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Mass Picketing Halts Cleveland Police Terror

(Special to THE MILITANT)

By George Grant

CLEVELAND, O., Sept. 6. — In the greatest demonstration of labor militancy and solidarity this city has witnessed in years, more than 2,000 AFL, CIO, MESA and other organized workers today joined in a fighting mass picket line that gave a fitting answer to the bloody police brutality yesterday against strike pickets of the AFL Machinists in the two-week old Parker Appliance walkout.

Workers from all sections of the labor movement, many of them marching from nearby plants, swarmed to the aid of the embattled machinists, 13 of whose members were fearfully clubbed and beaten yesterday by Cleveland mounted police attempting to run strikebreaking office employees through a picket line of 500 strikers.

UNITED FRONT

Tonight, at a united front meeting of 60 delegates from leading CIO, AFL, MESA and Railroad Brotherhood locals here, originally called to organize a joint rally against mass layoffs, the spirit of unity cemented by today's joint picket line swept the conference. Delegate after delegate called for a continuation of joint action on all picket lines and in the common struggle for jobs and security. A motion from the floor to establish a permanent united front body was passed with an ovation, despite original plans of Stalinist union leaders.

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11 Trotskyists Freed In Ceylon

Eleven comrades of the Lanka Sama Samaja Party, Ceylon Section of the Fourth International, were freed last June 24 from the dungeons of British imperialism following a wave of mass meetings demanding their release.

Headed by their popular leaders Philip Gunawardene and N. M. Pereira, singing the party song, they came out of the jail where they had been incarcerated. A delegation of the Provincial Council, to which the two party leaders had been elected before their first arrest in 1940, was at hand to greet them with garlands. On the 140-mile route from the jail to the chief city of Ceylon, our comrades were greeted by cheering crowds all along the way.

ESCAPED WITH JAILOR
Gunawardene and Pereira were first arrested in June 1940 on charges of revolutionary anti-war activity and remained imprisoned until April 1942, when they escaped to India with their jailor.

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FILIPINOS FIGHT RETURN OF DESPOTIC U. S. RULE

Civil war threatens to break out in the Philippines. Native landlords and capitalists, returning to their properties under the protection of U. S. troops, are moving against the Philippine people who fought the Japanese armies of occupation.

An August 25 Washington "news letter" circulated among American capitalists declares that McNutt's report to President Truman on the Philippines "may be somewhat alarming." The report is believed to have envisaged the "possibility of civil war between the loyalists and the collaborationists." Inflation is "rampant" and "black markets predominate."

The letter concludes that "it will be dangerous to follow the statute and give the Philippines their independence next July, but no powerful native politician has yet dared to lead a postponement movement."

"TROUBLES BREWING"
The Manila Daily Gazette of August 25 declares in a headline: "TROUBLES BREWING." "Pampanga Seethes Again With Social Unrest," continues the report. This "widespread discontent and restlessness may soon explode with violence," says the Gazette. "Tenants fear that once again

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Truman's Congressional Message Hailed By Agents Of Big Business

New York Police Enforce Jim Crow In Harlem Area

By Bill Morgan

NEW YORK, N. Y.—"Keep out of Harlem!"—this is the latest order being given by New York policemen to white people entering the largest Negro community in the country.

Lifting a page from Hitler's text-books, the New York police are conducting a campaign to intimidate white people from visiting Harlem. This campaign is designed to establish ghettos for the Negro people similar to the "For Jews Only" areas set up by the Nazis in Europe.

This policy of isolation is an extension of the already established procedure of Jim Crow neighborhoods in this city. Not content with driving the Negro out of "white" districts, the police are now attempting to build a wall around Harlem.

SHIFTING THE BLAME

Police Commissioner Valentine and Mayor La Guardia have both shifted the responsibility for this campaign of intimidation to "unauthorized persons who are unknown" by refusing to take any action to prevent further intimidation of white people visiting or moving to the Harlem area.

Testimony from several people who have been stopped by policemen asking, "What are you doing in the nigger section of town?" indicates an organized effort to isolate the Negro community and to prevent white people from visiting friends or relatives in this part of the city.

In defiance of this Nazi-like police measure, forty members and friends of the Socialist Workers Party conducted an organized mass street sale of Charles Jackson's newest pamphlet, "A Practical Program to Kill Jim Crow"

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Organizer Calls For Labor Party

(Special to THE MILITANT)

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 8.—Hyman Schneid, national organizer for the CIO Amalgamated Clothing Workers, stated here today that he is for the immediate formation of a labor party in this country. He is here to address a Labor Temple meeting on the British Labor Party's victory.

"Throughout the nation workers have hailed the victory of the British Labor Party," Schneid said. "But they are not satisfied to let the matter rest there. What they want is action here."

GOVERNMENT FAILURE

"The dismal failure of the government to provide a program that would deal realistically with the postwar problems of jobs and security and the resultant fear of an imminent depression are driving American labor to the realization that there must be a clean break with the Democratic and Republican parties.

"The time has come," he concluded, "to stop merely talking about it. The union movement must take immediate steps to create a Labor Party. In California a number of union leaders are determined to start the ball rolling for a Labor Party slate in the gubernatorial and congressional elections in 1946."

LANDLORDS FLED

"During the chaotic three-year Japanese occupation," explains the Gazette, "landlords, like the native capitalists, collaborated with the Japanese imperialists. The people, on the other hand, armed themselves, fought the Japanese armies, in many instances freed themselves and instituted widespread social reforms."

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GIVES NO REAL ANSWER TO UNEMPLOYED CRISIS

By Art Preis

President Truman's rambling 16,000-word message to the new session of Congress was delivered on September 7 to a bored and dozing Congressional handful who already knew its essential features.

The message, which merely summarized all Truman's previous proposals, contained a veneer of social demagogic with "New Deal" shadings serving as a cover for its definite assurances to Big Business, if any were needed, that

Wall Street's basic interests, control and privileges would be amply protected during "reconversion."

Thus, the message was so couched that all sections of the capitalist press, from liberal to conservative, could find in it the political reassurances they are seeking. It was hailed by the liberal PM and the ultra-conservative Republican N. Y. Herald-Tribune. Even the Wall Street

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William Patterson Faces Loss Of Eighteen Years Seniority

(Special to THE MILITANT)

By ELOISE GORDON

UNIONTOWN, Pa., Sept. 9

— William Patterson, militant

Daisytown coal miner now

serving a six-month sentence in

the Fayette County prison here

for alleged violation of the in-

famous Smith-Connally anti-

strike law, has been further vi-

ctimized for his "crime" of re-

fusing to cross his union broth-

ers' picket line. He has been given

a dismissal notice by

Jones and Laughlin Steel Corp.

in whose Vesta No. 2 mine he

has worked for the past 18

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ARBITRARY DISMISSAL

In a personal interview with

Patterson at the prison here yes-

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time before his imprisonment in

June he had applied for and been

granted a six-month leave of ab-

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Goodrich Workers Respect Foremen's Picket Line

By Joseph Andrews

AKRON, O., Sept. 9 — In their second strike this year, 800 foremen of the B. F. Goodrich Company here walked out at midnight September 3, demanding a 6-hour day and seniority rights.

The foremen's strike has thus far been given militant support by the Goodrich workers who have voted in two huge mass meetings not to go to work while the foremen have a picket line around the plants.

A radical transformation has taken place in the minds of the production workers in the plant since the foremen's first strike last April. In the few months since then, the Foremen's Association of America, Goodrich Chapter 98, has achieved status as a union in the eyes of the militant Goodrich rubber workers.

This issue is one which has confronted the mass production workers nationally with a difficult dilemma. Should they support the organizational efforts of the foremen who are the very men who have in the past served as the agents of the management's speed-up, intimidation and anti-union campaigns?

SURE INSTINCT
With a sure class instinct the Goodrich workers have decided that foremen who have a union will be better to work with than foremen who have no job security and no recourse but to serve as the tools of top management against the workers.

When the strike broke out, the CIO Rubber Workers Goodrich Local 5 executive board issued a statement calling upon the workers to report for work. This was done by agreement with the Foremen's Association. Workers were told to go through the picket line and ring their cards in. Since most would not be able to work for lack of supervision, they would be able to draw "report for work" pay.

But the rubber workers showed that they could not find it possible to walk through that picket line, pay or no pay. The tactic was only about 10 per cent effective.

MASS MEETING
A mass meeting of over 2,000 Local 5 members was held the third day of the strike. The executive board of the local made no recommendation. It was obvious that they were still in favor of going to work, but that they knew also that the members would not obey. They left the decision up to the members.

George Bass, former president of Local 5, and now executive secretary of the Akron CIO Council, expressed the members' sentiments when he said:

"I am inspired and proud that our membership has shown in this difficult situation that they are true to the tradition that a picket line should be respected. I am proud of the union spirit."

Signs On Trains Voice Protests Of Army Troops

(Special to THE MILITANT)
By Mary Kane

ST. PAUL, Minn., Sept. 6 — "Shanghaied for the Pacific" is the way a battalion of the Ninety-seventh Infantry division, which recently passed through this city, feel about their redeployment after five and a half months' action in Europe.

Soldiers of the division had lettered signs on their railroad coaches reading:

"We're being sold down the river while Congress vacations." "They're shanghaied us."

"Why do we go from here?"

Two St. Paul Dispatch newspapermen who interviewed and photographed the soldiers at the station were taken into custody by military police, who used the excuse of secret troop movements for their action. The reporters were released only after the Twin Cities Army Security and Intelligence Division officer told battalion captains there no longer is a newspaper censorship and that they had exceeded their authority in ordering the arrest of civilians.

In a letter to the St. Paul Pioneer Press and Dispatch, infantrymen of the Ninety-seventh complained that their division, "which cracked Fortress Metz for the first time in 120 years," was being unfairly treated. One member, they said, has eight children at home. Another was taken out of high school when he was 18, and is now 22 years old. Average age of the division is 25 years.

Few of the men are eligible for release under the Army's point system.

Most widely-publicized protests against redeployment have come from this division. In St. Paul almost half the front page of the Pioneer Press of August 23 was given over to the protests.

our members have demonstrated. The foremen have a right to organize. Let's tell the company that we will not go to work until they have put their own house in order."

A MINER SPEAKS

A former West Virginia miner and member of the United Mine Workers got a big ovation when he said:

"I'm a new member here. I've only worked here for three months. But I'm a union man. I worked in the mines for 20 years. I was in the army for 6 years. And I'm here to tell you that in the mines when one man walks out we seal up the gates and no man passes."

Another old-time militant who was among those who pioneered the United Rubber Workers stated: "I have no love for the foremen. They're the same ones we write 90 per cent of our grievances against. They are the ones who hand out the reprimands; they're the ones who hide behind posts and spy on us if we go out to smoke. But, by God, a picket line is a picket line. And I never have and never will go through a picket line."

