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## MILITARISTS PLAN NEW WAR

### Greek Stalinists Slay Trotskyists

By Paul G. Stevens

News from Trotskyist sources in Greece indicates that the Stalinist betrayal of the masses in the Civil War last December was accompanied, and in some cases preceded, by a horrible massacre of hundreds of members of the Greek section of the Fourth International. The Greek Trotskyists had already lost many militants in the struggle against the Metaxas dictatorship before the war and against the Fascist and Nazi occupation during the war.

The program of The Greek Trotskyists called for the election of democratically elected committees in the factories and on the land, the formation of workers' militias and the carrying out of a working class policy both before and after the rout of the Nazis. They warned against the reactionary aims of the Allied imperialists and the Greek capitalists and urged the masses to distrust them and to rely only on their own independent strength in the struggle for their emancipation.

#### FEARED BY STALINISTS

For thus seeking to arm the masses against the plots of the bourgeoisie and its British sponsors, the Greek Trotskyists aroused the fear and the hatred of the Stalinists who controlled the ELAS and the EAM (Greek National Liberation Army and Front). Never permitting the masses to determine the policies of the EAM and the ELAS, the Stalinists held these organizations in a bureaucratic vise as organs of the "People's Front." In this coalition the Communist Party bureaucrats yielded to the policies of Greek capitalism represented in the EAM by lawyers, politicians, old time labor skates, etc.

The Trotskyist program of independent working class action, in a situation in which the masses were in ferment, constituted a definite danger to these "People's Front" machinations. In order to prevent the Trotskyists from gaining leadership of the masses, the Stalinists organized a GPU-type of police system known as the OPLA. Last October, the OPLA were struck against our comrades and against another left wing organization of workers known as the Archeo-Marxists. These murders took place in Salónica, where the ELAS was in complete control. This city was far from the actual front lines of the civil war. More than 230 revolutionaries were slain in cold blood by the OPLA in Salónica alone last December. Not a single one of those slain was permitted even the formality of a court trial. There were no official indictments and no war-rants for arrests.

In Athens, 31 leading Trotskyists, among them well-known (Continued on Page 3)

#### SWP Protests French Arrest Of Indo-Chinese

NEW YORK, Oct. 13.—James P. Cannon, National Secretary of the Socialist Workers Party, today sent the following cable to Gen. Charles de Gaulle, President of the French Provisional Government:

"Socialist Workers Party strongly protests arrest of Dr. Tran Due Tao and delegation of 42 representing 25,000 Indo-Chinese living in Paris. We demand their immediate release. We demand they be given full opportunity to put the case of the Indo-Chinese people fighting against imperialism to the French people and the peoples of the whole world. Imprisonment of the 42 will be interpreted only as an attempt to prevent understanding and cooperation between the masses in Indo-China and the people of France. Let the people of the world hear the voice of Free Indo-China."

but members of all political working class groups opposed to Stalinism.

The major blows of the OPLA were struck against our comrades and against another left wing organization of workers known as the Archeo-Marxists. These murders took place in Salónica, where the ELAS was in complete control. This city was far from the actual front lines of the civil war. More than 230 revolutionaries were slain in cold blood by the OPLA in Salónica alone last December. Not a single one of those slain was permitted even the formality of a court trial. There were no official indictments and no war-rants for arrests.

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#### Stalinist Editor Budenz Deserts To The Church

By Art Preis

Louis Budenz, anti-Marxist and jingo patriot whom the Stalinists welcomed into their fold in 1935 and quickly elevated to top leadership, last week deserted the Communist Party for the "faith of my fathers, the Catholic Church."

His break and open declaration of warfare against communism as well as its Stalinist counterpart was made to the capitalist press on Thursday, October 11, while his name still appeared as editor on the masthead of the Stalinist Daily Worker.

Accomplished in the dark of the night, Budenz' flight came as a stunning blow and an act of base ingratitude to the party which six years ago raised him to its national committee because of his outstanding record as Trotskyist-baiter and slanderer of the genuine revolutionaries communists.

#### DECADENCE OF "SERVICE"

To his Stalinist associates the blow was all the more devastating because Budenz had served the Communist Party so long and faithfully through a decade of twists and turns in its process of degeneration into an open agency of U. S. imperialism during the war.

After a stunned 24-hour silence, the Stalinist National Committee rigged up a statement in the October 12 Daily Worker to "explain" how so choice a product of their school had graduated into an avowed enemy of Marxism and joined the most virulent opponents of communism and vigorous defenders of capitalism.

With much beating of breasts, the Stalinist leaders, through their Chairman William Z. Foster, complained that "the promotion of a man with Budenz' record was a most serious error. Budenz came to our party after a prolonged period of participation in the Muste-Trotskyite movement."

The Daily Worker editorial board, in a simultaneous confession of "error," discovered that Budenz had been an "associate of Trotskyites as recently as ten years ago."

As "recently" as the day before (Continued on Page 8)

#### Planning The Third World War



### Rank And File Dock Strikers Demand Own Negotiating Body

BULLETIN

NEW YORK, Oct. 14.—Some 5,000 insurgent rank and file members of the AFL International Longshoremen's Union at a meeting in Manhattan Center here this afternoon voted to accept Mayor LaGuardia's proposal for a state-supervised election to determine whether their own negotiating committee or that of ILA President Ryan will negotiate the new contract. A return to work is contingent on employers' acceptance of the proposal. Ryan and the employers are trying to forestall such an election by a back-to-work movement.

Special to THE MILITANT  
By F. J. Lang

NEW YORK, Oct. 13.—An estimated 35,000 longshoremen here remained off the job today in the face of mounting pressure to get them back to work under the same rotten conditions prevailing 12 days ago when stevedoring companies ordered a lockout of all gangs refusing to work under the unsafe conditions of no weight limit for sling loads.

The men are united in their main demands for a maximum 2,240 pounds sling load, two shape-ups a day for hiring on the docks instead of three, and double time for work during meal hours.

#### BACKED BY SEAMEN

Longshoremen's demands are being backed by seamen in both AFL and CIO unions. The CIO National Maritime Union has distributed leaflets along the waterfront solidarizing itself with the rank and file longshoremen. Similarly, the CIO Marine Cooks and Stewards and the independent Marine Firemen's union, both West Coast unions which man ships calling at this port, are supporting the longshoremen here.

The AFL Seafarers Interna-

#### IN THE NEWS

##### Not Out Of Job Yet

Admiral Nimitz told a news conference in Washington on October 6 that the atom bomb will not mean the end of the Navy "in your lifetime and mine." It is just "another weapon which must be brought to the scene of action to be used. I see no way to get them there except by ships until we can project them from this continent to another."

##### Heroe's Return

Discharged war veterans, most of whom have had little job training, are having a hard time getting jobs that pay more than 65 cents an hour through a 44-hour week," admitted Col. McDermott, head of the New York area Selective Service System. He related last week how a Wall Street firm requested veterans with "a record of self-discipline and responsibility" for jobs paying \$25 a week.

##### See Brighter Future

"Of all nations now discussing the atomic bomb, leadership in optimism is undoubtedly at the moment in the hands of Sweden . . . Scientific authorities in Sweden take the view that not only is protection against atomic bombs possible, but the way wherein this protection could be achieved is already perfectly obvious. Get yourself into a solid rock shelter deep under the earth, line it with lead and coat it thinly with cadmium, and you can snap your fingers at any atomic bomb that wanders along." (Harold Hobson in Christian Science Monitor, October 10.)

The stevedore companies have (Continued on Page 2)

##### Scientific "Progress"

Dr. Irving Langmuir, General Electric physicist, expressing fear that Soviet Russian science might outstrip American "in 10 or 15 years," told a Senate committee on October 8 that among the things that may "hold us back" is the tendency toward "the 30-hour week."

##### Guess His Decision!

The War Department referred a letter from the world's largest cotton brokers, Anderson, Clayton & Co., for permission to reopen a branch in Osaka, Japan, to the State Department. There it was turned over to the head of the Economic Section, Will Clayton, senior partner of Anderson, Clayton & Co. (Continued on Page 2)

### Possibility Of Peace Era Discounted By Marshall

#### Total Destruction of Mankind Threatened By Frightful New Atomic-Powered Weapons

By Joseph Hansen

The Third World War is already in the blueprint stage. Even before the official termination of the Second World War, Wall Street's newly-fledged military caste has projected the opening phases of another bloodbath so frightful and destructive it can mean the end of mankind. This is the meaning of Gen. George C. Marshall's Biennial Report to the Secretary of War.

The General himself reveals what the Third World War will look like in its first few days. Referring to atomic power, he declares: "This discovery of American scientists can be man's greatest benefit. And it can destroy him. It is against the latter possibility that this nation must prepare or perish."

"Atomic power will affect the peaceful life of every individual on earth. And it will at the same time affect every instrument and technique of destruction.

"But the atomic bomb is not alone among the scientific advances that make the possibilities of the future so terrifying. The development of aircraft and rockets and electronics has become equally incredible. In order to prevent any possible misconception of the terrible potentialities of the future, I asked the Commanding General of the Army Air Forces to prepare an estimate of the capabilities of other modern weapons.

"His report is confined to the certainties but, as is obvious from the atomic bomb, the developments of the war have been so incredible that the wildest imagination will not project us far from the target in estimating the future."

Marshall then quotes from General Arnold's report on the (Continued on Page 2)

### 'Relief For The Rich' Tax Bill Passed

House Democrats and Republicans last week united by a vote of 343 to 10 to give the corporations and the high-income brackets, already hog-fat with war profits and tax rebates, a huge slice in taxes amounting to nearly seven billion dollars.

The new "relief for the greedy" bill was passed with almost record speed, the debate failing to consume the time allotted. Hearings on the bill had been closed bar from offering testimony on it.

So raw is the bill that even 13 Democrats who announced they were giving it "reluctant support" were impelled to confess that it "gives the lion's share of tax forgiveness to those who don't need it."

#### SENATE SHARPENS KNIFE

The only concession to low-income earners in the tax bill would eliminate the infamous wartime income tax on the lowest income brackets, involving 12,000,000 of those earning less than \$2,000 down to \$500 annually. The total cut will amount to about \$300,000,000 as contrasted to nearly \$7 billion saved for the handful of rich and their corporations.

Even this concession is threatening (Continued on Page 2)

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# Texas CIO Oil Militants Determined To Renew Wage Fight; Denounce Truman's Strikebreaking

Special to THE MILITANT

HOUSTON, Texas, Oct. 10.—Some 7,000 CIO Oil Workers Union militants of District 4, who were in the forefront of the spreading 15-state strike which Truman broke with his Navy "seizure" of struck refineries, returned to work during the past week determined to resume their struggle for a 30 per cent wage increase at the first opportunity.

The strikers in this area are particularly dissatisfied with the actions of the international union officials, headed by President O. A. Knight, for capitulating to the pressure of the government and ordering the men back to work.

It is feared that the administration's order for the union to submit its wage demands to the government's mercies will result in chiseling down possible gains that could have been won on the picket lines. "We struck for '52 for '40 and would have gotten it if the International hadn't let us down. And we'll get it yet!" many workers are saying.

Members of Locals 23, 207, 208, 227, 243, 316, 343, 367 and 449, scattered from Galveston and Port Arthur to Dallas and Fort Worth, fought in a magnificent fashion and brought down refinery after refinery. They shut off pipelines and storage terminals and defied strikebreaking forces of Rangers and State Guards ordered out by Governor Coke Stevenson and his side-kick, Lt. Gov. John Lee Smith, who is tied up with a fascist outfit called "Fight For Free Enterprise."

