

Atomic Bombs Imperil Existence Of Humanity

New Imperialist Weapon Razes An Entire City

Wall Street Militarists Unleash Explosive Reaching Ultimate Depth of Frightfulness

By LI FU-JEN

Barbarous capitalism, which for six years has inflicted upon the world the horrors and cruelties of war on a scale hitherto unknown, this week presented to mankind its newest and most deadly instrument of destruction — the ATOMIC BOMB.

The most closely-guarded secret of the universe, which scientists of many countries labored for decades to uncover and harness to the peaceful purposes of social development, has been dragged to the light by the bloodstained rulers of capitalist society and harnessed to the foul purposes of imperialist war.

Scientists describe the epoch-making discovery as heralding "the age of atomic energy." The vast, long-hidden energy that lies within the atom has at long last been unlocked, not in order that its unlimited power may be applied to easing and enriching the lives of human kind, but in order to snuff them out.

"RAIN OF RUIN"

Revealing the great scientific discovery, and announcing that it had already been used to wipe out the Japanese city of Hiroshima, President Truman on Aug. 6 announced to the Japanese people that they now faced "a rain of ruin from the air the like of which has never been seen on this earth."

This high spokesman of American imperialism went on to say that the atomic bomb represented the "harnessing of the basic power of the universe... the force from which the sun draws its power." A single bomb, weighing a mere 1,200 pounds, has more destructive power than 20,000 tons of TNT and more than 2,000 times the blast power of the British "Grand Slam" bomb used to destroy Germany.

Into the work of unlocking the secret of the atom and harnessing its force to the deadly purposes of imperialist war went \$2,000,000,000 of American money alone. The British imperialists, who collaborated, expended additional funds. For four years a total of 135,000 men and women labored on the immense project in this country. The scientific facilities of the greatest universities in England and the United States were drafted for the job. The best brains in the scientific world were devoted to it.

A VAST PROJECT

The great capitalist corporations participated, with that infamous "Merchant of Death," the duPont chemical trust, prominently to the fore. Three huge plants for production of the atomic bomb were built. Two are located at the Clinton Engineer Works, on a government reservation of 59,000 acres, 18 miles west of Knoxville, Tennessee. At this site a whole new city, Oak Ridge, was created to accommodate the people working on the project. A third plant is the Hanford Engineer Works on a government reservation of 430,000 acres in an isolated area 15 miles northwest of Pasco, Washington. Here, too, a whole new city — Richland — was created.

With all this vast expenditure of human labor and wealth the atomic bomb was made and produced.

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Bell Militants Push Fight For Genuine Labor Party

BUFFALO, N. Y. — A small number of unionists who are for independent labor action, prevented the CIO Council here from taking a position in support of boss party candidates in the primary elections.

The council was split three ways on the election issue. Almost half of the delegates, led by the Stalinists, tried to secure the council's endorsement for T. L. Holling, Democratic candidate for mayor, who is backed by the Stalinist-controlled American Labor Party.

A large group from steel, with some support from textile, attempted, in opposition to the Stalinists, to get the council to back Joseph Mruk, independent Republican candidate.

The supporters of independent labor action backed a resolution from the Bell local which called upon the council to support only

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ALLIES DISMEMBER GERMANY

City of 344,000 Obliterated By Fiendish Bomb

On July 25, an ultimatum was issued to Japan, signed by Truman, Churchill and Chiang Kai-shek, threatening "utter destruction of the Japanese homeland" unless the Japanese government surrendered completely and unconditionally to the Allies. On August 6, the Allied imperialists started to make good their monstrous, maniacal threat, when an atomic bomb, the deadliest weapon ever conceived, was dropped on the city of Hiroshima.

"An impenetrable cloud of dust and smoke" smothered the city, blacking out the fate of men, women and children in a community which presumably was wiped from the face of the earth. The population of Hiroshima, a city of some 12 square miles, is 344,000.

The imperialist perpetrators of the crime knew what they were doing. On July 16, the bomb had been tested on a tower of steel in the desert of New Mexico. "There was a blinding flash lighting up the whole area brighter than the brightest daylight," an observer described. "There came a tremendous sustained roar and a heavy pressure wave which knocked down two men outside the control tower" nearly six miles away.

"Immediately thereafter, a huge, multi-colored surging cloud boiled to an altitude of 40,000 feet... The steel tower had been entirely vaporized. Where the tower had stood, there was a huge, sloping crater."

This was the kind of destruction hurled upon a Japanese city of tinderbox homes and defenseless people, just 12 days after the Allies had sanctimoniously declared that "We do not intend that the Japanese shall be enslaved as a race or destroyed as a nation!"

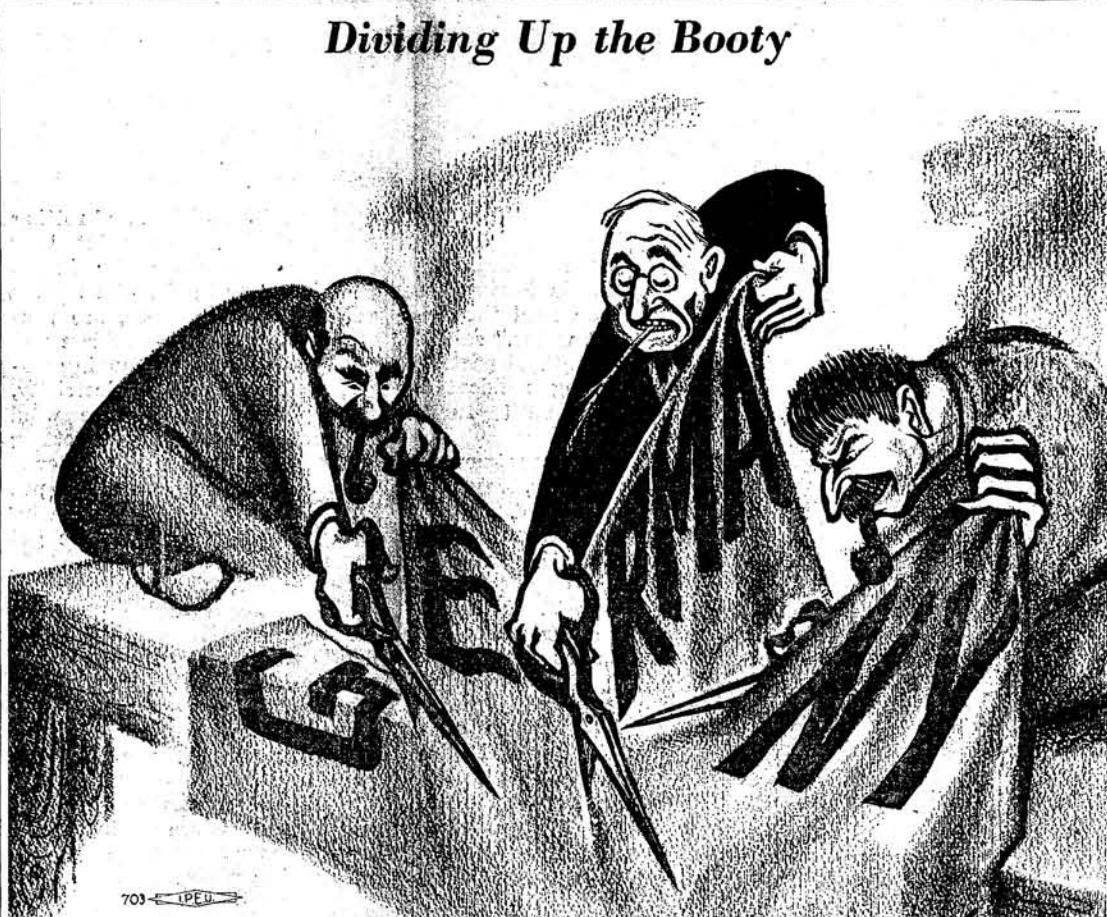
But this is not to be. Truman does not intend to put the coal owners out of business, nor the electric power interests. So the utilization of atomic energy is to be controlled and tightly monopolized in the hands of the ruling class, used only for destruction.

ONLY FOR DESTRUCTION

In the disclosure of the production and first use of the atomic bomb, mankind has been served a final grim warning. The capitalist barbarians have in their hands the most fearful instrument of destruction the mind of man ever conceived. They intend to use it. Unless mankind rises up to destroy capitalism, capitalism will extirpate mankind.

The spokesmen of capitalism are themselves nervous and fearful over the new discovery, for

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Dividing Up the Booty

"It is not the intention of the Allies to destroy or enslave the German people" — Truman.

British Labor Victory Spurs Senate Hearing On Jobs Bill

By Art Preis

Wall Street's legislative agents in Washington reacted with panic-haste last week to the news of British labor's overwhelming election victory. Fearful lest the British events serve as an inspiring example to American labor now facing an onrushing economic crisis, Congress sought to throw a sop to the workers by a last-minute Senate hearing on the so-called Full Employment Bill.

This belated gesture was made suddenly, on the eve of a scheduled Congressional vacation until next October. During its past session, Congress had ruthlessly scuttled every proposed measure to halt the mass unemployment that has begun to sweep the country like a plague.

HAULED FROM STORAGE

Admittedly spurred by concern over the toppling of the Churchill-Tory government in England, the Senate Banking and Currency Committee temporarily hauled out of mothballs the Murray-Wagner-O'Mahoney-Patman bill that had been kept in storage since last December.

Senators Murray, Wagner and O'Mahoney and Representative Patman, sponsors of the "Full Employment" Bill, were per-

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OVER 400 HEAR CANNON ANALYZE C. P. "TURN"

NEW YORK — James P. Cannon, National Secretary of the Socialist Workers Party (Trotskyist), dissected and analyzed the degenerated Communist Party (Stalinist) in a speech on "The Downfall of Browder" to an audience of over 400 workers who thronged Webster Hall on August 3.

One of the founders of the American Communist Party in 1919, Comrade Cannon aroused immediate response with his opening remarks: "We are celebrating the funeral of a faker, scoundrel and hypocrite; a betrayer of the workers who put their confidence in him. I came to bury Browder, not to praise him."

SCAPEGOAT BROWDER

Comrade Cannon, who was expelled in 1928 from the American C. P. for his intransigent adherence to the revolutionary program of Lenin and Trotsky, pointed out that Browder was merely a scapegoat for the failure of the Stalinist sell-out policy in the U. S.

"In that sense it is a victory for the workers, not unrelated to

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Wall Street Knows

The new (Stalinist) party line—and the action which will flow from it—is opportunistic rather than revolutionary. The no-strike position, for example, is not reversed, but militant "protection of labor's rights" is made the order of the day.

This, and other such equivocations, will allow Communists to extend their influence by advocating whatever course of action seems expedient in any given situation. — Business Week, Aug. 4.

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another victory recorded this past week across the seas in Britain," declared Comrade Cannon. A member of the audience shouted: "Hear! hear!"

"The order for chopping off the little head of Browder came straight from Moscow via Paris," said the founder of the American Trotskyist movement. "The Stalinists had to realize that they had overplayed their hand. They were losing tens of thousands of militant workers, including

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VOTE FOR DOBBS & SIMPSON

TROTSKYIST CANDIDATES

IN THE COMING

NEW YORK ELECTIONS

Conquerors Inflict Reign Of Ruin On All Of Europe

By Ralph Graham

Decisions for the dismemberment of Germany, the permanent strangulation of its economy, and indefinite military occupation and control of the country by the Allied powers — these are the broad features of the communiqué issued from Potsdam on August 3 at the conclusion of the 17-day conference of the "Big Three" which is to be known as the Tripartite Conference of Berlin.

