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# FREEDOM REVOLT FLARES IN INDIA

## GM Strike Leaders Appeal For Aid

### UAW Board Calls On All Locals To Rally To Aid Of GM Workers

By Grace Carlson  
(Special to *The Militant*)

DETROIT, Feb. 23—A call to all CIO United Auto Workers locals to support the General Motors strikers "to the utmost limit of your resources" marked the 95th day of the bitterly fought GM strike. The appeal for special aid to the GM workers was made in a telegram sent to all UAW-CIO locals by the UAW International Executive Board, which is meeting here this week-end.

Despite a series of false press reports during the past week that a GM strike settlement is "imminent", negotiations between the UAW and the General Motors Corporation have almost blown up. The Corporation's stubborn insistence on striking from the contract some of its most important provisions for union security and its further attempts to chisel on the Fact-Finding Board's recommendation of 19 1/2¢ an hour have stalled the GM-UAW negotiations.

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### O'Dwyer Plans Strikebreaking In Transit Fight

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT

NEW YORK, Feb. 25—Continuing the vicious strike-breaking program Mayor O'Dwyer initiated within a few days of his taking office last January 1, the Tammany-controlled city administration announced it was preparing the city's greatest mobilization of police force and strikebreakers to crush the threatened subway strike of the CIO Transport Workers Union here.

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## All-Out Aid To GM Strike!

By The Editors

American labor owes an immeasurable debt of gratitude to the heroic General Motors strikers, who on February 28 will enter the one hundredth day of their history-making struggle.

The GM workers have fought with unparalleled fortitude against the largest and richest corporation in the world.

They struck in the very vanguard of the current gigantic strike wave against the concerted offensive of American Big Business to degrade wage standards and smash the unions.

Before other major unions struck last month, the GM workers had already held out eight solid weeks and wrenched the first major wage increase recommendation from the Truman administration, a concession which has paved the way for gains by every other union.

With their far-reaching demands of "Open the books of the Corporations" and "Wage boosts without price increases," the GM workers opened a new era of American labor struggle against corporation profiteering and Wall Street's inflationary conspiracy.

The workers in steel, packing, electrical equipment and a dozen other industries have been inspired to new heights of struggle by the glorious example of the GM workers. Solely on the basis of the GM strike, the Ford and Chrysler workers

have reaped substantial wage gains.

Because the GM workers have been the spearhead of America's greatest labor struggle, the very backbone of the CIO's wage fight, all the reactionary forces of American capitalism are now ganging up on them to "teach them a lesson."

General Motors is being encouraged to "punish" and starve out the GM workers and force onerous concessions from them as the price for granting their minimum wage demands.

Will American labor now stand by and permit the vengeful profiteers to grind the GM strikers down with hunger because they dared to pave the way for labor's gains?

The GM workers have said they are ready to hold their lines, if need be, until next summer. With the help of every decent, loyal unionist in America they can do it.

Let every international union, regardless of affiliation, every local union body immediately rush funds to the General Motors Strike Relief Fund, care of the General Strike Committee of the CIO United Automobile Workers, Detroit.

General Motors will quickly yield when the American labor movement demonstrates that it is behind the GM strikers with all the resources at its command.

The General Motors workers deserve all the aid we can give—and more. Don't let these true heroes of American labor down!

### Lynch Law In Freeport



## Mass Protest Meeting In Harlem Demands Justice In Freeport Murder Of Negro Vets

By William S. Farrell

NEW YORK, Feb. 25—Imperial Hall, in the heart of Harlem, was packed to the rafters last night by a militant, responsive audience of over 400 Negro and white workers who met under the auspices of the Socialist Workers Party to protest the Jim-Crow murder of two Negro veterans, Charles and Alfonso Ferguson, shot down by a Freeport cop on February 5.

The Freeport - Ferguson Case, as this horrible crime is now called, is the story of four Negro brothers, three of them veterans, who were arrested without cause in Freeport, Long Island, by a cop named Joseph Romeika. They were lined

up against a wall, hands above their heads, and shot down in cold blood. Charles and his brother Alfonso were killed. Joseph Ferguson was wounded in the shoulder, and Richard was arrested on a fake charge of disorderly conduct and sentenced to 100 days in jail by a kangaroo court.

With every seat in the Imperial Hall filled, including the boxes and balcony, C. Thomas, organizer of the New York Local of the SWP, opened the meeting

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by announcing that this was one of a series of such meetings organized by the SWP to break the conspiracy of silence around the Freeport atrocity and mobilize the labor movement and racial minorities to win justice for its victims.

#### RAISES SWP ACTION

The first speaker of the evening was Joseph Cox who represented the New York Council for a Permanent FEPC and the March on Washington Committee. He urged everyone present to attend the FEPC rally to be held in Madison Square Garden on Thursday, February 28. He complimented the SWP for initiating this protest meeting and announced his complete support in this fight for justice for the Ferguson brothers.

The chairman then introduced Louise Simpson, youthful Negro

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## GRAND JURY WHITEWASHES KILLER OF FERGUSON BOYS

By William S. Farrell

(Special to *The Militant*)

MINEOLA, N. Y., Feb. 21—A lily-white Grand Jury representing the reactionary upper crust of Nassau County today officially whitewashed the Jim-Crow murderer of Charles and Alfonso Ferguson. The cold-blooded killer, Policeman Joseph Romeika of Freeport, was completely exonerated.

Surrounded by an atmosphere of race-hatred and Klu-Klux-Klan conspiracy, the jury of 18 white men and five women—all Long Island property owners—declared that the killer was "justified" in slaying the Ferguson brothers.

Stanley Faulkner, defense attorney, after being questioned for more than an hour before the jury, left the court room in anger and announced that the fight for justice and retribution would go on. He pointed out that the foreman of the jury of

no statement of facts or reasons for the verdict as is customary in such cases involving

On the night of February 5,

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## IN THE NEWS

### Expert Testimony

Brig. Gen. H. C. Holdridge (retired) on February 20 told a startled House Military Affairs Committee hearing on universal peacetime military conscription that such conscription would "undermine our national democracy by indoctrinating 18-year-old boys with the totalitarian viewpoints prevalent in the Army."

He charged that the Army "teaches blind obedience to an aristocratic ruling class" and that peacetime conscription would be a stepping stone toward World War III."

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STALINIST ASSAULTS

The police action, said to foreshadow a formal ban on the paper, was accompanied by a

whole series of assaults on Trotskyists by bands of hoodlums organized by the French Communist (Stalinst) Party.

The Stalinist goons not only attacked and manhandled men

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## NAM Launches Offensive To Shatter Price Controls

By Art Preis

Spearheaded by a multi-million dollar campaign of the National Association of Manufacturers, American Big Business has launched a powerful offensive to destroy all price controls and rob labor of any wage gains won in the current great strike wave.

Full-page advertisements are appearing almost daily in 600 newspapers throughout the country heralding the demand of the NAM for the removal of all price controls as OPA attacks Mr. Henry Ford II.

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### Atom Age Bible

Dr. Edgar J. Goodspeed of Los Angeles, one of nine Biblical scholars engaged in preparing a forthcoming American edition of the New Testament, announced on February 11 that it will contain some revisions. The old version read "Peace on earth, good will towards men." The new version will read "Peace on earth among men of good will."

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### Thanks Benefactors

A Feb. 21 N. Y. Times interview with the organizer of The American Farmers Vigilante Committee, "who remains unidentified at his own request," reports that the organizer of this anti-strike movement "volunteered the opinion that the committee owed the widespread interest it had aroused . . . to the generosity of the press services and the press."

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# Jubilant Bethlehem Steel Workers In Lackawanna Demonstrate Might In Great Strike Victory Parade

By William Flynn

(Special to *The Militant*)

LACKAWANNA, N. Y., Feb. 17 — The news came at sundown Saturday, February 16, thirty-six days after the Bethlehem workers had shut down the immense Lackawanna Plant, and within the space of a few moments, the union hall became a mad house.

All the tenseness of almost two weeks of peace rumors, all the strain of 36 days of vigilant watching, patrolling, planning, and fighting, all this exploded into a joyous confusion of laughter, yelling, and hand-shaking. The strike was over! Bethlehem Steel, the great industrial giant, was knocked to its knees! The Union had won!

In a few minutes the long-planned victory parade was being organized outside the hall. All pickets in the vicinity formed in line eight abreast, and a sound truck was dispatched to the distant picket posts, which were scattered along the 15 miles of company fences, on the frozen Lake Erie beach, in woods and swamps, in the pockets of dead-end streets near the Strip Mill, shouting the good news, "This is it, boys, the strike's won!"

Half an hour later James "Scotty" Jackson, head picket captain, led his lively pickets down the Hamburg Turnpike behind the sound truck, driven by Julian Bruce, the CIO United Steelworkers Representative in charge of the Lackawanna office. At the left of the triumphal march stood the gloomy, empty buildings and dead stacks of Number One Open Hearth, once a terrible symbol of Company strength, but now a spectacle of defeat and desolation.

Heads peered and hands waved from the smoke-stained houses on the other side of the Turnpike. The strikers yelled greetings: "We licked them!" "The CIO did it again!"

At the corner of Ridge Road, Lackawanna's main stem, the parade moved up into the town. At every intersection the column grew in size. Strikers who had been off picket duty when the news came through pushed their way into line, laughing, shaking hands all around. Somebody started singing, "Solidarity for-e-e-er!" Hardly anybody knew the verse, but that was all right. The chorus was enough, "Solidarity forever . . . for the Union makes us strong!"

The song swept the line. It rang out, filling Lackawanna as the union parade moved through the steel town. "We shall not, we shall not be moved!" That came next.

The sound truck turned down Steelawanna, back toward the union hall. Immediately protesting shouts broke out: "Let's go to the city hall!" Scotty Jackson marched straight ahead, and the parade marched behind him, laughing gleefully at the deserted sound truck.

## The Steel City Was Theirs

On they marched, past the Spanish Workers Club, which had furnished some of the finest, toughest, and most faithful pickets from the ranks of its members; up the long bridge over the railroad yards; down into the heart of Lackawanna. Traffic was shunted aside. There was no permit for a parade, but the police said nothing. This was Lackawanna! This was a Union town! What if the parade wasn't legal? It was the CIO, the Steelworkers' union, and the steel city was theirs.

At the Lackawanna Hotel the column paused. The Foreman's Association of America had played a very shabby role in the strike, the Lackawanna chapter sending its members over the fences at night to scab; and the FAA held its meetings in the Lackawanna Hotel. So the parade paused to serenade them: "The foremen got no union . . . they shall be removed!!" (see accompanying photograph).