A vicious onslaught has been opened up against the oil union and its local leaders by the corporations. Now that the men have returned to work, the open shop companies have intensified their violations of OWIU contracts and launched a widespread paid advertising campaign in the newspapers against the union and its just wage demands.

Reprisals have begun against leading militants. Ray Andrus and other members of the Dis-

trict 4 Policy Committee were fired by the Texas Company in Port Arthur. Similar attempts to victimize leading militants are reported from Sinclair in Houston.

The men are bitter against the government's strikebreaking. Business Agent Jeff Hickman of Shell Local 367, Houston, stated: "If the Government can, in peacetime, order men to work at the point of a bayonet, and make them work at the same terms and under the same conditions as before the strike was called, why it means we have just got through losing a war!"

Organized labor in Texas is seething. At this writing, some 31,000 workers in numerous industries and trades are manning the picket lines.

## Ranks Demand Own Committee In Dock Strike

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refused to budge on the longshoremen's demands. State and federal mediators have been up and down the waterfront talking to rank and file longshoremen in an effort to inspire a back-to-work movement on the employers' terms—"so that differences can be negotiated." Army officials have ordered troops to discharge ships, and gangs of officers have volunteered to work there.

**REVOLT AGAINST RYAN**  
Joseph P. Ryan, who had come to the conditions of the employers against which the longshoremen are in revolt, is now trying to drive stevedores back to work on the basis of LaGuardia's promise that some concessions will be granted within one week. He hopes in this way to regain control over the longshoremen.

**Leadership of the longshoremen shifted last week from Chelsea Local 791 of the ILA in Manhattan, which was the first victim of the employers' lockout, as five insurgent Brooklyn locals made a bid for leadership. These locals have repudiated Ryan and elected a rank and file committee, headed by William E. Warren, to negotiate with the employers.**

This rank and file committee notified LaGuardia yesterday that "Ryan and his so called negotiating committee do not speak for the men and are not authorized to make any settlement."

### INSURGENTS MEET

A mass meeting has been called by the insurgents for Sunday, October 14, at Manhattan Center to elect a full rank and file negotiating committee. The meeting will decide whether to continue the revolt against Ryan's leadership by refusing to work under conditions dictated by the employers, or to return to work for a limited period of one week pending further negotiations on the part of Ryan and the bosses.

Regardless of the outcome of this meeting, the longshoremen are expected to demand a settlement of the issues which have kept them off the job for 12 days now. They are not likely to go to work permanently under a contract that fails to fix safe load limits.

## N. Y. Longshore Strike Rally



Rank and file insurgents in New York dock strike at open-air rally in Brooklyn. They are opposing the attempt of Joseph Ryan, AFL International Longshoremen's Association president, to impose a new contract that fails to contain the workers' demands, including safe sling-loads.

## SKF Strikers Fight International Trust

Special to THE MILITANT

By M. Garber

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 11.—The two-week old strike at the Philadelphia plants of the notorious SKF International roller-bearing trust has turned into a basic struggle for unionism in this area. The company, in a slanderous and lying statement which appeared in the local press as a paid advertisement, falsely charged that the union had refused to negotiate and declared a lockout until the workers were ready to return to work on the company's terms.

CIO United Steel Workers Local 2898 gave a fitting answer to this hypocritical company propaganda at a rousing mass meeting, over 1,000 strong, in the Kensington Labor Lyceum on October 4. A long list of speakers, representing the Philadelphia CIO, declared their support of the strike and characterized the struggle of the SKF workers as the key fight for unionism in Philadelphia and its outlying districts.

Steve Root, president of Local 2898 and chairman of the meeting, announced that a meeting of presidents from all the steel workers' locals, held the day before, had voted to give moral and financial support to the SKF local. Representatives from the United Electrical Workers, Marine and Shipbuilding Workers, Transport Workers and Steel Workers' organization staff, pledged all-out aid in what they agreed was a test case for union labor.

### STRONG SUPPORT

James Price, secretary-treasurer of Local 107, UEW, presented the strikers with a check of \$100 on behalf of his organization. He stated his union was ready to go all the way to bring union-busting SKF to the realization that unionism was here to stay. "You are fighting for the entire CIO," Price declared, "and we not only cheer your fight but are ready to participate with you."

One of the highlights of the meeting was the militant speech of Jimmy Jones, colored Steel Workers organizer and head of the CIO Anti-Discrimination Committee. Jones pointed out how in every strike in which he had participated, the solidarity of white and negro workers had foiled attempts of the bosses to divide the workers' ranks and brought victory to the union forces. "You are leading the fight for unionism in this town. It's a test case for union labor."

**STEEL LEADER SPEAKS**  
The participation of Casimir Miller, regional Steel Workers Director, as the main speaker at the meeting, decisively refuted the company charge that the SKF strike did not have the support of the national organization. Miller assured the strikers that the national union was behind them. He indicted the company as an old hand at union-busting and recited the shameful history of this union-busting corporation from the attempts to organize it in 1935-36.

SKF, utilizing its stooge company union, company thugs, paid police and bribed politicians, succeeded in breaking the early

## Generals Blueprint A Third World War

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"certainties" of the Third World War: "Bombers capable of carrying 20,000 pounds of bombs to targets 1,600 miles away at speeds of 350 miles an hour and altitudes of over 35,000 feet . . . Within the next few years jet-propelled bombers capable of flying 500 to 600 miles an hour to targets 1,500 miles away at altitudes of over 40,000 feet."

"Development of even greater bombers capable of operating at stratospheric altitudes and speeds faster than sound and carrying bomb loads of more than 100,000 pounds already is a certainty. These aircraft will have sufficient range to attack any spot on the earth and return to a friendly base . . . At this very moment we are making a single bomb weighing 45,000 pounds to keep pace with the bomber, already under construction, which will carry such a load . . . We can direct rockets to targets by electronic devices and new instruments which guide them accurately to sources of heat, light, and magnetism."

"Drawn by their own fuses such new rockets will streak unerringly to the heart of big factories, attracted by the heat of the furnaces. They are so sensitive that in the space of a large room they aim themselves toward a man who enters, in reaction to the heat of his body."

### ANNIHILATION IN HOURS

"All of these weapons and their possible combinations make the air approaches of a country the points of extreme danger. Many Americans do not yet understand the full implication of the formless rubble of Berlin and of the cities of Japan. With the continued development of weapons and techniques now known to us, the cities of New York, Pittsburgh, Detroit, Chicago, or San Francisco may be subject to annihilation from other continents in a matter of hours."

Marshall declares there is no effective defense except the "power of attack." Men are needed, he says, to come to "close grips with the enemy and tear his operating bases and his productive establishment away from him . . . Citing the rocket showers that fell on Britain until the close of the war, he continues:

"Such is the pattern of war in the 20th Century. If this nation is ever again at war, suffering, as Britain did in this war, the disastrous attacks of rocket-propelled weapons with explosive power like our own atomic bomb, it will bleed and suffer perhaps to the point of annihilation, until we can move our armies of men into the enemy's bases of operations and seize the sites from which he launches his attacks."

As for the possibilities of peace, General Marshall is decisive: "If man does find the solution for world peace it will be the most revolutionary reversal of his record."

### "SECURITY" GARRISONS!

As for the Regular Army, Marshall wants sufficient forces "partially deployed in the Pacific and Caribbean ready to protect the Nation against a sudden hostile thrust and immediately available for emergency action wherever required . . . Besides this the Regular Army would be used as "security garrisons for the outlying bases," and to keep up the war machine and military institutions such as schools, war colleges, etc. The Regular Army would likewise provide an expert cadre to quickly train drafts.

In addition, Marshall wants plans worked out for quick conversion of peacetime industries into war industries, and for "continuous research into the military ramifications of man's scientific advance . . ."

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At this meeting, Connally advocated "peaceful" picketing, "no violence" and viciously attacked the Trotskyists, slandering the Socialist Workers Party as "troublemakers." (In Detroit picketing of a Smith meeting was peaceful until police began clubbing pickets.)

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## INTERNATIONAL NOTES

## Greece

The continued political crisis in Greece precipitated the resignation of the Petros Vougaris cabinet on October 9. The Vougaris regime, set up by the Allies in conjunction with Greek reaction, resigned with the declaration that the majority of Greeks opposed elections scheduled for January 25.

Constantin Tsaldaris, one of the heads of the Populist Party, spoke for retention of the Vougaris regime in office. A change, he said, would be contrary to Allied views. Installed against the will of the Greek people, the Vougaris cabinet has slavishly carried out the will of the British, whose bayonets constitute its principal support.

All public demonstrations and meetings were banned once more in fear of the working class again venting its hatred of Allied oppression of Greece.

Meanwhile the United Press reported October 9 that Washington was planning to send hundreds of troops from Italy to Greece. These troops are ostensibly to be used as "election observers." It will be recalled, however, that during the civil war provoked by the British last year, considerable resentment was expressed by the British capitalists over the fact they had to take the entire blame for shooting down the Greek people, although Wall Street actually shared responsibility. By transporting American troops to Greece, the British despots undoubtedly hope to demonstrate to the public that they are not alone in their brutal policy toward the Greek people.

## Japan

A spreading coal strike, the first in a generation, was reported by The Associated Press, October 8. Some 6,000 Koreans walked out of the coal mines near the city of Sapporo on the northernmost island of Hokkaido. The demands of the miners were not listed, although the strike was spreading to nearby mines. This strike can have great symptomatic importance, indicating the revival of the organized labor movement in Japan. In the first decade of the century the Japanese coal miners proved again and again that they were among the most militant workers in the world. Only the most savage repression by the government succeeded in crushing their organizations.

A September 28 dispatch from the same news agency declared: "Japanese labor leaders met today to form a new socialist party, while the reported reorganization of several war defunct labor unions further marked the acceleration of Japan's new liberal movement. The movement thus far has been markedly socialist. No group to date champions a capitalist democracy."

The formal launching of new Japanese seamen's unions was scheduled for October 5 at Osaka. Tokyo transport workers, including all the city's streetcar and bus employees, are organizing. Approximately 500,000 workers of the government-owned railroads are also forming trade unions.

In China thousands of Japanese soldiers are reported deserting to the Chinese Communists' Eighth Route Army. Japanese general Tan Takahashi, declared that in Peiping desertions from his forces were increasing daily and that the "morale" of his men was very low.

At Tokyo liberated political prisoners from four prisons were acclaimed by what the Associated Press (October 10) described as "Communist crowds shouting op-

## Trotskyists In Greece Killed By Stalinist Murder Gangs

(Continued from Page 1) militants like Demosthenes Bouzakis and Nicos Avantinos, were shot immediately upon seizure by OPLA agents. Printshops engaged in work on Trotskyist publications were completely demolished. Trotskyists workers were seized in their homes and kidnapped. Then cruelly tortured and finally assassinated. The complete toll of the Trotskyist victims of Stalinist terror in Greece has not yet been compiled. It was a veritable St. Bartholomew's Day massacre on a modern scale.

The slaughter of the Trotskyists made possible the betrayal of the Greek masses in the British-provoked Civil War. The

position to Imperial rule." The crowd of 600 "waved Red flags and Korean independence banners while Communist Kyuichi Tokuda urged overthrow of the Imperial system." Many of the political prisoners had been held without charge for as long as 10 to 20 years for criticism of the Japanese government. When the war broke out, Hideki Tojo jailed 10,000 such suspects.

The prisoners and two Koreans, Lee Kung Hun and Kim Chun Hai, related how arrested Communists were beaten with baseball bats and tortured with burning incense sticks forced under the fingernails. Seven Japanese Communists were hanged and more than 400 died of beatings and maltreatment, according to Kyuichi Tokuda. A Domesi reporter said Tokuda, when interviewed in prison, declared the end of Mikadoism could "only be brought about through revolution."