In language which stands in glaring contradiction to the plain intent of the decisions regarding Germany, Truman, Attlee and Stalin declare that "it is not the intention of the Allies to destroy or enslave the German people." Yet that is precisely what will follow from the application of the agreements arrived at in Potsdam.

Miners Strike Against Filth In Company Town

A strike of 350 miners in the small company-owned mining town of Force, Pa., which began on July 15, was precipitated by the resignation of Dr. Elizabeth Hayes as company physician for the Shawmut Mining Co. Her resignation left a community of about 4,000 persons without medical care. She resigned because of the failure of the company to clean up the town and provide proper sanitation.

"There is not one factor here that constitutes a community," said 33-year-old Dr. Hayes. "There is no good water supply, no sewage system, no passable streets, no street lights, no presentable homes or local government."

In the midst of her packed-up belongings she declared: "I want to live under decent conditions or get out."

MINERS DETERMINED

Backed up by their wives, the miners stated: "We'll hold out as long as we have to, until the company fixes sanitary conditions so we can get a doctor, or gives us a release so we can get out." The company has tried but failed to get a replacement for Dr. Hayes.

Forty-two years without even the most elementary sanitation, the entire water supply in Force is polluted. The outside pumping facilities which provide the drinking water have been condemned by State health authorities as contaminated. The toilet sewage flows from the out-houses into the pumps, wells, vegetable gardens and dirt

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New York SWP Nears Petition Drive Goal

The New York Trotskyist majority and councilmanic petition campaign is swinging into the home stretch. Some 4,000 signatures were obtained over last week-end. The Farrell Dobbs for Mayor petitions now have 13,000 names, and 3,800 signatures have been obtained for Louise Simpson, the Trotskyist candidate for City Council.

The actual number of signatures required by New York election laws is only 7,500 for mayor and 2,000 for councilman. But New York Local of the Socialist Workers Party set the goal at 15,000 and 5,000 respectively.

The New York comrades have sacrificed a great deal of their spare time to make this campaign a success. Ruby Parker is one, for example, who has shown up for every mobilization. Even rainstorms didn't quench the spirits of our Trotskyist fighters.

Stopping people on the street, in stores, under awnings in the rain — trudging up and down the stairs of tenement houses, the army of petition-gatherers did their work. They even utilized a jaunt to the beach to garner signatures from bathers!

Here is an example of Trotskyist initiative and working class ingenuity: Larissa Reed reports the following: "I decided I'd have to do something to combat this drizzle we've been bothered with,

so I went into a dime store and approached one of the girls behind the counter. When she learned that the petition was to nominate independent labor candidates, she lined up all the other girls for me and kept watch for the boss until I had my petitions filled."

Sympathizers of the party are requested to turn in the petitions they have, as all names must be in the office of the Socialist Workers Party, 116 University Place, by Saturday, August 11.

The branches are conducting evening mobilizations as we go to press. Next week we shall announce that we've gone over the top.

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Tuberculosis Is Bred In The Soil Of Poverty

By Bill Gray

BUFFALO, N. Y. A shocking report from the Buffalo and Erie County Tuberculosis Association has burst through the carefully woven network of boss-inspired propaganda that the living standards of American workers have been maintained during the war. The report reveals the terrific toll in workers' lives taken by tuberculosis, popularly known as T.B. The death rate from this preventable disease has mounted to a new high between 1940 to 1945.

Before considering the facts and figures in this report, it is necessary to understand the close connection between tuberculosis and living standards. The working population in this city as well in the nation have a practical monopoly on this disease. Why is this so? The doctors tell us that poverty, poor food, crowded living quarters, and long hours of exhausting toil provide the soil in which TB grows. The wealthy do not suffer from these conditions and therefore rarely contract the disease.

TB A YARDSTICK

Tuberculosis is more than just a terrible and fatal disease. It serves as a yardstick by which variations in the standard of living of the workers can be measured.

A series of maps and statistics prepared by the Association show that deaths from tuberculosis have mounted rapidly in Erie County, where Buffalo is situated. The county has one large industrial area consisting of Buffalo and the adjoining city of Lackawanna. The 1944 death rate per 100,000 of population in Buffalo was 57.1. In Lackawanna, where the population is composed almost entirely of steel workers, the rate is 78.3. However the rest of the county which is largely agricultural, has a death rate of only 28.8 percent.

In 1940 the Buffalo death rate was 47 per 100,000. In four years

services and doctors report that workers resist TB tests.

This may seem strange, but the hard fact is that many workers feel they cannot afford to risk such a test. If they contract TB and the boss finds out they will most surely be fired. The bosses' excuse is that they must "protect" the health of the other workers, as TB is communicable. A worker who becomes sick draws no unemployment insurance. Nor is TB recognized in this state as an industrial hazard. Therefore its victims are not eligible for workmen's compensation.

In addition, the conditions for curing TB demand complete rest and good, rich food. These are out of the reach of sick workers who are usually compelled to work long hours to make both ends meet.

Other ailments can be treated more or less successfully while a worker holds down his job, but not TB. A patient must have rest, but workers can't afford to rest.

TOLL AMONG THE POOR

The report for 1943 stated that 970 new TB cases turned up here. The 1944 report fails to mention the number of new cases despite the importance of this information. It is certain that it has increased tremendously.

The poorer the section of the city, the higher the death rate.

Thus we find that in the Negro neighborhoods where the taken-home wages are smaller and where housing conditions are unbelievably wretched, the death rate leaps upward. As against a rate of 16.6 for a well-to-do white district the rate amongst the Negroes ranges from 161.3 to 167.5. This is more than ten times the death rate for the wealthy whites and almost three times the rate for the whole of the city.

But these figures only partially disclose the devastating toll this dread disease has taken among workers. TB cases are usually not reported by workers until they reach the final stages. Social

streets where the children play. "I see no point in having baby clinics when you feed these babies filthy toilet water," said Dr. Hayes. The Health Department is now instructing residents to boil their water until further notice.

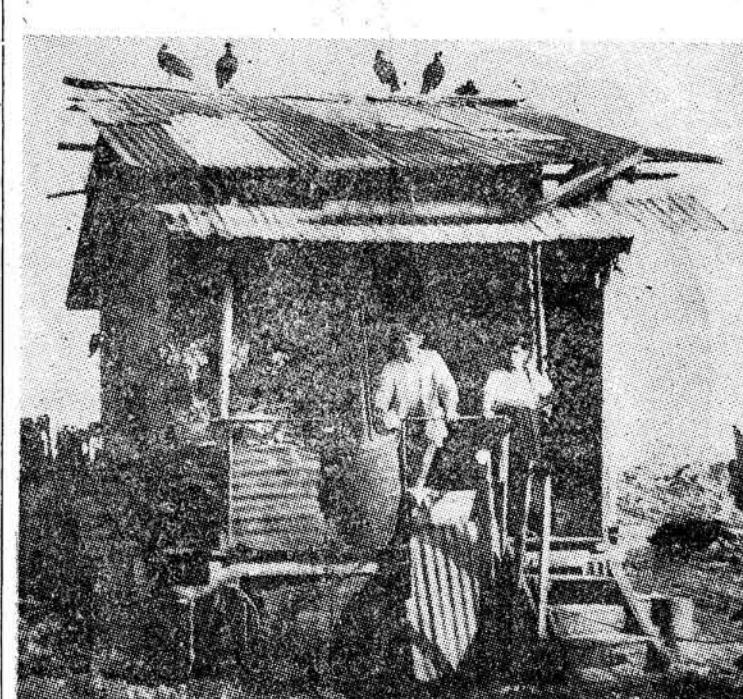
When Health Department re-

presentatives told Dr. Hayes that conditions were no different in Force than in other Pennsylvania mining towns, she retorted: "We wait for an epidemic to do something about it. If typhoid got started it would spread like wildfire in this hot weather."

ROTEN SHACKS

The description given of the houses in which the coal miners and their families live, is a revealing commentary on the whole brutal, anarchistic capitalist system. The greedy mine owners provide the "homes" for the mine

Disease Hovers Here



COMPANY TOWN'S FILTH PROVOKES MINE STRIKE

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workers. These bleak and rotting frame shacks, with paint long since disappeared under layers of grime, sag in the dirt streets which, like open sores, are running over with filth, garbage and sewage. There is no running water, no bathrooms, no electricity, no sewage system. The wind whips up the odors of rotting garbage and sewage so that even in hot weather, as one miner put it, "We have to leave the windows closed at night or we get one hell of a stench."

But inside, the workers and their wives struggle against these odds to keep their homes spotless. They cover the walls with white paint or attractive wallpaper. They keep in gleaming condition the electric stoves, refrigerators and washing machines that they have bought although there is no power to run them. The modern cabinet sinks have no faucets because there is no running water.

Wooden siding was put on the buildings in 1942 but it was torn off in 1944 and sheet metal applied. Concrete footings around and through the center of the buildings were made six to eight feet wide and thirty five feet deep. Building blocks would have been enough.

Carpenter crews were left idle

while laborers walked two to four blocks for lumber. Parts of machine tools would arrive incomplete, forcing the men to use hand tools. One crew was put on

making rake handles which took them nearly a day to complete.

Two-inch planking was used to make three-eighths-inch doorsteps. Expensive veneer plywood was used to make concrete forms.

Trucks, machinery, and heavy equipment were rented and kept running just to up costs still

more. Left-over material was

scrapped and burned. The plant had the largest dump I ever saw.

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FABLES FOR TODAY



HOW NOT TO FIGHT A BEAST

One afternoon 999,999 years ago, a cave man named Og came upon a sabre-tooth tiger while out for a walk. Og, a strong, fearless man, gripped his club, muttering, "I'll moider de bum," and went forward to do battle.

In four seconds the "bum" had killed Og and in nine and one-quarter minutes had eaten him, hair, bones, and all.

Now, another cave man named Ug had seen the whole affair. He was a wiser man than Og, and he thought, "That was silly. The sabre-tooth tiger had all the advantage."

So he went back to the tribe and brought them all to the place where the tiger had killed Og. The tribe set a trap for the sabre-tooth tiger, and later, when he had fallen into it, they all set upon him and killed him with great ease.

MORAL: DON'T TRY TO TACKLE THE BOSS BY YOURSELF. THAT'S WHAT WE'VE GOT UNIONS FOR.

War Plant Graft Illustrates Waste Of Capitalist War

By Jack Pearson

ST. PAUL — The construction of the Gopher Ordnance Works at Rosemont, Minnesota, a small town near the Twin Cities, was started in May, 1942; and, in spite of the fact that \$165,000,000 was spent on this project, not an ounce of powder has been shipped out. Some of the best farm land in the country, nice and level with beautiful buildings and barns fifteen square miles of it, was laid waste in order to build a plant which was never to be used.

The profit-taking methods by which the Dupont chemical trust and several sub-contractors reaped a harvest are listed below:

CAPITALIST PATRIOTISM

The "cost plus 10 per cent" arrangement spurred the contractors to raise the cost by every method they could find. Over 22,000 workers were hired in 1942 on the original project, with about half of them really needed. The boss had instructions to tell the men to go for a walk.