At South Park Ave., a little beyond the Lackawanna City Hall and the Lackawanna Hotel, the parade moved around the block and back Ridge Road toward the steel plant and the Union headquarters.

Some of the laughter quieted, for many of these men had been on the go for twelve, fourteen, and sixteen hours a day during the long strike, and they were beginning to feel the six-mile long march. When they reached Steelawanna this time, they followed the sound truck down the street toward the Union Hall.

But the line did not break up at the USA-CIO headquarters. The spirited marchers passed on across the Turnpike, tipped over a salamander, scattering the glowing coke fire on the road before Number Three Gate, and flung their no longer needed picket signs into the blaze.

The thick crowd of strikers clustered in a circle around the bonfire, their faces shining in the light of the flames. Here was victory. The steel tragedies of 1892, of 1919 were avenged. Their bitter memories dissolved in the flames of the victory bonfire. But these very memories had done their share to spur the Union fighters on to greater efforts.

Christ Sulthi, a Lackawanna restaurant owner, and chairman of the Lackawanna American Labor Party, who had let his business entirely alone during the strike so he could devote all his time to aiding the Union, looked into the blaze. He said reflectively, "In 1919 I was a little kid, just walking down the Turnpike minding my own business, and one of those mounted troopers broke my head with his club. I vowed right then whenever there was a strike I'd do everything I could to help the workers . . ."

The fire crackled, blazed high, and sank down to the glowing coals. The laughter softened, voices faded. One by one the tired strikers left the group, going home to families that had been neglected for the last month.

The Great Steel Strike of 1946 was finished, won. The streets were empty.

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## Steel Strike Victory Parade



Jubilant steel workers in Lackawanna, N. Y., parade in celebration of their strike victory which won them an 18½-cent increase from Bethlehem Steel.

## Second Pittsburgh Power Strike Looms As Workers Press Demands

### BULLETIN

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 24 — Standing pat on their demand for an immediate 20 per cent wage increase with an additional 17 per cent to be negotiated, the 3,400 power workers here are preparing to resume their strike against the Duquesne Light Company at midnight tomorrow, Monday. After Mayor Lawrence frantically pleaded with company officials to "do something" or take responsibility for the impending power stoppage, the company finally proposed arbitration.

By Eloise Gordon

(Special to *The Militant*)

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 16 — Thirty-four hundred power workers employed by the Mellon-owned Duquesne Light Company blazed a new trail for public utilities workers here this week in a brilliantly executed strike to force action on their 35 per cent wage increase demand.

Smashing through the carefully nurtured fiction that a strike of utility workers could only be a strike against the public—a fiction that the billionaire owners have found highly profitable—the Independent Association of Duquesne Light Company Employees pulled the switch-hits here at 4 a.m. Tuesday, thus launching one of the greatest metropolitan power strikes in the nation's history.

Street cars and buses were completely at a standstill. Lights that burned in the city ran on a limited supply of stored-up power. Elevators were down. Steam - heat service in office buildings was discontinued where the heaters are electrically powered.

Throughout their 19-hour demonstration, the strikers exhibited so inspiring a spirit and such determined solidarity that they completely captured the good will and support of Pittsburgh's working class, even though their cause against Duquesne Light had received little advance publicity.

The hysteria campaign of the press and capitalist politicians failed to influence the decision of the strike committee, because the power workers knew in advance that their strike action would be limited in duration. They also knew that in the great flood of 1936 Pittsburgh went for five days without electric power and all "vital" institutions such as hospitals, are equipped with emergency plants.

**VICTIOUS CAMPAIGN**  
No group of workers has been subjected to a more vicious campaign of slander and vilification than that which the striking power workers have just weathered so magnificently. Headlines deliberately calculated to arouse public hysteria appeared in the

capitalist press. City politicians dragged out every time-worn device to place pressure on the strike committee and force their capitulation.

Steel workers I spoke to were enraged at the rotten deal the power workers got from the press. They are 100 per cent in support of the power workers' demands.

Mueller told *The Militant* reporter that the temporary suspension of the strike should not be interpreted in any degree as a capitulation to the pressures that were directed against the union. He explained that the strike committee had planned a limited action from the start of the strike. They suspended the strike at the moment they felt the concern of the people of Pittsburgh had reached the stage of anxiety.

He made it clear that the committee will enter negotiations Monday only on the 15 per cent demand, but that they will not negotiate the 20 per cent wage increase asked by the power workers. The union membership is prepared to resume the strike at a moment's notice, Mueller declared, if and when their representatives determine that the company committee is stalling.

**FORCED TO STRIKE**

Mueller then presented a clear and convincing description of the circumstances that compelled the power workers to take strike action. According to this report, the union negotiating committee had met fruitlessly with company representatives NO LESS THAN 24 TIMES since the wage question was raised in August 1945.

Although the 12 per cent average wage increase received by Duquesne employees since September 1941 falls even below the level of the Little Steel Formula, the top offer of the company has been a miserable seven per cent. He explained that while the 20 per cent wage increase is demanded to compensate for a government-acknowledged 25 per cent cost of living increase, the additional 15 per cent asked by the union is designed to bring the earnings of the power workers into line with the earnings of other industrial workers.

Duquesne workers, Mueller pointed out, received no overtime pay throughout the war years, since the company operated on a strict 40-hour week basis. His explanation clearly proved the union's contention that the living standard of the Duquesne workers has experienced a continuous decline over the past five years.

**DANGEROUS WORK**

The average wage for workers in the most highly paid classifications is \$1.09 per hour. Janitorial workers, for whom one of the hiring specifications is that they be married men, earn 65 cents to start, or \$1.12 per month. Highest pay for these workers is 75 cents per hour.

"Hot stick crews," men who handle the highly dangerous wires loaded with as much as 60,000 volts, receive top pay of \$1.40 per hour. Similar workers in Detroit are paid \$1.75 per hour. A measure of the perpetual danger such workers risk can be

visualized if one realizes that the power used in electrocution of condemned men amounts to a mere 2,500 volts.

Other issues in dispute concern the employment of returning veterans and seniority, and short-changing in pay checks. In the construction department, for example, under the pretext that the construction is "temporary," the Duquesne Company refuses to reinstate veterans who were formerly employed by the company. They have offered to hire these men, with 10 years service in the company, as new hands at 83 cents per hour.

**COMPANY CHISELS**

In one department, the company has chiseled 30 minutes per day regularly from the entire crew, for which they drew no pay. The union is suing under the Wagner wage-hour law. If the suit is won, one single worker has \$1,350 back pay due.

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**ALL AID TO GM STRIKE!**

James F. Dewey, special Labor Department Conciliator refused comment on the UAW International Executive Board's charge that the Corporation is suppressing its "reasons and motives" for "delaying a settlement." But it is an absolute certainty that both General Motors and Government officials are discussing the UAW Board's statement in private.

Corporation hopes, to undermine the morale of the GM strikers and to starve out the strike, are being threatened by the UAW Board's demonstration of solidarity.

Even after 95 days of strike struggle, the GM picket lines are still solid, but the GM workers cannot win this fight alone. If all locals of the UAW and other sections of the CIO rally to the aid of the embattled GM strikers, the mighty General Motors Corporation will yet be brought to its knees!

**Westinghouse Strikers Defy Ban On Mass Picket Lines**

By Alan Kohlman

(Special to *The Militant*)

BLOOMFIELD, N. J., Feb. 23 — Despite arrests of union officials and pickets, company attempts to open the picket lines and the strikebreaking intervention of Governor Edge,

attempts of company goons, aided by police, to crash the lines.

Although six pickets were arrested while defending their picket lines, the continuously growing mass picket line has successfully discouraged company supervisors from new attempts of company goons, aided by police, to crash the lines.

Atmosphere of the battle

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tion to this move by appealing

to other unions for re-enforce-

ments, and massing 3,500 pickets

around the plant. Three times

the fighting workers turned back

the police.

In this manner New Jersey

workers are giving an inspiring

demonstration to the entire labor

movement on how to deal with

strikebreaking injunctions of the

boss courts.

## TRADE UNION NOTES

By Joseph Keller

### National Phone Strike Scheduled March 7

The National Federation of Telephone Workers, 260,000 strong, has set 6 a. m., March 7, as the deadline for the greatest strike in the history of modern communications.

A three-day stoppage in sympathy with striking Western Electric Workers in New Jersey and New York last January virtually paralyzed



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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

## Hands Off India!

American workers who have felt the heavy hand of the big corporations will undoubtedly follow with close sympathy the heroic struggle of the Indian people for freedom from imperialist rule.

For the same corporations that have boosted prices beyond reach and forced American workers out on picket lines to fight for a living wage are involved in India's fate. Great Britain is not the only imperialist power behind the machine guns mowing down Indian demonstrators.

One crowd in Bombay, we read in dispatches, swarmed toward an agency of the American Express Company. The manager succeeded in getting the door closed in time.

Among the banks visited by demonstrators was a branch of the National City Bank of New York. The fighters for India's freedom broke windows and threw flaming torches inside, says the report.

Another crowd, as a symbolic gesture of its opposition to imperialist rule, took down an American flag from the United States Information Service which happens by coincidence to be in the same building as the Wall Street bank. A demonstrator explained to an American reporter:

"This is not an anti-American demonstration. It is anti-British, but the Americans should quit India, too—what right have you here when you are not Indian?"

Besides banks, Wall Street has other agencies in India. There may be as many as 100,000 American soldiers stationed in India. The question is, what are they doing there?

These GIs don't want to stay in India. Many of them participated in demonstrations to get back home.

Why are GIs kept in India against the will of the Indian people and against the wishes of the American soldiers? Is it to help bolster the weakened British rule?

American capitalists have close ties with British capitalists. The American bankers and industrialists have a stake in British rule over India.

The Wall Street interests would, of course, like a larger share of the super-profits wrung from the Indian masses. They would not hesitate to take over altogether the holdings of their bankrupt British cousins. But against the threat of a tremendous battle for independence from all imperialist rule, the Wall Street Tycoons will do their utmost to help their beleaguered capitalist brothers.

The bankers and Big Business interests understand only too well that a blow struck by the Indian masses against British capitalism is at the same time a blow struck against the world power of Wall Street.

The American workers have everything to gain in coming to the aid of the Indian people. Help India win independence! Demand the immediate withdrawal of all American troops from India! Hands off the Indian revolution!

## "Don't Browbeat Ford"

Things are coming to a pretty pass when billionaires are no longer immune to public attack. The situation has become so bad that a lot of Congressmen are getting mighty riled up.