## India

The struggle of the people of India for freedom from British imperialist rule has given rise to a series of incidents in Bombay. On August 23, according to the London "Times," the Government of Bombay "declared illegal seven organizations and several other bodies in the Satara district . . . Three hundred persons have been arrested after continued lawlessness and atrocities in this area."

The "Times" continues: "The banned organizations are accused of complicity in attempting to organize a parallel government and impose its authority by a reign of terror." This is typical language used by the British despots to describe any movement of the masses to free themselves from the brutal rule of British capitalism.

On September 26, the Associated Press reported "rioting" broke out, "the worst since 1940." Public assemblies were prohibited and police squads were stationed at "strategic points." By October 1 casualties had risen to 31 killed and 152 injured.

The police opened fire on September 28 and set a 10 p.m. to 6 p.m. curfew. The people they attack, they termed, "hoodlums." The anti-British fighters pursued militant tactics, leading the police into narrow alleys and then showering them with stones and bottles. By September 29 arrests of 250 persons were reported.

A battalion of British soldiers was ordered to prepare for action on October 1, as streetcar and bus service became paralyzed when transport workers "refused to resume work." The October 1 "Christian Science Monitor" reported that eight platoons of British troops had been called out in Bombay.

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## Biggest Dock Strike Since 1926 Sweeps Harbors Of Great Britain

## Seamen Picket Dutch Consulate In San Francisco

(Special to The Militant)

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 2—In a display of international solidarity, American seamen joined with Indonesian seamen today in picketing the Netherlands Consulate's large and swanky offices in the financial district. The block-long picket line featured placards attacking the attempt to reinstate Dutch imperialist rule in Java and other sections of Indonesia.

Together with their American fellow-workers Indonesian seamen from Dutch ships in the harbor, wearing red and white armbands, their national colors, publicized the conditions imposed upon them by the foreign imperialists. Picket signs read: "Smash Dutch Imperialism," "Average Indonesian Income 1939 — 2½ cents a Day," "Indonesian Seamen Get \$17 a Month," "Protest Sending Troops to Enslave Indonesia," "Down With Oppression."

## RESOLUTION TO COUNCIL

A committee from the picket line handed the Consul a resolution calling on the Dutch government to "let the Indonesians determine their own government" and "refrain from the use of terror in Indonesian affairs."

Represented in the picket lines were members of the National Maritime Union, Marine Cooks and Stewards, Marine Firemen and other individual trade-unionists. Resolutions of support for Indonesian independence have been passed by the CIO Council and the Bay Cities Metal Trades Council.

## Belgian Miners Solidarize With German Workers

With demonstrations of international solidarity, Europe's workers are beginning to reply to the dastardly attempt of the Allied imperialists to impose slave labor conditions upon the German masses. Thus, a plan hatched by the Belgian capitalists to send 30,000 German prisoners of war into slavery in the coal pits of that country has been met with sharpest protest from the Belgian miners.

In the vanguard of this protest movement are the coal diggers of Charleroi, the Borinage and Anderlech, where the influence of the Parti Communiste Revolutionnaire, Belgian Section of the Fourth International, is particularly strong.

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"(We) protest against the introduction of German prisoners into the mines;

"Declare that their place is in the mines, factories and shops of Germany and that the aim of the capitalist leaders, in sending the prisoners down into the mines, is directed above all towards sabotaging the workers' resistance (to capitalist exploitation);

"Declare that (we) will work together with them (the Germans) only on the condition that they enjoy the same working conditions as the Belgian miners and above all, the same right of (trade union) organization."

## MINERS IN VANGUARD

This demonstration of international solidarity is linked directly with the miners' vanguard position in the struggle against the Belgian capitalists and their monarchy and for the establishment of a republic with workers' democracy as its base. For taking a leading part in these mass struggles, the Belgian Trotskyists have come under the sharpest attacks of the "democratic" puppet government of the Allied imperialists under Van Acker, as well as the GPU machine in the Stalinist party.

The social-democratic Prime Minister Van Acker continues to suppress La Voie de Lenine, central organ of the PCR, and threatens to bar La Lutte Ouvrière. The Stalinists calling for complete suppression of the party, carry on agitation designed to arouse physical violence and even assassination against Trotskyist miners' leaders.

Comrades Davister of Charleroi, Malengreau of the Borinage and Victor Bourgat of An-

## Picketing The Dutch Consulate



Indonesian seamen, backed by members of American maritime unions, picket the Dutch consulate in San Francisco. These supporters of the newly-declared Republic of Indonesia are protesting Allied attempts to reinstate despotic Dutch imperialist rule in Java.

Photo by THE MILITANT

## Allies Tightening Grip On Far East

The struggle of the colonial people of the Far East for freedom from imperialist rule, continued this week in the face of mounting military pressure as the Allies landed thousands of fresh troops.

The Australian Government joined in the persecution of the independence fighters. The Melbourne radio reported October 11 that 207 Indonesian seamen who had refused to man Dutch ships bound to the East Indies with military supplies, were sentenced to six months imprisonment. In the Australian Senate, William A. Brand urged action against distributors of pamphlet headed "Hands Off the Indonesian Republic." The pamphlet declared: "Are we to shed the blood of the Indonesian people for the profits of British and Dutch exploiters?"

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## USING A TRUCE

In Indo-China, the British and French have taken advantage of a truce with the Indo-Chinese nationalists to land several units of French troops and 7,000 more British troops. Meanwhile Paris and London reached agreement that the French shall continue their despotic sovereignty over Indo-China.

"Self Determination by Indonesians!"

"Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness is the right of all nations."

## FIFTY KILLED

At Soerabaja, 50 persons were reported killed and 150 wounded in fighting between nationalists and Japanese soldiers acting under Allied orders.

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By way of contrast to this militant support of the strikers, the British Stalinists are pleading in leaflets to the picket lines to heed the voice of the strike-breaking officialdom.

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## MUST DEFEND INDONESIANS

Thus the Indonesian national movement as it emerges today, far from being Japanese-inspired, is in reality a continuation of the movement which arose after the defeated communist uprisings in 1926 and which was suppressed in 1930 with an unbroken anti-collaboration record. The confidence of the masses in a movement which has no record of betrayal will be important moral capital when the final struggle for independence begins with the arrival of Dutch troops.

## OPPOSES JAPANESE RULE

The Dutch knew better than to let him return. Other exiles had expressed their support of the Dutch government against Japan, but no such word had come from Soekarno. He remained consistently anti-collaborationist. His return to Java under Japanese domination is advanced by Dutch officialdom as proof that he was a turncoat "communist one day, fascist the next." This is absurd. He returned to the center of political life the moment it became possible for him. If he had any illusion, due to his earlier pan-Asian ideas, that the defeat of the Dutch by the Japanese would mean an end to oppression and complete independence for In-

dia, he shows no trace of it now.

In an interview he explained that the Japanese had been friendly to the nationalist movement

"The Belgian Party claims that it has never abandoned the slogan of the republic, which remains inscribed in its program. Today it is time to demand its realization. A real united front of all the workers' parties and of the new trade union federations would be able to prevent the king's return, obtain the proclamation of the republic, and the speedy convocation of a constituent assembly elected by universal suffrage."

Such a united front must not be limited to top committees, explains the manifesto of our comrades, but in every locality should be formed by elected delegates of the workers from the factories and places of work.

These united front committees would organize workers' militias to disarm the fascist and royalist bands; would see to it that popular tribunals are formed to punish the fascists and collaborators; prepare immediately the electoral lists for the voting for the Constituent Assembly; establish workers' control over economy and over the government of the Communist and Labor parties.

Thus the struggle for the re-

public and the Constituent As-

sembly, correctly carried on, is

in reality a class struggle for all

the needs of the workers. Our

comrades are sure that if the

workers will take the road of

mass action for these demands,

it will result in a great stride forward to socialism.

## The Struggle Against The Belgian Monarchy

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

—Leon Trotsky

## Pierre Frank

The deportation order now pending against Pierre Frank, a French Socialist living in London, should arouse every supporter of civil liberties and fundamental democratic rights.

In 1939 Pierre Frank opposed the imperialist war. He was forced to leave France as a political refugee because of this opposition. In 1941 the Churchill government issued an order for his deportation. But it was never enforced, and Herbert Morrison, Secretary of the Home Office, assured Frank he would not be sent back to France.

However, within two weeks after the Labor Party came to power, Frank was informed that he would be deported the following month. No official written order was handed this opponent of the capitalist system. The cowardly officials wished to accomplish their aim without assuming responsibility. They tried to get Frank to sign an application form for an "exit permit" to France. When he refused, the police took his French passport, his alien registration book, and changed his identity card for a provisional one valid only until November 15, 1945.

Several Members of Parliament have taken up his case and are protesting the deportation proceedings. Hence the case has been taken out of the hands of the police and now rests with the Home Office. An extension has been granted Frank, according to a verbal report given one of the MP's interested in the case. But Frank has heard nothing from either the Home Office or the police. His papers have thus officially valid only until November 15.

The British working class voted for socialism when they put the Labor Party in power. But in persecuting Pierre Frank, the heads of the Labor Government are violating the most elementary democratic rights. Instead of enforcing Churchill's deportation order against Pierre Frank, it is the duty of the Labor Government to quash the proceedings.

Protests to the British Embassies and British Government are in order. Demand the right of political asylum for Pierre Frank!

## Labor Solidarity

"An injury to one is an injury to all!" That is a most dynamic and powerful principle of organized labor. That principle has further proved its worth in a number of recent labor struggles.

Last week, in Hollywood, motion picture studio and city police assaulted peacefully picketing studio workers. A mighty outpouring of Lockheed aircraft workers came to the aid of the strikers and forced the police to retreat.

Several weeks ago in Cleveland strike pickets at the Parker Appliance company were ridden down and clubbed by mounted police. Thousands of workers from neighboring plants, AFL and CIO, rushed to the picket line and forced a halt to police violence and strikebreaking.

In New York City, AFL and CIO seamen last week refused to move ships into the harbor for unloading by troops in the dock workers strike.

In Akron a few weeks ago, 15,000 CIO rubber workers in the Goodrich plant refused to cross picket lines of supervisory employees fighting for collective bargaining rights.

A million and a half Manhattan workers backed up the recent victorious strike of 15,000 AFL elevator workers.

With sound instinct, the workers everywhere are learning to use the potent weapon of labor solidarity. They don't ask whether the strikers are AFL or CIO, white or black. They know an injury to one worker, in any union, anywhere, is an injury to all.

Labor's enemies know the meaning of class solidarity. When any workers dare to strike for just demands, all the bosses and all their agents line up in solid ranks to fight them.

The kept press and radio propagandists pour out their lies and rumors to divide and deceive and demoralize the workers.

Company police and thugs, city and state armed forces join in attempting to smash the workers with violence and intimidation.

All the capitalist government agencies send in their "mediators" and "conciliators" to

swindle the workers out of the gains they might win on the picket lines. But the workers—united in program and action—are so overwhelming and mighty they can beat back any attack. That is the meaning of labor solidarity.

## Bring Them Back Home!

On September 13 Lieut. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, U. S. Commander in China, revealed that American troops might be used in China. "The object of bringing in American troops would be to maintain order and facilitate the control of the Central Chinese Government in areas that have been occupied by the Japanese."

On September 30, the U. S. 1st Marine Division entered Tientsin "to assume police duties in northern China's political hotspot."