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TRADE UNION NOTES

By V. Grey

Important Precedent

The United Steelworkers of America (CIO) has just won the first guaranteed annual wage clause to be put into a union contract. This is an important precedent. It is a recognition of the principle that a man is entitled to full employment.

As usual, of course, the company (Weldman Manufacturing Co., Norristown, Pa.) has hedged the whole thing in with ifs and buts, some of them very big. Moreover, the guarantee is for only 1,200 hours. (That's 30 weeks at 40 hours or 52 weeks at 24 hours per week.) A man has to have five years' seniority, for example, to come under the guarantee.

The danger arises here that such a guaranteed annual wage can become merely an extended dole. To mean anything, the guarantee must be on a 52-week basis.

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Congress Debates \$2-Per-Annum Relief For Millions of Children Doomed to Suffer

By Ruth Johnson

A ten-year-old girl lives next door to me, in one of New York's thousands of cold-water flats. The heat in summer is insufferable. In winter, dependent upon a small coal stove, she often sits in a wheel chair on the front stoop, watching listlessly while other kids play in the street. Her hands and head tremble uncontrollably. Her legs are in heavy leather braces. Sometimes, when a neighbor puts a cookie into her mouth, the child, unable to speak, smiles crookedly in thanks.

To see her, physically helpless and condemned to the terrible poverty of the tenements, is to feel all the misery of millions of poor children in America.

COSTLY TREATMENT

There are 70,000 children under 16 suffering from cerebral palsy, caused usually by injuries to the brain at birth. To restore muscular control and to give the simplest education to these young victims of disease is very costly, requiring years of sustained treatment. For the children of the poor, who because they are delivered under the worst conditions suffer most often from cerebral palsy, cure is an economic impossibility.

Half a million children under 18 are afflicted with rheumatic fever, crippling their hearts, condemning them to a lifetime of partial invalidism. More children between 5 and 15 years of age die from rheumatic fever than from any other disease.

There are 100,000 children crippled by bone deformities who receive hospital care in the various states today, with at least another 15,000 on waiting lists, wasting away while treatment is postponed.

HEARING AND SIGHT

Another 200,000 children suffer from epilepsy; 35,000 from diabetes; a million and a quarter are handicapped by asthma. All of them need skilled care over long periods of time.

The number of children with hearing defects has never even



Rich Children

been counted! Ten million children have sight defects, most of them curable or arrestable by proper treatment, but only the blind or the near-blind receive any aid.

These are only a few of the revelations made before the Senate on July 26, where a bill to provide funds for maternal and child welfare was referred to committee for further consideration.

The proposed bill, S. 1318, would provide federal funds to help the states care for 40,000,000 American children and their mothers; medical care, hospitalization, convalescent homes. Yet the proposed amount of aid, when supplemented by equal contributions from the states, would allot an average of only \$2 per year per child!

STATES WILL DECIDE

Even more shameful is the specified manner of distributing the proposed funds. While making pious declarations that there shall be "no discrimination on account of race, creed or color," the bill provides that the states shall decide where to spend the money.

Thus the Southern states may and will apportion their share so as to aid white children (paltry as the help will be!) while neglecting Negro children whose death-rate is almost twice as high! Eventually, the states may provide a few Jim Crow centers for Negro children.

The bill grows out of the find-

ings of the Army, which had to reject 40 percent of the men called in the draft, for physical reasons. Congress wants to build an army for the future. But while it authorizes billions for destruction, it only "considers" spending one hundred millions a year for child welfare and maternity care combined!

WASTAGE PROBABLE

Even this small grant will be largely dissipated in high fees to doctors and private hospitals.



... And Poor

Much emphasis is laid on the necessity for preserving the rights of doctors and hospitals to refuse to admit needy cases! Of course, the patient shall also have the "right" to choose his own physician and hospital, if he can afford it.

Only socialized medicine, available to all and with facilities arranged for comprehensive care, can begin to cure millions of poor children. But even more important, the abominable living conditions of workers and farmers which cause the most devastating diseases of childhood, must be wiped out.

Mopping up the nearby streets, the troops moved across the river to Anacostia Flats, where the main body of World War veterans was encamped in shacks and tents. All told there were about 20,000, about 400 with their wives and children. Driven by the troops, they were scattered that night over the neighboring states of Virginia and Maryland. The flaming shacks and tents looked like a big city devastated by incendiary bombs.

How deeply the country resented the treatment of the Bonus Army was indicated when General MacArthur was booted off the platform at the American Legion Convention at Portland, Oregon, in the fall of 1932.

In the end, in spite of Roosevelt's veto, the veterans got what they had come to Washington for. They had demanded immediate payment of the Adjusted Service Certificate, issued in 1924 but payable only in 1945—this year!—granting a dollar a day for service at home and \$1.25 for overseas. Congress voted it over Roosevelt's veto.

SPONTANEOUS ACTION

The Bonus Army was a spontaneous creation of the unemployed veterans. The March was bitterly opposed by the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and other "respectable" veterans' organizations, as well

emphasis upon aiding "free enterprise" to provide jobs, and rejects "the proposition that public employment is the main avenue toward full employment."

At the same time, Senator Murray recalled that last year he, together with President Truman, then a Senator, had informed the Senate Military Affairs Committee that with the end of government war spending "the number of unemployed men and women in this country might easily surpass anything that was dreamed of during the last depression."

Senator Murray further admitted that big business interests desire unemployment in order to destroy wage standards, smash organized labor and drive out competition. He cited one industrialist who wrote him that "private capitalism needs a floating pool of unemployed." Murray declared that "to some big corporations, I have found periods of widespread unemployment are actually welcome, because they provide opportunities to squeeze out or buy out smaller competitors."

The bill endorses the policy of government spending to provide jobs only as a "last resort." Indeed, its sponsors emphasized that it was not intended as a measure to provide "jobs for all," as Senator Wagner stated. In actuality, the purpose of the bill is to bolster up the "free enterprise" system of private profit and privilege.

Representative Patman, chief witness for the bill on the second day of the hearing, forthrightly stated that it was incorrect to term the bill a "full employment" measure. Rather, he insisted, it is "a free enterprise bill" intended to "reserve—indeed strengthen, free competitive enterprise."

Even a cursory examination of the actual contents of the bill reveals it to be worthless. It offers not one concrete measure to prevent unemployment—not one!

FREE ENTERPRISE' BILL

The bill proposes that the President be instructed to make an annual survey of the employment prospects for the coming year. If, in his estimation, anticipated jobs will fall below the number required for "full employment," then he may suggest measures to Congress to provide increased employment. Congress, in turn, may—or may not—act upon his suggestions. The bill explicitly directs the President to place predominant

Bonus March Of 1932 Is Grim Warning To World War II Vets

By Felix Morrow

It happened thirteen years ago. It is a story that every veteran of this war should know.

On July 28, 1932 General Douglas MacArthur, then Chief of Staff, personally led troops—cavalry, tanks and infantry—down Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington. At Third Street they charged the first contingent of the "enemy." With tear gas, bayonet jabs, rifle butts, they drove a group of World War veterans from shacks and half-demolished buildings which had been their homes for ten weeks. The veterans expertly tossed back the tear gas bombs. MacArthur ordered the shacks set afire so the veterans would not be able to return. The flames and smoke rose high, forming a yellow and black frame for the dome of the Capitol rising above them in the background.

VETS COMBED OUT

General MacArthur had seen to it that there were no veterans among the troops; all such veterans had been combed out and left behind at Fort Myers.

Mopping up the nearby streets, the troops moved across the river to Anacostia Flats, where the main body of World War veterans was encamped in shacks and tents. All told there were about 20,000, about 400 with their wives and children. Driven by the troops, they were scattered that night over the neighboring states of Virginia and Maryland. The flaming shacks and tents looked like a big city devastated by incendiary bombs.

How deeply the country resented the treatment of the Bonus Army was indicated when General MacArthur was booted off the platform at the American Legion Convention at Portland, Oregon, in the fall of 1932.

In the end, in spite of Roosevelt's veto, the veterans got what they had come to Washington for. They had demanded immediate payment of the Adjusted Service Certificate, issued in 1924 but payable only in 1945—this year!—granting a dollar a day for service at home and \$1.25 for overseas. Congress voted it over Roosevelt's veto.

SPONTANEOUS ACTION

The Bonus Army was a spontaneous creation of the unemployed veterans. The March was bitterly opposed by the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and other "respectable" veterans' organizations, as well

emphasis upon aiding "free enterprise" to provide jobs, and rejects "the proposition that public employment is the main avenue toward full employment."

The flimsiness of this bill is obvious. To begin with, no special bill is required for the President to secure all the necessary statistical information on which future economic trends might be predicted. The Department of Commerce for years has been providing reams of such material, and business corporations and the government are thoroughly informed on every phase of economic activity.

A PROFOUND CRISIS

Moreover, every informed person knows that we are already entering a period of profound crisis, with the threat of some 26,000,000 unemployed. The problem is what to do about it. The Bill simply says, leave it up to the President and Congress. What he should or will propose, and what the reactionary Congressional agents of Big Business will adopt, are left a matter of mystery.

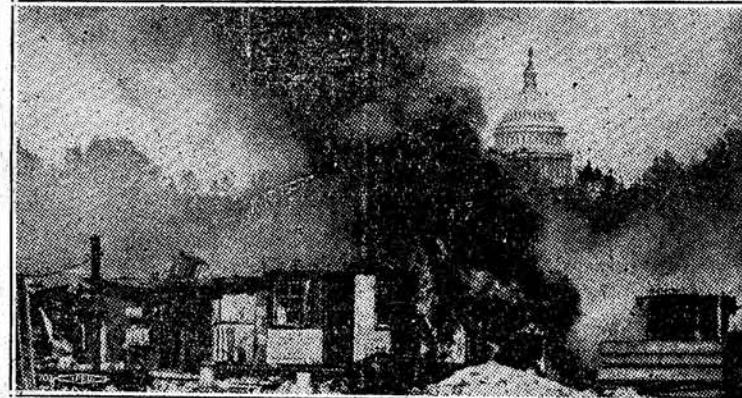
The sponsors of the bill have indicated, however, that their plan is primarily directed at "business opportunities... it means not only wages and salaries, but incomes and profits," as Senator O'Mahoney stated. They see the need for "encouraging free enterprise" by reducing profits taxes, government aid to private capitals, etc.

THE REAL PROBLEM

But the problem is not one either of a lack of private capital or an insufficiency of productive facilities. It is the refusal of the capitalists to permit production unless they can rake in big profits. Corporate working capital has tripled during the war to the unprecedented volume of \$45 billions. But Big Business and its government agents have already set afoot plans to "junk" the giant government-built plants, like Willow Run, which the people have paid for, and reduce productive capacity to prevent competition with the monopolies.

Like every "full employment" plan, "liberal" or otherwise, sponsored by capitalist politicians, the dominant purpose of the Murray—Wagner—O'Mahoney—Patman bill is to safeguard the profit system—the very system which breeds unemployment.

Remember This Atrocity!



Veterans' shacks at Pennsylvania Avenue and Third Street, set afire by troops, light up the capitol dome, as the bonus marchers are driven from Washington.

as by the Republican and Democratic parties.

No one issued a call for the March. It just happened. Driven by hunger, small groups started for Washington from various parts of the country. It gathered volume; between May 20 and July 28, at least 30,000 vets arrived in Washington; some left, but most stayed.