Only last week Chester Bowles, Economic Stabilization Director and former OPA head, had the brass to charge before a House Banking and Currency Committee hearing that Henry Ford II had tried to chisel a 55 per cent increase in Ford auto prices.

But this disrespectful allusion to the nation's youngest billionaire didn't go unchallenged. No sir! You can't speak disrespectfully of billionaires in this Congress and get away with it. Congressmen poured fire and brimstone on rash Mr. Bowles, and Representative Buffet of Nebraska, irately demanded:

"Did Congress give you the right to browbeat Mr. Ford?"

Yes sir, people have to be careful whom they browbeat in this Congress.

It's all right for any crook and grafter and tool of the Wall Street interests to get up in Congress and scurrilously slander union leaders day in and day out.

It's all right for degenerate Southern Democratic Bourbon scum like Senator Bilbo to spew anti-Negro venom any time they see fit.

It's all right for Congress to pass anti-strike bills to destroy the workers' inalienable right

to strike and picket and to browbeat labor with threats of imprisonment.

But don't go around making cracks about fine, upstanding gentlemen like Henry Ford II, who never did an honest day's work in his life and at the age of 28 rules an inherited billion-dollar auto empire.

That sort of thing can undermine the very foundations of capitalist "free enterprise." And Congress won't stand for it—see?

## Tammany Tiger

After 12 lean years, the Democratic Tammany Tiger now has its claws upon the public treasury of New York City. But with insatiable appetite, this political beast of prey is lusting after an even fatter feast.

Tammany's Mayor O'Dwyer, less than two months in office, is already demanding authorization from the state legislature for the imposition of an additional \$142,000,000 in taxes. He wants this staggering sum to feed his army of job-holders and political camp followers and to swell the interest payments to the financiers holding city bonds.

O'Dwyer has proposed to strip these additional taxes not from the wealthy realty and utilities interests whom he serves, but from the backs and tables of the poor. He proposes to double the present city sales tax and impose other "soak-the-poor" taxes, including a payroll levy.

And this is but one small portion of the payoff hundreds of thousands of New York workers are now receiving for following the treacherous advice of the Communist (Stalinist) Party and the Stalinist-dominated American Labor Party to vote last November for O'Dwyer as the "labor-progressive coalition" candidate.

In the brief span of his reign, O'Dwyer—this Stalinist-touted "friend of labor"—has already put in a strong bid for the title, "America's No. 1 Strikebreaker." Within a few days of his taking office, the clubs of his augmented police force were beating his real strike-breaking program into the skulls of the Western Union strikers, who, ironically enough, were led by Stalinist union leaders.

He swiftly followed this up with an unprecedented campaign to smash the tugboat workers strike, shutting down the entire city in a move to create a hysterical lynch spirit against the tugboat strikers.

So viciously and openly anti-labor has O'Dwyer appeared in his brief rule of the city that even the cynical Stalinists are now trying to dissociate themselves from their yesterday's political ally and disclaim responsibility for him. Even so, they continue to whitewash General O'Dwyer—and their own support of him—by the fantastic excuse that this hardened Tammany politician is "green" in the political jungle and being "misled" by Republicans! (Daily Worker, Feb. 23, 1946).

The Stalinists will have difficulty persuading intelligent workers that their betrayal of New York labor for a sordid deal with the Tammany machine was nothing more than innocent trust in a speedily soiled political virgin.

## Millions Are Ready

"If a new national political party is organized by labor—in addition to the present Republican and Democratic parties—do you think you would join it?"

That is the question which the Gallup Poll recently posed to a cross-section of American voters.

One out of every four union members said "Yes"—they would join a labor party if it were formed. Another high percentage—20 per cent—said they had "no opinion," meaning that they are open-minded on this question.

This is an astoundingly high percentage either in favor of a labor party or ready to be convinced. Its significance was not lost on George Gallup, Director of the American Institute of Public Opinion, who concluded:

"If one out of every four union members did actually join a labor party, as the poll indicates, the party would have considerable weight in elections, since the total membership in labor unions is 15,000,000 or more."

As a matter of fact, these Gallup Poll figures are not truly indicative of the tremendous support a labor party would command once it was organized with official trade union backing.

The workers have been endlessly propagandized not only by the capitalist mouthpieces but by their own union leaders against the idea of a labor party. The official party leaders have consistently and violently opposed formation of a labor party. In spite of this, millions of unionists are now ready to join a labor party.

We can be sure, therefore, that once a labor party is formed with important trade union backing it will secure overwhelming support not only from the millions of organized workers, but from vast sections of the Negro people, the impoverished lower middle class, small farmers and the returned veterans.

The strike wave has disclosed enormous sympathy for labor's struggle among broad masses of the population. A labor party fighting against Big Business rule, for the interests of all the poor and oppressed would become a truly gigantic political force.

Millions of workers are already to a large degree convinced that before organized labor can take another real step forward it must break completely with the capitalist politicians and the capitalist political machines. Spokesmen for these millions must make their voices heard in the summits of the labor movement with a mighty demand: BUILD THE LABOR PARTY NOW!

## READ

THE FOURTH  
INTERNATIONAL

"I do think this Russian model is most becoming—but the question is, how long will it be stylish?"

## Workers' BOOKSHELF

IF HE HOLLERS LET HIM GO, by Chester B. Himes, Doubleday Doran & Co., Inc., 1945 260 pp. \$2.50.

This book should be read by every person interested in the Negro struggle against oppression and discrimination.

The background of the story is a California shipyard during the war. Mr. Himes tells the gripping story of a militant Negro worker, subjected to the whip of race prejudice, against which he hopelessly protests. Finally this Negro worker is framed up on a "rape" charge and railroaded into the Army.

The Stalinists won't like this book. Bob, the central character, is aware of the Negro problem and the Stalinist betrayers of the working class. He identifies their treachery. "There was Vivien Williams; there used to be something going on at her house back in the days before the Communist Party dealt the race issue out."

In another scene, he gets the typical Stalinist war line from

a union steward, who declares: "We're in a war. This is no time for private gripes. We're fighting fascism, not the companies. We got to have unity."

To this Bob replies: "Let's start fighting fascism right here."

## CLEAR UNDERSTANDING

But Bob goes beyond rejection of the Stalinist sell-out. The following discussion with a liberal social worker reveals a highly developed political understanding.

Bob: "The only solution to the Negro problem is a revolution."

Liberal: "Do you think a revolution by Negroes could be successful?"

Bob: "Not unless there were enough white people on our side."

In this discussion, Himes takes the thinking of the Negro worker a step beyond such books as Richard Wright's Native Son and Black Boy. The latter, although a fine description of the objective oppression which a Negro meets, fails to indicate the deep inner feelings of frustration, fear

and revolt which are so acutely described in Himes' book.

*Native Son*, written during Wright's period of support for the Communist Party, winds up with a glowing tribute to the Stalinists. But Himes, in one devastating line, demolishes their wartime betrayal of the Negroes.

## STRIPS AWAY LIES

The weakness of Himes' book is that he hasn't as yet tied up the struggle of the Negro workers with the struggle of all workers against the capitalist system. Nevertheless, if this viewpoint is symptomatic of the Negro worker's frame of mind today, the Trotskyists may be confident that the Negroes will find their way to the Socialist Workers Party and its program.

Every worker should read this book which presents the Negro problem stripped of lies and deceit, pointing out the treachery of the Stalinists and of all supporters of Big Business which breeds and fosters Jim Crow.

Review Contributed

By N. Lyons

## Congressmen At Work



give the impression that we really are trying to stop the filibuster although we recess every afternoon at 6 o'clock or earlier."

The hero of the filibustering contest, Senator Chavez, answered Morse, revealing at the same time his real feelings toward the villains, the Southern Bourbon advocates of race hatred:

"I have great faith in human nature. I think those who are against the bill or who are now discussing many matters, some entirely outside the bill, should be given an opportunity to get a little rest now and then."

## KINDLY THOUGHTS

Why should the FEPC filibusterers be given a chance to rest and recuperate so as to be in the pink for next day's continuation of the contest? Chavez explained:

"Their minds might be changed by treating them with kindness."

Senator Morse did not withdraw his protest, but he was so overcome by Chavez' kindly thoughts towards the upholders of lynch law that he dropped his dukes and recessed with the rest of Wall Street's Congressmen.

## LOS ANGELES

Hear  
Myra Tanner Weiss

Los Angeles Organizer, Socialist Workers Party

Concluding A West Coast Tour On

"WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN  
THE FONTANA VIGILANTE CASE?"

Comrade Weiss will discuss developments since the O'Day H. Short family was destroyed by fire three months ago. Their deaths followed threats of violence by vigilantes trying to oust Negroes from one side of Baseline Street in Fontana, California.

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PROBLEMS FACING  
WAR VETERANS

By CHARLES CARSTEN

Sick And Disabled Vets Victimized  
This week's column is being devoted to a timely first-hand account of the treatment being received by sick and wounded veterans as reported to us by a recently discharged sailor. The following communication is from a reader in Newark, N. J.

It is apparently the policy of the armed forces to get rid as quickly as possible of returning veterans, who are suffering from some illness which might be cured by expert care. I saw this in the Separation Center through which I passed.

There I saw thousands of men examined prior to release. Only the most obvious physical ailments were considered. For the most part, the physical examination consisted of the corpsmen asking the fellows if they felt all right. Most of them said they were OK because they wanted to get out of service.

As a result of this superficial examination many will suffer from unrecorded ailments for the rest of their lives. And they will have no claim on pensions.

For the comparatively few men who do complain of illness or of old injuries another technique is used to brush them off quickly. First, they are sent to the clinic which is little more than a first aid station. Here they must wait for hours in an unsanitary atmosphere.

The corpsmen and the doctors try to convince these men that nothing is wrong with them. However, if the patient insists, he may get a pill or a cathartic which is supposed to cure everything from a headache to fungus infection of the feet. Then he is told to return next week.

This procedure may go on for two or three weeks. Usually the men become so disgusted that they tell the doctor they feel fine. Without further ado they are checked out, happy to be out of the clutches of these sick-bay ghouls.

For men obviously quite ill or suffering from old wounds the procedure is slightly different. They are sent to a hospital such as St. Albans on Long Island. Here the boys are made to feel that they are unnecessary burdens on an over-crowded hospital.

Crushed Spine Is "Nothing" To Medic  
One of my buddies had his spine crushed aboard ship. He was told by the doctor who took an X-ray of his back that there was nothing the matter with him. But it was apparent to even an untrained eye that the X-ray showed a crushing together of several bones along the spine. He had already been hospitalized for three months and knew something was seriously wrong. This is a small example of the practice of keeping men in ignorance of the extent of their injuries.