Wall Street's propagandists depict such utilization of U. S. troops in the "postwar" world as necessary to "win the peace." What they really mean is to put down the labor movement, suppress the colonial drive for freedom and safeguard the capitalist system.

How deliberately Wall Street plots the use of American troops for this purpose is graphically revealed by the fact that on June 4, 1942, when the Duke of Windsor, then governor of the Bahamas, appealed to Washington for help in a "labor crisis," Roosevelt ordered members of the Sixth Cavalry Regiment flown in for use against the workers. The troops took field supplies, ammunition and hand grenades. The incident was revealed only last week by one of the men now on duty in Berlin. In 1942 the use of these troops to put down the workers of the Bahamas was kept a deep secret by Roosevelt since the news of his scandalous order would have conflicted violently with the Allied propaganda about the war being for "democracy" and the "freedom of the peoples."

The Bahamas incident was simply a foreshadow of what is now in store for the Chinese masses. When Chiang Kai-shek, like the Duke of Windsor, appeals to Washington for aid in a "labor crisis," American troops will be ordered into action against the Chinese.

Thus the American boys who were dragooned into the Second World War under the pretext that they were being sent on foreign battlefields to free the peoples of the earth from fascism, fear and oppression, find themselves winding up as a brutal police force. Instead of freeing the world, they find themselves enslaving it for the benefit of Wall Street. Their demand to come back home must be backed by the hilt.

## Digging Up A Corpse

The October 7 "Daily Worker," official mouthpiece of the American Stalinists, carries without comment an article from Athens which declares the Greek Stalinists are urging the revival of the Third International. A few facts will help to clarify this proposal.

The Third International was organized in 1919 by the leaders of the October 1917 revolution in Russia. Lenin and Trotsky were its outstanding spokesmen. They called on the most devoted and class-conscious workers of the world to join together in an international organization to fight for their common interests and establish a socialist society. The Third International in those days opposed imperialist war and did its utmost to overthrow the capitalist system before it could breed another World War.

With the degeneration of the Soviet Union under Stalin, however, the Communist International, or Comintern as it became known, likewise degenerated and ended up as a docile instrument of Stalin's foreign policy. He sold its services to the highest bidder among the capitalist powers. In 1939 when Stalin signed a pact with Hitler, the adherents of the Comintern acclaimed the pact as a "blow for peace," and denounced the Allies as war-mongering nations. When the Soviet Union was invaded, the Comintern flopped overnight into support of the "peace-loving" Allied imperialists and denunciation of the Axis. Finally in 1943, in response to the demands of Allied imperialists, Stalin dissolved the Comintern. It was buried without regret or mourning, for it had been dead since the day in 1933 when it permitted Hitler to rise to power without opposition.

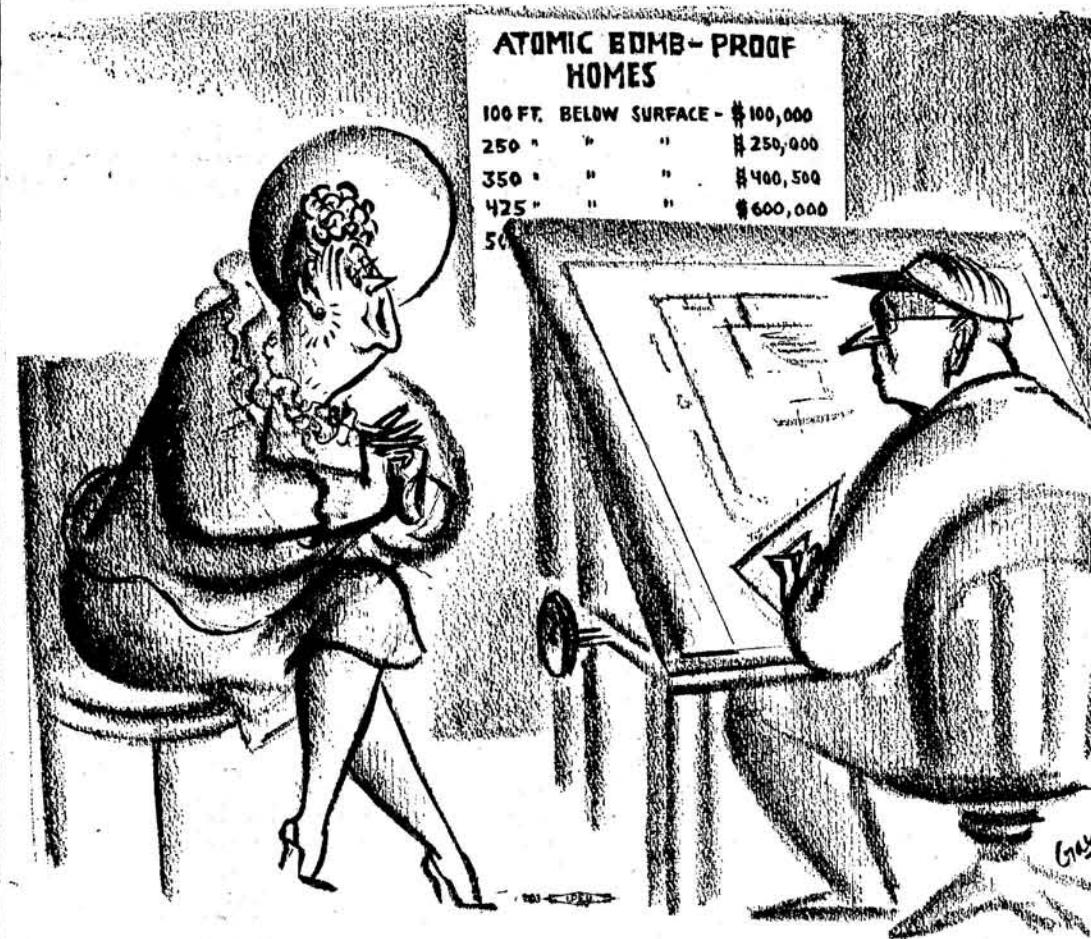
The true principles of internationalism were embodied in the Fourth International, founded under the leadership of Leon Trotsky in 1938. These principles in this country are supported by the Socialist Workers Party.

In the United States, Earl Browder, head of the American Stalinists, carried out Stalin's line by dissolving the Communist Party. Recently the American Communist Party was revived and Foster placed in charge to the accompaniment of criticism against Browder. But not a word of criticism was breathed against the "genius" in the Kremlin who dissolved the entire Comintern.

The resolution of the Greek Stalinists to revive the Comintern coincides with the breakdown of the London Conference of the Big Five. Obviously the resolution is inspired by Moscow. Just as Truman dangles the atomic bomb over the conference tables, so Stalin seeks some new weapon with which to threaten the imperialists and so gain greater bargaining power. The proposal to reconstitute the Comintern is nothing more than such a threat.

That the proposal comes from the Greek Stalinists is singularly appropriate, for it underlines what the revived Comintern would look like. The Greek Stalinists betrayed the Greek people to Allied imperialism. They welcomed British troops to Greece and when the British provoked civil war, the Stalinists under cover of the military struggle murdered the flower of the working class vanguard. Thus a new Stalinist Comintern would simply begin where the old one left off—working for the capitalists whenever they met Stalin's price. Such an organization would be the utter opposite of a real Communist International.

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"It certainly is a revolutionary idea—and just think—we'll be at the very bottom of the heap!"

## Workers' BOOKSHELF

### "FASCISM AND SOCIALISM," A New Preface to "Fascism and Big Business," by Daniel Guerin

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Many readers of *The Militant* are familiar with Daniel Guerin's book, *Fascism and Big Business*. Written before the Second World War, it is still one of the best studies available of fascism in Italy and Germany. In this book, Guerin follows step by step the remarkable parallel in the rise to power of Mussolini and Hitler. He traces the similarity in methods of the Italian fascists and the German Nazis, and probes the causes for the failure of the working class political parties (Social Democrats and Stalinists) to halt this barbarous movement. In both countries, Guerin's study reveals, the driving-wheel of fascism was *Big Business*.

Now Guerin has written a new preface for this important book, bringing it up to date by incorporating the lessons learned about fascism in the Second World War.

First, in the field of basic theory, Guerin declares that the war has confirmed the Trotskyist analysis of fascism. Like imperialist war, fascism is a product of the capitalist system in its decline. This is an important lesson, for it points to the correct method of fighting fascism—that is, overthrowing the capitalist system. At the outbreak of the Second World War, petty bourgeois "theorists" held that fascism was a new phenomenon. They said the fascists represented a new class, not workers, not capitalists, but something new under the sun. Various names, such as the "managerial" class, were given this alleged new class by these "theorists."

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scientifically tracked down, destroyed in embryo every form of organized working class opposition to its frightful rule, but the struggle between the workers and the capitalists continued.

... Gradually and to the extent that the fascist lid is lifted, we perceive that beneath it, the class struggle, supposedly destroyed forever, continues right on its way." In Italy and Germany "we find once more traces of a revolutionary vanguard, especially in the concentration camps and the prisons. Fascism has not halted humanity's continuous march toward emancipation. It has only delayed it temporarily, if at all."

Fifth, the correct method of fighting fascism. Guerin attacks the shameful hypocrites at the head of the Allied powers who today denounce fascism and make themselves out as extremely "anti-fascist." These are the very same people, he points out, who admired the way Mussolini "made the trains run on time." But "tomorrow the big 'democracies' may very well put anti-fascism back on the shelf."

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There is only one way to really stamp out fascist barbarism once and for all and that is by establishing socialism. "Anti-fascist" sentiment is not enough. Militant struggle is required. It is "fascism or socialism." Pointing to the example of the October 1917 Revolution as a model for the workers to follow, Guerin declares: "The totalitarian state is a tottering monster. We shall be forever rid of it by assuring the triumph of the antithesis: the Republic of the Workers' Councils."

Reviewed by Joseph Hansen

## Congressmen At Work

Since the development of the atomic bomb, Wall Street's Congressmen have been especially fervent in their declaration that "peace is wonderful." But they are going right ahead with their plans for a Third World War.

Senator Hill of Alabama, for example, in a matter of fact way introduced a joint resolution "authorizing experiments" with atomic bombs "to determine their effect on naval vessels."

Another school of thought, however, fears the consequences of continued experimentation "Almost two months ago," declared Senator Downey of California, "the first atomic bomb destroyed Hiroshima and a major part of its population—men, women, and children. Since that holocaust—the greatest in all history—there has been only one real question before the people of this world. Is atomic energy to advance the welfare of all humanity or is it to provide the means of global suicide?"

"We built it; in its use we killed hundreds of thousands of human beings; we possess now its fearful mastery more than any other nation. No one else now has the power even to attempt to banish from this unhappy world the fear that our bomb creation has engendered... I believe we already possess power by which we may readily destroy all civilization including ourselves..."

Representative Arends of Illinois suggests: "It may be necessary to commandeer the thousands of miles of abandoned mine tunnels in the coal regions of Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, and other states. It may be necessary to recondition these tunnels for use as shelters for civilians and as locations for the production of essential war equipment."

Even Senator Bilbo of Mississippi pondered over the problem and came up with a brilliant proposal: "It would be a wise thing to move the Capital to the geographical center of the United States and get it away from the sea coast and the hazards of attack from the ocean. The progressive, industrial, hustling new ruler of Turkey, when he took control of affairs in Turkey, did not hesitate a minute to move the capital from Constantinople to the center of the landed area of his country, to make it safe. I understand that it is rather difficult to approach the new capital of Turkey. Perhaps that would be a good idea for us to follow."

But Senator Johnson of Colorado carted off the brass spittoon for the week's prize suggestion. He proposed Congress just pass a law providing the "death penalty" for anyone revealing the secrets of atomic power. That should put a stop once and for all to the dangerous nonsense about "global suicide."