For these tens of thousands to come penniless across the country was possible only because everywhere they found the masses actively in sympathy with them.

The unemployed understood that the Bonus Army was breaking a path to Washington which could later be followed by the unemployed with broader demands. The Bonus Marchers had, besides, the moral authority of men who had risked their lives in battle, ostensibly for a world in which they would be secure.

RACE BARRIERS DOWN

Two slogans were especially popular among the veterans. They painted them crudely on signs, freight cars, jalopies: "Heroes of 1917—Bums of 1932," "We Fought for Democracy—What Did We Get?"

Under popular pressure city authorities along the road welcomed the vets, fed them and housed them, and made money collections to help speed them on. The vets commandeered freight cars and coupled them to fast trains. They relinquished the trains only in return for state-owned trucks which carried them to the next state line.

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Unionist Gives Views On Legion

(Editorial Note: The Militant publishes the following interview as the expression of one point of view as to the best organizational medium through which the problems of working-class war veterans can be handled. We invite all veterans to make use of the columns of The Militant for the discussion of veterans' problems.)

By Evelyn Atwood

Last Saturday I met a trade union member of the American Legion. An AFL electrical machinist and a veteran of the first World War, he told me about his keen interest in veterans' problems and the way in which members of the AFL hope to solve them through the American Legion.

"Some of our AFL union men have been in this work since 1925, long before the CIO was even dreamed of," he began. "Our membership in the Legion since that time has been largely AFL veterans of the last war. Today we estimate this membership at about 25,000 in 127 posts out of 14,000 posts in the country. Our Union Labor Legionaries has national headquarters at 160 N. La Salle Street, Chicago."

"We operate as labor members, a kind of faction within the American Legion. Naturally, the reactionary elements in the Legion are hostile and do not welcome us, but what can they do about it?"

LEGION A POWER

When asked why the AFL chose to go into the Legion rather than form a veterans' organization of their own, he replied: "Because there's no use kidding ourselves; it's the biggest and most powerful veterans' organization in the world." Explaining further, he said: "If we can organize the 3,000,000 unionists or more of this war into the labor posts of the Legion, we can combat the reactionary policies of the vested interests."

To show how wealthy and well-organized the American Legion is, he pointed out: "There is at least \$75,000,000 represented in their clubhouse posts throughout the country now. They have welfare and many other departments. The men in charge are soldiers and thoroughly trained in the work they do. The units run from local, city, county, state up to national. It's a real apparatus."

"Before this war the Legion had a membership of about a million. Now they have 560,000 new soldiers out of this war. That's ten times more than all the other new veterans' organizations put together. Today there are about 175 new veterans' organizations with memberships that range anywhere from 15 to 3,000. The only other big organization that can compare with the Legion is the Veterans of Foreign Wars. This had a membership of about half a million before this war and now has grown probably to a million."

PROGRESSIVES STRUGGLE

He argued: "How could we possibly build an apparatus like the Legion's in the time that is needed to do it? It would require years and years. In the meantime the Legion would be growing all the time and becoming more and more reactionary. If we are inside, as labor members, we can counteract them. As a matter of fact, there has always been a struggle between the progressive and reactionary forces inside the Legion. It's up to us labor members to get in there and pitch!"

Admitting that the Legion has committed notorious strike-breaking actions, he said: "Yes, that Centralia business during the last war was pretty bad. Yet you must remember that not all the posts are reactionary."

"For example, take the 60 million jobs that Wallace said we had to have. Everybody in Washington thought he was a long-haired idiot. But out in Wisconsin we have a post which is showing how to do it. They say they will go to all the business men in the area whose war contracts are over and ask them: 'Are you going to open up your plants and make the things the people around here need and can't get, like bathtubs and refrigerators?' If not, they're going to ask the government to open them up to manufacture these things."

THE PROFIT MOTIVE

Here he interjected sarcastically: "We all know that business men don't make things because people need them. All they are interested in is profits. And if they can make more profits out of making perfume or stuff like that they don't care if the people



go without bathtubs and refrigerators."

The AFL labor posts, he informed me, are vigorously anti-Jim Crow. "We're going to run a Negro in our post in the next election, if he will accept." This brought us to the subject of Rankin and other Jim Crow members of Congress. "Sure they talk like fascists," he declared. "But what are they doing in Washington anyway? They're elected by only a handful of people. The way to handle Rankin, Bilbo and their crowd is to get a real election down south."

Commenting on how he thought this could be done, he continued: "It's up to labor to help them get free elections. Labor will have to go in there and even spend some money to do it. If necessary, pay the poll-tax costs so all the people can vote. Sure, I know what that means—a lot of us will get our brains bashed in. But that shouldn't stop us. The trouble is there isn't enough of a labor movement down south to work with, but we could work with the sharecroppers' organizations which are already set up."

THINK DIFFERENTLY

We talked about the war and the boys still overseas in Europe. "Yes," he agreed, "I know why they're being kept over there. I just hope plenty of them will be kept there so they will get to know what the real score is. You know, we get letters from the boys overseas. They're different from the letters we wrote back in the last war. These boys think differently from what we did then, and from what a lot of us think even now."

"They remember the last war. They have something to go by. Most of all they remember the depression, when the old man couldn't get a job and just sat around. Maybe the old lady could get a buck and a half for servant's work... Of course, some of the boys are still confused. They have to be educated. Even some of the union boys."

When he remarked with disgust: "The trouble is they wrap everything up in this American flag business," I asked: "More than in the last war?" He replied: "Yes, I think so. For one thing they've learned how to do it better, and then look at this tremendous and powerful publicity machine they've got to do with."

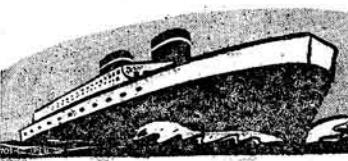
FEAR OVERCOME

Before we concluded the interview, he returned to the immediate problem. "Our conference welcomes any veteran so long as he has a union card and is a member of a bona fide labor organization. It took us a long time to get to this point. In the beginning, the electrical union was even afraid of letting in veterans from other AFL unions. But we fought that—we had to break out of that sectarian business. Then they were afraid to let in CIO members. But after they let a few in and saw that it didn't turn our union upside down, they said: 'Maybe we've been on the wrong track all along.' Our top leadership has been a handicap in this all along."

Praising the CIO's work, he remarked: "The CIO is doing a good job, setting up veterans' committees in all the shops and unions. Their national body has at least 12 union leaders on it, compared with three at the head of ours. That shows you the difference! They have representatives from all the international unions, auto, textile, rubber, oil, etc."

Sailor Gets Glimpse Of Colonial Slavery

By A Seaman



Yussef was a small, wizened fellow, like most of the Indians I'd met.

Of course, there is a theory, a British colonial theory no doubt, that Indians are by nature undersized. But I had a chance to see for myself. It was in Bombay at the end of the monsoon season and tens of thousands of the people were flocking to the seashore in their beautifully colored saris and Sunday-best to toss coconuts into the Indian Ocean as an offering of thanks to the monsoon for its having died down.

There you could see Indians from every province of the land, all with their own deviation in dress, in coiffure, in the color and fold of the sari—and you could tell by the build of the people whether their province had fed them well or not.

STUDY IN CONTRASTS

The Punjabis were husky. Those from the northwestern frontier were big and strong. So happens that in those provinces food is more plentiful than elsewhere. The Parsees were well rounded out and seemed far more energetic than the scrawny south Indians. As you might expect, the Parsees are a merchant class, while the south Indians are the poorest of the poor.

But Yussef was from Calcutta, a seaman and a diligent worker. You could tell by the way he dusted and polished the officers' saloon, his hurried movements, and the attention he gave to his menial job, as if it was all important that the brass and mahogany should dazzle the eye. There was a spacious glassed-in bookcase in the saloon mess, and one of the books that caught my eye was "The Iron Heel" by Jack London. I pointed out the book to Yussef and said: "This is a very good book."

THE "MASTERS"

"You want this book?" he said. "No. For you," I said. "Can you read English?" "Yes, I read." "Well then, take this book and read it."

Yussef smiled at my ignorance. "This book is not for me. Master don't like for me to take the books."

By "master" he meant the of

fers. Though this was a Dutch ship they were the only Dutchmen aboard. The men who did the work were Indians.

Before long Yussef and I were deep in friendly conversation, discussing wages and conditions man to man, and he told me about his family back in Calcutta, his wife, his four children, his sister and her children, his mother and his in-laws—all of whom he was obliged to keep alive on ninety rupees a month, thirty dollars in our money, which is all his Dutch bosses paid him for twelve hours of work per day, seven days in the week.

Then the Dutch steward stepped into the saloon mess, and Yussef broke off a sentence and turned swiftly to his work, as if he had never had a word with me.

LIKEABLE FELLOW

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MISERABLE HABITS

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Yussef left.

The steward and I sat there sipping coffee and talking over the world situation. "Do you know what will come next in Europe?" he asked. "I'll tell you what. Communism. The people in Europe won't stand it any more. You Americans don't know, but you can believe me, I have lived in Europe, all over

Europe, and you will see they will have a revolution over there. It will come from the trenches, that's where Communism is born in the trenches."

"Your Queen Wilhelmina won't like that, will she?" I asked.

"The Queen? Who thinks about the Queen? To hell with the Queen!"

"And what about the Dutch empire?"

WHAT RIGHT?

Here the steward lowered his voice impressively, trying hard to make me understand: "Look here, what right have we to this empire? None! These people don't like us and they are right. They want their freedom, why shouldn't they have it? Take India. Now I've been for many years in India. These people are smart, they are cultured, they have wise traditions and philosophies. Why should the Britishers rule them?"

They don't like the British. Do you know how many people starved to death in the past two years right under the eyes of the Britishers? Ten million! Just think, ten million!"

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At that moment I wondered how many of us, American workers, who have fine ideas about freedom and equality—how many of us let the miserable capitalist habits hold sway over our daily lives, especially when we meet the colored worker.

THE WORKERS DIED

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CONQUERORS SLICE GERMANY INTO BITS

Miners Thank SWP For Support To Wm. Patterson

CLEVELAND, O., Aug. 5 — The Socialist Branch of the Socialist Workers Party, which passed a resolution demanding the pardon of William Patterson, first victim of the Smith-Connally anti-strike law, has received a letter of thanks from Patterson's local union.

The letter, on the stationery of United Mine Workers' Local 2399, reads:

"The members of Local Union 2399, Richeyville, Pa. extend to you, the Socialist Workers Party, their thanks for assisting us in this fight to free a brother, William Patterson, who was unjustly dealt with under the Smith-Connally Act. Thanking you again and hoping for his immediate pardon.

Joseph Zibuida
Recording Secretary

Briggs Local Aids Railroaded Miner

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STUDY THE RECORD

With the recent exposure of the falsity of the claim of "mixed units" having been opened up by Eisenhower on the European front, we are once again reminded that the vicious system of Jim Crow has been rigidly adhered to by the armed forces in the war for "democracy." Let the twenty-six Negro organizations which sent out a proclamation to both parties previous to the primaries again reconvene and study the record to see if either of the two major parties or any of their henchmen have fought in Congress to abolish segregated units in the Army — a prerequisite which they agreed was necessary if these parties were to deserve our support!