"I can remember the time the company would not recognize our union. I can remember the time we had to meet in the woods. I know how much we needed help in those days, and I'm not going to be a party to being a strike-breaker when the foremen are trying to organize."

REFUSE TO WORK

The meeting finally adopted a motion not to return to work until such time as "proper" supervision was provided and management put its own house in order.

At the next Sunday mass meeting, which on September 9 packed the Akron Armory with 3,000 members of Local 5, the same union spirit was demonstrated.

The executive board and negotiating committee made a recommendation that the company be asked to take the foremen back without prejudice, and that the foremen be asked to go back under those conditions. It was made clear that the purpose of this move was to get the foremen back intact, so that later, when Local 5 reaches a climax in its developing wage fight, a joint action can be organized.

The Goodrich company had stated it would under no circumstances deal with the Foremen's Association. "I remember when Goodrich told us they would never deal with a union. I remember when they told us they would never agree to the 6-hour day. BUT THEY CHANGED THEIR MINDS BEFORE AND THEY'LL DO IT AGAIN!" one seasoned militant stated.

A motion to go back to work if the foremen do not terminate the strike under the terms of no-discrimination got little support and was quickly tabled. The meeting voted to adopt the executive board's recommendation and not to report for work until the issue was satisfactorily settled.

PRIMARY CONCERN

A primary concern of the best militants in the local is that the foremen's strike shall not drag out over such a long period of time that it will weaken the membership's staying power, and thereby make it more difficult to conduct the great battle that is shaping up over the crucial issue of take-home pay.

"Let's try to terminate this strike. But let it be terminated honorably," Bass stated. "For the sake of American labor we cannot afford to be strikebreakers."

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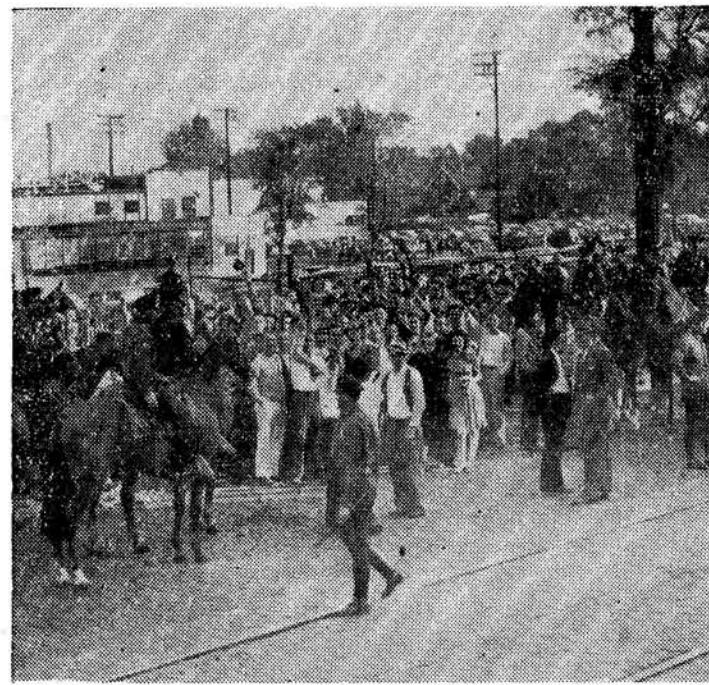
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FOR A RISING SCALE OF WAGES TO MEET RISING LIVING COSTS

Cleveland Labor Unity in Action



Picketing in the Parker Appliance strike, Cleveland, O., where over 2,000 AFL, CIO and other organized workers formed a united mass picket line in answer to brutal police clubbing of 13 AFL machinists.

30,000 SAN FRANCISCO MARCHERS DEMAND JOBS

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 3

— Demonstrating a revival of their militant spirit of the pre-war years, some 30,000 CIO workers here today marched down Market Street to demand action from the government against mass layoffs and for an effective full employment program.

"Jobs For All" was the slogan of the day, blazoned on placards and streamers carried by the long lines of marchers. The slogan was echoed by sound trucks stationed along the line of march and reechoed by the additional thousands who viewed the parade.

HARK BACK TO 1934

The speakers at the reviewing stand offered nothing by way of an effective fighting program to match the militant spirit of the marchers. But underlying the "peaceful" surface of the parade itself was an awareness that jobs at decent wages would be won only by real struggle. Scattered throughout the parade was the slogan, "No Reduction in Take-Home Pay." Loudspeakers harped back to the struggles of 1934-37, when the unions had to fight the employers tooth and nail for

in the parade but to "go to church and pray" on Labor Day, thousands of workers wearing AFL buttons thronged the line of march and cheered the paraders.

ALREADY IN PROGRESS

Even Stalinist Harry Bridges, a leading exponent of collaboration with the employers, was compelled to play up to the militant sentiments of the workers when he said in his speech:

"Above all, I want to make it plain to the people of San Francisco that we wish to win jobs for all by peaceful means. But the CIO knows how to strike. The veteran leaders of previous strikes are still with us, and know how to lead a strike if necessary."

JIM CROW POLICY ENDANGERS S.I.U.

The Seafarers International Union (AFL) was ordered last week by the President's Fair Employment Practices Committee to ship seamen without regard to race, creed or color. This order again brings the SIU to the attention of the entire labor movement.

The FEPC hearings in this case were held last October, nearly a year ago. They established the fact that the SIU refuses to ship Negro seamen in the deck and engine departments. Negroes shipped as cooks and messmen are segregated on ships that carry all "colored" steward departments.

POLICY OF EMPLOYERS

Such discrimination did not originate with the SIU, and it will not be ended by the FEPC order against the union. Racial discrimination in the maritime industry, as elsewhere, is a policy of the employers to keep workers divided and thus prevent an effective struggle for jobs and living wages.

Organized labor has learned that nothing can be gained by one group of workers at the expense of another. That is especially true when workers permit themselves to be divided along color lines. Their prejudices blind them to their real enemy and dissipate all their energies in fratricidal struggle. That is why the labor movement centers its attention upon any union that today tries to maintain a Jim Crow policy.

FOSTERS ANTI-UNIONISM

The SIU leaders have given way to employer-inspired race prejudice and have led the SIU membership into a trap. This is a trap that isolated a whole section of the organized seamen from the most powerful and progressive unions in the country. It diverts attention from the employers who are the real promoters of Jim Crow, thus fostering anti-union prejudices among the Negroes. It provides an excuse for

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N. Y. ELECTIONS

Mass Picketing Halts Terrorism

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Electric and Addressograph-Multigraph marched from their plants into the growing picket line. A group of Murray-Ohio Workers, members of CIO United Automobile Workers Local 65, who have been on strike since August 30, gave further reinforcement. Hundreds of other workers, both CIO and AFL, kept pouring into the line.

POLICE RETREAT

Before this tremendous outburst of militancy and solidarity, the police and company had to beat a retreat. Parker Appliance "advised" its office personnel to remain home "until further notice." De More, head of the Machinists District Council, then said that a compromise had been reached on the disputed seniority issue, one of the chief causes of the strike, and that the only remaining question concerned recognition of the bargaining rights of foremen, also organized by the IAM-AFL.

CIO WORKERS WALK OUT

Shortly after Matowitz issued his threat to run the scabs thru again, the CIO workers of the Picker X-Ray Co., located in the same building as Parker Appliance, had a different idea about the "freedom to scab" and break strikes. Over 2,000 AFL, CIO and other organized workers swelled the picket line, determined, if necessary, to have a real showdown.

Soon hundreds of other AFL workers from Chase Brass, Apex

4,753 Pamphlets Sold In One Day

With returns still incomplete on the results of the national mobilization of the Socialist Workers Party branches to sell the new Pioneer pamphlet, "A Practical Program to Kill Jim Crow" by Charles Jackson, telegrams from 12 branches report sales so far of 4,753 on National Red Sunday, September 9. In a hard-hitting one-day campaign which smashed all previous records in literature sales, almost half pamphlets, at 10 cents a copy, were sold.

Launching its campaign for the sale of these pamphlets last week, Pioneer Publishers set a goal of not more than six months for the sale of the 10,000 pamphlets. A quota to be completed during the next six months, was established and accepted by each of the 25 party branches. But the first 12 branches to report on the results of Red Sunday, show that in one day they have already sold three-quarters of their combined six-month quota of 6,855 pamphlets!

BRANCHES REPORT

New York City's four branches sold 1,165 of their six-month quota of 1,800. Buffalo telegraphed that they sold out their entire quota of 300 pamphlets in two hours and requested more pamphlets.

Detroit wired that 16 members of the branch sold 608 pamphlets in one day. Bill Horton was high scorer with a total of 100. In addition, 25 other timely pamphlets were sold as well as four subscriptions to The Militant.

In Los Angeles 805 pamphlets put up a six-month quota of 1,500, were sold. This branch reported that 116 of the pamphlets were sold last Thursday at a longshoremen's union meeting. The Twin Cities reported that St. Paul sold 70 and Minneapolis 55 pamphlets. "Wonderful reception, comrades enthusiastic," these branches rejoiced.

"COULD HAVE SOLD ANOTHER HUNDRED"

Newark completed its six-month quota of 300 with 250 pamphlets sold on Red Sunday and 50 sold previously. Dorothy Lessing was high scorer with 79. This branch covered a Negro housing project and N e g r o churches. They said: "We could have sold another 100 pamphlets if we had them."

In Milwaukee six comrades sold 72 pamphlets and other literature in door-to-door work. Philadelphia sold 88 in a Negro housing project. Boston sold 151 pamphlets out of their six-month quota of 200.

Chicago reported that 542 of their six-month quota of 1,000 were sold by the following branches: Central, 207; Southside, 287; Calumet, 48; Cleveland sold 70 pamphlets, other literature, and secured three 6-month subscriptions to The Militant.

Every branch reported that the pamphlets sold with extraordin-

Buy 'The Militant' Here:

AKRON

News Exchange, 51 S. Main "Militant" Bookshop, 6 Everett Bldg., Rm. 405.

BUFFALO

SE corner Main & Mohawk

CAMPBELL, O.

Eidelman's Newsstand, Wilson Ave. near Sheet and Tube Employment Office.

CHICAGO

Ceshevsky's Book Store, 2750 W. Division, Socialist Workers Bookshop, Room 317, 160 N. Wells.

DETROIT

Family Theatre Newsstand, opposite theater

"Militant" Bookshop, 3513 Woodward - Room 21.

Newstand at the tirangle, (City Hall) on Lafayette, Griswold and Michigan Sts.

Newstands at Cass and Michigan City Hall Newsstand, Woodward and Michigan

Newstand opposite Book Cadillac Hotel, Shelby and Michigan

LOS ANGELES

Downtown: NE corner 5th and Main; 326 W. 5 St.; Consolidated Bldg. 6th and Hill; Workers Book Shop 232 So. Hill, Room 200.