Representative Arends, for in-

## PROBLEMS FACING WAR VETERANS

By CHARLES CARSTEN

### Plight of Mentally Disabled Veterans

"A police patrol wagon roared up to the front steps of Lakeside Courthouse. Two uniformed officers opened the rear doors and pulled from the inside a disheveled and ashen-faced young man who gazed wildly about him then emitted a fearful scream."

"Men, women and youngsters gathered quickly and looked on in wonderment or shocked surprise as the young man was dragged into the main lobby of the Courthouse, up the steps and around to the inquest room of Probate Court."

This young man was not a criminal, says the Cleveland Press of August 30, in which the incident was reported, even though he was being treated as one. He was a World War II veteran "who had been driven into a frenzy by some unknown fear."

He is one of the mental casualties of World War II, one of the psychotics, those in need of institutional care and treatment by highly trained doctors. In March of this year the army listed as receiving pensions 23,270 men who were similarly afflicted.

An additional 171,309 psychoneurotic cases were reported on the same date as being recipients of disability pensions. Their condition is not as serious as that of the psychotics. But they have been emotionally unbalanced by the experiences in the war. Without proper care their condition may worsen and, at best, will continue to be a handicap all their lives.

Authorities estimate that 600,000 of the men discharged from the armed forces will be psychoneurotic. They do not need extended hospitalization, but they do need treatment by trained psychiatrists using modern facilities.

However, neither those classified as psychoneurotic nor those who are psychotic have the slightest chance of receiving the highly skilled treatment they require.

Of the 3,500 psychiatrists in the country, 3,000 are normally needed in hospitals and institutions. The remaining 500 have private practices from which they draw fabulous sums for treating the well-to-do and wealthy. Even if induced to give up their lucrative practices, there are too few to treat more than a small fraction of the mentally disabled veterans.

Although aiding the mental casualties of this war is one of the most pressing problems before it, the Veterans Administration has relegated the task to a very small, understaffed division of four or five officers and two secretaries crowded into a single room of the Veterans Administration building. To this force is assigned the job of directing 40 per cent of the Administration's entire medical load.

Proposed mental reconditioning centers are, at this late date, still in the planning stage. None had been established by the end of August, said Charles Hurd, specialist on veteran affairs for the N. Y. Times. He added that psychoneurotic cases requiring hospitalization "are being treated in general hospitals, but the system is not satisfactory."

Army brass hats knew from previous experiences that the mental casualties of this war would mount into the hundreds of thousands. They knew when the war began that thousands of trained psychiatrists would be needed to care for men who acquired mental-emotional disorders from it. Yet they made no provisions whatsoever to give medical doctors the long, intensive additional training required to enable them to treat veterans suffering from mental disorders.

Furthermore, early diagnosis

# 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.

## Irish Comrades Report Progress

Editor: At the present time we consider that we have great possibilities of expansion. We have some Communist Party contacts who are very close to us, and our last meeting (indoors) drew a crowd of almost 100 workers, most of whom were sympathetic. We are now negotiating for the purchase of an amplifier, which will extend our range of activity. The cost will be considerable, and we are trying to raise it among the party members and close sympathizers.

Most of our comrades are young apprentices, who do not earn much; some are unemployed (and there has been unemployment here right through the war) and the remainder have large family commitments.

Can you let us have 150 militants per week, to sell to our contacts here? We already get the Socialist Appeal from Britain. Also, can you let us have more Fourth Internationals and supplies of pamphlets for sale here? We are very short of pamphlets, and new ones rarely come to us.

We shall be very grateful if you can help us in this way.

F. A. Belfast, Northern Ireland.

## Welsh Comrades Read 'Militant'

Editor: May I firstly apologize for not writing to you sooner to express my thanks for literature received since I appealed for aid.

Since you sent it, I can truthfully say I have a greater understanding of "Trotskyism," giving me a deeper conviction in relation to the correctness of the policy—and even more necessary, a confidence in my daily struggle in the ranks of the anthracite miners of South Wales. All the literature is read by the members of our branch and then is sent to various clubs or the locality.

The Militant and especially the articles of Theodore Kovalsky, are very popular, and also V. Grey's "Shortparks" is widely read. One person's comment to me is worth repeating. He said: "They seem to strike at the root of our trouble."

The hostility received at our inception is fast disappearing, the Socialist Appeal helping the hostility gradually to its burial place.

I am sure you will appreciate it when I state that at the beginning we could only sell 4 copies of the Socialist Appeal at the colliery where I work. Now we sell 200 copies showing clearly in my opinion the advance of our party. The Militant and the Fourth International will, I am sure, help us to more success in the future.

In thanking you again it gives me great pleasure to write this letter because I see International Brotherhood in a common purpose. It is so lacking today in the world because of the betrayal by the Stalinists who here worship the Kremlin autocrat and forget the teachings of the teachers of the class struggle.

They, who so cynically looked

## QUESTION BOX

Q: What other territories besides Annam are incorporated into French Indo-China? What is the condition of the working class in the whole area under French rule?

A: French Indo-China consists of one "colony," Cochin-China; four "protectorates" Annam, Tonkin, Cambodia and Laos; and a "special territory," Kwachow. These five states, comprising 281,174 square miles with a total population of 24,461,251, are ruled as a colony by French imperialism.

The condition of the working class can be judged by the fact that 90 per cent of the native Indo-Chinese population are kept illiterate; unskilled workers get 10 cents a day in wages, skilled workers 30 cents. The workers live in hovels. Their labor unions have never been recognized and any attempt to better their conditions meets with the harshest repressions.

Q: How large is the Jewish population in Palestine, compared with the Arab population?

A: There are between 600,000 and 700,000 Jews in Palestine, compared with 1,200,000 Arabs.

## A DISCUSSION ON PUBLIC OPINION

Gentlemen:

We are submitting an article for publication in your periodical, *The Militant*. We feel that this is a timely article and should receive as much circulation as possible. Thanking you in advance, we extend the right of fellowship in the fight for the elevation of the workers.

Respectfully yours,  
GEORGE E. CLOUTIER, JR.  
Acting Chairman, Policy Committee  
Plant No. 3,  
Chevrolet-Flint Local 659, UAW-CIO

By Andrew Michelson

The other morning while I was talking with a small business man, he told me that "unless labor stops making demands on the owners of industry and unless labor stops meddling in the affairs of government, public opinion would be against it and the unions would disappear."

When I got home that afternoon I began reading the daily paper and again I read syndicated articles and an editorial warning organized labor to set its house in order or public opinion would force the government to pass laws curbing the activities of the unions.

That night I turned on the radio to hear the news, and so help me, do you know what I heard? Yep! I! You're right. Even the news commentator was warning organized labor against bringing the wrath of public opinion down on themselves.

Then I began to wonder, Who is the public? What is there about their opinion that the unions must fear?

IS IT OF ANY VALUE?

Is public opinion of any value? Were all the great causes for the development of human personality guided by public opinion?

Since the time Eve was influenced by the serpent to take that first bite of forbidden fruit, public opinion has taken its toll of failures among persons and organizations who have been lulled into activity or a state of doubt by its soothing warnings of "don't do this" or "if you dare try that you will fail" or "be careful of what the public will say."

For several years publishers, editors, columnists and radio news commentators have put themselves up as the protectors of organized labor by warning them to be careful of public opinion. While openly they may appear as disciples of labor in these warnings, they are actually betrayers of the labor movement by attempting to influence the reading and radio listening public to demand action against the unions.

Knowing the power of the spoken and written word upon the general public, they become past masters in moulding public opinion down the channels they wish it to travel. This subtle propaganda is an evil thing in the hands of the Judases of our time.

I wonder what might have happened since the beginning of time if every person or organization would have concerned themselves about public opinion before trying to accomplish anything worthwhile?

If every young person who planned on getting married first listened to what the public thought about it, I fear Grandma herself would have died in old maid.

If every person who dreamed of starting into business for himself had worried about public opinion, we would still be tilling the soil with a stick, and Fulton's steamboat would have remained in the dream stage.

If every politician who wanted to be elected to a public office first asked the public their opinion, our democracy would have died in infancy.

If the Christian church in the early days of persecution had first tried to get public opinion on its side before organizing the church, this great movement would have died on the cross with Christ, and the resurrection and the glorious birth of this new way of life would have been relegated to the ash pile of spiritual and social failures.

### LABOR THREATENED

Now organized labor is being threatened with extinction unless it soft pedals its activities so as not to incur the wrath of public opinion.

The UAW-CIO has developed a reputation for demanding investigations and that public officials publicize their records. Now perhaps we should do a little investigating to find out who this public is that labor should fear. So in the words of the late Al Smith, "Let's look at the record."

ROBBERS BARONS' PHRASE

The expression, "the public be damned!" was coined by one of the robber-baron of the American capitalist class. It truly represents the point of view of the plutocrats whose only interest is to rob and bleed the people for profits. That doesn't prevent these leeches from giving their crimes a protective-coating of "public opinion."

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Only an organized worker can appreciate the trials and tribulations of the union and its dealings with the management. Only

a union member can know what it is to have a contract or an agreement with the owners or the managers of an industry.

If the 30 odd millions of workers who are not members of any union and therefore cannot know anything about organized labor, still express their opinion, why should that opinion be of value to 12 million union members?

ANALYZING POLLS

Now if you will bear in mind that among the most optimistic conveyors of statistics are 30 per cent of the workers are union members, perhaps we should analyze the results of some of the popular polls that have been taken recently to feel out the public pulse regarding organized labor.

Here are the results of the poll covering the tests of the whole population in 1944:

Labor unions have done a great job and should be given more power .....	7
Labor unions have made mistakes, but they have done more good than harm and should be supported .....	28
Labor unions have done some good in the past but they have gone too far and should be curbed by law .....	49
Labor unions should be abolished .....	7
Don't know .....	9
Total .....	100

Here you will notice that among the percentage who speak so highly about labor unions are the 30 per cent who are best qualified to judge the value of unions, the union members themselves. The 65 per cent or 70 per cent of the workers who have voiced an opinion about labor unions have done so ignorantly and their opinions can-

not be regarded as having any value.

When the Smith-Connally bill to curb unions was before Congress, a Gallup Poll showed 67 per cent of the nation for it, 24 per cent against it and 9 per cent undecided. Again showing that those who are best qualified to recognize what is good and what is bad for the working people are the minority of the union members.

How could any poll that takes in the whole population turn out any other way when it concerns an issue that only affects the minority?

If a poll was taken among all the people in the United States to find out if the Methodist Church was the best church, what do you suppose the answer would be when there are only 8 million Methodists in the United States?

The answer to the poll about labor unions is as simple as that.

### BIG BUSINESS PRESS

I know that the UAW-CIO, because of its youth, vigor and complete democracy and local autonomy, makes good copy for newspapers and radio commentators, but it would be better much better, if they would confine themselves to collecting data from union people and not from the unorganized masses whose only adult economic education comes from the controlled press.

A press that has so completely been taken over by the large advertisers that it dare not speak out the truth like an honest man, but speaks more like Big Business itself.

So until the 70 per cent who are unorganized become union members and become an informed voice of public opinion, until then, I say with the 13 million union members—PUBLIC OPINION BE DAMNED!

Editorial by Chevrolet Plant No. 3 Policy Committee, Local 659, Flint, Michigan.

## Editor's Comment

We wish to thank the Plant No. 3 Policy Committee of UAW Local 659 for the stimulating contribution of Brother Michelson. We welcome authentic expressions of the points of view of union men and women and will gladly publish them insofar as our limited space permits.