What really prompted me to write some of these experiences was the death today of a friend of mine. He served five years in the Army, first in Africa and then in Italy. While in Italy he contracted a serious ailment affecting his chest and glandular system. He was hospitalized and received the usual treatment. Finally he was pronounced cured and mustered out of the service.

Two months after his release from the Army he died. This victim of careless and incompetent medical care is as much a casualty of the war as though he had been killed by a bullet during battle. But he will not receive a medal posthumously, no mention will be made of his heroic death. Only his family and buddies will grieve for

# 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.

## For A Rising Scale Of Wages to Meet Rising Living Costs

Editor:-  
Today's headlines in the press, "Price-Wage Increase," demonstrate again the terrible inadequacies of the capitalist system in this latest step for the "sliding scale of profits." The workers, desperately in need of an increased income to meet the tremendously risen cost of living, find themselves stymied again by a price increase being granted simultaneously with wage increases, thus the wages will still be inadequate to provide them and their families with necessities.

The SWP proposes a "sliding scale of wages"—a rise in wages for every rise in prices, in order to maintain a decent standard of living. That makes sense.

But to keep making prices higher and necessities still unattainable — that doesn't make sense, it makes profits! But that's what's being done. For the very few who reap the profit, the whole system functions. For their profits, we produce what we can't buy back.

For a sliding scale of wages. For the right to live decently. The only obstacle between workers and the necessities of life is Profit. Let's recognize it. Let's fight it.

Edith Landi  
New York

## The Zionist Question

Editor:-  
I read A. G.'s letter in The Militant of February 9, asking for the support of Jewish nationalism (Zionism) as a progressive movement. But what is the situation? These are my views:

Outside of Palestine, Zionism has mass following among displaced European Jews only. Zionism became a mainstay of Allied imperialism in the last war for a flimsy promise — which was given to the Arabs too — of a national home in Palestine. Zionists demand majority status in Palestine, despite the fact that they are greatly outnumbered there.

The Zionists raised an army for Britain in World War II. Today they fight British imperialism with terrorism, a substitute for mass action, and call in the "friendly" American imperialist cop to call off the "unfriendly" British cop.

Zionism in practice can ONLY be supported when it achieves a revolutionary unity of Jews (in socialist political, trade union, and peasant groups) with the Arab majority in Palestine; when it backs Arab nationalism of the many - millioned Middle East. For only thus can they break the

### Soliloquy of A 'Militant' Reader

To join, or not to join—that is the question:—Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous capitalism, Or to take up arms against this clique of despots, And by opposing end them?—to join, to fight, And by fighting to end the heartache and the thousand unnatural shocks that labor heir to—'tis a consummation devoutly to be wished.

To fight—to strike—to strike! Perchance to die: ay, there's the rub: For in this bitter struggle even death may come. But, 'tis a system that makes a mockery of life. For who should beat the whips and scorns of the bosses' wrong, the proud foreman's contumely, The pangs of hunger, the law's injustice, The insolence of officials? Why should I fardels bear And grunt and sweat under a weary life When I could their quietus make With an application blank!

W. Spear

Editor:-  
grip of the exploiter and open the road for socialism and a genuine Jewish state.

Len Miller  
Baltimore, Md.

### A Working Student Estimates 'The Militant'

Editor:-  
I'm a pretty recent subscriber to The Militant, but have followed its articles off and on for many months now. It does a fellow's heart good to find a paper in the interests of the working man, that isn't starry-eyed over Stalin.

At present I'm a student, and have been for quite a few years now, but when you work your way through, there's little danger of "selling out to the other side," as one of my comrades predicted when I entered college four years ago.

The colleges are full of so-called "reds," but for the most part they are even poor specimens of "parlor pinks," and Stalinists almost to a man. The Daily Worker is their god, and if it said to support the National Association of Manufacturers tomorrow, they'd do it to a man. Sort of disgusting to see, and you won-

A suggestion: In your protest articles on "personalities," why not give an address at the end of the article? I have a habit of sending these fellows such articles with a very brief note attached. For instance, this week's article on George McNear, president of the Toledo, Peoria and Western Railroad — where are his headquarters? Toledo? Peoria?

A group of us sending these articles, marked "personal," to the characters involved, would show our moral protest. Keep up the fight and may you be victorious.

David Kraus  
Cambridge, Mass.

## STOCK MARKET REPORT-1946



## Murder Of Civilians Exposed By American Marine In China

Editor:-

A marine Pfc stationed in Lin- shi, China, recently wrote an indignant letter to the Greenwich, Connecticut Times, scoring United States policy in China and describing the slaughter of Chinese civilians by American troops.

The letter was entered in the Congressional Record January 24, by Washington Representative Hugh De Lacy. It demands:

"What are we, the United States marines, doing in China? Why are we here? What useful purpose are we serving? We were told our mission was to disarm the Japanese, but we are not disarming the Japs. We were told we would not become involved in China's internal affairs, but now we find ourselves so involved that who can say when we can pull our meddling noses out of China and come home? ...

"I took part in the bombardment of a small Communist-held village in retaliation for the 'alleged' firing on of an American general by Communist forces — but here is the enlisted man's version of this incident, and remember, we were on the spot.

"A train bearing an American general through Communist territory (where an American general had no business, in the first place) is halted by a break in the tracks, Communist instigated, and a repair crew of Chinese coolies are put to work repairing the break.

"A volley of shots were fired over the heads of the Chinese workers as a warning. No one was hit. It was quite evident that such was not the desire of the 'Com- mune' shooters. But the American general, in a manner which only a general can assume, ordered his escorting guard to return the fire, and directed it to be sent at random into a cluster of small houses from which the initial fire was presumed to have come.

"In carrying out this order a heavy stream of automatic fire was poured at random into the small settlement. This brought one return volley, a few bullets of which struck the general's train. (I personally counted six bullet holes in one unoccupied car.) Now, in a scream of outraged vanity this general ordered out the nearest marine garrison under full combat equipment and prepared for pitched battle.

"We moved up, a few shots

came from small village. Our heavy 81 mm. mortars were set up, the smaller 60's were set up, and we proceeded to blast this small village in the Chin- wangtso area unmercifully. Two men, innocent or guilty, were cut down by machine-gun fire as they ran from a burning house. How many innocent people were slaughtered in that small village is still unknown to us, who did the slaughtering. If the Germans or Japs had done this who'd scream about the brutal- ity of it first?

"This is merely one incident which was oiled up and sugar-coated in the newspapers for civilian consumption. The whole mission of the American forces in China has been oiled up and sugar-coated.

"But for us, it was highly suc- cessful. We sold 136 pamphlets.

Theresa Stone, our Militant sub- campaign champion, was the pace-setter here too. But some of the other comrades are be- ginning to push her closer for the title of 'Philadelphia's cham- pion.'

"An amusing sidelight was the

effort of the WP organizer here

to claim that our competition was 'confusing.' None of us

thought so. Nor did the work- ers, who bought our literature

and scorned their samples, ap- pear to think so. The Stalinists also complained about our causing 'confusion,' that is hav- ing a greater appeal than they."

## Pioneer Notes

The following very enthusiastic report from Philadelphia speaks for itself:

"At two recent mobilizations we sold over 200 copies of Jackson's pamphlet *A Practical Program to Kill Jim Crow*, as well as a number of other Pioneer publications.

"The first mobilization was to cover an 'Emancipation Day' rally at Convention Hall. A number of those in attendance were political wardheavers but there nevertheless were many working class Negroes present. We sold 94 copies here.

"On Lincoln's birthday we cov- ered an FEPC rally at Town Hall. In spite of all street trans- portation being stopped by the PTC strike, there were 1500 pres- ent. We had considerable com- petition in sales here. The Socialists Party was there. The Workers Party was there. But we had anticipated this, and a large body of comrades met nearby by pre- arrangement, before anyone else had come to the Hall. We posted our comrades, Negro and white, over a wide area on the street.

"By the time our rivals ap- peared we had begun making sales to passersby. The other parties didn't have a chance. The SPers folded first and left after only a few futile attempts to give away *The Call*. The Stalinists, after vainly seeking to provoke an incident, perfunctorily tried to force copies of the *Daily Worker* on our comrades, many of whom turned them down. The WPers tried to give away *Labor Action* and a pamphlet by Shachtman but without success.

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"I would like to learn a lot

more about the Socialist Work-

ers Party and from what I have

learned through *The Militant*, a

workers' government is the only

true way to democracy and plenty for all.

"I am renewing my subscrip- tion for another year for I would not be without it. I am also send- ing in two new subscriptions for

my friends in Roanoke, Virginia.

"The top scoring branch of the

Socialist Workers Party this week

is New York with 122 six month

and 38 one year renewals in ad-

dition to 22 six month and 12

one year new subs.



A recent issue of *La Verite* (Truth), publication of the French Trotskyists, announces a subscription drive to obtain 655 new readers. The drive was originally set for 500 new subscribers, but La Region Bretonne increased to 200, its assigned quota of 50. There are many similarities with our *Militant* subscription campaign which will interest our readers.

The campaign director of *La Verite* includes in a report of the sub-drive, a scorecard which lists the various French districts that have been assigned quotas, the number of subs obtained to date, and the percentage reached. A thermometer graphically portrays the progress of the campaign.

In addition there is also featured a pace-setters box, and encouraging words are extended to pace-setter number 2 who is a good deal behind Paul Fabre, pace-setter number 1. The report points out that the person who comes in second will also receive a book as a prize.

In reply to renewal notices to our subscribers, we receive stop us to ask for their copy of *The Militant*. I believe I also reported that one of the grievance men in Homestead remarked that the men were asking for the paper.

"The other night a steel worker came over to us on the street where we were waiting for a car. He asked for one of the copies of *The Militant*: we were carrying and remarked: 'I want to congratulate your editor. *The Militant* carries the real dope for the working people.'"

The Militant advertising cou- pon on page 2 again "makes" this column. During this past week we received 11 coupons from such lesser-known places as Canal Fulton, Ohio; Hamburg, New York; Idaho Falls, Idaho; and Cygnet, Ohio.

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Unemployment insurance equal to trade union wages during the entire period of unemployment!

### 2. Independence of the trade unions from the government!

No restriction on the right to strike!

### 3. Organization of the war veterans by the trade unions!

### 4. Full equality for Negroes and national minorities!

Down with Jim Crow!