Tesslers' Newsstand, 835½ South Hill Street,

Boyle Hgt.: corner Wabash & Evergreen; 2210½ Elynn Ave.

Hollywood: Stands at Hollywood and Cahuenga, Hollywood and Los Palmas, KANSAS CITY, MO.

Newstand, corner 10th and Walnut.

MINNEAPOLIS

Labor Book Store, 10 S. 4 St. Shinder's News Agency, Hennepin Ave. and 6th St.

Pioneer News Agency, 238 2nd Ave., South; Happy's Stand, 8th St. and Nicollet.

MILWAUKEE

N.W. corner, Wisconsin Ave. on Third St.

Militant Bookshop, 926 Plankinton Ave., Rm. 21.

Dobbs Deprived Of Separate Line On N. Y. Ballot

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Tammany combine, the Dubinsky-Social Democratic controlled Liberal Party is "running" Goldstein, Republican candidate for Mayor who is also on the City Fusion ticket.

The Stalinists and Social Democrats have the cast iron gall to pass off this skullduggery as "independent" political action. Their action is the worst betrayal of the aspirations of the working people for an Independent Labor Party based on the trade unions with its own candidates and program taking the field against ALL capitalist parties and candidates.

COURT ACTION WEIGHED
The Socialist Workers Party is canvassing the possibility of taking court action in an effort to strip bare the fraudulent, thimblerigged elections laws and administration which are designed to prevent genuine working class political expression in this city.

The capitalist parties contrive and administer the laws in such a way as to place every conceivable obstacle in the path of working class candidates and parties.

The Board of Elections is composed of four people — two Democrats and two Republicans. It is this combination of Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum who interpret and administer the election laws. Every election they have made thus far has been calculated to block minority parties from getting on the ballot. Having failed in that attempt, they proceeded to lump the candidates of two minority parties on one line in violation of the precedents, rules and regulations which they themselves established.

The Socialist Workers Party is determined that the workers of New York City shall have the opportunity of casting their votes for independent working class candidates in the municipal elections next fall. Farrell Dobbs, Trotskyist candidate for Mayor, and Louise Simpson, candidate for City Council, will conduct a vigorous campaign around the burning issues confronting the working people in the largest city in this country.

Readers of The Militant can get copies of the Trotskyist election platform for distribution to their friends by writing to Caroline Kerr, Campaign Manager, Socialist Workers Party, 116 University Place, New York, 3, N. Y.

Negro Artist Tells How She Fought Jim Crow In Battle For Success

By Evelyn Atwood



SELMA BURKE

Selma went to Winston-Salem to get her high-school education. Finally, in New York, Selma worked her way through Columbia College School of Architecture. Winning the Julius Rosenwald award of \$1,500 and three small scholarships helped to pay her tuition.

After Selma became a recognized artist, she was assigned to go to South Carolina in order to make a study of North American materials for sculpture. "I took with me on this trip a white girl who had never been out of New York. We wanted to stop at a little town for the night. But every place we asked, it was the same thing. They said to the white girl: 'You can stay, but that colored girl can't.' One place offered me a basement to sleep in. My friend pointed out to them that she was my guest; that they should be proud to have me stay there. But we finally had to drive on that same night to our destination, although we were very tired. Then we learned that they lynched a Negro in that town the night before."

One year, when Selma went back to Mooreville to visit her folks, she did a bust of the doctor in the town. The bust was placed in the library, after a fitting ceremony. "The library was packed and jammed with people," she related. "The Mayor of the town accepted the bust."

FIGHT FOR EDUCATION

Selma fought hard to get her education. Libraries are barred to Negroes in the south. But Selma was aided by the school principal, a white man, who brought her books from the library. There are no high-schools for Negroes in the south. So ordered me into the service elevator. I refused to go. When I entered the elevator he took me down to the basement and made a shameful scene. My hostess had to come down in her dressing gown to take me up in the passenger elevator. But after that, as you can imagine, I couldn't eat my dinner."

As Selma escorted me to the door, at the close of our interview, she remarked with great feeling: "Something must be done to stop making the Negro bear the brunt of race hatred... Why should any of us have to suffer because our skins are black?"

What do these obvious facts have to do with the Negro and his struggle for equality? Everything. This fight between worker and boss is a life and death fight.

The workers have on their side a program of truth and the strength of their numbers. The boss has money with which to spread lies, and the force of the state agencies. To perpetuate exploitation the boss bars no holds.

DIVIDING THE WORKERS

The logical way for him to nullify our numbers is to divide us among ourselves. In America it is a "natural" to set white workers against colored. First because this boss through his schools, churches, movies and newspapers has poisoned the innocent white worker with anti-Negro prejudice. He has told you that you are better in mind, in body and in cultural background than a man with a black skin. These are all lies which are aimed at every worker's downfall.

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The NEGRO STRUGGLE

by CHARLES JACKSON

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

KARL MARX

An Open Letter to White Fellow-Workers

Dear Brothers:

"The King is dead; long live the King!" The trader's war is ended; the class war thunders on! No more production for death and destruction, so workers by the millions are kicked out into the streets to shift for themselves — to exist if they can. Men workers as well as women workers; white workers as well as colored workers.

The native imperialists are successful in crushing their com-

petitors across the sea and they can now turn even more of their

fight for his rights will hurt you when the very opposite is true.

Now with the whole working class resentful of their fruits of "victory," the boss, afraid that all will turn against him and his ill-gotten gain, will surely try to promote inter-racial prejudice, strife and riots. The bosses did that very thing after the last imperialist war and were successful in starting race riots in the north, south and midwest.

ONSLAUGHTS BEGINNING

And to prove that the on- slaugths are just beginning, we hear Schellenbach, Ickes and other capitalist agents in the ruling class government threaten to bring all the forces of the "imperialist" government to bear if Big Business — heavens no! — if LABOR doesn't "behave itself!"

Every white worker — even the many who were sloganized into believing that this was a peoples' war — now, today, realizes that the fight which will, in the immediate future, most directly affect his pocket-book and his bread-basket is the rising struggle between his union and the corporation; between his working class and the boss class. The fight to get a job or to keep a job; the fight to maintain and to advance his wages so that they will keep up with the rising cost of living.

As Selma escorted me to the door, at the close of our interview, she remarked with great feeling: "Something must be done to stop making the Negro bear the brunt of race hatred... Why should any of us have to suffer because our skins are black?"

What do these obvious facts have to do with the Negro and his struggle for equality? Everything. This fight between worker and boss is a life and death fight.

The workers have on their side a program of truth and the strength of their numbers. The boss has money with which to spread lies, and the force of the state agencies. To perpetuate exploitation the boss bars no holds.

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YOUNGSTOWN WOMEN SUFFER IN LAYOFFS

By Mary Steele

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Sept. 7

— The nation-wide racket to cheat women war workers out of their unemployment compensation is clearly shown in the policy of the United States Unemployment Service in Youngstown. Cutbacks hit many women workers in this area even before the end of the war. Now, thousands more are being laid off.

The War Manpower Commission on July 20 asked that professional employers, retail store operators, laundries, hospitals, etc. place their bids for female help. On August 1 the women were threatened with the loss of their unemployment compensation if they did not accept the jobs to which they were referred by the USES. This plainly shows the scheme to force women into the low-pay jobs with a maximum of \$16 to \$18 a week. It is done to prevent them from collecting the \$22 a week coming to them for compensation benefits.

DUAL PURPOSE

This racket has a dual purpose. By forcing women into the cheaper labor market it drags down general living standards. But also, women who accept these low-pay jobs and are subsequently laid off will no longer be eligible for the maximum benefits to which they are entitled by their work in the past three and four years. All they can expect is an average of \$7 to \$15 per week.

Not content with this huge swindle scheme, the USES tries to intimidate women, especially

to stop this racket NOW!

AVAILABLE NEXT MONTH! THE REVOLUTION BETRAYED

By Leon Trotsky

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Shipyard Strike Won By Workers In Australia

SYDNEY, Australia — In one of the most unique strikes ever recorded in the history of the labor movement, 3,000 workers in the Balmain shipyards at Sydney fought successfully for six weeks to maintain hard-won working conditions. Their Stalinist trade union officials had attempted to coerce them to surrender these conditions under the Stalinist "win-the-war" policy, which here as everywhere has meant swollen profits for the capitalists and unlimited "sacrifices" imposed upon the workers.

The strike, which ended on May 26, was precipitated in the middle of April when the Stalinist officialdom of the Balmain Branch of the Federated Ironworkers Association arbitrarily ordered the removal of Nicholas Origlass. He was one of three democratically elected shop delegates at Mort's Dock in the Balmain district. The officials notified the management not to deal with Origlass but with three delegates dictatorially appointed by them.

Origlass, in dealing with the employers on overtime and other grievances, had acted on instructions from the rank and file whom he represented. For thus performing his duty as a workers' representative, the Stalinists charged him with "violating union policy" and besides removing him from his post, expelled him from his branch. The workers at his dock rallied at once to the support of Origlass, and his two fellow delegates, who had resigned in protest when he was removed. The ironworkers struck spontaneously.

When the Stalinist officials ordered a little handful of their supporters to cross the picketline, boilermakers, crane drivers and other workers refused to work with the scabs and joined the strike. Soon the strike spread to 30 other shops where the workers came out in sympathy with the Mort's Dock strikers. The men refused to go back to work until Origlass was reinstated and democratic procedure in the ironworkers' union reestablished.

For six weeks the Stalinists in Australia carried on a rabid red-baiting campaign against the leaders in an attempt to break the strike. In the Tribune, official organ of the Communist Party of Australia, L. L. Sharkey, the party president, wrote article after article denouncing two leaders of the strike, Origlass and Lawrence Short, as "Trotskyites" who were "expelled from the Communist Party a dozen years ago."

MOSCOW TRIAL
Heaping up the well known calamities of the Moscow Trials, long ago exposed by the Dewey Commission, and the old lies about "the liaison of the Trotskyites with Franco in the Spanish war," he added the new Stalinist international line about the "gaoling of their leaders in England and America for sabotage of the war effort," referring to the arrests and imprisonment of the Socialist Workers Party leaders and the British Trotskyists for their Marxist views.

"Naturally," this slanderer says in the Tribune of May 1, "the Trotskyites have not the courage to tell the workers they oppose union policy because they regard the anti-fascist war as an imperialist war." No, they cunningly raise issues of overtime, conditions on the job and democracy in the union to enlist unsuspecting workers...