Moreover, both capitalist parties united to kill other progressive proposals and are now finding common ground in their plan to smash the unions and persecute the militant workers through the Ball-Burton-Hatch Bill.

The resolution, pointing to the danger for the whole labor movement in the imprisonment of Patterson, demands full and complete presidential pardon for him and calls for the repeal of the Smith-Connally Act, as a deadly menace to the most basic right of labor, the right to strike."

Copies of the resolution were directed to Patterson's local, UMW Local 2399, to the International Executive Board of the UAW, the CIO, and the press.

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their equipment removed at will by the conquerors.

Paragraph 18 of the communiqué says that "payment of reparations should leave enough resources to enable the German people to subsist without external assistance." This is the future which has been arranged for the masses of Germany—subsistence level of living, or in other words, semi-starvation.

And once again there is to be a harrowing exodus of people from various countries because of redrawn boundaries. Germans who had settled in Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary are to be uprooted and expelled. Forced back into a considerably narrowed Germany, they can only add to the country's economic difficulties. The Potsdam communiqué emphasizes, however, that these unfortunates are to be uprooted and expelled in an orderly and humane manner."

LIE OF GERMAN GUILT

The predatory, bandit-like arrangements for Germany are, of course, predicated upon the hoary lie of the guilt of the whole German people for the frightful war in Europe. The Germans are to be humiliated, robbed and virtually enslaved so that, in the words of the communiqué, they may be convinced that they have suffered a total military defeat and that they cannot escape responsibility for what they have brought upon themselves, since their own ruthless warfare and the fanatical Nazi resistance have destroyed German economy and made chaos and suffering inevitable."

SETTING THE LIMITS

The standard of living of the German people under this oppressive regime is clearly envisaged in the communiqué, which, while speaking about a "subsistence" level, declares that the economic strangulation of the country shall not go beyond limits "essential to maintain in Germany average living standards not exceeding the average of the standards of living of European countries."

Zinoviev's writings on the Italian Socialist Party, January-July 1945.

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FARRELL DOBBS

DOBBS HAILS VICTORY OF BRITISH LABOR

Following is the text of the speech delivered by Farrell Dobbs, Trotskyist candidate for Mayor of New York, at the meeting held in Webster Hall, New York, on August 3 and reported in this issue.

The British Labor Party's electoral victory is a world-shaking event. It will cause significant repercussions in America, and right here in New York City. A dramatic example has been set by the British working class for the workers of New York to follow in the city elections next November.

Workers in Britain and the United States face the same essential problems. Frozen wages, runaway prices and the black market have slashed deeply into their standard of living. Unemployment and a starvation dole loom grimly before the workers as war production is curtailed.

DOBBS ON ELECTIONS

This "sham battle" between Foster and Browder, said Comrade Cannon, "was staged to prevent the C.P. from becoming completely discredited, completely demoralized. But they are too late. The crimes of Stalin have gone too far and are too widely known. The workers of the world want a fundamental change. They will find their way to the Trotskyist movement and to socialism."

Farrell Dobbs, Trotskyist can-

didate for mayor in the coming New York elections, spoke on the British elections which have shaken every corner of the world including the U.S. He described the British Labor victory as an event that will leave its mark on the coming elections here in New York City next November. The British workers, he said, have set a dramatic example for

the workers of New York to follow — to break with all capitalist parties and vote for independent labor candidates.

Louise Simpson, Trotskyist candidate for the New York City Council, pointed out that none of the capitalist party candidates, or their Labor and Liberal Party stooges, had any

sharpening struggles of the workers against unemployment, discrimination and misery "only the Socialist Workers Party emerges as champion of the working class, through independent political action."

A collection of \$200 was contributed to aid in the election campaign. The meeting ended with the enthusiastic singing of

"The Internationale."

Capitalist politicians in both Britain and America jealously guard only the interests of the profit-greedy bosses. Cynically they ignore the needs of the working class. At most they toss the workers a crumb, while fashioning new police measures for acts of repression against the toiling masses.

Whether it be a Churchill or an O'Dwyer or a Goldstein, this is their consistent, basic policy — rich swag for the bosses; crumbs and police clubs for the workers.

The British workers drew the correct conclusion from these facts. They forced their leaders to break the coalition with the capitalist politicians. They kicked Churchill out and swept the Labor Party into power.

BIRDS OF A FEATHER

The British Labor Party leaders are little different from our own particular brand of labor scabs in this country. Attlee, Bevin and the rest, in coalition with the Tories, acted just as Murray and Green and Hillman and the Stalinists have been acting in this country. The difference between the political situation here and in Britain is that the British workers have forced their leaders to break with the capitalist politicians and have thus acted as an independent political force.

Here in New York there is also a labor party movement. But right now it is a very sick movement. It has been betrayed by its leaders. The Social-Democrats and the Stalinists have split the New York labor party movement in an unprincipled struggle to dominate it.

Neither of these sets of traitors can attempt to justify their criminal actions by pretending to fight for real independent working class political action.

WHITEWASH GANGS

Because both the Stalinist-Hillman-dominated American Labor Party and the Socio-Democratic-controlled Liberal Party are supporting capitalist politicians in the New York City election, both of these sets of misleaders are lending a protective covering to the capitalists' vicious two-party system.

One gang tries to whitewash the Democratic political agents of Wall Street. The other gang tries to whitewash the Republican political agents of Wall Street. Nobody can win in this shell game but the capitalists. The workers are bound to lose.

How can the workers of New York break out of this strait-jacket of the capitalist two-party system? This is not merely a New York problem. It is a problem confronting the workers throughout the whole country. But how can the New York workers follow the inspiring example of the British workers when the labor party movement here presents them only capitalist candidates like O'Dwyer, Goldstein and the rest of that surly breed?

VOTE TROTSKYIST

There is an answer to these vital questions. There is a workers' political party with candidates in the New York city elections who do stand for independent working class political action; candidates who are campaigning on a program of full

New York Mass Meeting Hears Cannon Analysis Of C.P. "Turn"

(Continued from page 1) the Negroes whom they had deceived and betrayed into the war. They began to realize that if they wanted to stay in business as a bargaining agency for Stalin, they had better begin repairing their fences."

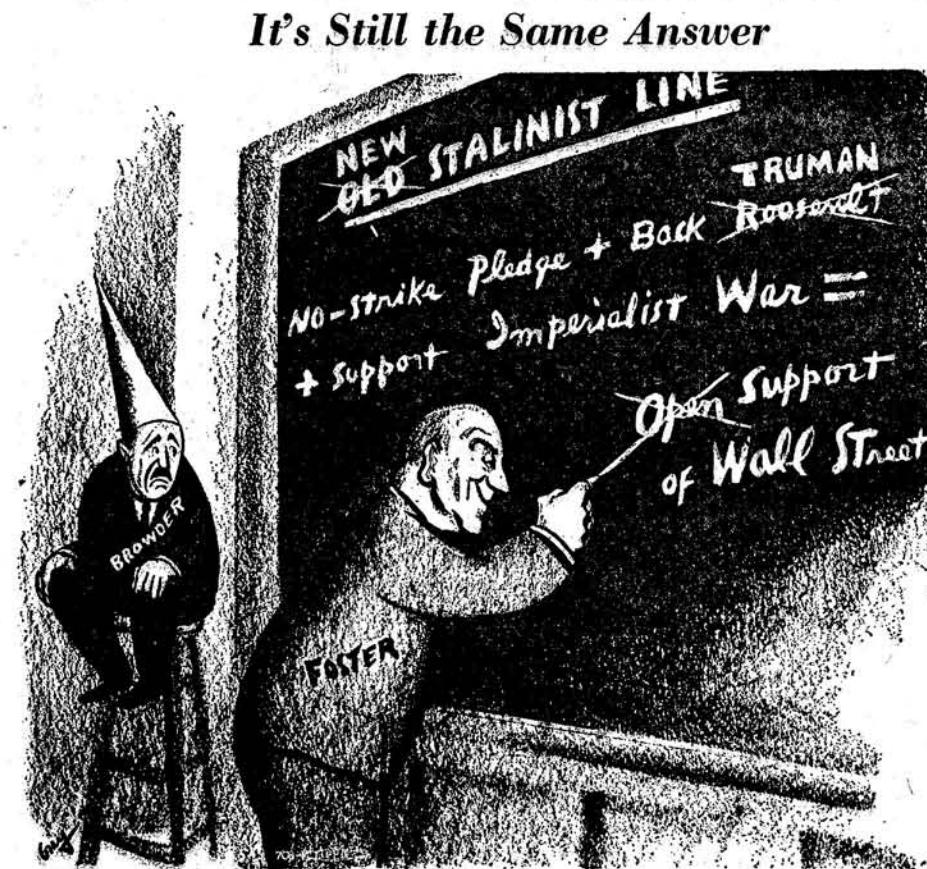
NON-ESSENTIAL ITEM

Evoking chuckles of merriment from the audience, Comrade Cannon continued: "And in the course of this, little man named Browder, who was standing on the stairs, just wasn't there any more! The ostensible reason for the removal of Browder was the charge of revisionism. But it was not revisionism. It was reconversion — a cutback to peacetime production. Browder happened to be a non-essential item. Now Foster, who has been dug up out of the reserve pile to replace Browder, promises not to betray the workers any more. Yet Foster supports the same sell-out program of Browder. He supports the rule of monopoly capitalism. He supports their imperialist war. He wants to sell out the workers in 'unity' with their oppressors."

DOBBS ON ELECTIONS

This "sham battle" between Foster and Browder, said Comrade Cannon, "was staged to prevent the C.P. from becoming completely discredited, completely demoralized. But they are too late. The crimes of Stalin have gone too far and are too widely known. The workers of the world want a fundamental change. They will find their way to the Trotskyist movement and to socialism."

Farrell Dobbs, Trotskyist can-


It's Still the Same Answer
BOSS PARTIES RUN "CIRCUS," SAYS SIMPSON

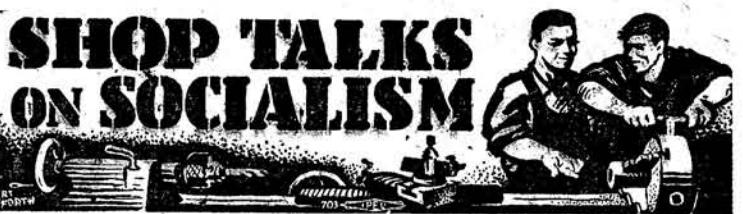
Following is the text of the speech delivered on Aug. 3 by Louise Simpson, Trotskyist candidate for City Council, at the Socialist Workers Party meeting held at Webster Hall.

American political campaigns have been described in the past as circus performances. This election contest in New York is certainly demonstrating the truth of this description. While the major political parties dodge the real issues with all the skill and dexterity of acrobats, their candidates rush about like clowns conducting sham fights.

Behind this game of burlesques politized the machine politicians are attempting to hide the fact that this election is one of the most important in the history of New York. A great depression is looming on the horizon and will sweep through the country like a plague. Skyrocketing prices, terrific taxes and frozen wages cut like a knife into the workers' standard of living. An increasing black market is making a farce of the rationing system.

WORKERS' BURDENS

Added to these burdens, mass lay-offs are increasing with wage-cuts on the way. Govern-


By V. Grey

Sometimes you'd think Breezy was just hopeless. I remember once he was sounding off about Negroes. They weren't good enough to drink with, he said, and a whole lot of other things.