### 5. Build an independent labor party!

No taxes on incomes under \$5,000 a year!

### 7. A working class answer to capitalist militarism!

Military training of workers, financed by the government, but under control of the trade unions! Trade Union wages for all workers in the armed forces!

### 8. Solidarity with the revolutionary struggles of the workers in all lands!

For the complete independence of the colonial peoples!

Withdraw all American troops from foreign soil!

### 9. For a Workers' and Farmers' Government!

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When man first began to accumulate wealth and call it his own, it became necessary to reckon the descent of his children through himself rather than through the mother, as had pre-

viously been the custom. True, this all happened in prehistoric times, but our present capitalist society with its family relationship has its roots through the centuries in this prehistoric past. This I feel is sufficient to prove that the present capitalist dilemma with the problems it has created for the women, isn't due to men's compensation for being the lesser parent.

And it is for this very material

fact that I cannot agree with

Lillian Hostler when she intimates that the women need some sort of special consideration. Of course they enjoy such things as the coming Grace Carlson columns, but they certainly need no special "psychological" characteristics.

Once a woman realizes that her problems in society have their roots in the very same

source as her husband's—namely in the capitalist system—it will be sufficient to prove to her that her struggle is parallel with that of her husband and the rest of the working class. She won't demand or need any special consideration just because she is a woman.

All she will want is the chance to take her place in the struggle

for the overthrow of capitalism and the establishment of a de-

cent socialist society. A society

in which there will be no need

for "work cut out for a woman,"

# Stalin's Speech Reflects Fear Of World War III; Shifts Line On Character Of Imperialist Conflicts

By Joseph Hansen

In his February 9 speech, Stalin made a singular revision in the Kremlin's previous official estimate of the character of the Second World War and of the possibilities for enduring peace after the defeat of the Axis powers.

As recently as September 2, 1945, when Japan lay prostrate, Stalin solemnly assured the world: "Now we can say that the conditions necessary for the peace of the world have already been won... The long-awaited peace for the nations of the whole world has come."

But on February 9, 1946, Stalin abruptly announced a very grim perspective: "The war arose in reality as the inevitable result of the development of the world economic and political forces on the basis of monopoly capitalism... As a result of these factors, the capitalist world is rent into two hostile camps and war follows."

#### RECALLS PAST

To place this new pronouncement in proper perspective, it is necessary to recall Stalin's political line since June, 1941, when Hitler attacked the USSR. Stalin called on the Soviet masses to fight, not under the banner of international socialism, but under the flag of the most vulgar nationalism. He called on the Soviet soldiers to fight, not in the heroic example of the leaders of the October 1917 revolution, but in the example of Czarist generals.

No attempt was made to win over the soldiers in the German armies by means of revolutionary propaganda, such as the Bolsheviks under Lenin and Trotsky found so successful. In fact, such methods were deliberately rejected, and the German people as a whole were denounced and slandered as guilty for Hitlerism. At the same time Stalin exempted the "democratic" Allied powers from any share in the war guilt. Stalin placed this guilt exclusively upon fascism and the German people.

**BITTER COST**

In the consequent bitter fighting, millions of Soviet citizens unnecessarily lost their lives and the war was prolonged far beyond what it might have been had Bolshevik methods of revolutionary socialist struggle been utilized. Stalin assured the masses of the USSR that with the crushing of Germany, the Soviet Union would be safe among the "freedom-loving countries."

The Kremlin has now tossed this line into the ashcan. Stalin's February 9th speech places the blame for the war on the capitalist system as a whole.

From this premise, it follows inescapably that the danger to



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Soviet Union. So long as this encirclement continues, the danger to the USSR remains.

This was what Lenin and Trotsky declared again and again and wrote into the basic programmatic documents of the Third International in its early revolutionary period before the Stalinist bureaucracy usurped power in the Soviet Union. Trotsky upheld this Bolshevik thesis to the day he was assassinated by a Stalinist GPU agent.

Thus Stalin's speech serves to underline the perfidious role played by the Kremlin bureaucracy and its foreign agents during the war. By renouncing the struggle for world socialism and by openly supporting Allied monopoly capital, Stalinist policy served to undermine the defense of the first workers' state. Far from bringing world peace, this policy has helped lay the basis for World War III. It is now becoming clear that Hitler's invasion was only one attempt of world capitalism to crush the Soviet Union.

Moreover, the speed with which this danger is mounting can be judged from the fact that Stalin was forced to change his line... bare five months after he announced that the "conditions necessary for the peace of the world have already been won!" Stalin's fears can likewise be judged from his boasts about the power of the Red Army, his emphasis on the military strength of the Soviet Union, his saber-rattling about Soviet capacity to produce armaments and his demands for new sacrifices from the people.

If Stalin's new pronouncement is correct—that the Second World War sprang from monopoly capitalism—then this war was no less imperialist in character than was the First World War. In that case it was the revolutionary duty of genuine communists in every country to oppose their own imperialist ruling class and its predatory war aims.

This is likewise the interpretation that imperialist spokesmen have placed on this aspect of the speech. The editor of the *Christian Science Monitor* observed February 13: "The fact remains that something dangerously resembling... an armaments race is on between Russia and the western world and the Stalin speech is a major milestone along the course of development of such a sense of competition."

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#### CORRECT, SAYS PRAVDA

We have quoted the *Monitor* inasmuch as February 17 dispatch from Moscow reported that *Pravda*, Stalin's mouthpiece, had announced: "Not everyone in America understands Premier Joseph Stalin's speech correctly... (but) Johannes Steel and the *Christian Science Monitor* do."

*Pravda* undoubtedly wished to indicate that the *Monitor* had guessed correctly and that Stalin's shift to the left is a counter-move to the diplomatic offensive of Anglo-American imperialism. *Pravda* took this oblique means of suggesting to the Anglo-American imperialists that if they ease their menacing pressure, the Kremlin bureaucracy will be more than glad to reciprocate.

This is confirmed by the character of the speech itself. Despite his stiffer tone, Stalin was very cautious not to hit where it would really hurt the imperialists.

He did not draw the conclusion that the only hope of saving humanity from a Third World War lies in struggling for socialism on a world scale. He did not call on the oppressed colonial peoples to rise against imperialist rule. He did not call on the workers of Europe to build a Socialist United States on that continent. He did not call on the workers of the USA to fight against Wall Street's domination.

By these glaring omissions in his speech, Stalin notified Anglo-American imperialism that he is still available and prepared to step forward with his right foot—for a price.

#### PLIGHT OF JEWS

Included in the editors' "Notes of the Month" is a grim picture of the terrible plight of European Jews, who have been reduced to handfuls of miserable survivors mostly confined to Allied concentration camps. "With the decline of capitalism," the editors show, "not only in Germany but throughout the world, the 'civilized' bourgeoisie reveals its true bestial physiognomy... Failing an alliance with the workers and their struggle for socialism, there is no salvation for the Jews."

The March issue of *Fourth International* also presents an interesting study of "Class Forces in the American Revolution," by Harry Frankel, and a series of articles on perspectives in Europe today.

Single copies of *Fourth International* may be obtained for 25 cents, yearly subscription \$2, by writing to Business Manager, 116 University Place, N. Y. 3, N. Y.

## Memorial March For Murdered Union Men



With grim faces and bowed heads, these striking pickets of the Toledo, Peoria & Western Railroad lead a memorial march in Peoria, Ill. for their two union brothers, Irwin Paschon and Arthur Brown, who were shot down on February 6 from an armored train occupied by strikebreaking thugs armed by the railroad's president, George P. McNear.

Stalin's speech continues the leftward turn imposed on his foreign agents. This turn began when French Stalinist leader Duclos in the spring of 1945 denounced "Browderism," the policy of open, avowed, brazen support of monopoly capital. Stalin's speech tips off the Fosters to maintain pressure against the Allied powers—for the time being. Starobin, in the February 13 *Daily Worker* admitted as much: "Stalin's speech, among many other things, confirms the general line of our course."

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LOS ANGELES—Formation of a Los Angeles City-Wide CIO Strike Strategy Committee immediately after the police storm-troop attack on U. S. Motor Corporation strikers, is a prime lesson in workers' solidarity.

On Thursday, January 17, 100 police tear-gassed and clubbed a peaceful demonstration of pickets from the CIO United Electrical Workers at U. S. Motors.

An emergency meeting in the CIO hall after the picket-line battle saw the birth of an idea for city-wide coordination of the strikes.

Morris Zusman, State CIO president, sent out hurried calls to all International Unions in the areas to select five representatives to serve on the committee. Events moved rapidly.

Within a week the overall committee had met and organized three important units: Strategy, Finance and Publicity. These units elected sub-committees to deal with their various problems.

Central picket pools were set up, with each local supplying pickets, 10 in a group. These flying squads were to be ready for any and all emergencies.

Calls were sent out to all local unions, the AFL and citizens' groups for financial aid. The response has been terrific.

Leaflets were distributed and daily press releases issued by the publicity committee. Speakers' bureaus were set up and mass meetings arranged for.

Despite attempts by AFL big-wigs to sabotage the CIO's strike strategy plans, the rank and file unionists of the AFL rallied to support, financially and morally, their brother unionists.

William Bassett, secretary of the AFL Central Labor Council, sent a letter to all affiliates, attacking the CIO and urging locals to ignore the CIO Committee's appeal for funds.

However, AFL local donations started pouring in. Various locals donating to the CIO fund directed that letters be sent to the Central Labor Council stating why the money was being given. "Because," said one letter, "the CIO is carrying the wage fight for all of us. It's our fight in the AFL as much as it is the CIO's. We'll all gain."

Leland Baker, president of Local 105 of the striking CIO Farm Equipment Workers Union announced that 10,000 names had been appended to a petition addressed to Governor Green of Illinois demanding that McNear be indicted, along with his armed thugs, for the murder of the union brothers. Hundreds more signed the petition during the meeting.

The audience heard again all the facts in the long history of the union's fight against the railroad company's defiance of government directives to negotiate with the union, which preceded McNear's murderous attacks upon the striking railroad workers.

## NAM Launches Offensive To Shatter Price Controls

(Continued from Page 1) evitably ensue in the event of the completely uncontrolled inflation, which the corporations desire in order to make a monumental price "killing" and sustain their super-profits at wartime levels.

This fear that Big Business

may push inflation too far and too fast, and thus provoke further great labor struggles as the workers fight to defend their shrinking purchasing power, was reflected in the appeal of Economic Stabilization Director Bowties before the House committee hearings on price control.