The Militant agrees in general with the views of Brother Michelson against the fraudulent use of so-called "public opinion" to provide a smoke-screen for anti-labor acts.

We should like to make some additional comment on the nature of this "public opinion," which we believe will contribute to further clarify on this important question.

We contend that the "public opinion" to which the anti-labor monopoly press and radio appeal, is manufactured. It is deliberately created by these same agencies to serve the interests of the ruling capitalist class.

By its control over the means of communication and education, Big Business attempts to monopolize the dissemination of information and ideas, just as it monopolizes the means of production and distribution of goods.

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One can see with special clarity what happens to that brave person, be he teacher or student, who goes too far in criticizing racism, for he is at once subjected to discipline if not complete dismissal, as a dangerous "heretic" (radical).

America and most major countries of the world have the power and will wield it while most of us are yet young, to remove the cause of racism and oppression of the world working class as a whole, by its antidote, socialism.

This will only be possible through the Fourth International.

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In this vein, our Portland agent advises: "Last week I put *The Militant* on a stand that carries radical papers. Not having too many papers on hand I gave the dealer only five copies. Before he could take the paper out and display it on the stand,

## Pioneer Notes

This week we received an enthusiastic note from a friend who had just finished reading *The Struggle for a Proletarian Party*, by James P. Cannon, Miss Belle Montague of Cambridge, Mass. writes:

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# First Day Of "Militant" Drive Gains 1,064 New Subscribers

By Justine Lang  
Campaign Director

Despite inclement weather, comrades and friends of the Socialist Workers Party participating in the National Red Sunday Mobilization on October 14 placed *The Militant* in 1,064

## Imperialists Use Food As Weapon Against Revolt

President Truman in a statement on aid to Europe said, "Provision of the supplies thus requested (by Europe) does not, however, mean that the civilian populations of Europe will reach even a minimum level of subsistence, and much suffering may be expected during the coming winter in certain areas of the Continent."

The whole problem of food has been used by the imperialists since the last war as a brutal weapon in their counter-revolutionary work. There was a recent example of this in Greece, where the British ran the UNRRA food supplies as an auxiliary method in their armed struggle against the Greek insurgent movement.

The Greek experience recalls the infamous work of the Hoover Commission of the last war. The role of this Commission is fully analyzed in an article, "The Imperialist Strategy of Food," by C. Charles in the January 1943 *Fourth International*. The author gives factual, documented description of international intrigue in the use of a food and medicine blockade against a revolution while helping the counter-revolutionary preparations."

"The use of 'philanthropy' now," the author concludes, "will not be substantially different than it was in 1918-22. Lehman (UNRRA head) will duplicate the role of Hoover."

more workers' homes. Although several mobilizations were called off due to rainstorms, and 10 branches were still unheard from as we went to press, 11 per cent of our quota was realized.

A great deal of enthusiasm was revealed by the many telegrams received. Just a few are quoted below:

Connecticut: "21 subscriptions. Intend to double our quota. Place

setter Pearl Spangler with nine subs."

Pittsburgh: "Despite rainy weather three members obtained 14 new subscriptions today including two one-year subscriptions."

Detroit: "Obtained 106 subscriptions today. Drake high scorer with 16; Carli 14; Lewis 13; Wright 11; and Wood 11. Kindly send more sub cards."

Many branches held socials after their sub-getting to compare notes and exchange experiences.

Connie Locke, East Side Branch, New York, summed up her experiences: "Before going out, I was afraid that due to the

lay-offs in employment, it was going to be hard to sell 50 cent subscriptions.

"However, I found right away that all I had to do was to point out some of the features of the paper, such as the fact that *The Militant* tells the truth, analyzes the news, telling how it affects the workers. Many of the subscribers asked where they could come to hear more about our program, and took down the address of their nearest branch."

Margaret Stewart, East Side, New York: "I rang the doorbell of an apartment, and when the woman answered the door and saw *The Militant* in my hand, she invited me in most cordially. She told me she was a subscriber of the paper, and was very enthusiastic about its contents, and the many features and stories that appear there and in no other paper."

A number of new names appear in the pace-setters box, headed by Therese Stone, a recent recruit of the Philadelphia branch. Mike Warren, leading national pace-setter of the spring

campaign with a score of 859 subs, is in sixth place.

Detroit comrades are very well represented in the present campaign just as they were in the previous one, claiming five pace-setters among the ten top scorers.

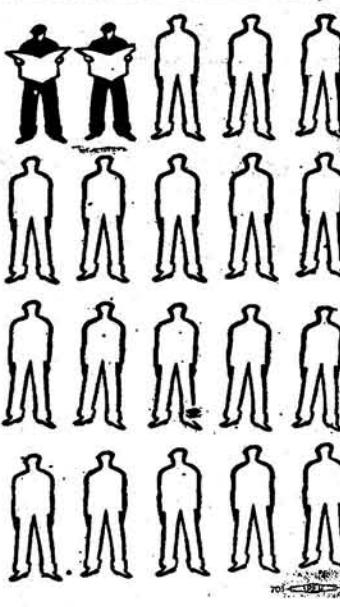
Local New York boasts four pace-setters, three from the East Side Branch, and one from the newly organized Harlem Branch. San Francisco claims three pace-setters from the list of twenty.

Next week's scoreboard will reveal a more accurate picture of our first day's mobilization. In addition, branches which were rained out are planning mid-week mobilizations.

## SCOREBOARD

Branches of the Socialist Workers Party

Branch	Subs Sold	Quotas	Subs	Per Cent
Cincinnati	50	33	66	
Philadelphia	300	89	30	
San Francisco	300	90	30	
Connecticut	100	21	21	
Flint	200	35	18	
New York	2000	330	17	
Buffalo	300	44	15	
Pittsburgh	100	14	14	
Allentown-Bethlehem	100	13	13	
Bayonne	100	12	12	
Los Angeles	1500	175	12	
Seattle	300	36	12	
St. Paul	100	11	11	
Portland	75	8	11	
Detroit	1000	106	11	
Milwaukee	100	10	10	
Minneapolis	300	26	9	
Boston	200	15	8	
Cleveland	200	0	0	
Newark	300	0	0	
Reading	50	0	0	
Rochester	50	0	0	
St. Louis	50	0	0	
San Diego	50	0	0	
Toledo	300	0	0	
Youngstown	300	0	0	
Chicago	1000	0	0	
Akron	300	0	0	
Members at large, Friends	275	0	0	
TOTAL	10,000	1,068	11	



Each figure reading "The Militant" represents 500 subscriptions sold. Each blank figure represents 500 subscriptions not yet sold.

## John G. Wright Talks In Buffalo On The British Labor Victory

BUFFALO, N. Y. Oct. 5.—Fifty-five workers listened to an inspiring speech by John G. Wright, Trotskyist editor and writer, on "The British Labor Victory—Its Meaning for American Workers."

Comrade Wright pointed out that the dynamic American workers, who within the short space of five years advanced from a backward trade union organization to the most advanced in the world, would advance with equal speed on the working-class political arena.

ence followed the political analysis of the elections, as Comrade

Wright showed how the decline of British imperialism and the development of the class struggle was impelling the British workers to take the road to Socialism.

Dealing with the powerful impact of the British elections on the American labor movement, the speaker predicted that the labor party of the workers in this country would be built. "The militant workers must take the lead in building the labor party as the indispensable weapon in the struggle of the workers. This is the lesson that must be learned from the experiences of our British brothers," he declared.

After the meeting a new member was recruited into the Socialist Workers Party.

### JOHN G. WRIGHT TOUR SCHEDULE

CITY	DATE
DETROIT	Friday to Tuesday, Oct. 19-23
FLINT	Wednesday, October 24
CHICAGO	Friday to Wednesday, Oct. 26-31
MILWAUKEE	Thursday, Friday, Nov. 1-2
TWIN CITIES	Monday to Friday, Nov. 5-9
SEATTLE	Tuesday to Friday, Nov. 13-16
PORTLAND	Sunday to Tuesday, Nov. 18-20
SAN FRANCISCO	Friday to Monday, Nov. 23-26
LOS ANGELES, SAN DIEGO	Tues., Nov. 29 to Wed., Dec. 8
KANSAS CITY	Monday, Tuesday, Dec. 10-11
ST. LOUIS	Thursday, Friday, Dec. 13-14
PITTSBURGH	Sunday to Tuesday, Dec. 18-19

Hear:  
JOHN G. WRIGHT

"The British Labor Victory—Its Meaning for American Workers"

### TOLEDO

Wednesday, Oct. 17, 8 p.m., Roi Davis Bldg., Room 304, 905 Jefferson Ave.

### FLINT

Wednesday, Oct. 24, 7:30 p.m., YWCA, E. First St. & Harrison.

### CHICAGO

Sunday Oct. 28, 8 p.m., Buckingham Hall, 59 E. Van Buren St.

reached. The bosses were swept off their feet, the whole country was clamoring to get the thing settled. There was pressure from Washington and from Governor Olson. The settlement was severely attacked by the Stalinist press, which was very radical at that time, because it was not a sweeping victory, but a compromise; a partial victory that gave recognition to the union. We took full responsibility for the settlement our comrades had made, and took up the challenge of the Stalinists. Our press simply chased the Stalinists off the field in the controversy. We defended the settlement of the Minneapolis strike and frustrated their campaign to discredit it and thereby to discredit our work in the unions. The radical labor movement was given a complete picture of this strike. We published a special issue of *The Militant* which described in detail all the different aspects of the strike and the preparations leading up to it. This issue was written almost entirely by the leading comrades in the strike.

The main point around which we wove the explanation of the compromise settlement was: What are the aims of a new union in this period? We pointed out that the American working class is still unorganized, atomized. Only a part of the skilled workers are organized into craft unions, and these do not represent the great mass of American labor. The American workers are an unorganized mass and their first impulse and need is to take the first elementary step before they can do anything else; that is, to form a union and compel the bosses to recognize that union. Thus we formulated the problem.

### First Battle Wins Gains for Union

We maintained—and I think with full justice—that a group of workers, who in their first battle gained the recognition of their union, and on that basis could build and strengthen their position, had accomplished the objectives of the occasion and should not overtax their strength and run the danger of demoralization and defeat. The settlement proved to be correct because it was enough to build on. The union remained stable. It was not a flash in the pan. The union began to forge ahead, began to recruit new members and educate a cadre of new leaders. As the weeks went by it became clear to the bosses that their scheme to trick the truckdrivers out of the fruits of their struggle was not working out so well.

Then the bosses came to the conclusion that they had made a mistake; that they should have fought longer and broken the union, so as to teach the workers of Minneapolis the lesson that unions could not exist there; that Minneapolis was an open-shop slave town and should remain that way. Somebody gave them some bad advice. The Citizens Alliance, the general organization of the employers and labor haters, kept needling and inciting the bosses in the trucking industry to break the agreement, to chisel and stall on the concessions they had agreed to give, and whittle away the gains that had been made by the workers.

The leadership of the union understood the situation. The bosses had not been sufficiently convinced by the first test of strength with the union and needed another demonstration. They began to prepare another strike. Again the workers in the industry were prepared for action. Again the whole labor movement of Minneapolis was mobilized to support them, this time in the most impressive, the most dramatic fashion. The campaign for the adoption of resolutions in the Central Labor Union and its affiliated unions in support of Local 574 was pointed toward a great parade of organized labor. The members of the various unions turned out in force and marched in solid ranks to a huge mass meeting in the City Auditorium, to back up the truck drivers and pledge them support in the impending struggle. It was an imposing demonstration of labor solidarity and of the new militancy which had taken hold of the workers.

