was speaking as Solid Fuels Administrator for War. Said he: "Cold and hunger can be expected to kill thousands and the children of Europe will surely carry the marks of the coming winter to their graves."

Mr. Ickes was quite complacent while these same children were being bombed out of their homes. His pretended concern for their plight is intended to quiet possible opposition to the shipment of American coal abroad, which, as he warns, will contribute further to the severe fuel shortage in this country during the coming winter.

The Wall Street capitalists for whom Ickes speaks are not really concerned about the fearful plight of the European masses. What they ARE concerned about is the possibility that a revolution in Europe would end the system of capitalism which produced this terrible welter of misery.

Ickes admitted that himself when he further stated: "The race in Europe today is between coal and anarchy. Europe must have coal without loss of time if serious political and social upheavals are to be prevented. I do not think it is going too far to say that a coal famine of such severity as to destroy all semblance of law and order is certain in countries in northwest Europe next winter unless immediate and drastic action is taken."

Seeds Of War

Despite all the high-powered publicity dished up by the Allies about fighting the present war in order to achieve enduring peace, the curtain rising on the European postwar scene reveals a situation which promises anything but enduring peace.

Defeat of the Axis, we were told, would insure world peace, because only the Axis powers were "aggressors," while the rest were "peace-lovers." In Europe, the Axis has been destroyed. Yet here, right now, the seeds of World War III are rapidly being planted. Defeat of the Axis has not banished imperialist rivalries which lead to war. It has only shifted their focus.

An illuminating example of the development of these rivalries is contained in a Paris dispatch to the *N. Y. Times* telling of the "gulf between France and Britain," which is "as broad as ever." Negotiations for a "pact" between the two countries "have been in suspension for six months because of differences that seem to grow rather than diminish."

The imperialists of France and Britain are at odds for the most sordid reasons. The French, greatly weakened by the defeat they suffered at the hands of Germany, fear the British will seize their colonies. They are burning with rage because Britain's troops moved into French-dominated Syria. These "peace-loving" powers are also snarling at each other over war booty in Europe. French capitalism wants to sink its teeth in the great industrial areas of the German Ruhr and Rhineland. But the British bulldog has already fastened a grip there and doesn't intend to let go.

This single segment of the world of imperialist rivalry — the Anglo-French antagonism — is typical. The "peace" in Europe, far from evidencing an era of "international cooperation," discloses unmistakably the root beginnings of more bloody wars.

New York Mass Meeting

JAMES P. CANNON

National Secretary, Socialist Workers Party

on

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Added speakers: Farrell Dobbs - Louise Simpson



"If you can't send hamburger for the servants I'll find a market that will. I'm certainly not going to feed them steaks — what with the shortage and our boys fighting overseas and all!"

(See Cartoon Contest, Page 7)

INTERNATIONAL NOTES

India

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, former president of the All-India National Congress, fears "demoralization among the people, administrative breakdowns and eventual revolts" in India, according to a *New York Times* dispatch of July 15. Nehru expressed these fears following the breakdown of the Simla conference.

This conference was called by Wavell, the Viceroy, in an attempt to reach agreement between the British overlords and the native Indian capitalists on the composition of the Central Executive Committee. Exercising dictatorial powers, Wavell vetoed certain candidates submitted by the Congress Party and the Moslem League. The Central Executive Committee is appointed by the Viceroy.

The Indian capitalists are eager to reach agreement with the British imperialists. "The Congress Party will show the same cooperation and friendliness," Nehru affirmed, "that we have displayed during the Simla conference if the Wavell plan is revived in the future." Against the aspirations of the Indian people for freedom, the native capitalists act as agents of the foreign imperialists. They fear a revolutionary upsurge of the masses, for it would mean the end of their privileged position. On the other hand, they are not the least reluctant to strengthen their position and increase their profits at the expense of the British. But Nehru's declarations give public notice that the Indian capitalists will work hand in glove with the British oppressors when the revolutionary storm breaks.

More than 10,000,000 persons are perishing from famine in North China, says a July 17 United Press dispatch. The famine is a result of drought and locust hordes, according to delegates of the Peoples' political Council in Chungking.

In Shansi province, roosters consumed the entire wheat crops of 20 districts, leaving 6,000,000 persons starving. In the neighboring province of Shensi, 3,000,000 are starving.

Please for rice from Szechuan Province were denied by the Chiang Kai-shek government. Their excuse is "lack of trucks" to haul the rice.

Responsibility for this catastrophic famine lies squarely upon world imperialism and its agents.

Figaro, capitalist daily newspaper in Paris, reports that in some parts of France more than 40 percent of the youth have deliberately refused to register in the military service.

on world imperialism and its agents. Japanese imperialism in 1931 began its drive into China. American and British imperialism gave material support to the Japanese warlords up to the eve of Pearl Harbor. Chiang Kai-shek, political leader of the Chinese capitalists and agent of foreign imperialism, sabotaged the defense of China from the beginning. Afraid of a working-class revolution that would expropriate the Chinese capitalists, merchants and landlords, his regime refused to arm the people so they could struggle effectively against the invading armies of imperialist Japan. Protracted war has caused economic breakdown and ruin.

The doom of 10,000,000 human beings in North China will thus appear in the history of the Second World War as another of the unspeakable crimes committed by capitalism.

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Marshal Tito's regime proclaims its intention to set up a moderate government that will maintain private property and civil liberties. How well they are maintaining capitalism against the will of the masses is not clear. Reports of "confiscations" continue to filter through the iron censorship imposed by Tito's government.

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It is no exaggeration to say, reports a North American Newspaper Alliance story from Rome, that at the moment Marshal Tito's is a sort of "police government," and that civil rights as we understand them and rule by law as we understand it, do not exist.

The regime, continues the story, "does not tolerate criticism, domestic or foreign." The correspondent, Newbold Noyes, believes that a "genuine revolution" has occurred, but says that democracy "is to a considerable extent stillborn in the Balkans."

Another correspondent of the capitalist press, Sam Pope Brewer, writing from Athens declares, "A sentiment of class warfare dominates Yugoslavia today... Within Yugoslav landlords, industrialists, intellectuals, professional officers and pre-war officials are automatically suspected..."

He charges the Tito regime uses "strong-arm political methods to keep its opponents muzzled" and that "political terror rules." But this terror is not directed solely against Yugoslav capitalists and landlords but against all opponents. Workers seeking to establish democratic regime are subject to the terror. Any form of opposition is branded as "fascist."

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