Bowles defended the principle of permitting price increases to guarantee "normal" high profits to the corporations. But he cited as a frightening example of the unrestricted greed of Big Business the fact that the Ford Motor Company had asked for a 55 per cent price increase! This, he said, offered a "pretty good idea" of the devastating inflation that would sweep the country if all price controls were eliminated.

Bowles' reference to the price extortion attempted by Ford infuriated Congressmen at the hearing. They rose not to protect the people against the price-gougers but to defend Henry Ford II, scion of the billion-dollar Ford empire. One Congressman irately demanded: "Did Congress give you the right to browbeat Mr. Ford?"

Citing government figures, Bowles pointed out how generous the government has been to the profiteers. He declared that "in the last three months of 1945, dividends were as high as at any time in our history. Corporations are looking forward to an excellent year in 1946."

But grave danger exists that

the Big Business-dominated Congress will either kill price control altogether or emasculate it to a point where it will be totally ineffective.

## Homeless Vets Seize Vancouver Hotel

Homeless veterans in Vancouver, Canada, took direct action to partially solve their housing problem on January 26, when a squad of 36 "invaders," followed by an "occupation army" of 100 veterans and their wives, marched into the old Vancouver Hotel and took possession of its 535 rooms.

The seizure was organized in alliance with the labor movement and carried out with military precision by the New Veterans branch of the Canadian Legion. An overseas veteran acted as commanding officer. A joint staff committee of the Canadian Legion took charge of the operation of the hotel.

The broad popular support behind the homeless veterans' action forced the abandonment of the cynical plan by realty interests to demolish the hotel, which had been used by the army during the war. The Federal government was forced to agree to provide \$100,000 and the City Council \$2,000 a month to cover operating costs of this veterans' hostel.

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# Buffalo Unionists Picket Meeting Of Fascist Rev. Gerald L. K. Smith

## SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 12—Close to 400 pickets from numerous unions and other organizations held a militant demonstration last night before Kleinhans Music Hall here, where the notorious fascist Gerald L. K. Smith was holding a meeting under auspices of the Economics League, a local fascist group. Arthur W. Terminello, self-styled "Father Coughlin of the South," was the speaker.

Called by the Buffalo CIO Council and organized by a council committee headed by Marie Plassmann, Local 501, CIO United Auto Workers, this was the first mass action in Buffalo against Smith's anti-labor, anti-Negro, Jew-baiting activities.

Carrying placards and banners denouncing Smith and Terminello, the pickets, Negro and white, men and women, veterans and youth, sang union songs and shouted their hatred of Smith and what he stands for so loudly that Terminello's speech could hardly be heard inside the hall.

His audience consisted of about 200 who were escorted in by a huge mobilization of cops who were obviously looking for any pretext to start trouble. The excellent organization and discipline of the pickets, however, afforded the cops no opportunity.

## STEEL STRIKERS IN VAN

Biggest delegation on the picket line was from the five striking locals of Bethlehem Steel in nearby Lackawanna. Arrangements were made through advance publicity in their daily strike bulletin, the "Lackawanna Striker." Early Monday evening the pickets gathered at the steel strike headquarters in Lackawanna where they found placards and autos waiting. In a body they drove down to Kleinhans Hall where, under the leadership of Scotty Jackson, chairman of the steel pickets' committee and chief of the picket captains, they formed the first section of the demonstration.

Next largest group was from the militant Bell Aircraft Local 501, UAW-CIO. Among other locals represented were Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Local 813; Optical Workers, CIO; Buffalo Ford Local, UAW-CIO; Chevrolet Local 424, UAW-CIO; and UAW local from Tonawanda. Members of the CIO Veterans' Committee were present as were members of the Zionist Youth organizations, Charwoman's Union, CIO, and high school students. The only political organization participating was the Socialist Workers Party, and its youth section.

The demonstration ended on a high note of confidence with all the participants convinced that mass action was the correct method to deal with the fascists. The consensus of opinion was that the next time Smith puts in an appearance "we will be there by the thousands."

## CONFERENCE HELD

Prior to the demonstration a conference of labor progressive and minority organizations was held. This conference went on record in favor of the demonstration and set up a permanent committee to fight fascism.

The Communist (Stalinist) Party played the same treacherous role in Buffalo as elsewhere. When action against Smith was proposed in the CIO Council they claimed it was "diversionary," saying it would "weaken the fight for wage increases." The Council brushed aside this phony excuse and voted overwhelmingly in favor of a fight against Smith.

The Stalinists didn't attend the conference. They tried to block preparations for the demonstration in every possible way. Only when it became apparent that the demonstration, despite their efforts to the contrary, would be a success, did several Stalinists participate. Now the Stalinists misleaders are finding it difficult to explain to the rank and file how it happened that Trotskyists, whom the Stalinists have always slandered as "fascist agents," were actively participating in the fight against fascist Smith, while the Communist (Stalinist) Party not only stood on the sidelines but attempted to sabotage the anti-fascist action!

Following the demonstration, a number of the participants gathered at the Socialist Workers Party headquarters, 629 Main St., where the SWP program to fight fascism was discussed. Four militant trade unionists present joined the party and others indicated their intention to join in the very near future.

## Philadelphia Buy THE MILITANT

## FOURTH INTERNATIONAL AT

## LABOR FORUM

405 W. Girard Avenue and 13th and Market St. N. W. corner

## Picketing Fascist Meeting In Buffalo



Buffalo workers demonstrating outside meeting being held by America's No. 1 Fascist, Gerald L. K. Smith. Police had to escort Smith from hall to escape the wrath of anti-fascist pickets.

## Harlem Protest Meeting Demands Justice Against Freeport Killer

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AFL, NAACP, the veterans organizations and all workers' organizations!"

The chairman then introduced Assemblyman William E. Prince, Democrat, of the 11th Assembly District. Mr. Prince pledged his full support to the case and said, "You are to be commended for your fight for labor and minorities generally but in particular for your splendid fight on this case. Lynch law has moved North into the allegedly 'most democratic state in the union' and unless all oppressed people, Negro and white, fight back we will never be free."

### NOT ISOLATED CASE

In a voice ringing with indignation, Louise Simpson told the story of the Ferguson murder to a most responsive audience. "This cold-blooded murder of the Ferguson brothers is not an isolated case that can be separated from other Ferguson cases—the Ferguson case in California, the shooting of a Negro veteran in Birmingham, the discrimination at the White City Skating Rink in Chicago, and the countless other cases of Jim Crowism. The Ferguson case is the fight of all minorities, of all labor against the frantic efforts of Big Business to divide and rule."

"Big Business has turned Washington, D. C., into the Jim-Crow center of the country. Big Business is trying to turn whites against Negroes, gentiles against Jews and veterans against civilians. We must fight every case like this! We must organize and fight back whenever any worker, Negro or white, Jew or gentile, veteran or civilian, suffers discrimination! We must organize solidarity with the striking American Tobacco Company workers by picketing the Lucky Strike broadcast, featuring Jack Benny."

The sympathy picketing, called by the over-all strike strategy committee of the CIO here, will continue every Sunday until the strike in South Carolina, New Jersey and Pennsylvania is settled.

**FINK TOBACCO**

The pickets Sunday circled slowly in front of NBC for an hour and a quarter, until the Benny show ended. They carried signs reading: "LSMFT: LUCKY STRIKE MEANS FINK TOBACCO" and "AN INJURY TO ONE IS AN INJURY TO ALL."

A group of servicemen gathered in front of the CIO sound truck and expressed sympathy as the announcer explained the facts of this crucial strike. For 18 weeks, the CIO Food, Tobacco and Agricultural workers have been fighting for a 65-cent minimum hourly wage and an end to discrimination.

### DELIBERATE MURDER

Pfc. Charles Ferguson verbally protested this outrageous act. He was promptly shot through the head by Romeika. Swinging his gun around, Romeika then shot at Joseph Ferguson, Seaman 3/c. The bullet is said to have gone through Joseph's shoulder and entered Alfonso's temple. The fourth brother Richard, a Third Army combat veteran, was then hauled off to the Freeport police station and given a kangaroo court trial.

**ORGANIZE PROTEST**

In such a setting the decision of the Grand Jury was a foregone conclusion. The only way now left open to win justice and retribution for the Ferguson family and to head off the rising tide of lynching law and labor-hating provocations resulting from the defeat of the FEPC by reactionary political stooges of Big Business, is to organize a national protest campaign around this outrage. The Ferguson Case must be made a national issue with the support of the CIO, AFL, Negro organizations, minority and veterans' groups.

## No War Millionaires?

Roosevelt promised there would be no war millionaires. So the publishers simply quit publishing income tax reports of million-dollar incomes since 1940. The list would be too disgraceful, not "fit to print." But millionaires? Well, there aren't so many of them, because each millionaire is 1,000 times a millionaire. So the millionaires can afford to do a little boasting.

There are now 44 billion-dollar corporations, 12 new ones during the war. Newest "arrival" in the list is Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company, Newark, N. J., which announced its passing the billion-dollar mark in a large ad in the N. Y. Times February 18.

There might have been 50,000 to 100,000 millionaires, if the millionaires hadn't squeezed them out. The 44 billion-dollar corporations have over \$100 billions of assets, more than a third the entire national wealth.

## Jim-Crow Rink Seeks Injunction Against Pickets

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CHICAGO, Feb. 21—The hearing on the suit for an injunction against the Socialist Workers Party and 18 individuals to enjoin them from picketing the Jim-Crow White City Roller Rink and the counter claim to abate the Roller Rink as a public nuisance in accordance with the Illinois Civil Right Law, started today.

After a partial hearing the proceedings were adjourned until Monday, February 25. Judge McKinley refused the appeal of the Attorney for the White City Roller Rink for an immediate temporary injunction to give the rink management "relief." The judge stated that he could not issue such an injunction until it was determined whether the Roller Rink came into court with clean hands in view of the charges that it is violating the Civil Rights Law against racial discrimination.

The attorney for the Roller Rink attempted to introduce a red scare in the court when he stated that a "certain organization has seen fit to stir up trouble" and that "the Socialist Workers Party is held in disrepute by the Communist (Stalinist) Party because they were too radical and believe in world communism" and in "stirring up" class struggle.

Picketing has been conducted by a united front of Negro, civil rights, union and working class political organizations.

The rink's attorney also claimed that the pickets were "a semi-hysterical picket line" formed "back to belly."

The picketing has on all occasions been peaceful and the police have not attempted to interfere with it, an indication that the rink management's charges of "shoving and pushing" and that skaters had to force their way through the line are false.