Our shop is practically Jim Crow, (because of the company's policy, not the union's). But the union doesn't fight hard enough to compel the company to hire without discrimination.

A couple of us were plugging this idea to Breezy, and using every argument in the book.

But Breezy couldn't see it. He was buying a house over in the "good" section of town, and he was sore because a couple of Negro families were buying in there, too. "Sure, they're just as good as we are," he admitted. But "that's gonna make my property go down."

Well, hell, we told him, one minute he says Negroes like to live in filthy old firetraps and the next minute he's sore because they want to get a few inches ahead like he does and have a decent home for their kids. That doesn't make sense, we told him.

But he didn't care if it made sense or not. He wasn't going to have his kids brought up playing with colored kids, and so on.

Why Labor Unity is Essential

We tried to show him where it would be cutting our own throats if our shop didn't take on Negroes (this was when the plant was still hiring). The colored workers would think it was our fault they were kept out, and if there was a strike maybe some of them would figure this was their chance to get a job here, and why should they worry about us if we didn't worry about them?

Breezy didn't have any answer to that. But don't get the idea that it made much of an impression. Breezy's not the thinking type. Breezy's just a union man who learns by experience and even then you wouldn't believe he did, to talk to him.

But we don't worry too much about Breezy. In the long run he's going to be on the right side of the fence. And here's how we know:

A month or so after that conversation, we had a plant-wide strike. Two fellows in another shop in the plant were demoted for union activity. This particular shop was mixed as far as races go. The chances were at least fifty-fifty the two men were colored. In fact, somebody told us later that they were.

But when our shop went out, nobody asked who the two men were, what they looked like, or what color their skin was. Everybody quit work, that's all. And Breezy was the first one out the door.

Congressmen At Work

By Joseph Hansen



LOUISE SIMPSON

ment strike-breaking is used daily to break labor's efforts to maintain a decent standard of living. In the midst of these struggles hundreds of thousands of workers and returning veterans will find, not sixty million jobs, but unemployment and peace-time conscription!

What do the Democratic and Republican parties in New York offer the workers as solutions to these vital problems? Nothing! They have no perspective but still another war — World War III, and, in the meantime, breadlines. With no plans for reconversion, no plans for housing, no plans for jobs, they conduct this election campaign as a smoke-screen to cover up their political bankruptcy. The A.L.P. and Liberal Party are doing nothing to lead the workers along the path of independent political action. On the contrary, they are busily trying to tie the workers to the old corrupt capitalist parties.

In this election the Socialist Workers Party — the Trotskyists — emerges as the leading champion of independent working class political action. In our program we demand full employment through the continued operation of all government-built plants under workers' control. We stand for the full equality of Negroes and other minorities. Down with Jim Crow everywhere! We demand full recognition of the rights of veterans. "Tax the Rich, not the Poor!" is our slogan and we mean it! Any worker who wants to register his vote for independent working-class political action can do so by voting Trotskyist in this election.

Reciprocating Reynolds' admiration, Hitler published a signed article by Reynolds in his personal organ, *Volkischer Beobachter*.

This exchange of compliments serves to illustrate Reynolds' fascist cast of mind. Right now Reynolds is organizing in the following way:

HOW THEY ORGANIZE

"The committee is organizing on a unit basis. In every community of the United States there will be organized units consisting of ten people only. This number is restricted to ten for the reason that in a unit of ten members only, every member of that unit will be acquainted with his fellow unit members. With only ten members to the unit, meetings may be held in the home of one of the members. . . If the number permitted in the unit is more than ten, the chances are that some subversive elements will worm their way into the unit and begin to bore from within, as was experienced by the old America First Committee."

Official organ of Reynolds party is *The National Record*. At present it follows the slogan: "Join the National Party NOW! Don't wait to Get on the Bandwagon Later!"

That this is a fascist bandwagon is indicated even by the poetry printed in *The National Record*. Thus a poem entitled "Minority Rule" begins:

"A boisterous minority Has silenced now and then, A peaceful majority Of abler, wiser men. . ."

WANTED

The Militant needs a set of the *Encyclopedia Britannica* for the reference library of the editorial department. Will anyone willing to donate such a set please communicate with:

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Full Employment
And Job Security
For All Workers
And Veterans!

Wall Street politicians promised 60,000,000 jobs after the war. But even before the return of millions of men in the armed forces, unemployment is growing by leaps and bounds. To provide jobs for everyone, institute a sliding scale of hours! Spread the work by reducing the number of hours each man spends on the job—but with no reduction in take-home pay!

The July 21 Congressional Record reports the following discussion in the House of Representatives:

"Mrs. ROGERS of Massachusetts . . . I am told by men who wear the artificial legs at Walter Reed Hospital that . . . when they come into Washington sometimes, and those legs are broken and they have fallen. . . Some say the artificial legs they get after they are discharged from the Army are more satisfactory to some than the ones they secure from the Army. Some like the ones they secure from the Veterans' Administration better. After all, it is very much an individual matter. . .

"Mr. MILLER of Nebraska. I may say to the gentlewoman from Massachusetts and to the House that for 11 years now I have had to make friends with two artificial limbs, and I think I know something about some of the difficulties men face when they first lose a limb. They have to adjust themselves, adjust their thinking. Many times they feel that they are whipped and are unable to get along. . .

Cheap Limbs for Veterans

"My contact out at the hospital made me feel that they were cutting too many corners and having individuals perhaps make limbs who were not entirely familiar with some of the finer aspects of limb making.

"Mrs. ROGERS of Massachusetts. It is very much of an individual matter just as is the case with shoes.

"Mr. MILLER of Nebraska. Exactly.

"Mrs. ROGERS of Massachusetts. A pair of shoes that would fit the gentleman would not fit me; and vice versa.

"Mr. MILLER of Nebraska. You must individualize your limb. Out there they try to turn them out on a factory mass-production style; but it is a matter that must be adjusted to the individual if the artificial arm or limb is to give its best service.

". . . Mrs. ROGERS of Massachusetts . . . I assume the gentleman agrees with me that no artificial limb has ever been created that is entirely satisfactory. I understand, however, some very advanced experimentation is being conducted in England, and I trust in this country. Is that correct?

"Mr. MILLER of Nebraska: Yes; that is true; they are doing a great deal in that field. . . More of it should be done. It is a great field that can be developed. . .

"Mrs. ROGERS of Massachusetts . . . As we all know some of the men today are wearing hooks for hands. They are very simple of production. It is simply an elastic band around and on hooks. . .

"Mr. SPRINGER (of Indiana). . . In my opinion, surgery will develop in the artificial hands and limbs field some outstanding developments in the near future. I certainly want to compliment the gentlewoman from Massachusetts for the interest she is manifesting in this very important question. . .

The Congresswoman is 'Astounded'

"Mrs. ROGERS of Massachusetts . . . It is astounding that nothing has been done to perfect an artificial hand or that more has not been done about it up to this time. Perhaps it is because the manufacturers have not been interested and have not done anything and the public has not realized that so much should be done. They may have felt it was a very difficult task and have just given it up."

Naturally the gentlewoman of Massachusetts had no concrete legislation to place before Congress. Along with the rest, she took a two-months' vacation without doing anything further on the matter.

It is not at all "astounding," as she maintains, that the manufacturers have not been interested and have not done anything about helping maimed veterans. The manufacture of bullets and bombs is much more profitable than the manufacture of artificial limbs. If Congress really wanted to help the maimed veterans it would not wait until manufacturers find the "field" profitable, but would immediately provide adequate funds to give these veterans the very best science can produce.

Most important of all—if these Congressmen were really interested in the fate of mankind; instead of shedding sentimental tears over the poor quality of artificial limbs, they would fight tooth and nail to end the basic cause of imperialist war and its horrors—the decaying capitalist system.

SWP International Solidarity Fund Campaign Forging Ahead

By FARRELL DOBBS

International Solidarity Fund

SCOREBOARD

BRANCH	Quota	Paid	Percent
Buffalo	\$125	\$125	100
Reading	25	25	100
St. Louis	25	25	100
Pittsburgh	25	20	80
Newark	100	71	71
Rochester	15	10.25	68
Allentown-Quakertown	60	40	67
Los Angeles	750	475	63
San Francisco	375	232	62
Milwaukee	30	18	60
Philadelphia	125	63.50	51
Bayonne	100	47	47
Detroit	400	164	41
Twin Cities	250	100	40
Boston	125	45	36
Chicago	500	178	36
Toledo	100	31	31
Cleveland	75	22	29
Seattle	350	100	29
Youngstown	85	20	24
New York	1000	227	23
Members-at-Large and Friends	245	82	13
Akron	75	0	0
N. Y. Youth Group	15	0	0
San Diego	25	0	0
TOTAL	\$5,000	2,070.75	41

WEST COAST VACATION SCHOOL ENROLLS "MILITANT" READERS

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 6.—The inspiring reports reaching the West Coast of the enjoyable and successful program of the Mid-West Vacation School have added new enthusiasm to the plans for the West-Coast Summer School, which opens Sept. 10.

Enrollment has proceeded at a rapid pace, with Militant readers registered from Los Angeles, Seattle, San Francisco and Portland. Everyone has commented satisfactorily on the reasonable rates and the excellent facilities which will be provided.

Classes, with voluntary attendance, will include: Problems of the American Labor Movement, An Introduction to Marxist Economics, Study of Karl Marx's Capital, Basic Principles of Socialism, History of the Third and

Vote Trotskyist! In the Coming New York Elections

A SOCIALIST SOCIETY!

Only a planned world economy can end capitalist wars and depressions. Vote against postwar hunger and misery! Vote against the profit system! Vote against a Third World War!

Vote for revolutionary socialism! Vote for the Trotskyist candidates! Vote for Dobbs and Simpson!

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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.

Letter from England

Editor:

I just came across a copy of your paper in London recently (as far as I know at the only shop that sells it) and was interested to read something of American labor.

I have had the opportunity of speaking to many American servicemen during the war and have found them eager to learn about British politics but sadly ignorant of their own. The average Britisher is, I believe, equally ignorant and has the disadvantage of having policies and facts blurred by tradition.

It is indeed encouraging to read a newspaper "published in the interests of the working people." I should be pleased if you would be good enough to send me a few details.

I repeat, I know little of American politics, but I feel that the trade unions and left parties are far stronger in Britain. No Ford atrocities could possibly occur over here.

John L. Lewis' union is perhaps more powerful than our coal union. It is important to remember, however, that the important unions here are affiliated to the British Labor Party. The Labor Party obviously represents the majority of the working people, although perhaps the more sincere workers are in the Communist Party, the Socialist Party, etc.

The Labor Party has no immediate socialist policy because the tradition of the British people insists on gradual change and the party would stand no chance of obtaining power democratically with a more extreme policy. To obtain power undemocratically is impossible at the moment, for conditions are not bad enough to arouse the antipathy of the workers to the extent of sparking a revolution.

In my mind it is the duty of the more ambitious Left parties to make sure that the Labor Party carries out its policy of nationalization, and to take the power from the Labor Party if it fails to extend its socialist policy further.

In your paper you appear to infer that the Labor Party has betrayed or will betray the workers. The large majority of the Labor Party members are members of trade unions, paying the political levy, and it is their delegates who, together with local branch delegates, decide the policy.