But in a leaflet issued by the strikers, there is this reply to a Mr. Thornton, a local Stalinist union official who makes the same charge:

SLANDERS REFUTED

"In his report, Mr. Thornton states that 'Origlass is a Trotskyite. He doesn't believe that the war against Hitler Germany and Japan is a just war. Therefore he sees no need to keep ships moving.' . . . Both Mr. Thornton and the men at Mort's Dock are well aware that Origlass does not believe that on either side the war is being fought for the proclaimed aims, nor that the plea of 'keep the ships moving' should be made the medium for

IN THE COMING

New York Elections

VOTE AGAINST:

Capitalist Hunger
Capitalist Misery
Capitalist War

VOTE FOR:
Socialist Plenty
Socialist Prosperity
Socialist Peace
Vote for

DOBBS & SIMPSON!

11 Trotskyists Freed in Ceylon

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Columbo and elsewhere. On the fourth day of the hunger strike, a crowd of 10,000 demonstrators was finally told by the authorities that the eleven had been set free.

The release of Gunawardene, Pereira and their fellow Trotskyists was made subject to two conditions by the British colonial authorities. First, they must inform police of changes in residence within 24 hours. Second, when leaving town for over three days, they must inform police of their whereabouts.

Although the party has not yet been completely legalized, the liberation of the imprisoned comrades is regarded as the prelude to at least a partial legalization of the Lanka Sama Samaja Party.

A STRIKING VICTORY

The great news of the liberation of the leaders of the Ceylon section of Fourth International will be greeted by Trotskyists and militant workers everywhere as another striking victory of the forces of socialist internationalism.

In the colonial countries, as well as in the metropolitan industrial centers, the Trotskyists continue to give powerful evidence of their close attachment to the masses of the oppressed in the struggle against imperialist and capitalist oppression.

What Congressmen Didn't See in France



While Congressmen made merry at French resorts, children of France hunted through garbage cans for food. The photograph above, released by the de Gaulle government in a plea for relief, shows the misery which the sight-seeing Americans overlooked.

Congress Tour Studies Gay Spots Of Europe

Starving children in Paris are digging in garbage cans for edible scraps, according to press reports. American Congressmen on a tour of Europe to study "living conditions" of the people missed such sights, however. They wined and dined from the Mediterranean to the Baltic — but nowhere near garbage cans. The scandalous story of the Congressional junket was made public in a September 4 Scripps-Howard story signed by staff writer Robert Taylor.

The tour was proposed by Representative Victor Wickersham of Oklahoma. Members represented various committees so that each group of the House could be represented in the "study." Truman agreed to the trip, thus making it Government business. The Army carried the Congressmen at public expense.

In Paris the vacationing congressmen studied food conditions at dinners with American generals and at a reception given by the U. S. Ambassador. They climated their social survey of Paris by studying labor conditions at the Folies Bergere. "Now they know how the French live," cynically remarked the *Paris Post*.

Tour members sent letters home to keep their constituents advised of their intense activities in digging into the legislative and administrative affairs of the countries visited. These letters revealed

the group dined with General Dwight D. Eisenhower at Frankfurt and had their pictures taken with the general.

RIDE ON HITLER'S YACHT

At Wiesbaden the rollicking group went for a ride on Hitler's yacht, talked with generals and soldiers, inspected bomb damage in Berlin, toured Berchtesgaden and took snap shots from Hitler's balcony in the Reichschancellery.

Naturally these political representatives of the American capitalist class didn't miss the famous French Riviera. They stayed at the Hotel du Cap at Antibes and dined with Bob Hope and Billy Conn who were also on an entertainment tour. They went for a boat ride on the Mediterranean with Hope, Conn and others, winding up in a grand finale at Monte Carlo, the world famous gambling resort.

The tour was scheduled to end in time to get the Congressmen back from their vacation for the opening of Congress. The Congressional tourists claim that they plan to make a report to the nation on results of their studies. Whether they will reveal the complaints of the French press that they failed to find out how the French people are really living, remains to be seen.

De Gaulle Promised Big Loans From Wall Street Imperialists

By Felix Morrow

De Gaulle, triumphantly returning from Washington with assurances of big U. S. loans for French reconstruction, will undoubtedly quickly make clear his part in the deal: to bring France into the orbit of U. S.-led powers. His new tone was already evident in the August 31 communiqué of the French cabinet after its first meeting since de Gaulle's return. It spoke of the "marked intention of the United States to help extensively in the rehabilitation of France" and "the general agreement of their U. S. and French points of view and their mutual desire to cooperate in the coming settlements in Europe and the Far East."

The communiqué did not state the amount of the U. S. loans but said they were sufficient to finance French imports for the rest of the year. Other sources stated the loans amounted to \$900 millions, with another \$450 millions forthcoming from Canada. Further loans are also being negotiated.

VICTORY FOR WASHINGTON
De Gaulle's sharp turn is a victory not only for Washington but for the French industrial capitalists, who have long been horrified at de Gaulle's attempts to play off the Anglo-U. S. bloc and Moscow against each other. They considered it a dangerous game which could only lead to Washington writing off France as a captive of Moscow. Were that to happen, they feared the U. S. would cease to provide France with the food and machinery necessary to French industrial revival.

Many industrialists supported de Gaulle in his opposition to Washington's deal with Darlan, continued relations with Vichy, etc. They recognized that in these struggles de Gaulle was preventing Washington from reducing French capitalism to a puppet.

There will now follow a regrouping in French politics, hitherto dominated by the bloc of de Gaulle and the Stalinists. None of the bourgeois parties, not even the Radical Socialist party (neither radical nor socialist), once France's leading party, have as yet anything like their pre-



Filipinos Fight Return of U. S. Despotic Rule

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that of the British armies under General Scobie in Greece.

In the Pampanga area of the Philippines, unrest is particularly widespread. Gerardo Limilingan, Governor of Pampanga admitted he could not possibly hold office without "the efficient handling of well-trained units of the United States Army assigned to help maintain peace and order."

According to the *Gazette*, "He frankly admitted that the United States Army has every now and then to add to their military duties the policing of the province to complement the inadequate police force in Pampanga."

"CAN'T STAY FOREVER"

"The gravest threat to the security of peaceful civilians," the Governor declared, "are the veiled warnings of the lawless to the effect that the United States Army cannot stay in Pampanga forever to back and protect the authority of the Commonwealth."

The *Gazette* reports that "tenants will not hesitate to resort to armed violence to protect what they honestly believe to be theirs."

From San Fernando "confidential reports" reveal that "no less than 30,000 modern United States Army weapons, consisting of Thompson submachine guns, 50-caliber machine guns, hand grenades, carbines, Browning automatic rifles, heavy-caliber pistols and light artillery pieces are in the hands of organized groups consisting of age-old victims of the 'kasama' (feudalistic) system."

Raging Inflation Heightens Misery In Shanghai

The devastating effect of war upon Shanghai can be judged from the reports of correspondents of the American capitalist press on their first visit to this city since the declaration of "peace." Although Shanghai was spared the destruction of bombing, inflation is driving down the standard of living of its four million inhabitants to incredibly low levels.

"Before the war," declares a wireless dispatch to the *N. Y. Times*, August 30, "the Shanghai dollar had an official exchange rate of three for one American dollar; today the existing exchange, probably illegal but widely practiced, is 100,000 for one American dollar."

PRICES UNBELIEVABLE

"The average Shanghai workman earns approximately 500,000 Shanghai dollars a month, out of which he must buy his food and clothing at unbelievably high prices. The following are a few examples: Sugar, 8,000 dollars a pound; shoes, 1,500,000 dollars a pair; meat, 50,000 dollars a pound; rationed bread, 8,000 dollars a pound; gasoline, 200,000 dollars a gallon; butter, 100,000 dollars a pound; and peaches, 40,000 dollars a pound."

"We paid 9,000,000 dollars for a case of pre-war scotch. Our hotel bill for two days was 10,272,000 dollars."

THE COMMUNIST PARTY

Until yesterday, de Gaulle said quite openly that nobody could hope to govern France against the will of the Communist Party which, with its nearly a million members is not only the workers' party but also the party. It not only commands the allegiance of the overwhelming majority of the proletariat, but also of the "little people"—lower government employees, small tradesmen, etc. who formerly made the Radical Socialist party indispensable to any governmental combination. In the long run this is an unstable composition of the party: the workers think of it as leader of the industrial revival after the long depression of the '30's, during which there was an actual decline of the industrial potential. From the depression France directly stepped into the war; its period in the war—August 1939 to May 1940—was too short for much expansion of its factories; and of course under Nazi occupation whatever machinery was used up was not replaced.

Moreover, what air raids and battles did not destroy, or the Nazis cart off, is worn out. The average age of factories and industrial machinery is 25-31 years old! For France never had an industrial revival after the long depression of the '30's, during which there was an actual decline of the industrial potential. From the depression France directly stepped into the war; its period in the war—August 1939 to May 1940—was too short for much expansion of its factories; and of course under Nazi occupation whatever machinery was used up was not replaced.

In short, French economy is at the end of its breath. From a capitalist point of view, the French industrialists are correct when they say that France can live for the next two years only with outside help, and that means primarily from the U. S. These realities set the stage for a strong orientation toward the U. S. and despite all de Gaulle's blustering he has now had to make the turn.

At least part of the answer is supplied by the fact that de Gaulle's reorientation came simultaneously with accumulating signs that Stalin is retreating: the Soviet-Chinese treaty, so pleasing to Washington; the cancellation of Stalinist-controlled elections in Hungary, Bulgaria and Rumania under Anglo-U. S. pressure, etc. In the face of American power and wealth, the Kremlin, in dire need of U. S. loans for reconstructing the devastated Soviet economy, must abandon some of its plans for expansion. This, in turn, dictates the tactics of the Stalinist parties.

In France, this probably means that the development of the pro-

SHOP TALKS ON SOCIALISM



By V. Grey

The shop is all cleaned out. There was so little doing last week that we all worked on the clean-up gang and moved out all the scrap and dirt we could find.

The bosses cleaned out the people just like we cleaned out the scrap. They cleaned out all the women and lots of the men. Some of the older men were transferred over to the strip mill. But some are out on their ear, just like the women.

They tell us that the women can go back to their kitchens. Maybe so. Maybe the fellows that were laid off can go back to kitchens, too. But neither men nor women are going to get 78 cents an hour making thin soup for the kids.

It makes you stop and think a little to see the shop so empty, and the machines so quiet, when people need so many things. The big presses down at the other end are so quiet you forget they're there at all, until a sudden bang from one of the shears makes you look down that way. It's some guy working on a "government job," fixing something for his car.

Three or four weeks ago that shear was making 800 cuts an hour. The two biggest presses were stamping out landing field mats by the thousand.

Why can't they tool the presses for refrigerator plates or washing machine parts or something like that? Ed Barnes was talking about getting his wife a washing machine. But he's out of work now. And he won't have any money left for things like that soon.