A Lieut. Johnson appearing as president of an alleged "White City Roller Club" testified that he has never seen the agreement between the club and Mr. Fox, owner of the White City Roller Rink, that it has been years since he saw the by-laws of the club and that he does not know the treasurer to whom the cashier turns over the door receipts.

The management has attempted to evade the Civil Rights Law by claiming to be a private club with admittance by "membership card."

White witnesses for the de-

## The NEGRO STRUGGLE

by CHARLES JACKSON

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

—KARL MARX

## To the Side of Fighting India!

India is aflame with revolt! India, the "brightest jewel in Britain's crown." India, the land of fabulous wealth for the British imperialist slave-drivers and the local nobility. India, the land of abject poverty for the half billion peasants and workers—for

them constant terror, starvation, filth, disease and early death. Today we hear once again the rumbling echo of that historic call of the workers' battle song, "The Internationale" — "Arise, ye wretched of the earth!"

The sailors, as has been the case in other struggles for freedom, have distinguished themselves by playing a leading role.

The civilian workers and the Indian Air Force have expressed in action their complete solidarity. The leading industrial centers are admittedly in a state of "open rebellion."

Instead of appealing to the "great democracy," the United States to "use her influence" in persuading the Labor government in Britain to grant India her independence as promised, we see here the masses instead are stoning American soldiers, burning American flags and demanding that American troops be withdrawn from the country so that the toiling colonials can set up their own form of government.

## THROUGH WITH PLANS?

It is obvious that these hundreds of millions of handsome and intelligent brown people, their country's resources bled white by centuries of exploitation at the hands of the imperialist thieves, are through with all "plans," promises and other subterfuges. They now intend to TAKE their freedom by revolutionary means just as the American colonists were forced to do in 1776.

But will the British property "owners" with their powerful Imperial Army and Navy give up peacefully the will of the overwhelming majority of the working inhabitants of this unhappy land? Has any exploiting class of people ever turned over its loot to the general public and ceased its thieving just because that was the will of the majority? No! "The king only gives what you tear from him," and India today is no exception to this rule.

## PREPARE MASSACRE

With almost tory-like efficiency, Prime Minister Clement A. Attlee of the "Labor" government reports to the House of

fence testified that on different occasions in a period of over a year they have skated at the Rink without having membership cards or being asked for membership cards. Negroes were systematically barred.

Local labor unions and Negro organizations must picket the British embassies in mass protest against the massacre of the Indians. More pressure must be brought to bear on American capitalism to withdraw all U. S. troops from foreign lands.

## Socialist Workers Party Branch Activities

AKRON — Visit The Militant Club, 405-6 Everett Bldg., 39 East Market St., open daily except Sunday, 2 to 4 p. m.; also Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 7:30 to 9:30. Current events discussion Wednesday evenings. Fridays at 7:30, class on "Forward March of American Labor."

March 8, 7:30 p. m., "World War I and Labor," by Mary Clark.

Afternoon sessions on same series of lectures every Friday by Milton Genecin.

ALLENTHON — BETHLEHEM — Open meeting every Friday, 8 p. m., at Militant Labor Forum, S. E. corner Front and Hamilton Streets, Allentown.

BOSTON — Office at 30 Stuart St. Open Mondays and Saturdays from noon until 5 p. m.; Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7:30 to 9:30 p. m.

BUFFALO — Every Saturday night, Current Events Discussion and Open House, at Militant Forum, 629 Main St., 2nd floor.

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## Diary Of A Steelworker By T. Kovalesky

The postman has brought me an interesting package, and I'm going to share it with you. It is a complete set of the "Lackawanna Striker," the strike bulletin of the Lackawanna Locals of the Bethlehem Steel strikers.

The first issue is headed, "THIS IS IT!" and it goes on to say, "Bethlehem has asked for it, and now they've got it!" The boys in Lackawanna jumped the gun by some

two weeks, and the first bulletin was at the gate when they came out, telling them what was going on and calling them to maintain the picket lines fully at all times, to report any special talents to the union hall, to disregard all rumors, and, most important, to be united. "All of us must stick together regardless of petty differences. SOLIDARITY!!!!"

Number Two, dated January 12, begins to sparkle with picket line humor, as do the rest of the issues. An item in this bulletin, entitled "Freak Accident," describes what happened to the car of a boss who got over the fence.

"W. C. McShane, superintendent of No. 2 Open Hearth," it tells us, "was the victim of an unhappy mishap. He parked his car near the Strip Mill, climbed on the roof, and jumped over the fence into the plant. However, poor Mr. McShane jumped so hard and so desperately that he pushed his car over on its back, and all the wheels flew off and rolled so far that they haven't yet been found. Tough luck, Old Man."

When we read between the lines, we can see that the Lackawanna pickets are a pretty militant, tough bunch, and it's not a good idea to trifle with them. . . .

The fourth bulletin reports that the union again offered to send its members through the picket lines to maintain the furnaces and ovens, but Bethlehem rejected the offer. Far from being intimidated by the company's union-hating attitude, the "Lackawanna Striker" answers, "If Bethlehem wants to be tough, we can be JUST AS TOUGH. Let's pack the picket lines and give them our answer!"

A few more jibes at the scabs follow: "Wouldn't you think scabs would have sense enough not to fall into the creeks at Woodlawn and the Strip Mill? . . . It is reported that two strikebreakers named Sabuda (BB Dept.) fell

More on the "Lackawanna Striker" next week.

## Notes Of A Seaman By Art Sharon

Oddly enough some of the seamen's union halls in New York are located near the heart of the notorious Wall Street district. Not that it represents much danger to the morals of the young seamen who must pass through this district to get to their union. But the impressive office buildings, with their massive doors of steel or copper bearing the names of well-known banking and brokerage houses or shipping companies, are all intimately connected with the lives of the seamen, who are the living link in the operations of the world market.

I stopped last week before one building and studied the massive structure with its simple name plate, The Guaranty Trust Co. From its appearance there is no way to tell the building's function. At the start of the business day thousands of white-collar slaves rush in and distribute themselves around the hundreds of offices. In the evening they rush out to their homes in all parts of New York for their meager portion of leisure. Few of these clerks, if you should stop them, would be able to tell you just what functions the Guaranty Trust Co. serves.

In this respect some seamen have more of an advantage. For example, as I looked over the Guaranty Trust building, I thought of a little episode that I myself experienced on a trip several years ago.

We had stopped at a coastal town of El Salvador to take on cargo. I got the afternoon off, so I wandered into town. I hit it around siesta time and there was nothing much for me to do but just walk around. I was depressed by the town's appearance. Buildings were run down, the people looked miserably poor and there seemed to be barefooted soldiers all over the place.

What struck me peculiarly was the appearance of the few dogs slinking around. They resembled no dogs I had ever seen before. Every rib showed on them and their eyes were sunken in cavities. They seemed too weak even to fight each other. These emaciated dogs merely completed a picture of extreme poverty in this little Latin-American town.

But right in the middle of the town there stood one building that looked conspicuously in

off the overpass near the Strip Mill. And then comes a particularly mean jab: "We hear some scabs sneaked OUT when the Company's food stores rotted. But . . . we thought rats LIKED garbage!"

By this time we have a good idea of what the Bethlehem workers think of scabs, and their sentiments are echoed by union men everywhere.

But the "Lackawanna Striker" is not devoted entirely to jokes at the expense of the few scabs who attempted to evade the pickets. Number Five is headlined "PICKETING REORGANIZED."

"A meeting of Strike Captains," the "Striker" reports, "yesterday afternoon approved a plan to streamline the picketing set-up."

"A dispatcher located in the Union Hall assigns each man to his post when the man reports for duty. The dispatcher knows at all times what men are at each post."

"Also, there are extra men waiting to be sent out in case of emergency, and cars to transport them."

"Our aim is to have fully manned picket lines at all times without causing any man to picket longer than four hours."

This puts striking on a scientific basis, and it shows the resources, the ingenuity that lie dormant in the working class. Under socialism, such organization of the workers and by the workers will build us a bright new world that today we cannot even begin to imagine.

In almost every issue of the strikers' paper there are items under the heading of "OTHER UNIONS," which tell of fraternal pickets from other plants joining the Bethlehem picket lines. In Number Nine, it states, "Company police from American Brass came down in uniform last night and walked in our picket lines. They were union men, all of them."

This shows the great, unbeatable solidarity of the American working class. No wonder the steel strike was such a huge success, now that the union movement has spread into the farthest corners of American industry. There was a time, not so long ago, when plant cops were looked upon with little friendship by the workers. But now more and more of them too have understood that their place is with the rest of their working class brothers, and have joined in the struggle of their class against the capitalists.

More on the "Lackawanna Striker" next week.

## GIs Ask People To Help Them Get Back Home

By Art Sharon

good order and repair. The sign over it read "Biblioteca." Interpreting this from my lame knowledge of Spanish to mean a library, I walked in. To my surprise, instead of shelves of books, I saw filling cabinets and desks. This was apparently some sort of business or agency.

The fat man who walked out and greeted me with elaborate courtesy informed me that this was the El Salvador branch of the Guaranty Trust Co. Yes, it had been a library once. "But you, of course, understand, Senor"—there really was no need for a library since so few people could read. The municipality had turned the library building over to the bank.

But it wasn't the kind of branch bank that had tellers' windows and handled small savings accounts. The Guaranty Trust of New York City wasn't going in for any petty business of that kind. This was really one of Guaranty's international "milking stations" through which a steady stream of El Salvador's meager national income was drawn off as interest payments on some fabulously large and irreducible debt.

As a matter of fact, the manager explained to me with obvious pride in Yankee ingenuity, that to make sure the interest payments were kept up regularly, all the Custom House income of this little port went through the bank. Only what was left after Guaranty took its cut, went to the Government of El Salvador.

I had read many books about the operations of American imperialism in the "colonies." But it was only after I was confronted with this "milking station" brazenly housed in what was supposed to be the town's library, that I felt for the first time the real anger and indignation expressed in the slogan, "Contra Yanqui Imperialismo"—Down With Yankee Imperialism!—that was so popular among the native longshoremen on my ship.

So now when I look at the great Guaranty Trust building in lower Manhattan on my way to the union hall, I have a fuller appreciation of what it really represents. It and the other great financial buildings mean, among other things, millions upon millions of colonial and semi-colonial people, ragged, emaciated, diseased. It means—"you, of course, understand, Senor"—libraries converted into branch banks because "what need of libraries have people who cannot read?"

I had stopped at a coastal town of El Salvador to take on cargo. I got the afternoon off, so I wandered into town. I hit it around siesta time and there was nothing much for me to do but just walk around. I was depressed by the town's appearance. Buildings were run down, the people looked miserably poor and there seemed to be barefooted soldiers all over the place.