The bosses remained obdurate. They raised the "Red Scare" in a big way, denouncing the "Trotsky Communists" in screaming advertisements in the newspapers. On the union side, preparations went ahead as in the May strike, but on an even more highly organized plan. When it became clear that another strike could not be avoided without sacrificing the union, our National Committee decided that the whole Communist League of America would have to go all-out in its support. We knew that the real test was here; that we dared not dabble with the issue. We sensed that here was a battle that could make or break us for years to come; if we gave half-hearted support, or withheld this or that aid which we could give, it might tip the balance between victory and defeat. We knew that we had plenty to give to our Minneapolis comrades.

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# THE HISTORY OF AMERICAN TROTSKYISM — by James P. Cannon

## HOW TROTSKYISTS LED MINNEAPOLIS STRIKES

stitutions into the very center of every situation. A strike leader without some conception of a political line was very much out of date already by 1934. The old fashioned trade union movement, which used to deal with the bosses without governmental interference, belongs in the museum. The modern labor movement must be politically directed because it is confronted by the government at every turn. Our people were prepared for that since they were political people, inspired by political conceptions. The policy of the class struggle guided our comrades; they couldn't be deceived and outmaneuvered, as so many strike leaders of that period were, by this mechanism of sabotage and destruction known as the National Labor Board and all its auxiliary setups. They put no reliance whatever in Roosevelt's Labor Board; they weren't fooled by any idea that Roosevelt, the liberal "friend of labor" president, was going to help the truck drivers in Minneapolis win a few cents more an hour. They weren't deluded even by the fact that there was at that time in Minnesota a Farmer-Labor Governor, presumed to be on the side of the workers.

### Strikers Organize For Battle

Our people didn't believe in anybody or anything but the policy of the class struggle and the ability of the workers to prevail by their mass strength and solidarity. Consequently, they expected from the start that the union would have to fight for its right to exist; that the bosses would not yield any recognition to the union, would not yield any increase of wages or reduction of the scandalous hours without some pressure being brought to bear. Therefore they prepared everything from the point of view of class war. They knew that power, not diplomacy, would decide the issue. Bluffs don't work in fundamental things, only in incidental ones. In such things as the conflict of class interests one must be prepared to fight.

Proceeding from these general concepts, the Minneapolis Trotskyists, in the course of organizing the workers, planned a battle strategy. Something unique was seen in Minneapolis for the first time. That is, a strike that was thoroughly organized beforehand, a strike prepared with the meticulous detail which they used to attribute to the German army—down to the last button sewn on the uniform of the last individual soldier. When the hour of the deadline came, and the bosses thought they could still maneuver and bluff, our people were setting up a fortress for action. This was noted and reported by the Minneapolis Tribune, the mouthpiece of the bosses, only at the last moment, a day before the strike. The paper said: "If the preparations made by their union for handling it are any indication, the strike of truck drivers in Minneapolis is going to be a far-reaching affair." Even before the official start of the strike at 11:30 P.M. Tuesday, the "General Headquarters" organization set up at 1900 Chicago Avenue was operating with all the precision of a military organization.

Our people had a commissary all fixed up. They didn't wait until the strikers were hungry. They had it organized beforehand in preparation for the strike. They set up an emergency hospital in a garage—the strike headquarters was in a garage—with their own doctor and their own nurses before the strike even broke. Why? Because they knew that the bosses, their cops, and thugs and deputies would try in this case, as in every other, to beat the strike down. They were prepared to take care of their own people and not let them be sent, if injured, to a city hospital and then placed under arrest and put out of commission. When a fellow worker was injured on the picket line they brought him to their own headquarters and doctor him up there.

They took a leaf from the Progressive Miners of America and organized a Women's Auxiliary to help make trouble for the bosses. And I tell you, the women made lots of trouble, running around protesting and scandalizing the bosses and the city authorities, which is one of the most important political weapons. The strike leadership organized picketing on a mass basis. This business of appointing or hiring a few people, one or two, to watch and count and report how many scabs have been hired, doesn't work in a real struggle. They sent a squad to keep any scabs from going in. I mentioned that they had their strike headquarters in a garage. This was because the picketing was put on wheels. They not only organized the pickets, they mobilized a fleet of picketing cars. Every striker worker, sympathizer and trade unionist in town was called upon to donate the use of his car or truck. The strike committee thus had a whole fleet at its dis-

posal. Flying squads of pickets on wheels were stationed at strategic points throughout the town. Whenever a report came in of a truck being operated or any attempt to move trucks, the "dispatcher" called through the loudspeaker in the garage for as many cars, loaded with pickets, as were needed to go out there and give the operators of the scabs an argument.

The "dispatcher" in the May strike was a young man named Farrell Dobbs. He came out of a coal yard in Minneapolis into the union and the strike, and then into the party. He first became known to us as a dispatcher who shot out the squad cars and the pickets. At first the pickets went out barehanded, but they came back with broken heads and injuries of various kinds. Then they equipped themselves with shillalahs for the next trips. A shillalah, any Irishman can tell you, is a blackthorn stick you lean on in case you suddenly go lame. Of course, it is handy for other purposes too. The attempt of the bosses and the police to crush the strike by force culminated in the famous "Battle of the Market." Several thousand special deputies in addition to the whole police force were mobilized to make one supreme effort to open up a strategic part of the town, the wholesale market, for the operation of trucks.

Those deputies, recruited from the petty-bourgeois and the employing classes of the town, and the professions,

# No "Secrets" In Atomic Bomb, Say Scientists; Predict "World Suicide" Under Present Set Up

"We face the prospect in the next half century of a return to the cliff dweller or cave man stage of civilization." These words were spoken not by a hare-brained Buck Rogers cartoonist, but by Representative Walter H. Judd of Minnesota before the House of Representatives September 27. "The scientists who created the atomic bomb have spent sleepless nights," he continued, "on the question of what to do with their brain child."

Judd then placed in the Congressional Record of October 1 a statement from a group of these scientists still residing in one of the centers where the bomb was developed. This statement is of considerable importance, for it soberly analyzes what development of the bomb holds in store.

"By using more bombs, larger bombs and more efficient bombs," says the report, "it will be possible in the near future to completely destroy the bulk of the population, industry, and military strength of any nation within a few weeks. Moreover, aviation and rocket developments might enable this to be accomplished within a few hours, without possibility of effective retaliation."

As if this perspective were not horrid enough, the scientific report continues: "Alternately, strategic locations may be mined in advance by agents of foreign nations."

#### NO DEFENSE

Chances of defense against this nightmarish destruction are very slim. "We as scientists can offer no hope of a specific defense against the atomic bomb. The only immediate defensive measures are retaliation, counter-offensive or 'preventive' warfare, but these will not restore the ruins of our cities nor relieve the millions of our dead."

As for going underground, this is impractical. "Dispersal of population and industry over wide areas or underground can reduce the efficiency of atomic bomb raids, but cannot be considered an adequate permanent defense."

As for "moral" pressure to prevent further use of atomic bombs, the scientists regard this as completely utopian. "Moral considerations did not prevent the use of atomic bombs against Japan... In time of war, moral sanctions have never prevented the use of any weapon, no matter how terrible. Moreover, those having control over the use of atomic bombs may not be subject to moral pressure of the world in general." These few sentences would indicate what the scientists think of Wall Street, the power now controlling the atomic bomb.

#### MISLEADING ADVICE

At present the Truman administration preaches retaining the secret of atomic energy as a means of preventing other nations from manufacturing atomic bombs. The scientists observe: "Those who advocate that the secret of the atomic bomb be kept mislead our own people rather than other countries. There are no longer any fundamental secrets about the atomic bomb... even those nations with lesser resources than those of the United States will be able to produce atomic bombs within five to ten years."

This is within the length of time it took the United States to transform production of atomic energy from laboratory to plant scale.

The scientists add that this policy could have one "very dangerous consequence," namely, that "withholding detailed information from the majority of our own scientists... will artificially channel and sterilize the further development of nuclear physics and chemistry in our own country."

The argument of the super-militarists that the only real defense is production of bigger and more destructive bombs is likewise exploded by the scientists: "Once a nation possesses a certain minimum number of bombs, there is no great advantage in having more. In a few years a nation with a small number of atomic bombs carried by rockets or planted as mines in our cities could in a few minutes destroy most of the industrial resources of the United States and much of its population. Furthermore, if we have more and better bombs, another nation may fear, justifiably or not, an attack by us, and deem it necessary to attack first."

The scientists then develop some possible alternatives:

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## Louise Simpson Fights For Socialist Society

By Grace Carlson

NEW YORK, Oct. 13.—Twenty-two year old Louise Simpson, the Socialist Workers Party candidate for the New York City Council, combines the youthful zeal of a crusader with the self assurance of a seasoned political leader. When I interviewed the attractive, young Negro woman yesterday at the Party campaign headquarters, 116 University Place, she told me proudly that the Trotskyist election platform has "the only fighting working class program" in the campaign. Trotskyist Party is the ballot designation of the Socialist Workers Party.

"I am appealing for the support of the workers of all races, colors, creeds and nationalities," Louise Simpson went on, "I am

(3) But "At the present stage of atomic-bomb development, such world conquest would be neither quick nor certain. Clearly, such a policy is against the democratic tradition and expressed views of the American people. In fact, it is hard to see in what way such a course of action differs from that of the Nazis."

#### INTERNATIONAL CONTROL

On the proposition of "international control of atomic power" the scientists do not see a clear perspective. They waste little time discussing it, but again repeat their warning: "If we seek to achieve our own security through supremacy in atomic warfare, we will find that in 10 years the whole world is as adequately armed as we, and that the threat of imminent destruction will bring about a 'preventive' war."

#### CONFIDENT VOICE

"If we recognize that our present leadership in atomic power can last at the most several years, and we attempt to dominate the world, we will find ourselves immediately involved in another and greater war in violation of our democratic moral code and with no assurance of victory."

The scientists end by pleading to the "people of the United States and their leaders to think about, and find a means for the international control of atomic power... They must not fail. The alternatives lead to world suicide."

#### ONLY ONE ALTERNATIVE

These scientists do not suggest a feasible means of "international control" because that is impossible under capitalism. So long as the capitalist system endures, imperialist wars are inevitable. Only by overthrowing this outmoded system and establishing socialism can the threat of "world suicide" be eliminated. Only under socialism can atomic energy confer its innumerable benefits to humanity.

## SWP Statement On Davis Bares Stalinist Deals

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up to their ears in a deal with the Tammany ward-heeler. And then they have the cast-iron gall to demand that all the other Negro candidates withdraw in favor of Davis to "keep from splitting the Negro vote."

#### SIMPSON STATEMENT

When advised of the Davis "repudiation," Louise Simpson, Trotskyist candidate for City Council, issued a statement to the press setting forth the principle determining the attitude of the Socialist Workers Party toward Davis:

"The Trotskyists," said Comrade Simpson, "fight for the democratic right of representation for the Negro people in all spheres of public life. We support Davis as second choice candidate for council in Manhattan, not because he and his party have anything in common with real communism, but solely because he is a Negro candidate on the ticket of a working class party."

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LOUISE SIMPSON

Harlem for 20 of the 22 years of her young life. In 1925, Mrs. Simpson had decided to take her daughter up North so as to give her better educational opportunities. Louise had an excellent record in New York's grade and high schools.

#### STUDIED DRESS DESIGN

Only 16 when she finished high school, Louise then took a year of post-graduate work in dress designing. Her high school teachers had told her that she had real aptitude for this type of work; her record in the dress designing course was a very good one. But a high grade of talent and a good school record was not all that was required of prospective employees in dress design. They had to have white skins besides!