What are the bosses waiting for? Here's this big machinery standing idle. And there's Ed Barnes trying to beat a pin-ball machine in the saloon.

You'd think the bosses would put the machines to work right away so they could keep on making their big profits. But they don't. That's the way "Free Enterprise" works. It runs the government; it runs the lives of 40 million workers; but it's a slave to its own profit system, and to the capitalist market.

They're going to think twice about making washing machines over and above what the regular companies are making, even if they do have the equipment. If Ed Barnes doesn't have the money to buy one, then the washing machine will just stay in the store and gather dust while Ed's wife gets rheumatism over her scrubbing board. And worst of all course, the boss won't make a profit.

But how crazy it all seems! Ed Barnes and all the rest of us worked six and seven days a week making things to blow thousands of people to hell. And now we can't make the things we need to live like human beings.

Are we going to let this shop rust away forever like this? Are we going to turn into bums, just because Eugene Grace hasn't got the "enterprise" to make things for people to live instead of to die? Is a profit-swelled pig going to stop a hundred thousand people from making a living?

"His" plants and machinery are OUR instruments of labor and our means of livelihood. We know how to put them to work even if he does not. And we're going to fight to do just that.

FOURTH INTERNATIONAL FOUNDED 7 YEARS AGO

By George Collins

Internationalists. The aims and program of the Fourth International were anathema to them.

At the very moment that the capitalist statesmen and the general staffs were preparing to hurl humanity into fratricidal slaughter, the Fourth Internationalists were proclaiming their uncompromising opposition to the imperialist war. At the very moment when the tiny clique of capitalist rulers was preparing to drag mankind into an abyss of carnage and destruction to preserve and enlarge their profits and plunder, the Fourth Internationalists were proclaiming to the exploited of the world that only the socialist revolution, only the rising of the colonial slaves, only a socialist world could stop the terrible scourge of barbarism that awaited mankind.

Though the ideas of internationalism had been considered warp and woof of the world socialist movement since the days of Karl Marx, none but the tiny band of Fourth Internationalists kept faith with them in the fateful days before World War II. Social Democrats and Stalinists alike had already become functionaries and liars for their capitalist governments, drill sergeants for the imperialist war. During the war, history passed its final verdict: the Second International collapsed completely and the Third International was formally dissolved.

OPPOSED THE WAR

The persecution of the parties and the leaders did not cease with the war, they grew more ferocious, more brutal, more ruthless. The Trotskyists died before the firing squads and in the concentration camps of Hitler and Mussolini; they perished in Stalin's prisons and isolators; they were hurled into Churchill's jails in India and into Roosevelt's jails in the United States.

But the Fourth International alone survived of all who had once made claim to revolutionary internationalism and its survival is the guarantee of its coming victory. In the great document of its Founding Conference in 1938, the Fourth Internationalists had written:

"To face reality squarely; not to seek the line of least resistance; to call things by their right names; to speak the truth to the masses—no matter how bitter it may be; not to fear obstacles; to be true in little things as in big ones; to base one's program on the logic of the class struggle; to be bold when the hour for action arrives—these are the rules of the Fourth International. It has shown it could swim against the stream. The approaching historical wave will raise it on its crest."

SWP Branches Top \$5,000 Quota For International Solidarity Fund

By FARRELL DOBBS
Campaign Director

With one week still to go before the September 15 deadline, the Socialist Workers Party branches, in well-known Trotskyist spirit, have already gone over the top in the \$5,000 quota for the International Solidarity Fund campaign with a total of 101 per cent—\$5,036.28!

Thirteen branches which have fulfilled the 100 per cent quota before the deadline are Reading, Pittsburgh, Rochester, Cleveland, Philadelphia, Bayonne, Detroit, Toledo, Los Angeles, Youngstown, Akron, Boston and Seattle.

Seven branches have exceeded the 100 per cent quotas. They are Milwaukee—147 per cent; Buffalo—132 per cent; Newark—123 per cent; St. Louis—120 per cent; Allentown-Bethlehem—108 per cent; San Francisco—111 per cent; New York—106 per cent.

HIGHEST SCORE

Highest in the Over-the-Top group was the New York Youth Group with 277 per cent.

International Solidarity Fund

SCOREBOARD

BRANCH	Quota	Paid	Percent
N. Y. Youth Group	\$ 15.00	\$ 41.48	277
Milwaukee	30.00	44.00	147
Buffalo	125.00	165.00	132
Newark	100.00	123.00	123
St. Louis	25.00	30.00	120
San Francisco	375.00	417.00	111
Allentown-Bethlehem	60.00	65.00	108
New York	1000.00	1064.50	106
Reading	25.00	25.00	100
Pittsburgh	25.00	25.00	100
Rochester	15.00	15.00	100
Cleveland	75.00	75.00	100
Philadelphia	125.00	125.00	100
Bayonne	100.00	100.00	100
Detroit	400.00	400.00	100
Toledo	100.00	100.00	100
Los Angeles	750.00	750.00	100
Youngstown	85.00	85.00	100
Akron	75.00	75.00	100
Boston	125.00	125.00	100
Seattle	350.00	350.00	100
Twin Cities	250.00	247.50	99
Chicago	500.00	450.00	90
Members-at-Large and Friends	245.00	138.80	57
San Diego	25.00	0	0
TOTAL	\$5,000.00	\$5,036.28	101%

Woman Party Leader Tells Impressive Gains Of SWP

By Grace Carlson

ST. PAUL, Minn., Aug. 31.—The tour is almost over. Only the Kansas City meeting on September 4 and the Minneapolis meeting on September 9 remain. Now that the hustle and bustle of getting train reservations, checking baggage, and catching trains are over, I have a little time and energy left for thinking about the advantages which come from a national tour—most particularly those advantages which come to the speaker.

I like the way Comrade Cannon expresses this in *The History of American Trotskyism*: "In 1928, after the February plenum, I made one of my more or less regular national tours. I had the habit of making at least one tour of the country from coast to coast every year, or every two years, so as to get a breath of the real America, to get the feel of what was going on in America."

Getting the "feel" of what is going on in America in 1945 has been a wonderfully stimulating experience for me as it would be for any revolutionary socialist. And now—even more than before—I feel like a missionary with a message for the readers of *The Militant*!

GREAT CHANGES

Great changes are taking place in the United States, particularly in the habits of thought of the American workers. They are losing faith in American capitalism. The structure of capitalism looks very solid and very impressive to the ordinary observer, but a closer inspection will reveal a million cracks in its foundations—rapidly widening cracks, too. The "decline and fall" of the American capitalist system is closer than many capitalist rulers think. In their day, the Roman overlords thought that the Roman Empire would last forever!

Throughout the length and breadth of this country workers are asking why there must be a "peace problem." They understand that the end of the mass slaughter of wartime means the beginning of the mass unemploy-



GRACE CARLSON

ment and suffering of peacetime.

But American working men and women are doing more than merely asking questions about the "peace problem." They are taking steps to solve the "problem." They are joining the Socialist Workers Party.

More than anything else on the tour, I was impressed by the amount of recruiting which the Party branches are doing these days. I was able to make some very favorable comparisons between the size of the Party branches now over what they were when I visited them in 1941.

Many of the branches have doubled their membership—some have even trebled or quadrupled their membership in the past few years.

NEW RECRUITS

At almost every meeting on the tour, one or more workers signed Party application cards. In Detroit, there were six new recruits; in Buffalo, four. Besides these applications, most meetings would find a dozen "interest" cards handed in, indicating the workers' desire to learn more about the principles and program of the Socialist Workers Party.

We are not yet a mass party,

but we confidently expect to become one because we believe that the Trotskyist program is the only program which can solve

the problems of the workers. All of our Party members—new and old—have this confidence in the Trotskyist program. One could feel it in the air at the tour meetings. Workers, attending their first Trotskyist meeting, felt it too.

A public meeting is much more than a speaker and a speech. A successful mass meeting has a background of careful and devoted detail work by the branch members—ticket sales, mailing, publicity, preparation of the hall, etc., etc. Successful meetings don't just happen!

"WE REPRESENT FUTURE"

The capitalist parties often have larger meetings. They may sell more tickets; they may have bigger halls; they certainly get much more publicity in the capitalist press. But their meetings don't have the spirit that our meetings have, because Republican and Democratic politicians do not have the confidence in the Socialist Workers Party in their program that we have in the Socialist Workers Party.

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speak on

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119 East 11th Street

Added speaker: Louise Simson, Trotskyist candidate for City Council

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John G. Wright

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Only Labor Can Defeat Fascism, Meeting Told

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 30—Myra Tanner Weiss, Trotskyist delegate to the "Mobilization for Democracy" conference held Sunday night at Los Angeles City College, protested the course of action taken by this body since its organization of the July 20 mass demonstration against Gerald L. K. Smith. The correct way to fight fascism, she pointed out, is through labor's independent action, not through turning over the struggle to representatives of the capitalists.

Comrade Weiss protested permitting capitalist politicians long-winded speeches while limiting workers to two minutes. She attacked the idea that opposing class interests could unite in the fight against fascism or even against race prejudice. She pointed out that the United States Government is the largest single agency responsible for maintaining and spreading Jim Crow in the Army and Navy and other federal agencies, and through judicial enforcement of segregated housing.

RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED

She then introduced resolutions demanding that the capitalist politicians who paid so much lip service to the fight against fascism immediately introduce resolutions in their city councils and other local governmental bodies petitioning the state legislature to pass laws abolishing the restrictive covenants which force Negroes to live in ghettos.

She also introduced a resolution pointing out that unemployment provides the basis for growth of fascist movements and called for a program of jobs for all through government operation under workers' control of all plants left idle by private capital. She concluded by advocating formation of a Labor Party to carry out this program.

The chairman announced that the resolutions would be referred to the executive board.

CAPITALIST DOMINATION

The conference, attended by delegates from all the organizations which had supported the Olympic demonstration against Gerald L. K. Smith, was completely dominated by capitalist politicians. Fully supported by their Stalinist allies, these politicians harped on the theme of "unity" between labor and capital in the fight against fascism. Attorney General Robert W. Kenny was chairman and

Mayor Fletcher Bowron the keynote speaker.

After additional speeches by George Campbell of the AFL, who spoke in his own name, by Philip M. Connelly of the CIO, David Coleman of B'nai B'rith, Carey McWilliams and John B.

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LOS ANGELES, Aug. 30—The Los Angeles Sentinel, California's largest Negro weekly, today quoted extensively from the speech made by Myra Tanner Weiss, Los Angeles organizer of the Socialist Workers Party, before the panel on "Combating Discrimination in Employment and Housing," at Sunday's "Mobilization for Democracy" mass meeting.

The Militant with the appro-

JOHN G. WRIGHT WILL SPEAK AT PENNSYLVANIA MEETINGS

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ty which triumphed in the recent elections. He will deal with the current developments resulting from this victory and will draw the great lessons involved for American labor.