What struck me peculiarly was the appearance of the few dogs slinking around. They resembled no dogs I had ever seen before. Every rib showed on them and their eyes were sunken in cavities. They seemed too weak even to fight each other. These emaciated dogs merely completed a picture of extreme poverty in this little Latin-American town.

But right in the middle of the town there stood one building that looked conspicuously in

## Nailing Imperialist Lie By Paul Abbott

The imperialists use many lies to justify their brutal rule over the colonial peoples. One of the most ancient and smelly is the argument that "backward countries" need "the expert imperialist do-gooders to "prepare" them for self-government.

The Javanese people, however, have given a remarkable demonstration, proving that they can raise their own standard of living immediately after throwing off the paralyzing hand of foreign parasitism. They have done this in the very thick of a titanic struggle against the combined armies of the Wall Street-supported Dutch and British imperialists. Instead of receiving aid the Javanese have been subjected to bombings, rocket fire, artillery and warship barrages.

The facts are reported in the February 10 Los Angeles Times by Waldo Drake, who recently made a trip through Java. "Though sealed off from the world since September, Indonesian revolutionists not only are feeding 50,000,000 Javanese people well but appear to have instilled a widespread spirit of freedom."

This correspondent, who does everything he can to support the imperialists, nevertheless was forced to admit that the "Indonesians are doing a remarkable job of bringing a profusion of foodstuffs from Java's fertile valleys and hillsides."

Drake even had to give the lie to the Dutch predictions about a terrible famine if the Javanese gained their freedom: "The persistent Dutch contention that a rice famine is imminent

# Lancaster AFL Wins 'Battle Of Bulls Run' As General Strike Halts Police Terrorism

By Robert Oliver

LANCASTER, Pa., Feb. 21.—The "Battle of Bulls Run" has been won by Lancaster Labor.

Last Saturday and Monday thousands of AFL workers, mobilized at the general "no work" call of the AFL Central Labor Union, put to rout the brutal club-wielding police who had been savagely assaulting picket lines in contrast with the swarm of cops whom I had seen arrogantly strutting around the week before. And not a single bus was moving.

Together with the striking bus drivers, several hundred truck drivers, building trades workers and masons were marching peacefully around the barn carrying signs: "AFL In Sympathy With Bus Drivers, No Work Till Settlement!"

Gleefully, the workers related how a carload of cops had come down to the picketline that morning, took one look at the thousands of workers in fighting array, turned around swiftly and beat it. From then on the police were conspicuously absent "for the duration."

Driven into hysteria, Acting Mayor Coulter, the transit company and the local newspapers, pitifully pleaded for the sheriff and the governor to come to their aid as "the situation was wholly beyond the control of the police." The sheriff discreetly refused to become involved, and the governor remained silent.

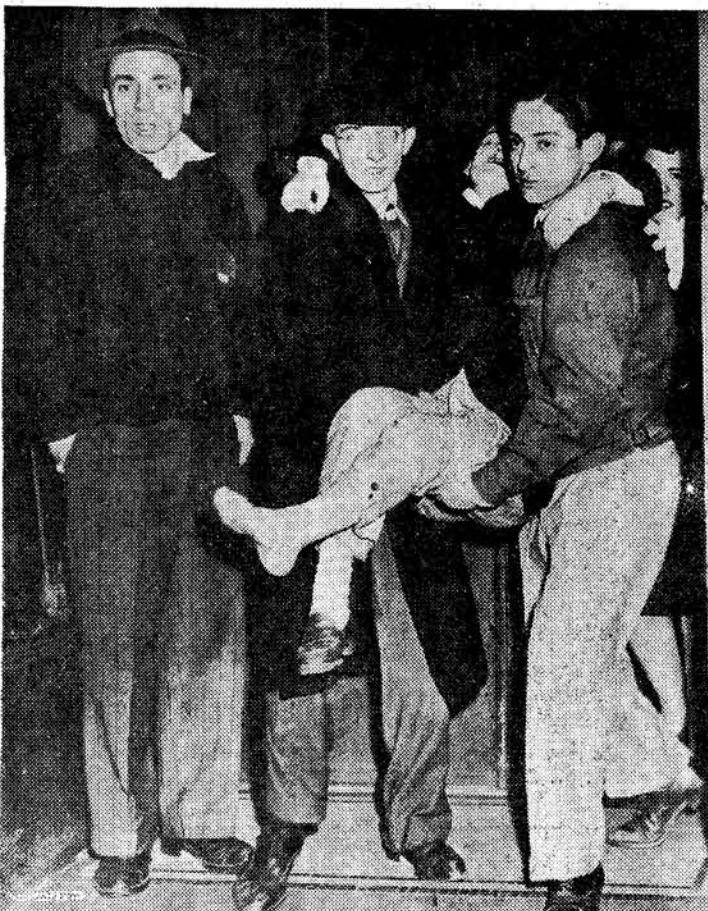
Meanwhile, there was no disorder on the strike scene. The workers had the situation well in hand. A sympathetic neighborhood housewife served the pickets coffee in her home. A holiday air prevailed after the bloody physical clashes of the previous week.

Among the establishments closed by the AFL general sympathy strike of 12,000 were six motion picture theaters, all large chain food stores, six trucking concerns, three foundries and a meat-packing house. All beer deliveries were stopped as well as all trucking in and out of the city. Seven electrical supply and two contracting companies were down. Nearby, in Manheim, 1,200 workers quit the United States Asbestos plant, and the local RCA-Victor plant suffered severe curtailment of operations. The stoppage would have been even more effective if there had been sufficient time to organize it in advance.

The CIO Council expressed its sympathy with the strike but did not call out its members.

An interesting sidelight is that among those who responded to the "no work" call were electrical workers employed by the sheriff, who is also an electrical contractor.

## Victim Of Police Terror



Young woman picket at Westinghouse plant in Newark, N.J., being carried to ambulance. Police, given orders to "get tough," brutally clubbed strikers.

## Pal Of G.L.K. Smith Faces Recall In L.A.

By Gordon Bailey

LOS ANGELES—Los Angeles City Councilman Meade McClanahan, who recently displayed his open sympathy for Gerald L. K. Smith, has met with sharp rebuff from his constituents. They have moved to recall the pro-fascist Councilman from office.

McClanahan showed where his sympathies lay by chairing one meeting for G.L.K. Smith on his recent visit and renting a hall for him for another.

Led by the 13th Assembly District Citizens' Committee, a coalition of liberal and labor elements, the voters of McClanahan's district obtained 8,721 signatures to recall petitions in only three Sundays of campaigning. This is a greater number than the votes cast for McClanahan at the last election.

REACTION MANDATORY

Reactionary elements on the City Council balked at appropriating money for the recall election.

"Because some people don't like McClanahan's political philosophies, the rest of the taxpayers have to foot a bill like this," complained one councilman.

The same members, however, did not hesitate to spend taxpayers' money on clubs and tear gas for strikebreaking police.

Since City Charter provisions make a recall election mandatory, the City Council had no choice but to set the date, March 19.

Election of a new Councilman directly responsible to the labor movement would be the only insurance of real worker's representation on the City Council. The Los Angeles Local of the Socialist Workers Party has urged that the Citizens Committee and the trade union movement nominate such a candidate.

"Is Patterson stupid and ignorant of the facts or does he think that we're that gullible? His statements to the press were a direct insult to the American soldier's intelligence. It has been said of this administration that this is the golden age of incompetency or no brains at the top; however we are underestimating their menace to our welfare."

"First, it is no ships, now no replacements; we are going to sit by and let them blackmail our families and hold us as hostages to push through their compulsory military training program?"

"We have the right to know definitely when each and every one of us is going home. We are not gathering here to create a disturbance or have a good time, this is serious business. Our Army heads have failed us, our Government is failing us."

"Now we are appealing directly to the people of the United States only in the interest of fair play. The war is over and we see no need of occupying Allied Nations."

"We want to go home."

**DEMOLIBILIZATION Slowdown**

Three hundred sailors, 250 of whom were slated for discharge, were placed under orders to man strike-bound tugboats in New York Harbor, a Philadelphia naval base official revealed on February 12. Seventy of them were transferred to New York and another 230, all taken from a "demobilization pool," were "frozen" to their posts in Philadelphia and ordered to "stand by" in readiness to "defend their country" as strike-breakers. (Associated Press, Feb. 12)

All the forces of reaction are lining up behind McClanahan, from the open-shop Los Angeles Times and a reactionary "Committee of 1000" to Gerald L. K. Smith who has boasted of will return to Los Angeles to aid McClanahan in his campaign.

McClanahan's campaign is

"casually mentioned" to Hannegan that his associates were bringing in a new well. He suggested to Hannegan that it might be profitable to buy acreage in the area. The matter, Pauley claimed, was subsequently dropped. Hannegan, to whom the offer was made, never disclosed it.

During Senate hearings on

## Pauley Oil Scandal Smears Top Washington Officials

By Evelyn Atwood

President Truman, faithful wheelhorse of the corrupt Democratic Party machine, on February 21 repeated his intention to press his nomination of Edwin W. Pauley, California oil lobbyist, briber and perjurer, for Under-Secretary of Navy.

Pauley's nomination last week, Harold Judson, Assistant Solicitor General of the Department of Justice, was forced, under questioning, to reverse his previous testimony. He admitted that in 1939 he acted as collection agent and front-man for a \$380,500 slush fund donated by California oil magnates to defeat the state referendum against the Atkinson Bill. This bill for pro-rating oil production aided the big oil monopolies against their small competitors.

Judson was at that time employed as attorney by Harry March, Vice-President of Signal Oil and Gas Company, a firm closely associated with Standard Oil of California. March, who was also forced to reverse his testimony on the stand, admitted that \$200,000 was secretly contributed by the Standard Oil Company alone. Pauley contributed \$25,000 or \$35,000 in cash to this fund.

**VIOLATE LAW**

These transactions were made in direct violation of the California Corrupt Practices Law, which requires that all organizations report the names and addresses of those contributing "directly or indirectly" more than \$25 in election campaigns.

In reward for his successful performance of this illegal job for the oil corporations, Harold Judson was paid \$22,500 and then promoted with the aid of Pauley to a key post in Roosevelt's Justice Department.

These disclosures about the corrupt connections between the big oil interests, the Democratic Party machine and the Roosevelt administration are an outgrowth of the investigations surrounding Pauley's activities as chief bagman for the Democratic administration.

The scandal was precipitated