Trotsky Memorial Meetings

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Main Speaker

JAMES P. CANNON

National Secretary, Socialist Workers Party

Other Speakers

LOUISE SIMPSON

Wednesday, August 22, 8 P. M.

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A moving picture history of the October Revolution Saturday, Aug. 25, 8 P. M.

Militant Forum

629 Main St. 2nd floor Chairman: BILL GRAY Western N. Y. Organizer, SWP

DETROIT

Speaker: Irving North 3513 Woodward, Room 21 Sunday, Aug. 19, 8 P. M. Detroit

BOSTON

Workers' Educational Center 30 Stuart Street Speaker: L. Trainor Friday, Aug. 24, 8 P. M.

TOLEDO

Sunday, Aug. 19, 8 P. M. Roi Davis Bldg., Room 304, 905 Jefferson Avenue

Speaker: G. Collins

—also

Baritone solo by Robert Kendall

AKRON

Friday, Aug. 24, 8 P. M. 405-06 Everett Bldg., 39 E. Market St.

Speaker: T. Grant

Cleveland Organizer, SWP

LOS ANGELES

Sunday, Aug. 26, 8 P. M.

Embassy Auditorium

South Hall, Ninth and Grant

VOTE TROTSKYIST!

In the Coming New York Elections

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

ORGANIZATION OF THE WAR VETERANS BY THE TRADE UNIONS!

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!

WIN AN ORIGINAL LAURA GRAY CARTOON!

Have you 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. *The Militant* is conducting 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.

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.

Veterans and Fascism

Editor:

Readers of *The Militant* will be interested in a letter by a white soldier from Mississippi, which shows how anti-Negro prejudice has been breaking down in the Army despite all the efforts of the Brass Hats to keep the fires of race hatred smoldering. The letter, of which I enclose a copy, appeared in a recent issue of "Yank," the Army weekly.

EWT
New York City

Dear Yank:

I received a copy of your magazine and read that the AMG is letting the Germans go back to school. After that I read in "Mail Call" about the Jim Crow treatment of colored American soldiers.

Now I am from Mississippi. Until I came into the Army I hated Negroes. It wasn't anything they did to me; I just didn't like them. Since I have been in the ETO I have fought from D-Day to VE-Day with Negro soldiers. I was wounded twice in one foxhole and a Negro saved my life by using his first aid kit on me. Then he carried me to where a doctor could work on me. This was under heavy fire. Later he died. He was from New York and he knew I was from the south where he had no freedom.

Many Negro soldiers have died on the front for American soldiers who thought Jim Crow was right. Why not let the Negro race have what they fought for. I feel that they should, and a lot of southern GI's feel the same way.

T/Sgt. Willie Jones
Somewhere in Germany

Likes Accuracy

Editor:

In the June 30 issue of *The Militant*, in the article by Art Preis concerning the Federal Labor Relations Bill, the writer stated this was the Ball-Burton-Hatch-Hill bill. While to the left of the article in the cartoon by Gray it is listed as the Hatch-Burton-Ball bill, excluding the name of Hill.

Since this issue I've read Justice, Advance, Labor and many other papers and none of them listed Hill as part of the bill. Not until reading the Congressional Record did I really discover that it was sponsored only by three. Until I discovered it I sincerely thought *The Militant* had the exclusive on this bill.

Since I've been reading *The Militant* I have not been able to complain about any of the articles in it. But in the future I believe a thorough check should be made before printing and keep high the quality of accuracy of *The Militant*.

J. D.
Reading, Pa.

Paper Seeks To Turn Vets Against Unions

CLEVELAND, O. — The drive to turn the worker-veterans against the non-veteran workers is swinging into high gear. The Cleveland News (July 21) pitched into the drive with a lead editorial entitled "Victory Is Our Business." In it they shed hypocritical tears for three veterans at the Jack and Heintz Co. These men, comparatively new at Jack and Heintz, were "caught in the lay-off" because of a seniority provision in the contract which the Machinists' Union has with Jack and Heintz."

The News pretended to be worried about the veterans in question. But the burden of their story was that union seniority is a terrible thing. They showed what they were really thinking about when they howled "seniority" in nearly every paragraph. All they were doing, of course, was attacking the union. The unions, as every steward knows, are

hastily recommend a week at Mid-West Vacation school. Nowhere else have I met such sincere and willing teachers, anxious and desirous at all times to help the students in their quest for more knowledge. I learned a lot from them and am anxious now to continue studying.

The school was in wonderful contrast to my army "training." For one thing, I quickly learned in the veterans' section of the population lies the future nucleus of the American fascist organization. This idea is implied in some and explicit in others.

While it is, no doubt, true that the European fascist organizations had their proportionate numbers of veterans of World War I, there were equal if not greater numbers of veterans registered in the Communist parties and the Socialist parties in Germany, Italy, France, England, Spain, and other countries. An examination of the composition of the fascist parties abroad would clear this point up quickly.

More truly, we can say that the future nucleus of fascism in the United States lies in the declassed petty bourgeoisie, which has flocked into the ranks of the working class and armed forces due to the tremendous acceleration of the concentration of capital because of the war, the expansion of heavy industry at the expense of light consumer industry, and the pressure of capitalist economy — especially true in war time — in destroying small business for the benefit of monopolistic development. The petty-bourgeois which are in the armed forces might constitute a minority wing of an American fascist organization.

So you can imagine my joy at the classes here, where the teachers not only invited open discussion but relished debate. Here was no blind acceptance of theory but a complete analysis of the pros and cons.

H. A.
Grass Lakes, Mich.

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Pioneer Notes

The Los Angeles Branch of the Socialist Workers Party is finding Leon Trotsky's "Fascism—What It Is—How To Fight It" an invaluable weapon in their fight against the domestic fascists, Gerald L. K. Smith. After having exhausted a good supply already on hand, they sent us a rush order this week for 200 additional pamphlets.

This pamphlet is a compilation of articles by Leon Trotsky, some of which were originally printed in *The Militant*, *The Fourth International* and the bourgeois press. One section was taken from the book "Germany—What Next" and another from "Whither France?"

It is a brief, succinct analysis of just what the title implies, fascism, its economic and political roots, the weapons it uses and the counter-weapons which the working class must use to crush it.

"Fascism—What It Is—How To Fight It" can be obtained for 15 cents from Pioneer Publishers, 116 University Place, New York, N. Y.

The New York Local of the SWP, at its mass meeting on August 3, sold a good deal of literature. Interest in the Socialist Workers Party program and the Trotskyist analysis of the role of the Stalinists was heightened by James P. Cannon's speech on "The Downfall of Browder." Many new friends bought the "Resolutions of the Eleventh Convention of the Trotskyist Movement" (15 cents, Pioneer Publishers) and also James P. Cannon's pamphlet, "The End of the Comintern" (10 cents, Pioneer Publishers).

The Mid-West Vacation school is doing a land-office business in Marxist literature. New friends are read by the commanding officer of each company. After the reading, the enlisted personnel are asked for comments and questions. And that is where the fun begins. If you disagree with a representative of the army, as a representative of the army, has to cut you short. He explains that such and such is so because it says so in his reading matter and that he cannot sanction any argumentative discussion. So you either agree with the subject matter and don't open your mouth; or you disagree and still don't open your mouth!

So you can imagine my joy at the classes here, where the teachers not only invited open discussion but relished debate. Here was no blind acceptance of theory but a complete analysis of the pros and cons.

When prices are higher
And wages are lower,
Prosperity comes
A great deal slower.

George F. Young
South Gate, Cal.

MILITANT ARMY

The summer months, occupied with vacations and general relaxation, usually denotes a lull in activity. However, judging from the correspondence received from our agents from coast to coast, quite the contrary seems to be the case this year.

Milwaukee — Enclosed is \$1.50 for three new six-month subs. One is from a young 16-year-old lad who is working in the same shop as I am over his summer vacation. He took the sub after he attended our Grace Carlson meeting. Another one of the subs is from a young worker who also works with me and was a member of the IWW in '37 and '38 after being a leader in the AFL Longshoremen's Union. He thinks he is a Kovalesky fan. The other sub is from a worker of a small and militant auto local which sent eight people to our Grace Carlson meeting.

Philadelphia — "A strike vote was being taken at New York Shipyards, Camden, New Jersey on Monday and our comrades decided to distribute *The Militant* there. Only once before had we distributed the paper at this union, but the workers recognized the paper. Several asked: 'Is this *The Militant*?' When told that it was, they eagerly took it, and not a single paper was discarded by the union members." He then proceeds to postscript his letter with: "One Militant subscriber, an ex-IWW member reports: 'I have been reading your paper for some time and I have been following the activities of your people through reports in the paper. I see that you people really mean what you say and carry out your words in action. I'm going to join up!' Just goes to show that *The Militant* is our best organizer and recruiter."

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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

Army Strikebreaking

Army strikebreaking, particularly through the agency of Selective Service, has now become general practice in virtually every strike struggle of the workers.

In Akron recently, the Army brass hats ordered the local draft boards to reclassify and draft leading rubber strikers. Fortunately, so great was the local pressure, that the local draft officials protested against being employed as strikebreakers.

Striking truck drivers in Chicago, on explicit orders from Army heads, were hauled before draft boards and thrown into the army. At the same time, thousands of soldiers were forced to act as scab drivers to break the strike.

The July 27 issue of the Dodge-Chicago Local 274, UAW-CIO, paper contains a flaming editorial indictment of the connivance of the Chrysler corporation and Army officials which has resulted in the drafting of leading union militants.

This editorial correctly points out that it is precisely the best fighters for the union who are being singled out and dragged into the army in order to behead the unions by depriving the workers of militant leadership.

The American workers have long since discovered that the War Labor Board is nothing but a government strikebreaking agency. Now they are learning the bitter lesson that the Army and all the other agencies of the capitalist government are also strikebreaking instruments of the employing class.

The top labor leaders seek to persuade the union ranks to put their faith in the capitalist government. But every act of every agency of that government proves that the workers can place reliance upon it only at their own peril. Army strikebreaking alone offers sufficient evidence that this government is the agent and tool of the Wall Street rulers.

British Elections

British labor's overwhelming election victory contains a lesson of decisive importance for the workers everywhere. That victory could never have been gained had not British labor won the confidence of the middle-class millions.

"The middle classes revolted," reported the N. Y. Times. "This 'nation of shopkeepers' voted for socialization. Even the rural population abandoned . . . its 'feudal inheritance.'"

Thus, the very class which big capital everywhere seeks to mobilize as a mass base for fascism, in England has joined forces with labor. The British middle class has voted for drastic social change—for socialism. It now believes that the British labor movement will really fight for this fundamental social change.

Here, in undisputed fashion, is once more demonstrated the leading role of the organized working class in modern society. The British events prove to the hilt that when the workers show real determination to strike out for a new social order, when they mobilize for decisive action, they rally behind them all the intermediary layers of society—the professional groups, the small property owners, the little business men squeezed to the wall by the giant monopolies.

But if the organized workers, misled by treacherous leadership, act feebly and half-heartedly, walk meekly in the paths of collaboration with the exploiters and oppressors, then the disoriented, leaderless middle class falls into the snare of fascist demagogic.

The Bolshevik Revolution in Russia first conclusively demonstrated that a bold, revolutionary program will rally the middle class behind it. But, as Leon Trotsky warned the German workers in the early days of Hitler's rise, the failure of their parties and leaders to take decisive revolutionary action would drive the desperate middle class onto the road of fascism.