From Pennsylvania, Comrade Wright will tour the New Jersey and New York areas. The Militant will keep all readers informed of the tour dates in each city.

JOHN G. WRIGHT TOUR SCHEDULE

CITY	DATE
BOSTON	Friday, Saturday, Sept. 14-15
PHILADELPHIA	Tuesday, Wednesday, Sept. 18-19
READING	Thursday, Friday, Sept. 20-21
ALLENTHOWN-BETHLEHEM	Sunday, Monday, Sept. 23-24
NEWARK	Tuesday, Sept. 25
BAYONNE	Wednesday, Sept. 26
NEW YORK	Thursday, Friday, Sept. 27-28
ROCHESTER	Sun., Sept. 30-Tues. Oct. 2
BUFFALO	Wednesday, Friday, Oct. 3-5
YOUNGSTOWN	Sunday, Tuesday, Oct. 7-9
AKRON	Wednesday, Friday, Oct. 10-12

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HITLER'S 1933 VICTORY DEMONSTRATED HOPELESS BANKRUPTCY OF COMINTERN

By James P. Cannon

Previous installments of Comrade Cannon's book described the emergence of the American Communist Party out of the left wing of the Socialist Party in 1919. Factional struggles between the proletarian and petty-bourgeois elements in the party began in 1923, culminating in the expulsion of the proletarian left wing for "Trotskyism" on October 27, 1928. Slandered, ostracized and physically attacked by the Stalinists, the handful of American Trotskyists nevertheless won over individual members of the Communist Party. First contact with Leon Trotsky was established in the spring of 1929, and the program of the Left Opposition published in *The Militant*. At their first national conference, the Trotskyists determined to operate as a faction of the Communist Party. Then Stalin's "left turn" resulted in isolation for the Trotskyists. "Tenacity, Tenacity, Tenacity!" Leon Trotsky wrote. The little group studied, trained its cadres, waited. Finally it began in 1933 to penetrate the union movement. Then came Hitler's appointment as Chancellor of the Reich, and the Trotskyists threw all their energies into sounding the alarm against fascism. This is the seventeenth installment of Comrade Cannon's book.

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Our slogan during the German events was: The United Front of the Workers' Organizations and Battle to the Death! The united front of all workers' organizations against fascism! The Stalinists and the Social Democrats rejected the united front in Germany. They both pretend otherwise after the events, seeking to blame each other, but they are both liars, both guilty of betrayal. They divided the workers, and neither of them had any will to fight. Through that division the monstrous plague of fascism came to power in Germany, and threw its dark shadow over the whole world.

Trotskyists Branch Out in New York

We did everything we could to awaken, arouse and educate the American Communist workers in those fateful weeks. We held a series of mass meetings—not only the one I have mentioned. We had a series in Manhattan and, for the first time, we branched out into the Boroughs. They had so surrounded and so isolated us that we had never been able to get out of Fourteenth Street in the early days. We had only

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.

What "Termination" Really Means

Editor:

I wonder if the average worker knows what the word termination means — The end? of what? The war? whose war? Work? what work? Making parts (airplanes, etc.) to kill fellow workers?

The bosses get the profit whether the parts are finished or not, while the workers get the garbage.

Those who have worked here for five years remember well that while cigarettes were being passed out, they were told this was no ordinary corporation, it was one big, happy family. They had us working overtime so that we could complete parts — many of which were never to be used, and which found their way eventually to the scrap pile, like all the workers here!

A. B.
Kenmore, N. Y.

Cancer Kills A Worker's Mother

Editor:

My mother has just died, the victim of the dread disease — Cancer.

In our household where every penny went for food and rent, the doctor or the dentist was a luxury we never could afford. Going to the doctor or calling him was only done in an "emergency," as every worker's family knows so well.

My mother had not been feeling well for many years. The only way she could find out what was wrong, was by going to clinic. She only too well understood what free clinics meant — how not ONE but a few doctors who were "studying" would gather around and prod and look and prod some more and then give a medicine which they gave to all.

When I went to a city hospital with her once, there was a continual parade of workers coming out with the identical bottle of colorless liquid with the usual instructions. They were herded into the crowded clinic like cattle, and walked out the same way, only with the bottle of medicine in their hands.

Finally, after much resistance, she went to another clinic which charged "admission." She was told she needed an operation.

Then came the tremendous problem of money, a great deal of it. We finally discovered the Memorial Hospital in New York City, a skin and cancer center

with the greatest doctors in the country who specialize in this field. Yes, a wonderful institution — for those with money. In her situation she had to apply to "social service." She went through all the humiliation that goes with it — and was accepted.

Since hers would be a very difficult and serious operation that required the best of everything, she was promised that the foremost doctor in the institution would operate on her, the doctor who had invented this operation.

Now, after she endured three years of much suffering since the operation, we found out through reliable sources that the "great doctor" had not even touched her; a lesser man did, who botched the whole thing — leaving something inside her which grew until it killed her in the most horrible slow death that can ever come to a human being.

Yes, she was a "charity" case and was treated as such, of course in the "interests of humanity and cancer development."

Yes, my mother was one of the victims of the capitalist system from the beginning to the end. What an indictment!

Where is the education that the workers should get so that they will know how to discover cancer and learn its cure? No, there is not enough money for these things, but they have discovered a wonderful atomic bomb which will serve "humanity" to its fullest — They can spend billions to perfect more horrors for war.

My mother was a revolutionist to the core. She was only 45 years of age. If she had been well she would have joined our movement and would have been one of its finest members. She saw and understood all of the rotteness around her. Even when she was very ill she subscribed to The Militant and read it thoroughly, page by page.

"They" killed my mother and will kill many others like her because they don't give a damn about the workers.

Where are all the promises that we have been given about more education about cancer and other dread diseases that face the workers? There is no time for it because great men are perfecting more atomic bombs.

Workers of every race, color and creed, come join the Socialist Workers Party and fight with us to rid the world of the disease of capitalism! We will rid the world of it and we will arise triumphant!

Ruth Franklin
Newark, N. J.

SWP BRANCH ACTIVITIES

BUFFALO — Open house every Saturday night at the Militant Forum, 629 Main St., 2nd floor. All invited.

CLEVELAND — Open meetings are held at Pecks Hall, 1446 E. 82nd St. (off Wade Park N.) on Friday evenings, 8:30 p. m.

DETROIT — All Militant readers invited to the SWP Open House held every Saturday evening, from 8 P.M. on. Music, dancing, cards, refreshments. Admission free. Room 21, 3513 Woodward.

Forums on topical questions every Sunday evening at 3513 Woodward, Room 21, at 8. Refreshments following forum. No admission charge.

Basic Training Class in Fundamental Principles of Marxism every Thursday evening 8 o'clock.

LOS ANGELES — Buy The Militant, 4th International and other Marxist books and pamphlets as well as information about the SWP at the following places in the Los Angeles area: LOS ANGELES, Socialist Workers Party, Rooms, 200-05, 232 S. Hill St. VA-7936. SAN PEDRO, Socialist Workers Party, 1008 S. Pacific, Room 214.

MILWAUKEE — Visit the Milwaukee branch of the SWP at its headquarters, 926 Plankinton Ave., Room 21, any evening between 7 and 9:30 p. m.

NEWARK — Lectures are held every Friday at the Progressive Workers' School, 423 Springfield Ave., at 8:30 p. m.

NEW YORK — The Militant can now be obtained at all newsstands in the greater New York area.

Saturday, Sept. 15 — Mem-

Workers Angry, Officials Jittery

Editor:

On May 31 the Studebaker Corporation, Aviation Division, in Chicago locked its doors on the last 3000 of its peak total of 5500 workers, giving them 2½ hours' pay notice. This was only the rumblings of things to come. Many of those 3000 workers accepted jobs at wages 20 to 30 per cent less than they had been getting. A large number refused to be a party to the attempts of the bosses and the state to cut wages.

At the Unemployment Compensation offices insults and intimidation were used to force these workers to accept jobs as low as 50 per cent of their original wage. Some were penalized as much as 3 weeks compensation. As many workers expressed it, "You'd think the 20 bucks was coming out of their own (the clerks') pockets."

Beginning Friday, August 17—V-J Day—a new attitude was felt. The clerks were panicky. The floods of newly laid-off workers who came there from plant demonstrations against the callous treatment of the bosses and government were not laughing. In June the myth of plenty of jobs was believed by many. Today, fewer and fewer believe there is, or will ever be a job paying a decent wage.

The Employment Offices are preparing for heavy streams of claimants weekly. Sensing the increased unrest and fearing potential disturbances the officials of the Employment Bureaus have had armed policemen stationed at the offices during opening hours this past week.

Leigh Ray
Chicago

Expelled from YPSL

Editor:

On Friday, July 13, 1945, I was expelled from the Young Peoples Socialist League, the youth organization of the Socialist Party. My expulsion from the YPSL was favored by both the right-wingers and the centrists (so-called "left-wingers") who are now in the midst of a campaign to purge the SP of all who exhibit Bolshevik, that is, revolutionary socialist tendencies. As each young militant socialist who has tendencies toward Marxian-Leninism is forced out of the SP, a sigh of relief is heard among the hardened SP bureaucrats. I am quite sure I am not the last Bolshevik to be expelled from the "left-wing" of the YPSL. My case should serve as a lesson to those young revolutionary socialists in the YPSL who have hopes of transforming the YPSL and the SP into a genuine Marxist movement.

The procedure used by the Chicago YPSL in expelling left-wingers would closely resemble a Stalinist expulsion, if it had not been for the stupid fumbling in presenting and drawing up the charges. During the one week before my trial, rumors were circulated throughout the YPSL to the effect that I was a member of a Stalinist youth organization, Trotskyist, and that I had betrayed the left wing caucus of the SP. Not one of these rumors was proven to be true.

Although I received a notice that I was to be brought up on charges, I did not receive a written statement of the charges until the very night of the trial! The charge was voicing an opinion on Bolshevism at a public meeting, not in accord with the SP line on Bolshevism. (At the so-called public meeting there was one person who was not a member of either the SP or the YPSL). The charge, however, was false. I was expelled on one charge only, and the crime I was guilty of was being a Marxian-Leninist. Several YPSLs protested against the procedure. However, I was expelled unanimously by a city membership meeting of the YPSL at which one-third of the Chicago membership was present.

PHILADELPHIA — Open forums every Thursday evening on current topics, at Labor Forum, 405 W. Girard, 8:30 p. m.

Socialist Youth Group meets Friday evenings, 8:30 p. m.; all young people are invited. Labor Forum, 405 W. Girard.

PORLTAND — Visit SWP headquarters, 220 S. W. Alder St., room 500; open 1 to 4 p. m. daily except Sunday, and 6 to 8 p. m. on Tuesday and Friday.