Louise Simpson told me with some understandable bitterness how many times she was turned down by employers just because she was a Negro. With an ironic note in her voice she said: "Finally, I decided to follow the school's advice to 'revise' my ambitions and I took a job as a power machine operator."

#### JOINS ILGWU

The International Ladies Garment Workers Union, which Louise joined and to which she now belongs, does not discriminate against workers because of their race or color, Louise told me. Nevertheless, she soon learned that employers find many ways to Jim Crow Negro workers and to prevent them from being upgraded. All of these experiences soon convinced Louise to seek a political solution to the problems of Negro workers.

"Long before I joined the Socialist Workers Party, I had a feeling that it was the employers who were really behind Jim Crow. Now, I know that race prejudice is rooted in the social system and that it is fostered by the capitalists in order to divide white and colored workers," Louise said, shaking her head up and down to emphasize the point.

#### ELECTION PLATFORM

Questioned further as to the Socialist Workers Party election platform, Louise Simpson told me that she and Farrell Dobbs, the Trotskyist candidate for Mayor, are campaigning for full equality for Negroes and national minorities. The Trotskyist candidates also support legislation for public housing for Manhattan, especially Harlem and the East Side; a fight against all restrictive housing covenants; better job opportunities for Negro workers; more and better equipped schools for Harlem's children; improved public health facilities in Harlem.

"Republican and Democratic politicians say that they stand for the same things," the Trotskyist candidate said scornfully, "but these capitalist politicians are the ones who are responsible for the fact that Harlem is one of the worst slum areas in the country. We believe that Negro and white workers have to break with the capitalist parties and take the road of independent working class political action."

Louise Simpson leaned forward over her desk as she finished these remarks. Her whole body expressed her earnestness and determination. Dynamic, talented, devoted young political leaders like Louise Simpson will some day change the world!

#### KURT MERTIG

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Anti-Semitic activity.

Maertz, head of the "Pioneer News Service" of Chicago, is violently anti-Semitic. He was a delegate at the American First national convention August 29, 1944 where he presented a resolution calling for the sterilization of all "Jews" in America. In 1941 he served a six-month's jail sentence for smashing windows of Jewish-owned stores. Recently he toured the country "organizing slugs and hoodlums into action groups."

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## Diary of a STEEL WORKER

By Theodore Kovalsky

Last night was a miserable night; rain, and wind, and more rain. I met Jimmy at the gate on the way to work, and he was pretty well soaked through. "God," he muttered to me, "it sure is hell coming out on a night like this!" I agreed one hundred per cent with him.

"Man! If I coulda gone to college . . ." he sighed. "You wouldn't see me out in this damn steel plant in the rain."

"People like us don't go there, Jimmy."

"I know."

"But it's just as well."

"Huh?" Jimmy turned to see if I was kidding.

"Look, Jimmy," I asked, "what do they teach in Mississippi?"

"Oh," Jimmy said. "Yeah, that's right, they teach a lot of race hate and all that."

"Sure they do. And not just Mississippi either! They fill the minds of little kids full of poison all over the whole country. And when the kids grow old enough for college, those that go, they get a lot more poison."

"Yeah," Jimmy said doubtfully. "I know all you say is true, but you told me yourself that the reason kids can go to public school without paying is that the labor movement used to have big strikes demanding free public schools. Were they wrong to do that do you think?"

"No, Jimmy, I wouldn't say that," I answered. "We want our people to be educated. But they don't get much education nowadays in the schools. When the workers take over the ownership of the factories and control of the government, we'll have schools that will teach the truth. And not just a few kids and young people will be able to go to them like they do now. We'll send everybody to school. Nobody that wants an education will have to go without it."

Jimmy walked silently at my side for a few moments. When he spoke his voice was thoughtful. "That'll be great, all right. But, you know, even today, I don't think it's quite as bad as you say. Look, as far as politics go, I know they teach all that capitalist propaganda in the schools. But how about the rest of the lessons, I mean the ones that don't tell you about the government or the profit system . . . you know, all that sort of stuff?"

### Fears Intelligence of the Workers

"Even those, Jimmy," I said, "Look at what happened to Einstein in Germany. And look at what happened to the libraries: storm troopers took thousands of great books out of them and burned them. You know that fascism or Nazism is nothing but capitalism at its worst. Well, when capitalism gets worn out so badly that it turns into fascism, it fears the truth. It fears intelligence, ESPECIALLY INTELLIGENCE OF THE WORKING CLASS."

"Poverty and ignorance have gone hand in hand for centuries. The labor movement was in part responsible for free education as we have it today. But there was something else as well as that. The worker in the modern factory needs some education. Modern machinery is a little bit tricky. Then there are blueprints to be read and all that sort of thing. So the ruling class is willing to have us learn a little. But they don't want us to learn too much or get too intelligent, because they know that if we do, it's going to be dangerous for them. A guy that's really intelligent, Jimmy, a guy that can think, is going to wonder why there's unemployment, poverty in the midst of plenty, war, race prejudice, depressions and all the other misery that comes from capitalism. And if the capitalists can't buy him off, he'll cause them trouble."

Jimmy slogged through the puddles at my side for a few moments without speaking. Then he said, "Well, we got to go to school our own way, I guess."

"That's right, Jimmy: 'The Militant,' the 'Fourth International,' all the books written by Marx and Engels and Lenin and Trotsky . . . we've got to learn them all. And we can, too. The time will come before too long, when we'll show those capitalists that we're not as dumb as they hope we are."

Jimmy wiped the rain from his face and yawned. "The sooner the better," he said. "I sure am sick of things the way they are now."

### Postwar Notes for Seamen

The State Department intervened in Congressional deliberations on the Bailey ship-disposal bill, introducing statistics to show that American export goods are paid for in part through the shipping services of other countries. This has been the practice in the past and partly explains why American-flag shipping did not flourish in the interim between world wars. In 1937, for example, U. S. shippers paid \$130,000,000 more for foreign shipping services than was paid by foreign shippers to American operators.

It is now argued by the State Department that increasing the proportion of trade carried in American bottoms will cut the source of dollars abroad, with serious effects on U. S. export trade. This is just one of the minor facets of the whole policy known as "dollar diplomacy."

The National Maritime Union (CIO) published in the October 5 issue of THE PILOT a set of statistics proving that profits to American ship operators increased 200 per cent in the six-year period from 1933 to 1944. One of the outfit's mentioned,

approximately 3,000 of the wartime ships will not be used by U. S. Imperialism in the peace period. These 3,000 ships will eventually be scrapped if present plans materialize. For the present they are being relegated quietly to the great ghost fleets in out-of-the-way places along the American coastline.

At present there are more than 90 in the James River ghost fleet near Baltimore. By the end of this year there will be another ghost fleet of more than 90 ships hidden away in Suisun Bay, near the mouth of the Sacramento River not far from Frisco.

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## Foster Continues Browder Line Of Supporting 'Good' Capitalists

By Felix Morrow

The Communist Party ousted Browder and adopted a "new" line. But, whatever the difference between the new and the Browderline, both have one basic thing in common: the claim that there are good and bad capitalists, progressive and reactionary capitalists, and that the Communist Party should ally itself with the good or progressive ones against the bad or reactionary ones.

The net result is that the Fosterline cannot draw the class line between the workers and the capitalists, any more than the Browderline could draw it. And that means that the Fosterline, like the Browderline, holds back the workers from fighting against the capitalist class, prevents the workers from understanding the class struggle.

One example of how the Fosterline holds back the workers:

Increasingly, CIO delegations are going to Washington, banging on the doors of Congressmen, telling them off, and returning to tell union meetings that both the Democratic and Republican Congressmen are against the workers.

### TACTICAL MISTAKES

Whereupon Adam Lapin, the Stalinist expert on Washington, complains in the October 12 Daily Worker (page 6) against these "tactical mistakes" of the CIO delegations:

"For example, liberal Congressmen complained that delegations were not sufficiently well informed and frequently failed to draw the line between those Congressmen who had supported labor's program and those who had not."

"Obviously delegations ought to be so organized as to strengthen the tie between labor and the more progressive members of Congress . . . If it were done it would strengthen the backbone of the liberals . . ."

Who are these "more progressive Congressmen" who have "supported labor's program" but need kind words to "strengthen their backbone"? Lapin doesn't name them—because they don't exist.

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### Police Violence In Hollywood Strike



Mass picket line which shut down Warner Bros. studio in Hollywood strike, attacked by company and city police with tear gas, fire hoses, clubs and pistol butts. The strikers were later joined by thousands of workers from the Lockheed aircraft plant who halted the police

## Lockheed Workers Halt Police Terror Against Studio Strike

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in front of the gates cheered lustily.

### POLICE RETREAT

Some 500 police, who had previously taken up positions in the middle of the street, stepped back and retreated to the opposite curb. They made no move to stop the procession.

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"Reports that the union urged only off-shift workers to report to the picket line are not true," McNett continued. "The invitation was to all Lockheed workers."

Meanwhile, mass picketing began outside Universal studios in Universal City. While a number of workers had already entered the lot when the pickets arrived, 200 extras stopped abruptly when they saw the pickets and refused to cross the line.

Hundreds of telegrams of protest were received yesterday by Los Angeles Sheriff Eugene Biscailuz following the arrests of the pickets. He received only two telegrams of approval. These were from Roy M. Brewer, International representative of the AFL International Association of Theatrical and Stage Employees (IATSE), and from Joseph R. Singleton of the AFL carpenters. Brewer, in a bluntly anti-union action, "thanked" the sheriff for arresting the pickets.

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### 2,500 JOIN LINE

The arrest of nearly 300 pickets on Wednesday came only a few hours prior to receipt of news from the National Labor Relations Board that all 105 votes in last May's collective bargaining election between the striking AFL Painters Local 1421, a member of the AFL Conference of the AFL International Association of Theatrical and Stage Employees (IATSE), and from Joseph R. Singleton of the AFL carpenters. Brewer, in a bluntly anti-union action, "thanked" the sheriff for arresting the pickets.

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### POLICE TERROR

Although several hundred scabs have been in the studio since a police-flanked and police-protected break-through on Monday, production has been at a standstill. No pictures can be "shot" without cameramen and other technicians.

Lockheed machinists, after demonstratingly driving past Warners' studio, quickly parked their cars and in columns four abreast marched back to join the other pickets. The singing, militant marchers were hailed by those on the line with shouts, whistles and applause. By seven o'clock, more than 2,500 sympathizers from Lockheed had joined the pickets.

Although studio police have used violence and attempted to foment riots ever since mass picketing began, no charges of riot or inciting to riot have been leveled against any Warners' officials.

Pickets realized that arrests were imminent when they saw the police advancing toward them. Strike leader Herbert Sorrell, who has been on the mass picket line every day since its inception, grabbed the microphone.

### \$50-PER-DAY GOONS

"A few goons," he shouted, "will enter your lines. They are getting \$50 a day. You will be arrested. Do not resist. Do not strike police. I am doing this to preserve law and prevent violence. You will be bailed out, and tomorrow we have 20,000 men on the picket line."

Pickets were still cheering Sorrell when Burbank Police

chief Elmer Adams repeated three times over another loudspeaker: "I declare this an unlawful assembly. I hereby command you in the name of the people of California to disperse."

Then the police closed in. Strikers were taken under protest into the studio, and then finger-printed and booked on the rioting charge and on additional counts of disturbing the peace and disobeying a court injunction against picketing. Maximum penalty under these charges is two years in jail, \$2,000 fine, or both. Following the mass arrests, only token pickets paraded in front of the studio.

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