In April 1933, Trotsky wrote in *The Only Road* that "under the conditions of capitalist disintegration and of the impasse in the economic situation, the petty bourgeoisie strives, seeks, attempts to tear

itself loose from the fetters of the old masters and rulers of society. It is quite capable of linking up its fate with that of the proletariat. For that, only one thing is needed: the petty bourgeoisie must acquire faith in the ability of the proletariat to lead society onto a new road. The proletariat can inspire this faith only by its strength, by the firmness of its actions, by a skillful offensive against the enemy, by the success of its revolutionary policy."

Fascism in England—and in America, too—will not win over the middle class before the workers have had their chance. The British workers have just proved this on a tremendous scale. But if they falter, if they hesitate before the revolutionary socialist tasks that history imposes on them, they will lose the sympathy and aid of the petty bourgeoisie. Then, indeed will this leaderless middle class be turned into an instrument of fascist barbarism.

Just A Mouthpiece

The liberal press is campaigning to "expose" Senator Theodore Bilbo, the vicious ranter from Mississippi. This gallant gentleman from the Old South, with a political racketeering record a mile long, has spewed his poison and daily insulted Italians, Jews and Negroes with impunity from his senatorial seat. He has foamed at the mouth with ugly tirades on the supposed sins of every group of people except the one he really represents—the decayed ruling class of the south.

The *N. Y. Post* has been exposing his unsavory record in a series of revealing articles. The *New York P.M.* and other liberal papers also run column after column of "attacks" on this windmill. Their constant refrain is that such an insulting, gesticulating lunatic does not really belong in the sacred halls of Congress.

It is fitting that they should say this, these whining organs of the "thinking" middle class, for they support the capitalist system. They would have us believe that Bilbo is some kind of exception, a freak. They do not want the workers to understand that he is the mouthpiece for the southern capitalist class, and by and large for the northern capitalist class as well.

Bilbo's leather lungs are working overtime not alone for his own doubtful glory, but for his masters', and for his less talented colleagues in the Senate. The poll-tax, lynch-law South is not ruled by Senator Bilbo. It is ruled by the capitalist class, which rules through the Democratic Party. Bilbo is the legitimate offspring of this party.

Dishonest and corrupted through and through, like its Republican twin in Maine and Vermont, this party regards Bilbo as one of its fair-haired boys. Hannegan, the Democratic national chairman, never criticized him. Truman, President of the United States, never had a harsh word for his party brother. And Roosevelt, "the greatest liberal of them all," could not bring himself even to slap the wrist of this purveyor of poisonous hate.

Singling out Bilbo alone for attack, as is done by all the liberal mush-sheets, is like magnifying a louse and projecting its giant image on a movie screen. Trotskyists attack the rotteness on which all such lice breed.

An Awful Warning

The American Jewish Committee estimates that in 1939 there were 8,939,608 persons of Jewish faith in Europe. Today, the committee estimates, only about 1,250,000 remain alive. This does not include Jews in the Soviet Union, their number being unknown.

If these estimates are correct—and they are undoubtedly not far wrong—approximately 7,689,000 perished. This colossal number represents human beings deliberately and cold-bloodedly murdered because of their religious beliefs. Victims of Nazism, they were sacrificed by German capitalism in its frenzied, insane effort to maintain a long outmoded economic system.

It would be a grave mistake to believe that the extermination of the Jews was a ghastly quality inherent in the Nazis. As capitalism descends deeper into the morass of barbarism, the deliberate slaughter of defenseless minorities increasingly becomes one of its distinguishing characteristics on a world scale.

The foul beliefs of the Nazis, far from being limited to Germany, are deeply rooted elsewhere, particularly in the United States. It is a rare day that does not witness outbursts in Congress by the reactionary Southern Bourbons identical with those of the Nazi racists. The swinish lies and utterances of these Congressional degenerates are repeated with a thousandfold increase in viciousness by the whispepers now busy organizing native fascism.

The so-called race "riots" in America alone give a foretaste of the terrible bloodletting which would occur were fascism to gain power in this country. Hitler's cold-blooded slaughter of millions of Jews would pale into insignificance as amateur beginnings compared to the slaughter of Negroes, Jews and other minorities that would occur were America's native fascists to succeed.

The mass murder of the Jews in Europe is thus a terrible warning to the workers of America. The system of capitalism breeds fascism just as it breeds war. While fighting the fascist scourge wherever it rears its ugly head, the workers must broaden the struggle to an all-out fight to end capitalism. Nothing else will suffice to banish permanently this hideous threat.

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"I'd like to try it on for size — you see I'm attending Senator Bilbo's Klan party next week!"

(See Cartoon Contest, page 7)

INTERNATIONAL NOTES

France

A new advocate of some very ancient ideas is Charles Tillon, Stalinist minister of aviation in the de Gaulle government. This agent of the Kremlin does not even pay lip service to planned economy, which has proved its superiority in the Soviet Union.

"Quite frankly," he said; "I do not believe in all-out nationalization. Nationalization has some connotation as a monopoly and an industry which enjoys a monopoly is doomed to failure at the outset since it does not have to worry about competition." This is the standard argument of every capitalist, even those exercising the most powerful monopolistic control over industry.

In the case of five large nationalized plants in France, Tillon gives the French capitalists wide room to hope they will be returned to private profiteers.

"If the nationalized ones can't keep on their toes and make as much profit as the private firms I'll close the national factories."

Every Chamber of Commerce can rejoice in the following argument presented by this typical Stalinist leader: Nationalized industry, he claims, has no incentive "to invent newer and quicker ways of producing—the basic idea being, what does it matter if you lose money since there's always the taxpayer to make up the deficit?"

India

Average monthly earnings of miners in India amount to 18 rupees (one rupee equals about 30 cents). This is an increase of 80 percent over wages prior to the war. But the official minimum is 18 rupees a month. Thus a family of four must manage on a fraction of the minimum requirements for life.

This tendency is the inevitable outcome of the strain of war, to which has been added the realization on the part of the workers that they are in a favorable bargaining position. There has been some tendency to exploit this, and the temptation may grow with the advent of a socialist government."

England

The militancy of the British working class which last week raised the Labor Party to office, is being sharply demonstrated by a new wave of strikes. Negotiations to prevent a general railway strike are in progress, as rail traffic in many parts of Britain was disrupted last Sunday. Some 600 rail workers at one Liverpool depot voted August 5 to continue their Sunday strike over Monday, last day of the August Bank Holiday week-end, said a dispatch to the *N. Y. Times*.

Demands of the rail workers are for a basic minimum wage of four pounds, ten shillings weekly (about \$18); a working week of five 8-hour days; two weeks' vacation; double-time for holiday work; and increased rates for Sunday, night work and overtime. The present minimum wage for London rail workers is only four pounds, about \$16, for 48 hours' work.

Concurrent with the rail strike is a "go-slow" strike of London dock workers, undertaken because of the inability of the dockers

to gain adjustments of wage grievances.

The National Dock Labor Corporation, which assigns stevedores to all major ports, has issued notice of suspension to some 900 dockers for participation in the slowdown. Suspension means denial of the right to work and eat. The men, says a *N. Y. Times* report, are deprived of both the right to employment in the docks and the right to "prove attendance" and collect pay at the rate of 12 shillings (about \$2.50) a day on days when their services are not required.

These strikes, which confront the Labor Party government with working class demands in the first week of its administration, are a continuation of a strike wave growing since the end of war in Europe.

"Probably the fairest reading of the situation," the *Yorkshire Post* said editorially, "is that . . . the long-term trend, as measured over the period of the war, is in the direction of growing unrest. This tendency is the inevitable outcome of the strain of war, to which has been added the realization on the part of the workers that they are in a favorable bargaining position. There has been some tendency to exploit this, and the temptation may grow with the advent of a socialist government."

Observers believe that Chiang Kai-shek's offensive against the Eighth Route Army is the fruit of Washington's decision to give firm backing to the Kuomintang government. Previously there had been hints of support for the Chinese Stalinist forces, connected with efforts by Washington to bring about a Kuomintang-Stalinist coalition government in China. T. V. Soong, premier in Chiang Kai-shek's government, recently visited Moscow for negotiations on Sino-Soviet issues.

The talks were reported to have been "inconclusive."

China

According to a radio transmission from Yenan, capital of the Stalinist government in north-west China, fighting has broken out between Kuomintang troops under Chiang Kai-shek's command and the Stalinist forces known as the 8th Route Army. The communiqué said that "large numbers of field guns, trench mortars and American-supplied bazookas kept up an intense bombardment of Eighth Route Army positions on July 24."

The Eighth Route Army "stuck bravely to their positions for three days, but when all the artillery of the 59th Division and the Third Reserve Division were trained on the Eighth Route Army positions, they (the Eighth Route troops) were ordered to abandon their positions in Yenan, which is now occupied by Kuomintang troops."

Employers hope the 11 or 12 million men, who haven't had previous union experience but who have received a large dose of anti-union indoctrination from the officer corps, can be used as an effective anti-union force.

Their hope has little chance of realization. In fact the very opposite appears to be the case. The advice offered management by *Business Week* in its December 30, 1944 issue appears more valid today than when it was written: "A significant section of business believes . . ." according to this *Wall Street Journal*, "that there is a division of interests and outlook between veterans and union members. Little concrete evidence is at hand to support this belief."

With increasing frequency veterans are reported in the role of militant union fighters in plants and union locals throughout the country. It is highly probable that returning servicemen will become a major force behind a new, aggressive union leadership.

Ford Spouts Some More Crack-Pot Predictions

Henry Ford said the other day that "the nation and the world are on the threshold of a prosperity and standard of living that never before was considered possible." The Associated Press correspondent who reported this, did not ask the opinion of the 45,000 working people that Henry Ford kicked out at Willow Run. (Remember his grandson's cool statement, "Willow Run is as expendable as a battleship"?)

These 45,000 will find it difficult to join in Ford's hopped-up optimism. These "expendable" people with their "expedient" little children have been thrown on the scrap heap. And a squeaking colossus stands astride the rubble he has made, and peers his piece about prosperity!

What monumental nerve this flivver king has! And what impudent disregard of the facts in his own industry! Unemployment is rising by leaps and bounds in Detroit—but Ford, like Herbert Hoover, assures the soon-to-be starving thousands that prosperity is just around the corner!

"A standard of living that never before was considered possible," he says! If Henry Ford has his way, the auto workers will live on a lower standard than they ever considered possible.

OPA Admits Profiteers Laugh at "Price-Control"

New material has just come to light that reveals again how the corporations are basking in the bright prosperity of a bloody war. It also reveals that the Office of Price Administration (OPA) which did not keep living costs down for consumers, did do a good job of raising prices for needy and worthy corporations.

Chester Bowles, administrator of OPA, comes under so much fire from the never-satisfied capitalist class he works for, that he is sometimes stung into telling the truth. "Profits of most price-controlled industries," he said, "continued to rise in 1945. Even after taxes, profits in most price-controlled industries have risen without interruption."

When told that there are a few companies still operating in the red, Bowles answered that that may be so, but "in pre-war 1936-39 nearly 60 percent of all corporations—large and small—were in the red." The war and OPA have pulled them out of the red—for, adds Bowles, "Our pricing policies on individual products provide for price adjustments where necessary to prevent out-of-pocket loss to the industry or the product."