SUNDAY, Oct. 21 — "Unemployment... How to Fight It." Speaker: C. M. Hesser.

SAN FRANCISCO — Visit the San Francisco School of Social Science, 305 Grant Ave., corner of Grant and Sutter, 4th floor; open from 12 noon to 3 p. m. Monday through Saturday, and 7 to 9 p. m. Monday through Friday.

TOLEDO — Forums held every Sunday evening at 905 Jefferson Ave., Room 304. All Militant readers, friends invited.

YOUNGSTOWN — Open forum Sunday, Sept. 16, at 8 p. m., on "Cutbacks and Reconversion." Speaker: Eloise Black, 225 N. Phelps St.

"The Four Freedoms"



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socialism of the Bolsheviks, expulsion awaits you.

To reconcile yourself with the reformist program of the Socialist Party is to mislead and mislead the masses. There is but one program and one party to which the revolutionary socialist youth of America can turn, and that program is the program of the Fourth International, and the truly revolutionary working class party is the Socialist Workers Party.

Henry Braun
Chicago

World Socialism — Or Nothing!

Editor:

So Sept. 2nd was officially V-J Day. At last the six years of concentrated slaughter are over. We can all take a breathing spell, but just a breathing spell. The atomic bomb does make it a race between world socialism or extermination of human society.

Science and industrial technique have become menacing monsters — only because they are not in the hands of the people.

There is no choice but production for use instead of for profit. That means industry must become one tremendous world "trust" of, as well as by, the people, turning out goods directly for the needs of the people. Either no unemployment, no hunger or want, no white supremacy or racial discriminations, no nationalism, no chauvinism, no struggle for world markets — or else Nobody, Nothing. One world, one people, one nation — or Nothing. Cold hard facts no longer leave room for mere lip service to "brotherhood of man."

Don Roberts
Minneapolis

"Like 1918"

Editor:

In looking through my scrapbook I came across an article that smells the same as articles do today in the capitalist press — and they smell too. This article is dated "September, 1918."

Representative Kahn of California, in an address before the League of Republican Clubs of Cleveland, is quoted in referring to the coming Fourth Liberty Bond Issue:

"This means additional Liberty Bonds; it means additional taxation; it means, if it means anything, that the American people must be prepared to give their all, if need be."

"Perhaps the time will come when every individual in the United States will have to content himself with the barest necessities of life, and surrender everything he possesses or earns beyond those bare necessities, to his government."

"We have not begun to make sacrifices in these United States; we do not know the pinch of hunger. I hope and pray we may

never know it, but we will be better prepared for possible eventualities if we begin now to practice self-denial."

Now if we were to print such a thing we would say, "more taxation for the laboring people or poor people — that is what he meant." As for sacrifices, what did the people from Capitol Hill sacrifice? Nothing. But they gained plenty in profits. And as for hunger, after the flower of America had been lost in battle, we in 1932 to 1939 knew what hunger was — but he did not.

If it had been possible to draft into the army but a part of the vast multitude of the politicians who proved that they saved the nation at the recent election, those who did fight could have stayed home. Every politician you hear, saved the country!

Bernard N. Dugan
Reading, Pa.

Army Persecution Of Negro Prisoners

Editor:

I am sending you an extract from a soldier's letter, which underlines everything The Militant says about military Jim Crow:

"I understand that there has been some investigation in Congress into the treatment of prisoners, that is, guard-house prisoners, not PWs."

"I had to guard some prisoners at a depot in England where I saw some really raw deals. Some of them were forced to sleep outdoors on the ground on excruciating cold winter nights when even the guards who at least were walking and who had only a two-hour shift, suffered acute discomfort."

"Fire was not permitted and their only shelter was a pup tent. One colored boy got down on his knees, weeping like a child, and begged the sergeant to get permission to bring him into the guardhouse.

"The next day was Christmas Day. The white men were marched out of the stockade and given the regular Christmas dinner. The Negroes were left in the stockade and given bread and water. I asked why. I was told that they had refused to obey an order on the previous day. I don't know about that, but I do know that everything was done to provoke them into such an attitude."

"I know that an M.P. called one of them a Nigger and did every thing he could to goad the man into striking him, whereupon the man was beaten up. I know about this because the M.P. bragged about it."

"The only example I saw of the Christmas spirit that day was when the white men came back to the stockade with their pockets loaded down with turkey, candy, nuts and apples, which they gave to the colored prisoners."

L. G.
New York

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Enjoys Lecture On 'Women in Prison'

Editor:

May I express my appreciation for the very excellent talk by Grace Carlson on Sunday August 26. She brought out very clearly the tasks facing the working class and of course gave us the only real solution.

Her description of conditions existing in the women's reformatory is surely an indictment of the capitalist class! The fact that 14 year old "women" (children) are branded as prostitutes, and the cynicism of one who remarked that she thought that venereal disease was less onerous than a head full of lice!

Or the 17-year-old girl whose hope was to get a job in order to save money to buy her parents a bed, dresser etc. because they had never been able to afford such luxuries.

And children born in prison; forever branded through no fault of their own.

If only means are found to push our education of the misinformed and misguided millions of our fellows, to speed the day of liberation!

O. G. B.
St. Paul

American Capitalists Admit War Guilt

Editor:

The American capitalist class has finally admitted that it was responsible for plunging the American people into the bloody war for markets. In the Army-Navy statements on Pearl Harbor, it was admitted that the "button that started the war" was President Roosevelt's 10-point memorandum sent by the state dept. to Japan. This 10-point memorandum, which asked the Japanese to practically get out of Asia, was written in such a manner as to force the Japanese capitalist class to attack America. As Gen. Marshall said, "the U. S. desires that Japan commit the first overt act."

The capitalists and their government didn't wait for Japan to act because they were so peaceful. They wanted Japan to commit the first overt act so they could confuse the American workers — so they could get us all whipped up about a "sneak attack" and pretend they had done everything to avoid war.

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

— Leon Trotsky

Congress Of Labor

The fight for jobs is fundamentally a nationwide political fight against the bosses and their political agents. Increasing numbers of workers are becoming aware that they must have their own independent political party to wage this fight successfully.

But the workers do not yet have their own political party. How then can they best defend their immediate interests in the present economic crisis? Certainly not by confining themselves to a program of sending letters and telegrams to the capitalist politicians. Certainly not by depending on Murray and Green to get jobs by whining and begging and scraping before the arrogant political spokesmen of Wall Street.

Sixteen million workers are today enrolled in the powerful trade union movement of this country. This mighty fighting arm of American labor is potentially capable of bringing irresistible pressure upon Congress and the administration. But it lacks any genuinely independent program and effective machinery for mobilizing its power and concentrating this power against the citadels of political reaction.

Right now one of the most reactionary Congresses in American history is debating problems affecting the destinies of scores of millions. These millions have no genuine voice in the legislative halls and no means of bringing direct, immediate and concentrated pressure to bear.

The obvious and crying need is for the mobilization of organized labor's power in Washington through a National Labor Congress representing every union local and labor body in the United States. This Congress of Labor would meet simultaneously with the Big-Business Congress. It would draft its own legislative program, not an echo of the proposals of some capitalist "friend of labor," but a program genuinely reflecting the needs of the workers.

It would then proceed to hammer day and night upon the capitalist Congress for the realization of this program. This would put an end to the impotent policy of back-room conferences between a handful of top union leaders and the Washington politicians.

Out of such a Congress of Labor, tempered in the fire of direct political struggle, would undoubtedly emanate the inspiration and initiative for an independent Labor Party to deepen and extend the workers' fight for political power.

Native Fascism

The defeat of the German, Italian and Japanese capitalists by no means signified the crushing of fascism as a system of political rule. Not only can fascism revive abroad but it can reappear in more violent and frightful forms. Fascism is inherent in capitalism and cannot be wiped out definitely until capitalism itself is overthrown. It is an illusion, therefore, to believe that fascism was annihilated in the Second World War. It is an illusion, however, which the capitalists have every reason to foster. It is part and parcel of the illusion that somehow the United States is immune to native fascism.

The fact is, that participation in the Second World War greatly accelerated the organic tendency of American capitalism toward fascism. In a series of articles by Joseph Hansen, completed last week, *The Militant* bared the growth of the native fascist groups. During the war the fascists hibernated, now they have begun to come out in the open. One of the leading fascist demagogues, the Reverend Gerald L. K. Smith, has been actively organizing "nationalist" groups. Together with ex-Senator Robert R. Reynolds, he hopes to consolidate all the fascist organizations in one huge "nationalist" Party. The activities of Smith and Reynolds, however, constitute only the more spectacular side of the growth of native fascism. Of greater importance is the interest Big Business takes in this budding fascist movement.

Only an aroused working class, united by the tens and hundreds of thousands behind a militant

program of struggle, can safeguard the labor movement from this menace. An important beginning in the fight was the turnout of the workers at the July 20 Olympic counter-demonstration of the Los Angeles workers. The more than 14,000 workers representing the CIO, the AFL, Railroad Brotherhoods and other organizations at this counter-demonstration dealt a stinging blow to the pretensions of Gerald L. K. Smith's fascists in Los Angeles.

A logical step in preparing for the next stage of struggle in Los Angeles would have been to extend the united front action. The trade unions and all other workers' organizations must follow the development of the fascist movement, fight race hatred, organize defense squads against fascist thugs, and warn the working class in time to halt the fascists at every crucial point.

But the Los Angeles counter-demonstration was headed in the main by Stalinists and their stooges. They consented to the counter-demonstration in the first place only because of the tremendous pressure from the rank and file workers of Los Angeles. These Stalinists, acting in the service of the capitalist class, have done their utmost to derail the struggle against fascism. Instead of following the path of militancy which the Los Angeles workers wished to follow — a march of protest past the fascist meeting — the Stalinists chose to limit the demonstration to speech-making. Even then, instead of giving the workers full opportunity to weld a genuine united front of workers' organizations to fight fascism, they made a caricature of the united front by turning over the rostrum to capitalist politicians, Hollywood stars and similar publicity seekers. Since then the Stalinists have still further sabotaged the struggle for a united front.

Against this policy of betrayal, the Los Angeles Local of the Socialist Workers Party is battling for a policy of working class struggle freed from paralyzing submission to the political agents of the bosses.

The need for uniting the ranks of labor in the struggle against native fascism is an important lesson to be drawn from the Los Angeles experience. Fascism, feeding on the discontent of the middle classes in the postwar period, can grow with great rapidity. To fight the danger successfully requires utmost seriousness and militancy.

Italy's Colonies

A dispute in the State Department over the fate of Italy's colonies casts a revealing light on the imperialist character of the Second World War. Factions have been organized, and the capitalist press reports the issue is "fundamental."

One faction favors turning the colonies over to the United Nations Organization. This solution they maintain is preferable to creating a "sphere-of-influence" in which the Italian capitalists would rule the colonies as agents of the Anglo-Americans.

The other faction maintains that administering the colonies under the United Nations Organization would give the Soviet Union influence on the southern shore of the Mediterranean.

While these factions squabble over the fate of Libya, Eritrea and the Italian Somaliland, the 2,510,546 inhabitants are not even consulted as to their fate! What business has any of the imperialist nations in these areas? Let these people choose their own form of government!

Labor In Canada

The victory of the Labor Party in the British elections has had world-wide repercussions. Everywhere militant workers took heart and renewed their courage in the battle against reactionary capitalism. Labor's victory in Britain will have profound effects inside the British Empire. The movement for the independence of India, for instance, can be expected to take a great surge forward.

Political developments in Canada can likewise be expected to veer leftward. This will especially affect American workers, since the Canadian labor movement is intimately linked up with the labor movement in the United States.

In the trade union field the Canadian workers have, in general, lagged behind the American workers. On the political field, however, the picture is different. Here the Canadian workers are considerably in advance of their American class brothers. During the great depression of the 30's, they began organizing the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation. In the June elections this year this party won 28 seats in Parliament. Had the CCF followed a more militant program, this number undoubtedly would have been greater. But the important fact for American workers to ponder is this: The Canadian workers have spokesmen of their own inside the Parliament at Ottawa; whereas the American workers, despite their vastly superior trade union strength, do not have a single representative inside Congress!

The political activities of these 28 candidates of the workers and farmers in Canada will undoubtedly prove very instructive during the coming session of Parliament. Influenced by the victory of labor in Britain, some of these candidates, especially those from predominantly working class districts, can be expected to put up a good fight in the interests of the labor movement.

The "Speech from the Throne" on September 6 laid down in Parliament the political program of the Canadian bosses. In essentials this program is indistinguishable from the program of the American capitalists toward the American working class. It signifies mass unemployment, idle factories throughout the land, and support of an imperialist "peace" that is laying the foundations of a Third World War.

During the coming weeks this speech will be answered by members of Parliament. The answers of the CCF members of parliament should be carefully followed by all militants in the American labor movement.



INTERNATIONAL NOTES

Greece

been operating them since." It is interesting to note that the "mines are now under the control of a workers' committee."

Anglo-American imperialism and its French satellite are putting stiff pressure on the Tito regime for the return of these properties or "just" compensation to the former capitalist overlords. In this the imperialists simply continue what they have practiced throughout the war — placing private property above the interests of the people.

The elections were a significant indication of political sentiment among the workers, since they involved the national trade union leadership. Earlier local union elections, both for local officials and for delegates to Sunday's national convention, according to the *Daily Worker*, were won overwhelmingly by ERGAS, a left-wing trade union federation controlled by the Stalinist-dominated EAM.

As the *Daily Worker* remarks, the invalidation of the elections shows how reactionary is the Vougaris regime. The *Daily Worker* fails to observe, however, that the Communist sympathies of the workers in this election are one more indication that the mass of the Greek people seek establishment of a workers' state in Greece. It was the Stalinist leaders who sabotaged the struggle for such a state, welcomed the troops of Anglo-American imperialism, and paved the way for establishment of the British puppet regime.

No denial of Prvitch's charge has appeared in this country.

Canada

An inside story on the recent Aldershot demonstration of Canadian soldiers appears in the mid-July issue of the *Socialist Appeal*, official organ of the British Trotskyists. The author, Pte. George MacDonald, declares that "thousands of Canadian

Yugoslavia

Starvation bordering on famine is ravaging Yugoslavia as a consequence of the Second World War. At Ljubljana the ration of bread is 150 grams a day — about five medium-thick slices. Little hope of relief is visible, for the wheat harvest this year will not reach half the normal yield and the United Nations are doing next to nothing to send food to the stricken population.

"There are pockets of starvation," Wilfred Johns, deputy chief of UNRRA in Belgrade, is reported to have declared. "In the Lika district, people are living on grass. I fear people will die of hunger during the winter."

The countryside is denuded of livestock. In the western regions, one out of every four peasant homes is destroyed. Tuberculosis and infant mortality are increasing at an appalling rate.

Meanwhile, the Soviet influence in Yugoslavia has resulted in the nationalization of some important foreign-held properties. N. Y. Times correspondent C. L. Sulzberger reported August 27 that the French Government has protested the "uncompensated nationalization of the French-owned Bor copper mines, the largest copper deposits in Europe, which are estimated to be worth \$42,000,000."

Similar protests are expected to be lodged by the British Government against the nationalization of the British-controlled Trepca lead and zinc mines — an ironic contrast to the platform promises of the Labor Party to nationalize the mines in Britain.

Sulzberger reports that these are considered test cases "concerning other Allied properties and concessions in the Danubian and Balkan states, including oil in Rumania, gold, copper, zinc and lead in Bulgaria, copper lead, zinc, tin, power and steel in Yugoslavia and other interests in Poland and Hungary."

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Q: How much did World War II cost the United States in lives and money?

A: Total U. S. war casualties, including dead, missing, wounded and prisoners is estimated at 1,100,000. The number of men killed in this war is six times as many as in the last war. In terms of money, this war cost \$336 billion, eleven times as much as World War I. The cost of this war is almost twice the \$157 billion spent by this government in 151 years between 1789 and 1940, for operating the government and paying for all past wars including World War I.

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Q: Is it true that there are a great many mentally sick people in this country?

A: Mental disease has been increasing until today there are approximately 7,000,000 persons in this country mentally ill. More than one-third of the hospital beds in the U. S. are filled with such persons, and each year nearly 125,000 new patients are hospitalized.

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Q: Now that the war is over, will many of our men have to remain in or continue to go into the armed services?

A: According to recent official estimates, a minimum force of 4,700,000 is indicated for September 1946. This is 700,000 more men than were used during World War I. As many as 1,500,000 of this force will probably be engaged in occupation work in Germany and Japan; the remaining 3,200,000 either in supporting work or in camps.

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PROBLEMS FACING WAR VETERANS

By CHARLES CARSTEN

Baruch's Proposals Are Not a Solution to the Veteran Problem

"With their families the 12,000,000 veterans of this war make up one-fourth of the entire population," states Bernard Baruch in his report to General Omar N. Bradley, Director of the Veterans Administration. "Measured in numbers alone this is three times the number of veterans in the last war."

Baruch, author of the "Reconversion Plan" that handed millions of dollars to profit-bloated Wall Street financiers, has become frightened by the sweeping victory of the Labor Party in England and the accelerated radicalization of the American workers.

He is afraid that "unless there is prompt, corrective action, the disillusionment and bitterness that has spread among some veterans and their kin will steadily worsen." In his role of Wall Street adviser to the White House, he spouts mealy mouthed phrases about neglect of "the human side of demobilization," as though it were unusual for the Government to disregard at all times the interests of workers and soldiers.

"One terrible danger of failure," this Wall Street promoter warns his class, "may be to set the veteran off from the rest of the nation, cherishing the grievance of having been wronged, at odds with fellow-Americans, his feelings an explosive fuel ready to be ignited by some future demagogue."

What Baruch really means is that unless something is done to prevent it, the veterans will become a powerful revolutionary force in alliance with the working class. For, he and his class know that they have nothing to fear from the real demagogues — the fascists.

Baruch hypocritically touches upon the real issue — full employment for all workers — in stating that "the solution of the veterans' problem does not — cannot — proceed alone." But his corrective consists of a series of reforms aimed at streamlining the Veterans Administration and overhauling the legislative swindle called the "GI Bill of Rights," rather than a program to provide jobs for all.

He knows, also, that "there now prevails a 'no man's land' of neglect of the human problems of the change-over from war to peace." But instead of offering a solution comparable to the one he made for Wall Street, he proposes the appointment of an "imaginative Work Director" who, presumably, would pull jobs out of a hat.

In his hope that veterans will be appeased with a few crumbs from the capitalist table of super-profits, he suggests liberalization of the law governing loans and education, elimination of the run-around that veterans are receiving, coordination of the artificial limb program, and, of course, an adequate information service for veterans.

To solve the problem of jobs for veterans, Baruch proposes that the Work Director establish "adequate job placement machinery," see that "barriers to employment" are relaxed, provide "training," "guidance" and so on.

Such measures will not meet the economic needs of the returning servicemen. They want well-paying jobs and guarantees against unemployment. Nothing short of that will prevent veterans from becoming an explosive force directed against capitalism.

Capitalism cannot give them this economic security. Veterans will find it necessary to fight shoulder to shoulder with the workers for a working class solution to their problems.

Children Fleeing Torture Hunted With Shotguns

In Eldora, Iowa there is an institution known as the Iowa Training School for "dependent" as well as "delinquent" boys. That is, the 565 youngsters, many of them orphaned and homeless, are herded there to be treated as criminals. But their only crime was to be born of parents ground down to hopeless misery, poverty and early graves by the capitalist system.

At Eldora, 175 of the boys on August 29 broke out of the institution and fled, shouting: "I'm not going to stay here and be killed!" For that week, 17 year old Ronald Miller collapsed and died at his work on the coal pile where the boys are "disciplined." The authorities claimed the death was caused by "heat prostration." But the coroner revealed, after an autopsy, that it was due to a blow on the head.

When the State offered a reward of \$10 per head for the capture of these children, posses armed with shotguns and corn knives beat the woods and fields, hunting them down like wild animals. By dusk 131 of them, representing \$1,310 to their hunters, were captured and returned to their prison house of torment and terror.

The same week that this criminal atrocity upon orphaned and helpless youngsters was taking place, Time magazine of Sept. 3 gushed: "U. S. Society glittered when the George Tynons of Boston and Newport presented their 18 year old daughter, blond, blue-eyed Harriet Elizabeth at a coming-out party costing an estimated \$40,000."

After the brilliant reception the rich and pampered Betty adjourned with her 800 big-shot guests to the \$20,000 ballroom which was built especially for the occasion. "Pink and silver silk, matching Betty's gown, hid the ceiling; great chandeliers held masses of pink gladioli." Music was provided by two 20-piece orchestras. A battery of flood-lights was on hand in case of need. And to guarantee the safety of this collection of human parasites, "a Newport fire company stood by."

All night long "dinner-jacketed waiters scurried through the maple grounds carrying fancy fowl, champagne, sizzling rare cuts from an outdoor barbecue pit." The party ended at 6 a.m. with a swim at Bailey's Beach and a gourmet's breakfast.

Even modern science was harnessed to add a new wrinkle for Betty's delight: "Betty Tyson's debut might be remembered not only as ushering in a new day of peace but a scientific milestone as well—just before the guests arrived, the grounds had been liberally sprayed with DDT."

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